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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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Record Attendance

Wide Representation at S.S. Convention

Steinbach, Man. — "The Sunday school, as a teaching arm of the church, is in a unique position to strengthen the local church," Rev. Willard Claassen declared in one of his messages at the fifth annual Sunday School Convention in this southeastern Manitoba town.

More than 35 churches were represented in the biggest registration yet in the five year history of the Southeastern Manitoba Sunday School Convention, held March 6 to 9 in the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church and the Emmanuel Mission church. Over 560 Sunday school workers registered as participants at the desk as they entered one of the most attractive and practical Mennonite churches in Canada.

Three Guest Speakers

Guest speakers for the four-day event included Dr. J. W. Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb., Rev. Willard Claassen, executive secretary of the Board of Publication and Education of the General Conference Mennonite Church, and Miss Marjorie Ford, convention speaker of Scripture Press, Wheaton, Ill. Local men who participated in the workshops included Rev. B. D. Reimer, Rev. H. G. Rempel, Rev. Archie Penner, Rev. Ben Eidse, and Mr. C. W. Loewen (Winnipeg).

"Revival Through the Sunday School" served as convention theme. Evening addresses included "Sunday School Undergirding the Work of the Church" and "Qualities of Life for the Christian Teacher" by Rev. W. Claassen, and "So You Want to Teach" by Dr. J. W. Schmidt. Dr. Schmidt also addressed the final session Sunday afternoon, speaking on "The Cross and Your Class."

Workshops held in the Emmanuel Mission church and the EMB church attracted large numbers of participants both at the afternoon and evening sessions. A mimeographed book of workshop outlines helped the visitors to participate in the discussion and will serve as ready reference material. Displays by various publishers provided the Sunday school workers with an opportunity to become acquainted with new materials and with other mat-

erial than that being used by their church.

Significant quotes from the convention speakers include:

"Paul preached to an audience on Mars Hill that had no biblical background and no real knowledge of God, with meagre results. Peter preached to people who had been prepared and taught—and 3,000 were converted." —W. Claassen

"Persecution is one way the Lord used to break up this beehive of activity (at Jerusalem) and send it out starting new colonies."

—J. W. Schmidt

"Much of that which we call the church of Jesus Christ today is merely organization."

—J. W. Schmidt

"It's easier to travel 5,000 miles and do mission work than to go 5 miles and do mission work."

—J. W. Schmidt

"When we begin looking at others and comparing them with ourselves there's something wrong."

—J. W. Schmidt

"You cannot fish in a bathtub. You must go out to find them where they are." —J. W. Schmidt

"It's hard to talk about a Saviour, a God that you do not know very well yourself." —W. Claassen

"The curriculum is 90 per cent teacher." —Munroe

Brunk Speaks to Fraser Valley Gathering

Chilliwack, B.C. — Evangelist George Brunk, who will be holding an evangelistic campaign in southern British Columbia this summer, was the speaker at a meeting in the Mennonite Educational Institute, Abbotsford, on March 6.

In the gospel service hearers not only became acquainted with Rev. Brunk but were inspired to pray for recovery of the apostolic vision as recorded in Acts chapter two, and for the convicting power of the Spirit of God.

Rev. Brunk's theme was "God's Interpretation of the Great Commission", as recorded in Matthew chapter 28. He reread the passage with emphasis on "All power is

given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, . . . even unto the end of the world." Any questions, such as how is this going to work in a wicked world, can be answered by "All power is given unto me . . ."

What does God's interpretation of the great commission mean?

- It means that the church startle its age and preach the gospel.
- It means God will use the simple preaching of His Word.
- It means if we teach and preach the Word of God, then, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

After enlarging upon each of these points Rev. Brunk gave some implications of the great commission as it might be applied to the evangelistic revival campaign. If we walk in God's will and truth people will listen to the message of salvation. If we humble our hearts, then God's work will be fruitful. If the revival is to achieve results the Holy Spirit must send the conviction.

We are in God's hands, seeking His will and our prayer is that this campaign may be to God's glory.



THE A CAPPELLA CHOIR of the M. B. Bible College, accompanied by Dr. Frank C. Peters, instructor, is planning to go on a tour into southern British Columbia this year, travelling through southern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta enroute. The choir is scheduled to present its first program at Herbert, Sask., on March 29, 7:30 p.m. The rest of the itinerary is: Grassy Lake, March 30, 11:30 a.m.; Coaldale, March 30, 7:30 p.m.; Kelowna, B.C., March 31, 8:00 p.m.; East Chilliwack M. B. church, April 1, 7:30 p.m.; Chilliwack M. B. church, April 2, 7:30 p.m.; Greendale M. B. church, April 3; Fraserview M. B. church (Vancouver), April 4, 10:00 a.m.; Strawberry Hill M. B. church, April 4, 2:30 p.m.; Vancouver M. B. church, April 4, 7:30 p.m.; Arnold M. B. church, April 5, 7:30 p.m.; Yarrow M. B. church, April 6, 10:00 a.m.; Mennonite Educational Institute, Clearbrook, April 6, 2:30 p.m.; and South Abbotsford M. B. church, 7:30 p.m.

Members of the choir are, from left in the first row, Betty Ann Nikkel, Elsie Boese, Katie Froese, Hildegard Hein, Elfrieda Toews, Neoma Hinz, Betty Baerg, Elvira Lenzmans, Alice Teigroeb, Laura Sawatsky, Esther Wiens, Ann Siebert, Alice Pauls, Mary Lenzmans, Mrs. Roland Sawatsky, Linda R. Matthies, Ericka Dyck, Irmgard Dueck, Mrs. Henry Friesen, Susan Epp. In the second row, from left, are Roland Sawatsky, Len Schroeder, John Thiessen, Victor Pauls, Alfred Dick, Rudy Willms, Howard Reimer, Jake Dueck, Cornie Rempel, Jake Schmidt, Rudy Baerg, Dave Loewen, Henry Regehr, Len Neufeldt, Len Doerksen, Erwin Klassen, and Ernie Block. The conductor is Mr. Henry Voth.

EDITORIAL

Selling Ourselves Short

"You'll have to take me the way I am."

These words were spoken several years ago by a choir director facing the annual influx of new singers before Easter. They were spoken apologetically and were obviously intended to disarm the singers and stop criticism before it started. Having neglected to make a serious effort at self-improvement, he thus tried to impress the singers with the necessity of putting up with his weaknesses and faults as choir director.

If this were an isolated case we could pass it over lightly as unimportant. The fact is that this is an excuse frequently used by professing Christians in all walks of life. Failing to improve in our specific field of service, either because of failure to make a serious effort at self-improvement or because of indifference toward our work, we cover up with the above sentence. Falling into sin because we have never prayerfully practised self-discipline as plainly taught in the Scriptures, we excuse our sin by saying, "That's the way I am!" And if we cannot lay off some sinful habit that has persisted in spite of a conversion experience, we only too readily try to escape responsibility by a statement akin to blasphemy, "That's the way God made me."

Such action belittles and impugns an Almighty God. It makes it seem as though His Spirit cannot give us victory over sin. It gives the impression that God has not given us adequate talents and strength for the task He has entrusted to us. It destroys confidence in God, robs us of spiritual power and makes our service ineffective. Such spiritual complacency always dishonors our God and discredits His salvation.

When we were born again by God's Holy Spirit we received a new nature. There is thus no need to tolerate the old nature with its evil impulses and lust. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things are become new," is the explicit teaching of the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 5:17. The battle between the two natures may wax hot and heavy, yet the Apostle declares, "But thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory." We need not fall prey to lust, evil desires, to covetousness, to evil temper, and to soul-destroying pride, for we have been "buried with him" and "raised up from the dead . . . so we should walk in the newness of life."

We have been called to a life of self-discipline. Paul writes, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection. . ." He realized that if he did not do this his Christian witness was impaired and his Lord discredited. After many years of service and self-discipline he declared, "I know both how to be abased and how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." These are hard words in a time when most of us are still battling with the elemental temptations. But Paul found the secret of victory, for he declares, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me."

God has also given us enough grace to fulfill the task He has given us. He expects us to draw upon the resources He has placed at our disposal in developing our talents, in perfecting our methods and in increasing our capacities. Most excuses only cover up lack of diligence in preparation for His service, failure to utilize available time properly, failure to tap the source of power in prayer, and careless handling of the "pound" He gave us. To Timothy the Apostle Paul writes, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." We sell ourselves short when we try to get by with bluff and with excuses instead of "producing the goods."

Christians have the Holy Spirit in them to lead them into all truth and to empower them for service. They have all the resources of God at their disposal in their conflict with the evil one. And they are part of the fellowship of saints, who have the privilege of helping one another, exhorting and admonishing each other. The next time someone tries to get by with a mediocre performance with an "the-way-I-am" excuse, point out to him that He has a Saviour and Lord who can transform him and help him to conform to His image.

DEVOTIONAL

Living Water

By Abe Dueck *

In Saskatchewan's beautiful north a summer resort has been built around an artesian well. An oil company was drilling for oil here and was forced to abandon their hole because of the tremendous water pressure. They did, however, leave the iron casing in the well. Now water flows out of the well at the rate of about five quarts per second.

Laws of nature would indicate that this well receives its inexhaustible supply of water from a source with a higher elevation. The Psalmist David said that he lifted up his eyes to the hills, that his help came from the Lord that made heaven and earth. The Christian's help today comes from the One who has an inexhaustible supply of grace. He has said, "My grace is sufficient for thee." The promise has also been given, "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). The Christian has absolutely no excuse for a life that is dry and defeated. The supply of nourishment and energy is beyond measure.

The well that I have mentioned does not create the water that flows out of its mouth so regularly; it is simply the channel through which the supply is discharged. In like manner the Christian is but a channel through which God wants to bless others. This world needs many more of these open channels through which God can speak. Christians are to be the salt of the earth, as well as living channels to refresh and to water the thirsty world.

The more water is expelled by the previously-mentioned well, the more comes from that great supply. Similarly, God rewards the Christian's faithfulness with more responsibilities. The talent entrusted to the

Christian is not to be buried but used for Him. If cultivated and used, the Lord will bless with either another talent or by causing the one to be more efficient in His service.

The artesian well is very uniform in its production, even though the seasons change. Samples of water taken in July and December both registered 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The amount of production does not change either. The Apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians to "be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58). The Christian may not be a "quitter", but must continue growing and serving.

The tourist that looks at that artesian well in the north and sees the crystal-clear water gushing forth continuously over the rocks below it becomes thirsty. The water is good-tasting, too. Even so the Christian whose life is a continuous living testimony is an attraction to those who have never tasted of the goodness of God. "Taste and see that the Lord is good."

The Lord Jesus spoke to a woman at the well in Samaria whose physical and spiritual thirst needed quenching. We as Christians can help to quench the thirst of many if we remember the words of Jesus: "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

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—D. Carl Yoder

Begin Personal Work Course

Chilliwack, B.C. — Nine Chilliwack and district Mennonite churches have united to sponsor the Brunk Revival Campaign this coming summer. They all have a representative on the subcommittees of prayer, counselling, choir, ushering and parking.

First results of the planning were realized when the personal workers received their first of ten lessons of instruction on March 4. Rev. H. Lenzmann taught a lesson on the qualifications and preparation of a personal worker. In reading John 1:35-42 he drew attention to verse 42: "And he brought him to Jesus." Yes, Andrew brought his brother Peter to Jesus. No record of sermons given by Andrew exist, but Peter's ministry helped many people understand and accept the message of salvation. Andrew is an example of a personal worker. One of the qualifications emphasized for a personal worker was that he must live a sanctified life, as recorded in 2 Timothy 2:21.

The prayer committee has outlined a guide enabling Christians to

pray more effectively for the campaign. The main thoughts presented are: praise and worship God; give thanks for the redemption through Christ; thank and pray for the messenger of God; realize our obligation as children of God, pray for the conversion of sinners.

May we ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit will send the convicting power.

Members on the Lower Mainland Co-ordinating Committee are Rev. H. H. Neufeld, Rev. H. P. Wiebe, Rev. P. R. Toews. On the Chilliwack Central Committee are Rev. H. H. Neufeld, Rev. W. L. Rempel, Mr. H. Dick. Subcommittee members chosen are: location — Mr. H. Wiebe, Mr. L. Pankratz, Rev. P. Neufeldt, Mr. P. Neufeld; music — Mr. H. Wiebe, Mr. Wm. Unger; publicity — Mr. W. Friesen, Mr. D. Kornelson, Mr. G. Nachtigal; parking — Mr. F. Peters, Mr. A. Rempel; ushering — Mr. H. Martens, Mr. W. Friesen, Mr. E. Sawatsky; prayer — Rev. G. Thielmann, Rev. G. Peters; counselling — Mr. W. E. Thiessen, Rev. P. Neufeldt, Mr. B. Baergen.

Evangelism at City Chapel

Saskatoon, Sask. — Special evangelistic services were conducted in the City Mission Chapel here from January 20 to 25 by Rev. Art Martens, pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church of Dalmeny.

During the prayer week at the beginning of the year much prayer was offered for the services. The Spirit was able to work in the hearts of the Christians as well as among the unsaved.

On February 23 the Ladies' Aid presented the Sunday evening program. Special singing came from the group and the president reported on the work done by the ladies. Some of the articles made by the ladies were displayed at the front of the church.

It is hoped that this will help to stimulate interest in their work so that others will remember to pray for it.

Kitchener Girl Symphony Guest Artist

Kitchener, Ont. — The local music critic predicted a promising future for Miss Elfrieda Dick after her appearance as guest soloist with the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. Glen Krusp.

Miss Dick, a young pianist with great talent, played the difficult concerto number 2 in G Minor by Saint-Saens in her appearance with the orchestra on February 26 and 27. Her performance was described by the music critic as an outstanding success, with special mention made of her almost flawless performance and fine interpretation.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dick, she is presently studying at the University of Toronto in preparation for a teaching career. She has won numerous scholarships, both in singing and in piano. Miss Dick is a member of the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren Church where her father is a deacon.

Moody Films Shown at Springstein

Springstein, Man. — Two Moody Institute of Science films, "Experiences With an Eel" and "Facts of Faith", were shown at the Springstein M. B. church on Sunday night, March 2.

Visitors from the Domain M. B. Church and the neighboring Mennonite Church appreciably swelled the congregation. The two showings, sponsored by the youth committee of the M. B. Church, climaxed four days of special blessings at the church.

Rev. D. J. Klassen of Virgil M. B. Church in Ontario served the local church with six messages, beginning on Thursday, February 27, and continuing through Sunday, March 2.

On Thursday night, February 27, Rev. Klassen opened his message by saying that a preacher should preach the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Only those willing to accept the whole truth can be helped, he said. He deplored the fact that not enough is preached about the Holy Spirit in today's churches. His messages dealt mainly with the work and the attributes of the Holy Spirit.

Rev. Klassen directed his appeal especially to the young people who, he said, are especially enticed today to walk the broad road to destruction. He exhorted parents not to neglect their holy responsibility of bringing up their children in the fear of the Lord.

Rev. Klassen's presentation was practical, simple, and to the point, so that even the children would understand the main underlying truths.

Evangelism In Coast Mission

North Surrey, B.C. — Rev. A. Martens, pastor of the Dalmeny EMB Church, served at a series of evangelistic meetings in the Queensborough mission chapel and the Strawberry Hill M. B. church during the first two weeks of February.

The Lord has done a great work for His people in presenting a plan of salvation that all who accept His Son may have life. He is now calling for consecrated servants to fulfill the tasks He has given them in His church.

In addition to the usual youth activities, including a monthly Christian Endeavor and a young peoples' meeting, the church has arranged for classes for different age groups on Wednesday nights. While the adults meet for prayer and Bible study, the children study a series of lessons, engage in quizzes, contests, memorize verses of Scripture and hear stories.

Although the group here is not very large the Lord provides fathomless blessings as His people gather for fellowship and worship on Sundays and during the week.



This picture of Miss Nettie Berg, Coaldale, Alta., shows her with the first baby delivered at the new M. B. dispensary at Lusemvu, Belgian Congo. The baby's mother stands beside Miss Berg, who is a nurse.

Ladies Invite Their Husbands

Main Centre, Sask. — The husbands of the ladies in the Ladies' Aid Society of the M. B. Church here were invited to a special banquet prepared for them on February 21.

To begin the evening the 24 husbands and their wives enjoyed a tasty supper. A short program followed the main course. It included songs by some of the ladies and by the whole group, a quiz that surprised the men, and a panel discussion led by Rev. John Goertzen. The topic for the interesting and stimulating discussion was, "The Importance of the Family Altar." Thereafter Mrs. John Braun, the secretary, presented a missionary report. After the program pie and coffee were served.



One of the feature attractions at the annual Missionary Conference of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg, is the fine series of missionary displays. At this year's conference, held February 20 to 23, this typical room in a Japanese home attracted many visitors. It was constructed by Takashi Niwa, seated at right, with the help of several students and placed in the library. Mr. Niwa came from Japan in 1955 to study at the M.B. Bible College. (Staff photo.)

Preparing for Jet Ride

Decompression Chamber Tests Reporter's Reactions

By George Derksen

"It will be no joy ride," this Observer reporter was told just before he climbed into the decompression chamber at the R.C.A.F. station at Winnipeg on March 7.

The chamber is used by the airforce to see if their pilots are physically able to take the stresses and strains of high altitude flying in modern aircraft. Since I was scheduled to go aloft in a jet, this was part of my preparation.

Cylindrical in shape, it is about seven feet in diameter and approximately 20 feet in length. Air can be pumped in or out to simulate varied pressures found at different altitudes. Technicians on the outside watch the reaction of pilots inside through observation windows. The pilots are equipped with oxygen apparatus.

Gripped with excitement, this reporter sat in No. 1 position near the door of the chamber. I glanced nervously at the seven airforce men who accompanied me.

Thoughts raced through my mind. Would I black out or would my ear drums burst. We had had one hour of instruction on how to breathe in the chamber and what to do. This didn't seem enough now. Then I thought of God. I knew he had his protecting hand over me.

No Worries

We had been told by Squadron Leader H. G. Grant of Winnipeg that a good pilot should always have breakfast and always leave his worries on the ground and that he should be in love with his wife. He should also keep himself in good condition. I thought to myself, "The greatest prerequisite is prayer to God for protection." Last to climb into the chamber was L. A. C. J. L. Morgan of Ottawa, who checked our equipment to see that everything was in order. Final instructions were given by Flying Officer D. S. Stodart of Victoria, B.C. The door was closed. . . . There was no way out except to go through with it.

The voice of Flying Officer Stodart crackled through our earphones, "Everybody ready, we'll take you up to 5000 feet in one minute to see how bad your colds are." There was a hissing noise and an altitude gauge in the chamber started to sweep in a fast arc 2000 . . . 3000. The men were swallowing rapidly so that they could relieve the heavy pressure on their ear drums. Five thousand feet in simulated altitude was reached and everyone seemed relieved.

Back at ground pressure, Flying Officer Stodart's voice asked, "No. 1 how do you feel?"

"Not bad," I replied, somewhat shaken. I was ordered out for an examination.

You Try to Write at 28,000 Feet

Fifteen minutes later everyone was back in position and again the needle started to climb. This time it stopped at 28,000 feet.

"No. 1," came Mr. Stodart's voice over the inter-comm, "take off your mask and try to write something. Writing is your job and you should be good at it."

I found that if I had to write my stories at that altitude, I would starve to death. Writing was difficult because my mind was dulled through lack of oxygen. How true, I thought, that God supplies our every breath. We are completely dependent on Him.

Two other airmen were asked to play a game of X's and O's. Both could not carry on very long because of no oxygen.

A third man was asked to stand up and bend his knees ten times. A few minutes later he was in a state of convulsions and his arms were shaking violently. He was told he had done exceptionally well under extreme conditions.

An interview was carried on by two more airmen. They carried on for a short while, finally one blacked out.

Up to 40,000 Feet

Tests without oxygen were completed, but then came the real challenge—40,000 feet or bust. We switched on 100% oxygen and breathing was now in reverse. Effort was required to exhale air instead of inhale.

Gas in the stomach at 39,000 feet had expanded to seven times its normal volume. I felt as if I had eaten a piece of lead for breakfast.

Again Flying Officer Stodart's voice crackled over the inter-comm, "We will now present the same conditions as if the canopy of your aircraft had blown off and you had to fall free to 20,000 feet, where it is safe to open your parachute."

A few seconds later the pressure had fallen to the equivalent of 20,000 feet. The repercussion was fantastic. I knew the Lord was helping me because some of the men were under severe strain and yet I felt all right. One of the men developed sinus trouble, so rapid pressure fall was brought to a halt at 16,000 feet. Nose drops were administered to ease his breathing.

Again descent was started at the rate of 3000 feet a minute.

Simulate Emergency Exit

The final and most difficult test was yet to come. We were all put into an adjoining chamber to the decompression booth. Pressure in our chamber was kept at ground zero while the decompression booth was jumped to 17,000 feet.

Three pieces of brown paper separating the two chambers were



Supper time for one of the thousands of refugee families in Hong Kong. Housing conditions are inadequate for at least 650,000 people, while thousands of others live in sub-standard dwellings. MCC has begun a relief program in Hong Kong.

Relief Begins in Refugee "Bottleneck"

Mennonites are re-establishing a relief program in Hong Kong, one of the most concentrated refugee areas of the world.

A shipment of clothing, meat and soap has been made to Hong Kong to be distributed by Norman C. Winger, who transferred from Tokyo. MCC operated a relief unit in Hong Kong from 1950-2.

The distribution program will be in connection and cooperation with Lutheran World Federation, which is providing housing and which has a successful plan of careful distribution and follow-up case work.

Hong Kong is the only asylum area for escapees from communist China. These are not only the Chinese, but also hundreds of European refugees.

Some three million persons are crowded into 391 square miles of the island and peninsula of Hong Kong, a British crown colony. There are 7,700 inhabitants per square mile.

Dr. Ludwig Stumpf of Lutheran World Federation and chairman of the China Refugee Inter-World Service says, "In thinking over what can still usefully be said to the al-

broken. The result was the same condition encountered by a pilot when his plane canopy is torn off at 40,000 feet.

There was a sharp report like a cannon. Air rushed into the adjoining chamber with a bang. There was a decrease in temperature, and air turned into a vaporous white.

Following the test, this reporter received a report saying he had finished the test successfully and that he would be eligible for a ride in a jet aircraft.

(Next week: A jet ride at 40,000 feet.)

ready widely-discussed subject (of the Chinese refugees), the common characteristic of all statements is this: Hong Kong has the world's most concentrated refugee problem."

He continues: "It is glaringly obvious that this pronouncement brings out a second statement: we have before us the possibility of a catastrophe which, if not dealt with intelligently and in time, may entail the disappearance of Hong Kong as a show-window of the free world and as a commercial center and meeting place of many cultures."

The Hong Kong government has taken vigorous action to modify the acute housing problem. It is said that 650,000 persons live in sub-standard conditions. Refugees and squatters numbering 300,000 still live in totally inadequate and unsanitary quarters.

An unknown number of persons estimated to be 100,000 are living on rooftops, staircases or on pavements. In 1954 through five large and small squatter fires 90,000 persons lost their homes. In 1955 another 10,000 persons were left homeless because of fires.

Multi-story flats have been erected with emergency sub-standard accommodations. For a total of nearly three million persons Hong Kong has about 5,000 hospital beds (an eighth of the international minimal standard).

About 175,000 school-age children do not attend school. Ninety-five percent of the refugee adults have had active or milder forms of tuberculosis. An estimated 80 percent of the population has an income of \$35 or less monthly per family.

The Christian on his knees sees more than the philosopher on tip-toe.

Canada's Indians Need Living Witnesses

By David Epp *

The death-bell tolled. Suddenly the busy hum of classroom activity ceased and an eerie stillness engulfed the room.

"They're coming," someone whispered hoarsely, as in the distance the drum slowly beat out the mournful rhythm of the funeral dirge. Many an eye blinked as the pupils choked back their tears—their strained faces revealing the emotional impact of those words.

"Classes dismissed!"

The ominous stillness was shattered by the voice of the teacher. With no interest in play, silently and unobtrusively the children filed out of the classroom to pay their last respects to their beloved chief.

The Passing of a Chief

The little church was filled to capacity by mourners participating in the ecclesiastical funeral rites. As the coffin, bedecked with flowers, rested before the congregation, the



Indians are good athletes. The top picture shows several with their trophies after a sports day. The lower picture shows a "home" for the spirit of the departed, buried under the house.

officiating clergyman depicted the heavenly bliss of those who died in the Lord. Then in traditional fashion the Chief was eulogized by friends and admirers. Truly, he had been a beloved leader.

Then unexpectedly and dramatically the usual funeral service was interrupted. Many a bowed head was suddenly raised with renewed interest. Why was that young man kneeling at the altar? His crew-cut and immaculate dress were such a marked contrast to the rough,

home-spun garments of the "old people". Who would dare to interrupt so solemn an occasion?

Ah, this was their new Chief, their leader for the future. And as he knelt to be dedicated, sorrow and grief gave way to rejoicing for a moment as on his behalf they prayed for God's blessing and wisdom.

Old Order Changing

Thus before our very eyes we witnessed the changing of the old order to the new. In our minds we could almost visualize the exhausted Greek athlete passing the flaming torch to another, fresh and eager for the race. And in our hearts we, too, whispered a prayer, "Godspeed, and may you also be a great leader in your tribe as they face the complex problems of this life. Above all, may you be a spiritual leader and progress even farther than your predecessor in the knowledge of God."

This scene at Kispiox, in northern British Columbia, was a far cry from the year 1800, when it was a common thing to hear the throbbing of drums and to see the dancers reeling and shrieking in an intoxicated frenzy. During the inauguration of their Chief at that time the spirits were implored to empower their leader—not God Almighty, of whom they had not heard.

Remarkable Progress

In many respects the Indians in northern British Columbia have made remarkable progress since their first contact with civilization and the white man's God. Through the years their open hostility toward the white race has practically disappeared. Twenty-five years ago trespassers entered a reserve at their own risk, but today the Indians mix quite freely with people of other races.

Though this transformation is praiseworthy and although many native rituals and rites have disappeared there is still suspicion, superstition and paganism close to the surface. Perhaps the frenzied drummer and the chanting witch doctor are a thing of the past because of the proscriptive laws of our land. Yet privately they still slavishly adhere to the ancient funeral customs. Their tradition demands that a constant vigil be kept over a body prior to the burial to prevent the entrance of evil spirits. Occasionally the coffin is rattled with sticks to drive away the spirits. Just a few weeks ago it was rumored that the "spirits" had spoken audibly in a house where the body lay in state. Is it any wonder that little children dread to go out at night at such times? Moreover, feasts honoring the dead usually precede and follow a funeral and may be accompanied by eating, revelry and drunkenness.



These are the pupils in the Sunday school held by the David Epps at Kispiox United Church village. There are many similar opportunities for teachers in northern British Columbia.

Christianity a Blessing

The change may often be insignificant, yet it is nonetheless an established fact that Christianity has been a blessing to these people. The earliest missionary work in the Hazelton area (about 15 miles away) was begun around the turn of the century by the United Church. They soon established a mission hospital, which still serves this area (a number of our Christian nurses are serving the Lord in this hospital and there are opportunities for even more to join the staff). Many of these early missionaries did a tremendous work healing the sick and preaching the gospel of salvation by grace. Schools were also established by various denominations in villages reserved for them by the government.

Through the years these schools and their teachers have had a profound influence upon the community. Education has helped to improve their living conditions and living standard. However, in later years these schools were indiscriminately filled by teachers often lacking in spirituality and Christian ideals. Thus they often introduced the evils and vices of our civilization.

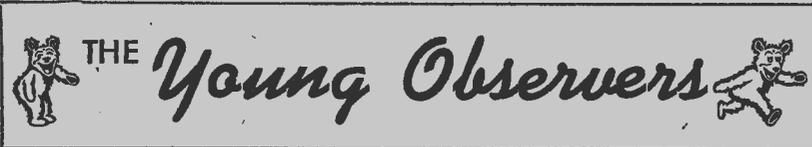
Then the Lord led several Christian teachers into this area to fill these vacancies. The George Thiessens and the Helmut Schroeders were the first Mennonite teachers in this area. Through a provision in the Indian Act they were able to devote one hour daily to religious instruction. Outside of school, work among the adults was and is limited because various churches are responsible on the reserves. Thus, for example, the George Thiessens were forced to transfer to the Kispiox United Church village because of the Catholic pressure in Hagwilget. The Schroeders have maintained a Christian witness at Kitwancool and Kitwanga for eight years.

The patience of the Indian has almost become proverbial. According to our standards they perhaps are irresponsible and indolent. Since their main occupation is fishing they also have long seasons in which to dispose of their earnings foolishly. However, to a certain degree they are the product of our society. Racially they are discriminated against. They have been demoralized by government hand-outs and are not accepted by our society, although they are expected to accept our way of

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This view of Kispiox Village, near Hazelton, B.C., shows some of the decaying totem poles.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

I'm sure that all of you have at one time or another come into the kitchen just when mother was taking the cookies out of the oven. My, how good they smelled! No doubt you wished mother would give you one. If you asked politely for one, she may even have given it to you.

But sometimes mother just wouldn't give you a cookie—no matter how nicely you asked her. "It will just spoil your appetite and then you won't enjoy your supper," she said. You didn't really believe that, but from previous experiences mother knows that sweets spoil the appetite of little children—and then they won't eat the healthful, nourishing food at the supper-table.

I think of this when I see little children reading one comic book after another. Sometimes I see them carrying home a big armful of these colourful little books and magazines. And then I wonder if these boys and girls ever open the Bible to read the stories of Jesus, of David, of King Saul, and of Moses. There are so many exciting stories in the Bible that we can read—but often the comic and adventure books spoil our appetites so much that we don't feel a bit like reading what God has written to us in His big letter, the Bible.

If you want to grow strong as a Christian you need the healthful, nourishing Bible stories. They help you to grow strong in your Christian life. So instead of spending all your time with comics and watching television, you should take out a Bible story book or the Bible itself and read it. And if you have no Bible story books in your house ask Mother and Father to get you some. I'm sure they'll be glad to do it.

Aunt Selma

Scales and Weights

Have you ever played shop? When I was a girl I just loved a pair of scales and I used to make tea out of leaves, and sugar out of sand, so I could weigh them. I used to have stones for weights.

Do you know who was the first man to invent the system of scales and weights? They are supposed to have been first invented by Phidon, ruler of the Argos about 800 years before Christ. An ounce, a pound or a ton all mean different weights in different lands. King Henry the Third decided that an ounce should be 640 dried grains of wheat. From the reign of William the Conqueror to Henry the Eighth the English pound was 7,680 grains of wheat. They have a piece of platinum in the office of the Exchequer in England that decides what a pound shall weigh, and they are very strict about weights and measures.

Did you know that scales have been invented that can weigh mountains? Then scales have been made that can weigh precious stones. How tiny are the weights that weigh diamonds!

The Bible tells us God measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, meted out the heaven with a span, comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in the scales; and Isaiah, the prophet, goes on to say, "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket and are counted as the small dust of

the balance." Just think of it, children. How wonderful God is!

Did you know there are some things which only God can weigh? No scales have ever been invented that could weigh thoughts, emotions, affections, hatred, ambition. Only God has care of those scales. "By His actions are weighed." How solemn! Then again, "The Lord weigheth the spirits." These scales are the only perfect ones ever made. Nothing can affect them; the weather never makes them wrong.

We can measure time; wise men can measure lightning; they can measure heat and atmosphere, but God measures the spirits, and what does He say? "Thou art weighed in the balances and art found wanting!"

Satan loves to tell boys and girls that sin does not matter. "Only this once," he whispers, "just do it to see what it is like; there is no harm in it." Oh, how he deceives. Children, weighed in God's balances, sin is a terrible thing! Why, the only One who could save us after the terrible verdict had been pronounced that because of sin we are 'found wanting', was the Son of God. Think of it, boys and girls. God has weighed us in the balances and found us wanting. Sin is so dreadful that it far outweighs a lifetime of good works! Found wanting is God's verdict! Yet God has made a way by which our sins can be put away! But

oh, the tremendous cost! It meant God's only Son must leave heaven and become a man and die for us. Think of it, there was only One perfect Man who could by suffering the death of the Cross make us acceptable to His Father. The cost of our redemption proved what a dreadful thing sin is!

Will you come to the Lord Jesus now and let Him save you?

E. C. G.

Iceberg Ahoy!

Have you ever seen an iceberg? What is an iceberg? It is a mountain of floating ice, seen only comparatively near the North and South Poles.

I remember many years ago lying in my cabin in a steamer just off the coast of Newfoundland, feeling very depressed and sad, being horribly seasick. All of a sudden I began to shiver badly. I wondered what it meant, and if it meant that I was going to die. Had I got pneumonia or some dreadful disease?

A young man, who shared the cabin with me, and who was a good sailor, came running down to me, and said excitedly, "Get up, if you possibly can, and look through the porthole, and you'll see a wonderful iceberg." I was thrilled, and ill as I was I managed to look through the porthole and saw this great mountain of ice, like a row of big lofty houses, and all glittering in the sun. It was a wonderful sight. The shivering that I suddenly experienced, and which alarmed me, was not anything worse in myself, but this great iceberg, though about three miles away, was suddenly lowering the temperature as we steamed comparatively near it.

I will tell you a story about an iceberg. A long time ago before there were steamers, sailing ships, depending alone on the wind filling their sails, were the only ships to be seen on the ocean. Sometimes the wind would cease, and then not even a gentle breeze would ripple the surface of the water, which looked like a sea of glass. It was what they called "becalmed". Such was the position of the sailing ship of which we speak. Near it in full view was a splendid iceberg. There were a few passengers on board, and they thought it would be fine fun to get up a picnic on the flat top of the iceberg. This they did, and it was a great and thrilling novelty. Whoever heard of a picnic on an iceberg?

But scarcely had they left the iceberg, and got away to a safe distance, when to their horror, the huge iceberg rolled over and disappeared under the sea. The ice had been gradually melting under the water, and made the iceberg top-heavy. Had the picnickers been on the iceberg at the time it rolled over, they would all have been drowned in the icy waters.

If anyone had warned the pic-

nickers of the danger of their position, how thankful they would have been to hear and heed such a warning. Will you pay heed to our warning? Life is uncertain. You are a sinner. God must punish sin. God has proved this in a very striking way when our blessed Lord Jesus took the sinner's place at the cross, and bore the judgment due to sin, that we might have the offer of the forgiveness of our sins. So, trusting the Saviour, you will be forgiven and saved and made secure for time and eternity.

If you do not trust the Saviour, who is so willing to save you, you will have to answer the question, "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Hebrews 2:3)

A. J. P.

Charlie's Faith

Charlie was a little boy whose mother was dead. His father was sick, and they did not have enough to eat. Charlie went to Sunday school, where he had been taught to take his troubles to Jesus.

Charlie knew that Jesus would help him in his trouble if he would but ask Him, so he wrote a letter. The letter said, "Dear Jesus, Papa is sick. We have no money to buy food and medicine. Please send us a little very soon, and when I get big, I will pay it back. Charlie Boyden, 23 Rock Street."

He put the letter in an envelope. On the envelope he wrote, "Lord Jesus in Heaven!" When he went to the letter-box, he found that it was a little too high for him to reach it, so he asked the man standing near by to drop the letter in for him. Then he went home. He felt sure Jesus would help them in their need.

The man, who took the letter, saw the words on the envelope, "Lord Jesus in Heaven." He opened the letter and read it. God put it in his heart to go and see Charlie and his father. He gave them the money they needed to buy food, and sent the little boy to school. He took care of them until Charlie's father was well and able to work again.

Future Subscribers

Errol Mason, born February 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Block of Main Centre, Sask.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Redekop of Main Centre, Sask., a daughter, Loretta Jane, on January 7.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Peters, Winnipeg, a son, Weldon John, on February 21.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klassen, Winnipeg, a son, David Anthony, on March 2, a brother for Susan.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Klassen of Port Rowan, Ontario, a daughter, Lois Marie, on February 5, 1958.

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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During the wedding meal one of Johann's friends was conducting an impromptu program for the couple's entertainment and that of their wellwishers. Katja and Mascha each had memorized a short recitation for the occasion. Mascha smiled as Katja walked forward and bravely started to recite her piece. Suddenly she stopped. She had forgotten what followed. Mascha knew what came next, but she was too timid to prompt her sister. Mascha's smile changed to consternation as the time drew near for her to go up and say her piece. After some hesitation, Katja sputtered over a few lines, skipped over some stanzas and smilingly and with an air of victory on her face properly ended with the last line, as she was supposed to do.

Mascha's worries over Katja's troubles caused her to forget her own poem; at least she developed cold feet. No urging on the part of Johann's friend and the bride and groom could persuade the child to recite. She bluntly refused.

Franz, on the other hand, was thoroughly enjoying himself. "This is the best wedding we have ever had in our family," he commented, as he reached for another Zuckerkuchen and a cube of sugar. One of the neighbors seated at the next table suggested that possibly Franz might be able to arrange another wedding soon. Franz nodded, looking mischievously in the direction of Anna.

Liesbeth had no time to think about weddings. Her mind was slowly shifting from a wedding to the opening of her school in Bogdanovka the next day. A few hours later, when she sat in the train that was to carry her to her job, she thought over the day's incidents. Then her attention turned to her new experience just around the corner.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

BOGDANOVKA

A hundred and fifty versts to Pavlograd by Russian train required fourteen hours of travel, including six hours of waiting at Sinjeljnikovo. Liesbeth traveled most of it during the night. All around her were dirty men and women whose clothing seemed to be soaked with sweat, grease, garlic and other ill-smelling substances. She preferred keeping her nose to an open window to reclining and exposing herself to the obnoxious odors cease-

lessly emanating from her Russian train neighbors.

She had passed this way before. A little over a year before she and her graduating class with several teachers of the Gnadenfeld girls' school had come that way for final examinations at Pavlograd, which was the railroad station for Bogdanovka. Liesbeth had never been to Bogdanovka before, but she had seen many Russian villages; she had even stayed overnight in some of them, and none were clean and trim. She expected Bogdanovka to be like the rest of them. Although she had told no one, this was the reason why she had accepted her job so quickly. In a Russian community she would have more opportunity than in a Mennonite village to share her rich Mennonite background with others.

Mr. P. Willms, the father of two of her three prospective pupils, met Liesbeth in Pavlograd and took her to Bogdanovka. That word meant "a tribute to God". What a shabby tribute it was! Papers and rags were lying about everywhere in the crooked streets; there were no neatly marked sidewalks so typical of the streets of Mennonite villages. There were no flowers in sight. The houses were small and largely unpainted. Many windows were patched with cardboard or gunny sacks. Weeds were growing uncontrolled in most yards and around the homes. The neatly painted village church with its gilded dome sparkled in the sun. It and the nearby cemetery were the only places Liesbeth passed that seemed to be well cared for. As the carriage approached the Willms mill and yard, it was an altogether different picture. Once more, there was order and beauty of grounds and buildings.

The tall, grayish-white, almost new steam mill along the street was an imposing building. It was surrounded by numerous carriages and men who were unloading their grain or loading flour on their vehicles. The Willms yard was unusually large. There were buildings all around it. A long, low brick building with a red tile roof contained the residences of the two Willms brothers who owned the mill and their Mennonite mill employees. The Russians and the Mennonites around the mill and in the yard seemed to be jovial and on good terms with each other.

During the first half of the year Liesbeth boarded and roomed with the P. Willms family. The second term she was going to be with the

A. Willms family. The two Willmses were brothers. The classroom was in the home that boarded Liesbeth. She had three pupils—two boys, Hans and Heinrich, sons of P. Willms, and a girl, Tina, daughter of A. Willms. Tina had a lovely little sister, Sara, who occasionally visited school. She and the three regular scholars were such darling children that Liesbeth was discouraged the night of her first teaching day. She did not think that she, an inexperienced and practically untrained teacher, could do justice to such eager and lovable children. She feared that she might do them more harm than good. However, there she was and she might as well do what she could for those wonderful youngsters. Hans was in the third grade; the other two were first-graders.

The three R's plus Bible stories, arithmetic, the Russian language, a little music, art and occasional nature walks comprised the school program. Since the pupils were so young, school lasted only a few hours each day. That left Liesbeth free of teaching duties a good part of the day. Some of that free time was used for correspondence with former teachers, fellow students and Margenau friends. Much more was used for studying the population of Bogdanovka. She wanted to know the people of the community in which she was teaching.

The first day she went to the village post office. The door was open, releasing a devastating stench of garlic, vodka, fish and dead bodies. She hesitated to enter. A calm, blond, blue-eyed and freckle-faced Russian girl, about four years older and two or three inches taller than Liesbeth, greeted her. The girl was dressed in a white, heavily embroidered blouse with long puffy sleeves and a plaid skirt. "If you are looking for the post office," the girl said, "this is it." Then she walked inside.

Liesbeth followed. All over the floor of a rather large room she could see fat, bearded peasants. Some were lying, others sitting, on the floor. An official in western garb assisted the men in putting their "X" signatures on paper. Liesbeth hurried out as soon as she had bought stamps and mailed a letter.

Unconsciously she breathed a sigh of relief as she reached the out-of-doors. The Russian girl was waiting for her. "Do you mind if I walk home with you?" she asked. "I noticed that you came from the mill. I suppose you are their new teacher," she said in the Ukrainian dialect.

Liesbeth smiled and replied, "I don't mind at all; in fact, I would enjoy it. My name is Elezaveta, what's yours?"

"Just call me Ljuba. That isn't my name, but I am using it today. My parents and I change our names quite often. Six years ago there were six of us. At that time I was working for a Mennonite family in

Alexandertal in the Molotschna colony." When Liesbeth seemed puzzled, Ljuba continued, "Through an evangelist by the name of Adolph Reimer I left the Orthodox church and became a Baptist. Soon my parents, older brothers and sisters followed my example. At that time we were living in Michailovka. Little by little we were made to suffer for our faith. We moved from place to place, changing our names each time. As a result of hardships caused by our frequent moving and lack of proper nourishment, my brothers and sisters died, and today I am the only child in the family. The Bogdanovka people ignore us. We get along quite well here. I hope we will be able to stay here for a long time."

As Liesbeth and Ljuba neared the mill, she pointed to a low adobe zemljanka, or earth hut, with a thatched roof. "That's where we are living now. My father repairs shoes, and occasionally my mother and I work at odd jobs. We hope we'll soon be able to move into a better home. Our landlord lives in that wooden structure near the street. He has a large family, and so far has been quite nice to us."

"Why should anyone try to hurt you?" Liesbeth asked.

"Oh," Ljuba said, "as you probably know, the Greek Orthodox church is the government church of the czar. All Russians are expected to pray the church prayers, go to confessions as the priests prescribe them and thereby support them financially. Like you Mennonites, we Baptists read the Bible and make up our own prayers. Like you, we are trying to live clean and temperate lives. The authorities call us Stundists and try to throw us in jail or to send us to Siberia. If anyone bothers us here in Bogdanovka, we are going to move to Odessa. That's where a Mennonite by the name of P. M. Friesen lives. He is highly educated and a man of whom even government officials seem to be afraid. He is doing a great deal for the protection of the Russian Baptists and Jews in that city."

"I know him," Liesbeth interrupted. "He is a great man. He used to live in Sevastopol. I saw him in Rueckenau at one time. He believes in higher education and in helping the Russian peasants and other needy persons. He has just finished writing a Mennonite history of about a thousand pages. I wish there were more Mennonites like him. I certainly am glad he is helping people of your faith."

"And I am very happy to hear you are interested in the downtrodden people of other faiths," said Ljuba. Then she asked, "Is this the first time you have lived in a Russian community?"

"It is," Liesbeth answered. "I hope I can become acquainted with its people before the year is over."

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WCCM News Notes

Expanding Ministry in British Columbia

Greater opportunities, growing Sunday schools, and the need for more workers are revealed in the latest issue of the **Western Challenge**, the official organ of the West Coast Children's Mission, which is the mission arm of the M. B. churches in British Columbia.

Terrace

Two weeks of evangelistic activity at the Terrace chapel were completed on March 9, with Cecil Carter, Shantyman missionary in northern British Columbia, as evangelist. The group here has grown to approximately 35 members, although the number fluctuates because of the many transients.

The Aaron Schmidts are now using their annex, which includes a living room, bathroom and bedroom. This gives them an opportunity to offer hospitality to those traveling through Terrace.

Kitimat

At Kitimat the Mennonite Brethren are fellowshiping in the Baptist church and helping along energetically in reaching the lost. They feel the need of fellowshiping alone, however, and there are possibilities of starting up a mission work.

Hazelton

The departure of some teachers has left the growing Sunday school work in the Hazelton area short-handed. There are 35 children in the South Hazelton Sunday school and 30 in New Hazelton.

Some time ago it was felt that the chapel here was not in the right place and the present lot was sold to the Hudson's Bay Co. Now a suitable lot has been found with adequate drainage facilities available, so a basement is to be constructed and the chapel moved onto it. This will take place as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

An evangelistic campaign is planned for March 16 to 23, with Cecil Carter as speaker. This is a new venture in this district. All members and Christians attending the chapel have pledged themselves to pray from 6:00 to 6:30 a.m. every day for this campaign.

There is a definite need for a full-time worker in this area.

Vanderhoof

The Sunday school at Vanderhoof, where the Calvin Buhlers are active, has grown so rapidly lately that a renovation of the basement was necessary. This is nearing completion at the present time. Preparations are underway for the evangelistic services beginning on May 11, with Henry Unrau as speaker. Every evening from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m. the Christians are gathering in the chapel for prayer. Their prayer is for cleansing of the Christians as well as for the salvation of the lost.

A new work has been started among the Indians in the vicinity by the Northern Canada Evangelical Mission, with Mr. and Mrs. Nils Folkvard as missionaries. They are doing a great work and are steering converts to the chapel for fuller fellowship. It is wonderful to see the co-operation of the two missions in Vanderhoof and district, the **Western Challenge** reports.

Mission Tour

Rev. Peter Neufeldt, chairman, and Rev. John Reimer, field director, toured the mission stations in the north. On their way they stopped at Prince George, where about 20 members of the M. B. churches from the Fraser Valley gathered for a time of fellowship. The West Coast Children's Mission film was also shown here.

Harrison Hot Springs

At Harrison Hot Springs the Pete Boschmans are ministering in a growing work. Some teenage girls took a definite stand for the Lord just before Christmas and are continuing to walk with Him.

The Sunday school house has been sold and will be moved shortly. The group has undertaken to build a new manse on the chapel grounds. All the necessary arrangements have not yet been completed, but it is hoped to do this in the near future. The basement of the manse will include Sunday school rooms, for which there is a great need.

The chapel floor is being renewed. The wartime flooring was very uneven and hard to keep clean, so the members decided to overlay it with plywood and tile. This is quite an undertaking for a small group.

McConnell Creek

The Nick Dycks are quite encouraged in their work at McConnell Creek, northeast of Mission. Rev. Dyck was ordained to the ministry shortly before Christmas and the Lord is blessing his work. Plans are being made to solve one of the group's problems, organization.

County Line

A record attendance of 114 was recently chalked up at the County Line Sunday school. The John Esaus are serving at the chapel here. Rev. Esau was also ordained shortly before Christmas.

The Esaus are happy for all the young couples helping along in the work, for without them this chapel, as well as many others, would not be able to function.

Queensboro

At Queensboro the Frank Koops were able to move into larger and more comfortable quarters. A nursery has been set aside in the chapel, which makes it possible for mothers with babies to attend the services. Evangelistic services were conduct-

ed recently by Rev. Abe Martens of Dalmeny, Sask.

Office Notes

Some time ago the office was faced with a big jump in mailing expenses. All mail was supposed to go first class, doubling the postage charges on the 48,000 letters going out every year to the students of the correspondence course. The executive contacted the local member of parliament in Ottawa, the Hon. A. B. Patterson. Rev. Patterson worked energetically on this and in January we received word that the Postmaster General had authorized second class postage rates, if the envelopes were unsealed. The Lord uses His children to work for Him wherever they are. The WCCM is thankful to Rev. Patterson for his help.

Funds are needed at the present time so that building projects at Otter Road, Silverdale and Kilgard can go ahead. The mission also has issued a challenge for at least 200 workers to sign up for daily vacation Bible school. It is hoped the Lord will be able to make some willing to serve longer than one two-week period.

A prayer guide for those who want to remember this work of the Lord in their intercessory ministry is nearly ready for distribution.

Missionary Flies Home With Daughter

Abbotsford, B.C. — Missionary J. J. Dyck and daughter Lois arrived from India by plane recently. Lois was admitted to a children's hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Dyck and three children, Sharon, Adeline, and Paul, are expected to leave India for home at the end of March.

The Dycks are serving in India under the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade.

Canada's Indians Need Living Witnesses

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life. True, they often don't display trustworthiness, but the "um-she-wah" has exploited and cheated them until their hostility has been diverted into suspicion and distrust.

A Religious People

Basically the Indians are a religious people, with strong emotional tendencies. Their religious concepts have been distorted by a lack of comprehension of the English language. As a result, many rely on their emotions, imagination and dreams for inspiration. It is quite evident that this leaves them wide open to faiths exaggerating the emotional aspect of religion. In fact, in some villages their religion has degenerated until their fanaticism borders on demon possession. Though some testify of miraculous gifts, the

vast majority soon backslide and are found in the deepest sin and degradation.

An outgrowth of their seasonal religious revivals are their revival tours when entire villages visit each other. Because of the emotional tenor of their campaign there is little teaching and assimilating of God's Word. Consequently there is little spiritual growth and stability. Occasionally dreams and personal experiences take precedence over the teachings of the Bible.

Totem Poles Decaying

Though the traditional Indian totem or god is no longer worshipped or erected, the decaying poles are treated with respect. Thus they, too, are passing away with the witch doctors and native dances. When the National Film Board wanted to film a native dance before it was totally lost, only a few costumes and rattles could be located and only two or three people remembered the dances. While these were being performed the younger generation looked on in amazement and with amusement.

Through modern treatment and early diagnosis tuberculosis, one of the white man's curses, has sharply declined in the last few years. However, because of the unsanitary home conditions, communicable diseases affecting the skin, ears, etc., often spread rapidly.

This is but a glimpse of the Indians of the Hazelton and Kispiox areas. It is our desire that you might realize the opportunities within our own land to reach precious souls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The harvest field is white, false cults are active as never before, and there are many discouragements. Yet in numerous lives we may ourselves see the evidence of the saving and keeping power of Christ.

Great Opportunities for Teachers

At present there are eight Christian teachers in this area serving the various villages with Sunday school and church work. Rich fellowship is also enjoyed in the West Coast Children's Mission chapel at New Hazelton.

This year a number of Christian teachers will be leaving this area, creating a gap. Will you fill this gap for the Master? This is a golden opportunity. If we fail to buy it up false teachers will fill these positions. It is our prayer that God would lay it upon your heart to pray for this work and to go if the Lord leads you here as a teacher, nurse, or Christian worker.

* The Epps come from Chilliwack, B.C., and are serving in a school in the Kispiox Valley. Anyone interested in more information on opportunities in the Hazelton area may write to them: Box 137, Hazelton, B.C., or to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship, Vancouver, B.C.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

American Bid To Make Film of Passion Play is Rejected

The organizers of the famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, have rejected an offer from an American motion picture company to film the performances. The committee said that although the offer was "very high and tempting", the people of Oberammergau felt that the filming of the Passion Play might harm its religious purpose and reputation.

The Passion Play originated in a vow made by the villagers in 1633 when a plague devastated the land. It is held every ten years, with only a few interruptions. The next performance will be in 1960. Preparations are already being made for an influx of visitors that year by building new streets and accommodations. Record crowds attended the 1950 performances.

Unique Bible Club

A unique breakfast club has recently celebrated its 14th anniversary in San Francisco. It is popularly called "MacPhee's Bible Reading Breakfast Club", so named after Chester MacPhee, local U.S. Collector of Customs, who founded the club.

Each Thursday some 75 men gather at the Olympic Club for breakfast and linger to read and discuss the Bible. They are all businessmen and professional men—doctors, lawyers, politicians, judges and bankers. There are no rules or regulations to the organization. The Bible readings and discussions are carried out by the men themselves in turn. Each week a different leader takes charge. He reads a pre-selected passage from the Old or New Testament, then anyone who wishes to comment on the passage may do so.

son who had travelled about 90 miles with only two dogs and no food, in an effort to get help. He was met by an Eskimo hunting party.

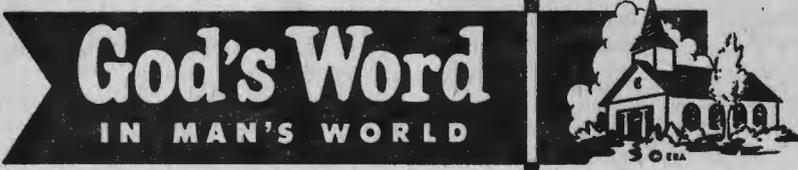
The trio became separated some time ago from its band during a hunt and decided to remain where it was until another band reached the area. They built an igloo and survived by eating eight of their 10 dogs. The son then decided to try to reach Baker Lake for help.

The women were picked up by an airplane.

National Ethnic Press Federation Formed

Publishers of 75 foreign-language publications held a two-day meeting at Ottawa last week and formed the Canadian Ethnic Press Federation, the first organization of its kind in Canada. Member publications—daily and weekly newspapers and several periodicals—represent 41 nationalities and serve about 300,000 subscribers. Judge W. J. Lindal of Winnipeg, a leader in the formation of the federation, was elected president.

Immigration minister Hon. Davie Fulton told the federation that his department planned to double its spending on publicity in the 1958-59 fiscal year, raising it to \$80,000. About \$60,000 of this would go to advertising in the ethnic press.



There's Room For Many A More

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

Much has been written of late concerning this planet's piling population; we are more than blessed with bundles and bundles of births in these latter years.

With the writing, there comes the match of a worry. With so many bodies to occupy sphere-space, shall there be room enough? We cannot of course speak for the others of Earth, but insofar as our States are concerned, this worry may take wings and become lost in space. A recent survey undertaken by the Census Bureau reveals that our land averages 57 persons to the square mile. Contrast that with some 624 persons to the square mile across the Pacific in the land of the rising sun.

Somehow this recalls the line of the old Negro spiritual which tells of the passing of "de gospel train" across the narrow landscape of this life, and the sharpened recall with the remembered line, "get on board, there's room for many a more." A bright gleam to set into a crown for the grace of the Gospel! There will always be room for one more . . . one more . . . one more . . . not alone for the gospel train, but for the tremendous terminal and the wide wonders of Paradise. God so loved this old world that whosoever—no limit to the appeal, and no

cramping of "housing facilities" for the soul that has contacted complete committal to the claims of Calvary.

All of this touches the tragedy of our Lord's Word regarding the spiritual space problem: "broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be that go in thereat . . . narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13,14). MANY mixed in the mirage and mess of sin. FEW are they who have fled to the fountain for cleansing; can this be a view of a packed darkness and a land of light crying "there's room for many a more"?

Today's "many" in their sophisticated smartness are dead wrong, and while they may despise the "few", it is the latter who, linked to the Lord, know of those blessings which the multitudes have mocked, but sought after and never found.

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CANADASCOPE

One Bird Saves Eskimo Women

Two Eskimo women, alone and near starvation for 10 days on the barren wastes of the Black River district of the Northwest Territories were rescued last Saturday. A two-pound ptarmigan was their only nourishment during the ordeal.

First news of the women's plight was learned from a 30-year-old mute

Rousing Welcome for PM at Steinbach

An overflow crowd of 1,500 gave Prime Minister John Diefenbaker a rousing welcome at one of the Mennonites' first settlements in Western Canada, Steinbach, Manitoba. This was the first time a prime minister has ever visited Steinbach, one of the most progressive communities in southeastern Manitoba.

When Mr. Diefenbaker visited Steinbach during last spring's federal election a quiet audience of 200 turned out to hear him—a marked contrast to the cheering, enthusiastic crowd that now heard the prime minister.

IVCF Banquet at North Kildonan

Winnipeg, Man. — The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship had its annual banquet on Saturday, March 1, at the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church. Students from the Fort Garry, United College, and Medical College were served a delicious supper by the ladies of the

North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Mission Circle.

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship is a world-wide organization of students. One purpose of this organization is the uniting of the Christian students in the various chapters in prayer, Bible study, and discussion groups in order that they may get to know the person of Jesus Christ better. They believe that the basis of a truly strong and effective Christian life is Jesus Christ. As they achieve this first purpose, they proceed on to their second main purpose, namely, to make Christ known as Saviour and Lord to the students in the various institutions which they attend.

The Rev. M. Goodman of St. James Anglican Church, who was the guest speaker, pointed out in a brief address that Christians are seldom able to "drink the cup" of their faith. In using this analogy Rev. Goodman made it very clear to the 100 students present how readily Christ fulfilled his Father's plan by dying that the world might become reconciled to God. As Christians, students have a very important part in God's plan and therefore cannot forget their responsibilities to God and to the world.

During the evening's program the retiring president Harold Enns introduced next year's president, Reginald Friesen, and presented him with a Bible as a token of office. Two toasts were presented by Ruth Blair and Ernest Redekop to the University of Manitoba and to the graduating students. C. J. Robson, associate professor of psychology at United College, replied to the toast to the University. Paul Klassen gave the reply for the graduates and stressed the necessity for prayer, both for the graduates as they face their new vocations and for the undergraduates as they continue their witness of Christ to their fellow students.

Guests of honor at the banquet were Rev. and Mrs. M. Goodman, Prof. and Mrs. C. J. Robson, Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Mitchell, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Falk, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ford and Miss Verne Scott who are the Manitoba staff members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Two vocal solos of selections from Schubert were given by Adeline Willms.

The program concluded with the singing of the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" as an expression of praise and thanksgiving to God for his presence and for his guidance in the past year's activities.

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Obituaries

Mrs. Aaron P. Dyck

Mrs. Aaron P. Dyck of Winkler, Man., passed away at home on February 24 after a lengthy illness. Death was attributed to cancer of the lungs. Funeral services were held from the M. B. church at Winkler on March 1.

Mrs. Dyck was born as Lena Wiebe at Burwalde near Winkler in 1893. She was won for Christ at an early age and baptized and received into the M. B. Church in 1909. Her marriage to Aaron P. Dyck was on October 17, 1917. She became ill in October of 1955 and again in November of 1957. During the last months of her illness she was nursed by her daughter Ruth, a graduate nurse. She suffered patiently and died peacefully, at rest in the Lord.

She is survived by her husband, three sons, three daughters, fourteen grandchildren, and a large number of other relatives.

Mrs. Peter Klassen

Mrs. Peter Klassen of Winkler, Man., passed away in the Bethel Hospital on February 25. Death was due to cancer. Funeral services were held from the Winkler M. B. church on March 2.

Mrs. Klassen was born in South Russia in 1887, serving as a teacher there. She was married to Peter Klassen, a carpenter, and they came to Winkler, Canada, in 1926, where they have resided since then.

Because of an illness in early childhood Mrs. Klassen was lame, yet she helped her husband much by giving sewing courses. Her last months were spent at the Salem Old Folks' Home at Winkler. She had accepted Christ soon after marriage and was a member of the M. B. Church.

She is survived by her husband, one son, Willie, a daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Weddings

Celebrate Silver Wedding

Chilliwack, B.C. — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wiebe had their silver wedding celebration on Friday, Feb. 28, in the East Chilliwack M. B. church. They gathered here with their family and many friends to worship God and thank Him for the wonderful way in which he had led them during the past twenty-five years.

Rev. Jakob Penner, local minister, read the 23rd Psalm and spoke on "The Overflowing Cup." Rev. H. Goosen of Yarrow, a good friend of the family, reviewed the life story of the family and showed how God had guided and helped the couple since their marriage. The church

choir sang the hymn "Crimmond". Mrs. Louella Wiebe, daughter-in-law of the Wiebes, and her sister, Delores Neumann, sang several songs. Rev. P. S. Thiessen presented Mr. and Mrs. Wiebe with a Bible on behalf of the church. This was a thank-you gift for the many services Mr. Wiebe has rendered the congregation.

The Wiebes were the earliest Mennonite Brethren people to settle in the East Chilliwack area. They moved here from Black Creek, Vancouver Island, in 1940. Mr. Wiebe has always taken a very active part in church work here, especially in the organization of the first congregation and the erection of the first church building. He is at present the church treasurer.

Special guests at the celebration were the Wiebe brothers from Manitou, Manitoba, Jake Wiebes and their daughter Magdalene, Henry Wiebes and family, and John Wiebes.



Typhoon Victims Aided

Disaster relief items have been distributed to victims of last October's Typhoon Irma in the Tourane area of north-central Vietnam, next to the South China Sea.

The typhoon destroyed homes, churches and crops. The distribution was made by Harry Lefever (Lancaster, Pa.), Duane Swartzendruber (Princeton, Ill.) and interpreter Y Dun with the assistance and cooperation of pastors in the Evangelical Church of Vietnam.

They gave out Christmas bundles, blankets, mosquito nets, children's shoes, school supplies, beef, cheese, soap and beans.

Disaster Service Registers Vision

How to provide service in disaster areas which are outside areas of Mennonite concentrations was an item of major concern at the third annual meeting of the Mennonite Disaster Service in Chicago February 27 and 28.

It was pointed out that the major disasters have been occurring in areas where Mennonites are not concentrated. Following the meeting Lewis Britsch of Archbold, O., began an investigation of the Mississippi disaster area in hopes of applying some of the suggestions proposed at the meeting.

The meeting, planned by the MDS coordinating committee, was attended by 35 representatives of 15 North American organizations which included those from as widely-separated points as Oregon, Delaware, Manitoba and Oklahoma.

Lester Glick, associate professor of social work at Goshen College, addressed the group at a fellowship dinner. His address was on "Meeting Disaster Victims' Emotional and Spiritual Needs."

Workshops took up the matters of coordination and field direction. R. L. Hartzler of Bloomington, Ill., and C. Wilbert Loewen of Winnipeg were leaders.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

The South American Conference Bible Institute and local Bible school are under way at Bage, Brazil. Ten students are enrolled in the Institute's theological courses with several more still expected to enroll. Forty-two students are enrolled in three classes in the Bible school. Faculty members include the Brethren G. H. Sukkau, H. C. Born, John Wall, Victor Arens and Sister Lydia Peters. "We have a fine student body," Brother Sukkau writes, "and we are thankful for a good beginning."

The wheat harvest at Bage is reported to be limited this year. The crop will be about half the normal yield. The corn crop is expected to be good. The Mennonite settlement near Bage in southern Brazil consists largely of Mennonite Brethren constituents.

Ten Mennonite Brethren young people are serving human need and witnessing for Christ through the Voluntary Service program of Mennonite Central Committee. Their names, addresses and places of service are as follows: Linda Rogalsky, Coaldale, Alberta, Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Maryland; Helen Giesbrecht, Vancouver, British Columbia, Ailsa Craig Boys Farm, Ontario; Ernest Reimer, Abbotsford, British Columbia, Bai Verte, White Bay, Newfoundland; Agatha Klassen, Yarrow, British Columbia, Twillingate, Newfoundland; Jack Neufeld, Homewood, Manitoba, Twillingate; Erma Wiebe, Yarrow, Twillingate; Viola Rempel, Abbotsford, Willow Hall Orphanage, Waterloo; Agatha Wiebe, Clearbrook, British Columbia, Willow Hall Orphanage; Hedy Reimer, Abbotsford, Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Saint Marc, Haiti. Our prayers for them and all other volunteers will be appreciated. Pray that their witness may be effective and that they may grow in their Christian lives through this service experience.

Brother Hans Kasdorf reports as follows concerning the Gospel witness which members of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Blumenau, Brazil, are seeking to make in the area: "The work outside of our regular church services consists of house visitations, tract distribution, personal witnessing and preaching the Word. There is an open door in the Garcia suburb of Blumenau. Here we have weekly Bible study and prayer meeting in

the home of one of our church members. The brethren alternately take part in conducting these meetings. Since there are some young people who do not know the German language, we use both languages. The Lord blesses these humble efforts. God recently placed another field on our hearts. Pommerode is the name of the town about 30 kilometers north of Blumenau where we have started meetings. The people here are eager to hear the Word of God. They have so many questions dealing with great truths of the Book that our last meeting extended well into the night. I have never witnessed anything like this in my life. However, where the true Gospel is being proclaimed, there the adversary employs the enemies of Christ. Please intercede much for this work and for the people that come to these services!"

What "Real Neighbors" Are Like

By Mrs. John Froese

Rosenort, Man. — It was Sunday evening. My husband was still in the hospital and I wished desperately that I could go to see him for at least a little while. Not having mastered the art of driving a car, I was suddenly completely dependent upon neighbors.

People were hurrying to the church for the evening service when a Volkswagen stopped at our door. A lady jumped out and came to the door, announcing as she entered, "Here I am at your disposal, to baby-sit or to drive you to Morris." We dressed up the children and drove the eleven miles to the hospital.

John had fallen while playing hockey with the high school students and broken both bones in his lower left leg. The boys took him to the hospital, where he stayed for eight days. During this time we learned what it means to have "real neighbors". Not only did they offer me a ride to Morris, but very often they would bring someone along to stay with the children while I was gone. Upon expressing our heartfelt gratitude, one man answered, "In the country we are all like one big family." We suddenly felt very happy and proud to belong to this big, rural family!

The Lord has blessed us here in the Greenbank School at Rosenort. There are many opportunities to work with the young people besides the regular teaching. Every day there is half an hour of religious teaching in the school.

A few weeks ago John was discussing the doctrine of salvation with the children. Two unsaved students seemed especially interested. Later that week one of the Christian boys at school led them to the Lord. We praise God for these trophies of His grace.

May God help us to be faithful in the work He has given to us.

COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

Recent guest speakers have been Miss Minnie Bergmann, representing the Women's Union Missionary Society, Dr. H. S. Bender, and Rev. Anton Grymalosky of the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

The Women's Union Missionary Soc. was founded in 1860 to teach the women who were not being reached by the usual missionary work. Their work is situated in India, Pakistan and Japan, and consists of hospital work, nursing schools, Bible schools and regular schools. They also maintain a women's rescue home and girls' schools for orphans. Miss Bergmann felt that there were many opportunities in the mission field exclusively for women.

Dr. H. S. Bender spoke to us on the basic concepts of the Anabaptists: that the Scripture is our only source of truth and authority; that there must be a reform of life, a personal faith in Christ, a life of discipleship, and the brotherhood concept. He said that the Anabaptists were outstanding evangelists and were the only group that believed in the great commission. Our actions must be governed by the ethic of love which means that all killing must be done away with and that we cannot take part in an institution which sanctions force. Dr. Bender's report was certainly appreciated by those interested in our heritage.

The work of the Canadian Sunday School Mission was presented to us by Rev. Grymalosky, who told us something of the work and exhorted us to make sure that we fulfilled the ministry entrusted unto us.

On February 28, the students were invited to the Canadian Mennonite Bible College for their annual visit. An interesting program was in store for them. The theme of the evening was "Education". A skit presented the development of Mennonite education. This was followed by a panel discussion on the topic, "Does Higher Education Stifle Christian Zeal?" After this, the students were taken on a tour through the fine new school building. The evening ended with a fellowship lunch.

The auditorium was the scene of a public speaking contest on Friday evening, March 7. The five contestants were Alfred Friesen, Abe Koop, Don Unruh, Alfred Quiring and Len Neufeldt, speaking on the topics, "Nationalism", "Modern Israel", "India's Five Year Plan", "Canadians on the Move" and "Faith and Reason", respectively. The winner was Len Neufeldt, with Don Unruh running a close second. The speeches were of contemporary interest to the audience and a valuable experience for the speakers.

Coming Event.

"The Summoning of Everyone", a medieval morality play, will be presented on March 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the College auditorium. This is one of the most outstanding dramas of the medieval age, and it depicts what happens when death summons an individual who is not prepared to die.

A. Koop.

Goshen College

Annual Bible Lectures

Sidney Crane, minister and scholar of Severna Park, Md., spent March 6-9 on the Goshen College campus to present the annual Bible lectures. The theme of this year's Bible lectures was, "Shadows and Realities in the Epistle to the Hebrews." Besides presenting abiding insights into the message of this book, Crane also demonstrated an effective method of Bible study that might enable each student to become his own Bible study "expert".

"Let's be realistic," said Crane, after reading the famous eleventh chapter of Hebrews, "for the Christian there is no settling down. We are one with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Why be so concerned with security," he asked, "when there is so little of it?"

Dr. Arnold Nash, well-known theologian, philosopher, and scientist who visited Goshen College early this year to participate in the faculty study on "Christianity and the Liberal Arts", wrote in evaluating his visit as follows: "First, let me say how much I appreciated my time in Goshen. It was really the most rewarding period which I have ever spent in all my diverse activities working in colleges along the lines that we pursued at Goshen."

Advice to Young Preachers

"You are beginning your ministry in the space age, and I don't know whether to envy you or not," said Milton Brackbill in addressing students at the Goshen College Biblical Seminary last week. Brother Brackbill, a veteran minister, evangelist, and Bible teacher of Paoli, Pa., presented an address entitled, "My Advice to Young Preachers."

"Be a spiritually-minded person," Bro. Brackbill continued, as he stressed the need to rise above the materialism of our age. "Many people only talk about spiritual things in church and in Sunday school." He challenged the seminary students to bring God's power to bear on every aspect of life.

"If you are any good at all," he advised, "there will be people who will begin to think you are just it, the indispensable man." So the task of the minister is, "To help the people see past the leader, to see the work of the Holy Spirit in building up the church."

Paul M. Miller, professor of practical theology at Goshen Biblical

Seminary, recently led eighteen members of his evangelism class in a four day Evangelism Workshop, taking them to a variety of evangelistic programs being carried on in the city of Chicago. "If there is any course in the Seminary in which you can't get by with class-room theory alone, this is it," said professor Miller.

At Harbor Light Rescue Mission the seminary students conducted a street meeting, then went indoors to lead the evening service. At Cook County Hospital they talked with Chaplain Bray about bedside evangelism, then spent nearly two hours calling on patients in the innumerable wards of the great hospital. Considerable time was spent learning from the programs of Englewood Mennonite church, Union Avenue Mennonite church, and 2nd Mennonite church, where students did house to house visitation.

One evening the seminary men helped with the service at Pacific Garden Mission, they also met with the dean of Trinity Seminary, and visited Judson Baptist church, Moody church and Victory Center.

Tabor College

To Present Music Drama March 21-22

A musical drama written by two members of the Tabor College faculty will be presented by the junior class on Friday and Saturday, March 21-22. The drama is entitled "The Modern Jonah", and the words and music were written by Miss Malinda Penner, assistant professor of English, and Paul W. Ratzlaff, assistant professor of vocal and instrumental music.

"The Modern Jonah" is the story of Russell Maxwell, a medical student who faces the choice of a field of service. His parents and uncle are the owners of the Maxwell Memorial Hospital and they desire Russ to continue the family tradition of medical work there.

The prologue shows Russ and his friends at the conclusion of their college days and introduces Julie McGee, daughter of a foreign missionary.

Russ's education at a Christian college and the ideals he sees in Julie picture another choice. The scenes of the play are a native island, the Maxwell house, on shipboard, and the hospital.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Swift Current Bible Institute

"A clock passes time by keeping its hands busy." The time certainly is passing by rapidly at school. I think I am justified in saying it is due to the fact that we are kept so busy.

We have had much opportunity to participate in activities outside of school, mostly bringing programs in other churches, but also in sports and other activities. During the month of January various groups served at Eyebrow, Beverly, Needpath, Laird, Rosthern Youth Farm, Hague, Waldheim, Eigenheim, and Saskatoon. In the future we are planning to go to Carmichael, Wymark, Capeland, and Schoenfeld.

We have had quite a number of outside speakers for chapel. Among them have been Mr. Franzen, representing the Canadian Mennonite Bible College; Rev. Scheidler, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gripp, from Africa; Mr. Ruttin, a missionary candidate; Mr. Rice from the Western Tract Mission; and Milo Kaufman from U.S.A., who spoke to us on Stewardship, and Mr. Crawford.

February 8 the girls' and boys' volleyball team went to compete with Pamburn. The Pamburn boys won most of the games but our girls won an equal number of games.

We have had several skating parties. The young people of the church invited the school to one of their parties and the school in turn is inviting them to the next one scheduled for next week if the weather is not too mild.

We are looking forward to many visitors and blessed fellowship during Workshop days, March 14 to 16.

Mary Funk.

Show Film of Auca Martyrs

Beechy, Sask. — Missionaries are always welcome and attract a large audience, especially in rural churches. Such was the experience of the M. B. Church here also when Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gripp recently visited here.

On February 27 they showed pictures of their work under the Gospel Missionary Union in French West Africa. After going to Lucky Lake for the following Friday night and Sunday morning they returned for Sunday night with the film strip, "Mid-Century Martyrs." A full church listened intently, and when after the service the suggestion was made that a tape of a later contact with the Aucas be played, no one moved.

Church services have been well attended this winter because of better weather conditions. Mr. J. Wiens, church leader, returned recently after attending the Ministers' Course at the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg. Mr. J. Schellenberg has assumed responsibility for serving the group at Lucky Lake with the Word of God.

An exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper.

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Character is what God knows you to be, reputation is what men think you are.

BAPTISM

By Johannes Warns

This classic treatment of Scriptural baptism has been out of print in the German language for some time. It is now available in an English translation by G. H. Lang, who also translated four of Erich Sauer's books.

In the Introduction Erich Sauer states: "This is the most profound and comprehensive work upon the original Christian baptism that we possess in the German language. The author first gives solid Biblical reasoning in favour of the New Testament believers' baptism. The value of this exegetical exposition is heightened by its having been written by a distinguished master of the Greek language... Several chapters of this book give valuable insight into the history of Baptist circles not only in the Middle Ages but also in the time of the Reformation and later..."

Chapter headings give an indication of the comprehensiveness of the book: What Does Holy Scripture Teach Concerning Baptism? Does the New Testament Know Infant Baptism? The Origin of Infant Baptism; Some Recent Pronouncements on Baptism; The Fight Against and Suppression of the Scriptural Baptism; The Reformers and Baptism; The Reformers and Freedom of Conscience; The Extension of the Baptist Movement (including treatment of Mennonites); Baptism Essentially a Church Question; Confirmation No Solution of the Baptism Question; Freedom of Conscience in the Modern State; The Significance of Biblical Baptism for the Present Time. The Appendices treat several pertinent historical problems and give chronological tables of baptism in the first five centuries.

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Kitchener Male Choir Visits St. Catharines

St. Catharines, Ont. — It was a joy to hear the Kitchener M. B. Church Male Choir in a program of sacred song at the M. B. church here March 9.

Under the able direction of John Goertz, the choir sang three groups of songs. The first three songs gave praise to God, the creator and sustainer of the universe. The next three extolled the redemptive work of Christ, while the last group portrayed the Christian walk.

Rev. John Epp, presently studying at Waterloo College, delivered the message of the evening, speaking on Phil. 1:21. He pointed out that Christ was to be the Christian's personal joy and that men are to fill their thoughts with Christ and His redemptive work for mankind.

"Putting Christ in the centre of our lives," he stated, "will bring forth our most profitable and rewarding energies."

Former College Students To Meet

Winnipeg, Man. — Former students of the M. B. Bible College are invited to attend a reunion in the college on Sunday afternoon, March 16, at 3:00 p.m.

Guests at the informal meeting will be the 1958 graduating class. One of the features of the program is a pictorial tour of the Middle East and Palestine by Dr. Frank C. Peters.

That evening the Manitoba Alumni of the M. B. Bible College is presenting a program in the North Kildonan M. B. church. A simulated radio program, an informal panel discussion with Henry Konrad as chairman, and a short message by Rev. J. P. Suderman are the main items on the program. Special music will enrich the program.

"The test of a good teacher is if the pupils learn something from him." —W. Claassen

"Activity is no substitute for Christian growth." —W. Claassen

Bethany Students Visit Lashburn

Lashburn, Sask. — The Lashburn and the Maidstone congregations enjoyed a visit from the Bethany Bible Institute on the weekend of March 2nd.

A large congregation filled the Lashburn United church on Saturday evening, March 1, to hear the program presented by the school. The group from the institute served in the Lashburn M. B. church at the Sunday morning worship service. The ladies of the congregation served the visitors a noon meal before they left for their next service.

The 16-voice choir under the direction of Mr. J. Schroeder sang in the Maidstone United Church Sunday afternoon. The brethren Paul Wiebe and Waldo Lepp, instructors at the school, proclaimed the Word of God.

Series of Visits at Leamington

Leamington, Ont. — The will of God today is still that men be won to Him, that those who dare to follow Christ lead a more consecrated life, and that those who hear His call go out to bear fruit for Him.

Since Christmas the Mennonite Brethren Church here has been visited by several faithful men of God. On March 5 Rev. Harry Friesen, missionary to Japan, reminded us that the "door" is still open, yet the labourers are all too few.

During the week of February 16 to 23 Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener presented a series of evangelistic messages. We rejoiced with those who rededicated their lives to God.

Rev. C. C. Peters also visited us earlier in the year to present a series of messages on the deeper Christian life. In a special meeting he outlined some of the principles and practices used by false cults of our day.

Ladies' Group Visits Bethesda Home

Vineland, Ont. — Despite hazardous road conditions the members of the M. B. Church Willing Helpers Society ventured out recently to visit the Bethesda Home. The ladies had been invited to make a guided tour of the institution.

Immediately upon its arrival, the group was divided into smaller units, with a member of the staff accompanying each unit. The guides showed the ladies through the kitchen, supply room, laundry and the wards. The schoolroom proved especially interesting, for displayed around the room was everything from spelling to delicate pieces of handwork.

The highlight of the evening was an interesting and informative talk by Dr. Latham on the subject, "Various Types of Psychiatric Patients."

After the visit the ladies agreed that Bethesda offers a real "home" to the patients there.

On the Horizon

April 9 and 10 — A conference of the Education Committee of the Canadian M. B. Conference and private Mennonite secondary school teachers will be held in the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg.

March 10 to 16 — Combined evangelistic services of the Coaldale M. B. Church and the Alberta Mennonite High School.

March 16 — Ex-students and alumni members of the M. B. Bible College are having a reunion in the college at 3:00 p.m. The 1958 graduating class will be guests.

March 21 — Students of the M. B. Bible College will present the play, "The Summoning of Everyone", in the auditorium of the college.

March 25 — The Oratorio Choir of the M. B. Bible College will present Bach's St. John's Passion in the Elmwood M. B. church at 8:00 p.m.

Evangelistic Crusade In Cuba

A ten-day Methodist evangelistic crusade was waged in Cuba during February resulting in the addition of 478 new members to Methodist churches and the enrollment of 2,357 others in training classes to prepare for church membership. During the campaign, 126 American clergymen joined with Cuban ministers, missionaries, and laymen to visit homes and conduct religious services. Total attendance at the services was more than 76,600. There are now more than 9,000 members in the Cuban Methodist since 1950.

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