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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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High Enthusiasm at Sunday School Convention

Winnipeg, Man. — Take enthusiastic Sunday school workers. Add thought-provoking workshops and inspiring and spiritually dynamic messages. Mix well with warm-hearted hospitality. Then top it off with a high resolve to implement the ideas gained. The result? A truly successful Sunday school convention.

Ask any of the more than 150 Sunday school workers that attended the annual Canadian M. B. Sunday School Convention and they will tell you that the above formula holds true. Before they left the M. B. church at Gem, Alta., where the convention met from April 11 to 13, the visitors heartily agreed with one of their number who commented, "It certainly was worthwhile coming here!"

Wide Representation

From the four directions of the horizon they came, by car, bus, and train—127 registered delegates by the end of the second day, plus local Sunday school workers. Six came from Ontario, eight from Manitoba, 24 from Saskatchewan, 25 from British Columbia, four from the USA, and 60 from Alberta churches, not including Gem.

They came expectantly, participated enthusiastically, and went home with a new vision of the opportunities and responsibilities in Sunday school work.

A random sampling of the provocative themes under discussion include: Guiding Principles in Child Conversions and Child Evangelism; Guiding Principles During a Language Transition; Preparation of Young People for Advanced Study; Anabaptist Principles We Must Conserve; Teaching Respect for the Things of God; Pupil Participation; The Example of the Educator as the Best Lesson to the Pupils; and Building Adequate Sunday School Libraries.

Challenging Messages

The two main speakers, Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler and Rev. F. C. Peters of the M. B. Bible College, delivered challenging messages that evoked a great deal of discussion during the intermissions. Others

participating in the workshops were: Miss Nettie Kroeker, Rev. I. W. Redekopp, Rev. R. Janzen, Rev. J. Block, Rev. C. Fast, Rev. B. B. Fast, Rev. W. Kornelson, Rev. P. D. Loewen, Rev. H. H. Nikkel, Rev. Paul Wiebe, and Mr. Leslie Stobbe.

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Move Into Completed Basement

By John Loewen

Calgary, Alta. — Overjoyed, Calgary's Highland Mennonite Brethren Church was able to move into its own worship centre on March 30. The church centre is conveniently located on 40th Ave. and Centre B Street N.W.

This was the reward for many months of praying, planning and work. Although only the basement has been completed, we are happy for the six Sunday school rooms, the large kitchen, nursery and main auditorium seating about 225 people.

For nearly five years the Mennonite Brethren group here assembled in a small rented hall. During the week the hall was used for many undesirable meetings and the liquor and tobacco odor was not uncommon on Sunday morning. Because of this and other factors the Lord laid it upon the hearts of the church members to build a house of worship that would be used exclusively to honor our Redeemer.

It has, however, not been easy to progress this far. First of all there was a financial problem, for it costs much more to build a church in the city than in the rural areas. Lots also are very expensive in the city. This leads us to the second obstacle—that of locating a suitable lot. Even though there were many locations available, they were mostly out of the group's price range. But the Lord did answer prayer and help us to find a site. He also helped overcome the many obstacles that arose during the planning and construction stages.

We were very fortunate to have Brother David Ratzlaff, a member of our church, as contractor. He not

only did good work, but he was also a member of the building committee and helped along where he could.

Today the bright and cheerful basement worship centre helps His people to serve Him better. We thank all churches across Canada who have supported us with prayers and with finances.

The building has not been dedicated as yet, but this will be done in the very near future. Watch this paper for announcements concerning the date.

Leading Mennonite Minister Passes

Mt. Lehman, B.C. — Rev. H. M. Epp, a leading Mennonite minister in Canada, passed away on Sunday evening, April 13, in the Chilliwack General Hospital. He had suffered a stroke 30 hours before his untimely death—at 55.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, April 20, from the West Abbotsford Mennonite church, where Rev. Epp has been the leading minister for more than a decade.

Rev. Epp was born in the Molotschna, South Russia. In 1924 he immigrated to Canada, settling at Lena, Manitoba. The family moved to Mt. Lehman, B.C., in 1945, attending the West Abbotsford Mennonite Church. Rev. Epp was ordained a bishop some years ago and served



Rev. H. M. Epp

the Lord, the church and the community selflessly. He was a member of both the Mennonite Board of Colonization and the Mennonite Central Relief Committee, also holding various other conference offices.

He is survived by his wife, eight sons (one of whom is Frank Epp, editor of *The Canadian Mennonite*), five daughters, five daughters-in-law, and 10 grandchildren.

Calling M. B. Youth to Service

Kitchener, Ont. — Periodically you have heard or read of opportunities for summer service in various branches within the framework of the church and through the MCC. All of these projects are worthy of your consideration and we hope and pray that you will take the calls seriously and will serve the Lord in some project which will honour and glorify His name.

As a committee, we would particularly draw your attention to the need for workers in our Bethesda Mental Hospital located at Vine-land, Ontario. For the summer months, the hospital will need five or six young men and women and we are laying this need before you in the hope that from our many consecrated young people, some will feel led to serve at Bethesda.

The Bethesda executive committee realizes that many of our young people who feel the call to serve the Lord during the summer months are nevertheless dependent upon financial support and has therefore made provisions for more adequate remuneration by establishing a basic rate of pay of \$85.00 per month plus full maintenance for women and \$100.00 per month plus full maintenance for men. In the past years some have preferred to receive a smaller monthly income, but assistance with their transportation and so the Board is willing to pay \$50.00 per month for women and \$65.00 for men, free room and board and one way transportation costs if you serve at least two months or the return trip if you serve for at least three months.

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EDITORIAL

Worship Needs New Emphasis

Be he a nomad or a city-dweller, an uncivilized native or a highly-civilized intellectual, man reveals the same basic desire and capacity for worship. Through the centuries this innate desire has often been perverted and misdirected—yet it has remained to this day.

The worship of God is a recurring theme in the Old Testament. It was central in the Psalms of David and became an integral part of the elaborate temple ritual initiated by Solomon. Through the prophets God called an Israel that had gone astray during the succession of wicked kings back to a true worship of God. He challenged them to forsake their idols of wood and stone and to turn to the worship of God with a pure heart.

With the establishment of the New Testament church a new order of service was initiated. No longer were the sacrifices central in the worship of God. The meditation upon the Word of God, the fellowship with God in prayer and in the "breaking of bread" constituted the main body of the "services", according to Acts chapter two. Elaborate ritual was transplanted by a more personal and intimate fellowship with God and with one another.

Time and environment changed this simple form of church service. During the centuries in which the state church grew and established itself, an elaborate ritual was again evolved. When spiritual life was replaced by ceremony and the true worship of God by so-called worship centres, feelings replaced faith and atmosphere became the substitute for fellowship.

Mennonite simplicity in church design and order of service is an attempt to return to the New Testament church practice. This is necessary—but even here the pendulum can swing too far. Worship is God-centered, but in keeping with modern man's preoccupation with himself we have tended to centre our church services upon ourselves—our spiritual needs, our need for effective teaching, and our desire to have fellowship. Only too often, worship and praise of God have become but an unimportant adjunct of our church program.

For this reason we need to reappraise the part worship, praise and thanksgiving should play in our services. The Apostle Paul has some God-given advice in this respect in Ephesians 5:19 and 20, and Colossians 3:16-17. When we will prayerfully examine what part worship should play in our personal and church life we will gain a new appreciation for true worship.

To a great extent our present order of service leaves the congregation passive. They listen to the choir sing. They hear the message from the Word of God. A very limited number may join in public prayer (and this often too quietly for others to join in a hearty Amen!). True worship, however, demands the active participation of everyone present.

Everyone can join in congregational singing, making it one of the most effective ways of worshipping God. Yet only too often it is treated as a spare tire—to fill in extra time. What we need is planned congregational singing, with the emphasis on songs that are an expression of praise and thanksgiving. And when the congregation sings, everyone should join in a swelling chorus of praise that drowns out the entrance of latecomers and eliminates the craning of necks to see if all the friends are there. Leaders of congregational singing should select their songs for their worship qualities—not their familiarity or snappy rhythm.

Choirs can aid in the worship experience of the congregation by singing at least one hymn of praise. This need not be a difficult composition—indeed, that may even distract from the worship—but it should centre the thoughts of the congregation on the greatness, the goodness, the holiness and majesty of God.

Pastors and ministers will find a greater response to the preaching of the Word if they emphasize the worship of God in their prayer services, both on Sunday and during the week.

When a believer is overwhelmed by the majesty, the holiness, and the mercy and love of the great and almighty God, he will find it easier to obey and to increase in faith and love. That is why we need a new emphasis on the worship of God.

DEVOTIONAL

Growing Old in Christ

"A hoary head is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life."
(Prov. 16:31 RSV)

There is a beauty and a blessing in maturity. Leaves do not fall off because they are frozen, but because they are ripe; their work is done. Autumn, with its final blaze of color, is not tragedy. Even winter in its white radiance is a thing of beauty, especially with its promise of spring to follow.

All of us grow old. In childhood we do it eagerly, in young adulthood with satisfaction, but too often in the later years with regret.

All God's gifts are good, and old age may be the happiest time of life if we accept it with grace and use it with profit. "Paul the Aged" (Phil. 9) is a title of honor and not of reproach. A righteous life, says Solomon, makes the hoary head a crown of glory.

But we know well that not all old age is happy and beautiful. As always, so in this, our blessings are conditioned. Our later years are blessed only if we put them in God's way of blessing.

Those who would be happy in old age must hold on. They must hold on to their faith. "The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day" (Prov. 4:18 RSV). The spirit, the one thing in us that does not grow old, lives on an ever-ascending path. The approaching end of life brings us nearer the glorious end of life. Old age is a beautiful vestibule to the throne-room where we shall see our Lord as He is. We need only to keep the forward look.

Browning said,
"Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first
was made:
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, 'A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God:
see all, nor be afraid!'"

We need to hold on, not only to our faith, but also to our faithfulness. Life may be spoiled at its close. Temptations do not pass with youth. Our enemies are always active. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." How tragic to fail in the last lap of the race! It is only a sinner like Byron who needs to say,

"My days are in the yellow leaf;
The flowers and fruits of love are gone;
The worm, the canker, and the grief
Are mine alone!"

The aged can hold on to active living. They need not fall into moody sullenness. They can read, travel, write, talk, think, observe—some or all of these things. There is work they can do. They have

time now for the things they always wanted to do.

This is the time to reap the rewards in life—the fruit of our labors, enjoying our children's children, to see others make out of their beginnings what we could not accomplish in our time of responsibility.

But a happy old age requires also a letting go. One must let go of his youth. The calendar does not lie, and there is no use in refusing to act one's age.

One must let go of the world. Property, things, the paraphernalia of life become less and less significant as one advances in years. We should be glad to turn these things over to others. This is the time to set all affection on things above.

One must let go of responsibility. Old age is capable of wise counsel long after it is incapable of administration. Sometimes it is hard to see when we should let go. Some, because they are unwilling to step aside, become embittered through rejection. No one has a life lease on position or responsibility. As we pity children from whom toil and care have taken their childhood, so we must pity old people from whom toil and responsibility have taken the golden glory of their age. Keeping an iron hand on family, church, business, or institution usually means frustration and the breaking of valued fellowship.

Old age is not an anti-climax, unless we make it so. It is not a final unpleasantness, but an accumulating glory, of which the gray head is a fitting symbol. This life is intended to blossom into the next. And it will, if we live in the "full assurance of hope unto the end." —By Editor Paul Erb in *The Gospel Herald*.

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Youth Groups Exchange Visits

By Gloria Willems

Abbotsford, B.C. — Two of the reasons for the exchange of visits between the young people of the Abbotsford and Yarrow M. B. churches were to have Christian fellowship and to become better acquainted.

Abbotsford M. B. Church young people served as hosts to the Yarrow young people's group on Tuesday, April 8. The theme, "How To Find God in My Devotions", was presented by Rev. A. H. Wieler and Rev. H. Lenzman.

At Yarrow an activity evening consisting of volleyball games and relays was enjoyed by both groups. That evening a panel discussion considered the topic, "Keeping the Tongue Under the Control of the Holy Spirit."

Youth Present Dramatic Play

"The Symbol of the Cross", a short dramatic play was presented by the young people of the Abbotsford M. B. Church on the evening of Good Friday, April 4. The young people took over the entire service by bringing a full program. Rev. H. H. Nikkel delivered a short Easter message that evening.

Two young people followed the Lord in baptism on Good Friday morning. The candidates were Doreen Nickel and Jeanne Schmidt. Five others joined the church through transfer of membership.

The two choirs of the Abbotsford M. B. Church presented a musical Easter program on Sunday evening, April 6. The main item was a cantata sung by the senior church choir. Rev. C. D. Toews served as guest conductor for the cantata. The evening's offering went into the organ fund.

Evangelism Emphasized at Two Services

Clearbrook, B.C. — Spiritual concern for the success of the summer tent campaign by George Brunk brought together members of the various co-operating Mennonite churches in this area on Monday, April 7.

Meeting in the afternoon and evening in the Clearbrook M. B. church, they heard various speakers outline the spiritual preparation necessary for such a revival campaign, and then united in prayer for the services.

Rev. H. H. Nikkel, chairman of the prayer committee in the Abbotsford area, led the afternoon session. He pointed out that all must realize that organization is in vain if the Lord is not in the work.

Rev. N. N. Friesen, Bethel Mennonite Church, Aldergrove, and Rev. H. P. Wiebe, Grace EMB Church, Abbotsford, served with messages at the afternoon service.

Chairman at the evening meeting was Rev. H. M. Epp, West Abbotsford Mennonite Church, while Rev. Herman Voth, East Aldergrove M. B. Church, and Rev. Wm. Neufeld, South Abbotsford M. B. Church, delivered the messages.

At both services the congregation divided into groups of approximately 10 to bring before the Lord the task of evangelism.

Rev. George R. Brunk of Denbigh, Va., will serve in the tent campaigns in the Chilliwack, Abbotsford and Vancouver areas this summer.

Musical Program at Mission

Thornhill, Man. — A varied musical program was enjoyed by the Lindal Mission Church here on Sunday evening, April 13. All available sources were drawn upon to make this a truly varied program.

A choir, organized for this occasion and directed by Frank Friesen, served with several numbers, including "O Come, Let Us Worship" and "Awakening Chorus". A church orchestra also prepared several numbers. Instrumental numbers, vocal duets and quartets indicated the rise of promising musicians in the church.

Guests present for the evening were John Pauls of Morden, tenor soloist, who sang three solos accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Pauls, and Mr. Peter Enns, cellist from Manitou, who rendered two solos accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Olga Friesen. Speaker for the evening was Mr. Peter Loewen, teacher at the Lindal School.

Working at the Lindal Mission Church are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Friesen of Morden, Man.

Visiting Ministers Serve at Easter

Waldheim, Sask. — On Good Friday morning the message was brought by Rev. Paul Wiebe from Hephurn. His theme, "Christ, the Suffering Shepherd", was based on Psalm 22.

On Easter Sunday morning, Rev. Paul Wiebe and Mr. Henry Neudorf, missionary to French West Africa, delivered the messages. They were centred on John 20.

An Easter cantata, "The Prince of Life", by Haldor Lillenas, was rendered in the Zoar Mennonite church on April 6. Eldon Driedger directed the choir.

A series of meetings was held in the M. B. church from April 6-11. Rev. Nick Willems, pastor of the Woodrow M. B. Church, was the main speaker. His messages, directed mainly to Christians, dealt with some of the problems confronting our churches. Mrs. Willems and their two girls brought the children's features, vocal and instrumental music. On Thursday night the Billy Graham film, "Miracle in Manhattan", was also shown.

Former High School Principal Now a Doctor

By Walter Penner

What can you do when your work doesn't give you full inner satisfaction? Keep on hoping? Or enter a new profession?

Some take the easiest course and stay with their work. But not Dr. Charlie Gossen of St. Catharines, who at 38 entered medical school, after five years as a high school principal in Saskatchewan. At the age of 43 he hung out the "shingle" and began practising medicine—at an age when most doctors have a well-established practice. And don't imagine the competition isn't keen—1,000 doctors graduate in Canada every year.

From Saskatchewan Pioneer Family

Dr. Gossen was born in North Saskatchewan, where his grandparents had settled during the difficult pioneer period. He received his elementary and high school education at Hephurn, Sask.

When he had "completed" his education he embarked on a career as logger in forests of British Columbia. After several years of this he transferred to the mines of northern Ontario, finally gravitating to the factories of southern Ontario.

Charlie Gossen returned to Saskatchewan in 1942. There the Lord spoke to him in a special way and at the age of 28 he accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. "What a change that brought in my life," he declared when interviewed by this reporter.

New Life After Conversion

A new heart resulted in a new life for Dr. Gossen. He now entered the University of Saskatchewan, completing studies toward the Bachelor of Arts and the Bachelor of Education degree. This launched him on his teaching career.

Two can bear the burdens of life better than one, so before he began his five-year term as high school principal Charlie Gossen was married to Miss Victoria Neufeld of Waldheim.

Teaching is generally considered a satisfying experience, yet Dr. Gossen found that his heart was not settled in this profession. He had always loved medicine, so he left teaching to enter medical college at the University of Saskatchewan. Although he was the father of two children and already 38 years old he was undaunted by anatomy, physiology, and all the other subjects requiring an active mind.

Three years later he transferred to Toronto to take his clinical year at the University of Toronto medical college. He graduated with his M.D. in 1956. His internship was at the St. Catharines General Hospital.

Spiritual Help, Too

When patients enter his office, opened in St. Catharines in July,

1957, Dr. Gossen knows that they have not only a physical need. Behind the question, "Doctor, can you make me well?" many are hiding



the fear of death and of eternity—to which they have given so little thought. As a Christian doctor, Dr. Charlie Gossen can meet their soul's need as well as their body's need.

What is Dr. Gossen's objective? "To have a Christian clinic with a Christian doctor as partner," he declared.

We in St. Catharines are thankful that Dr. Gossen does not restrict his witnessing to his office. He is taking an active part in Christian service, even finding time to teach a young men's class on Sunday mornings in the St. Catharines M. B. Church.

Present German Drama

Coaldale, Alta. — Three successive nights saw the Alberta Mennonite High School chapel filled to capacity, as the busy weeks of preparation by the 20-member cast and the teachers climaxed in the presentation of the German drama "Flachsmann als Erzieher", written by Otto Ernst.

The director was Mr. H. J. Dyck, principal.

The two extremes in educational philosophy as seen in Flachsmann and Fleming were well depicted by Henry Penner and Victor Janzen, respectively. Flachsmann, a despot in the classroom, believed in and held to the minutest detailed rules in discipline and order. Although not all the teachers on his staff agreed with his philosophy, no one ever made an issue of it until Fleming, a young graduate of the new school of learning, openly opposed the rigid and unquestioning behaviour in the school. The conflict ended in victory for Fleming, the man who advocated a free and open relationship between teachers and students.

Proceeds from the evenings went for the construction of a new auditorium, a much needed building on the campus.

First Missionary Conference at Brandon

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — The new Gospel Light Mission church was the scene of a one-week Missionary Bible Conference, with Rev. and Mrs. Mark Gripp as guests. Their fine singing, with special emphasis on clear diction and expression, was enjoyed by all. Beautiful colored slides with accompanying tape recorder added to a deeper appreciation of the mission work. An audience of from 100 to 175 turned out nightly to hear the Gripps.

Bill Krause, a missionary candidate to Alaska under the Gospel Missionary Union, appeared on the stage with the Gripps during the first three nights of the Conference. Bill Krause travelled with the Gripps to Brandon and during the services accompanied them on his accordian.

See Ecuador Epic

On Thursday evening we were taken via slides and tape recorder to the much talked about Auca Indians of Ecuador. With more detail and comprehensive coverage than the film which has been produced, the slides and recorder transported us to the scene of the five martyred missionaries of Ecuador. Progress is being made in contacting the Aucas. However, much of the information is being withheld for fear that the press may exploit the same.

Friday night we heard an interview on tape between an announcer of HCJB, Ecuador, and Mrs. Elliot and Mrs. McCully, wives of the murdered missionaries. The challenge of the Auca field is great, we must however remember that other fields which are not so much in the limelight are equally challenging.

Saturday the Gripps took us to their own field in French Equatorial Africa. We saw the marvels of regeneration among the natives and the construction of the necessary brick and tin buildings which defy decay and disintegration in the hot, humid climate of Africa.

Capacity Audience Final Night

Sunday night saw the climax of the conference, with a capacity audience of 175 present from the city and surrounding area. The Gripps, appearing in their native costumes, presented a skit depicting a greeting between native and missionary. In the ensuing conversation the native woman was trying to sell the missionary some eggs. The bargain was made when the woman received some money and a promise of medicine for her many ailments if she would appear at the dispensary early next morning. The impulsive remarks and gestures made by the native appeared comical to us but was usual procedure in Africa. The slides further enhanced the impression we received of the field directed by the Gospel Missionary Union in the French Sudan.

Rev. Mark Gripp challenged the audience with a message from I Kings 13, emphasizing the fact that the prophet had a message to King Jeroboam, but as a result of the succeeding disobedience, he later was carried as a lifeless form on the back of his donkey to the city. He made the spiritual application that many Christians have died spiritually as a result of their inactivity and disobedience.

Thus ended a momentous and blessed week of fellowship for the Brandon group. May Rev. Warkentin's last remarks come to pass: "May the impact of this conference be felt in the mission fields of the world."

Teachers Discuss Future of Education

By Frank Froese

Springstein, Man. — Many people today contend that North America, and perhaps the whole western world, is face to face with an educational crisis—that requires prompt and immediate action if democracy and freedom are to survive.

During the Easter holidays educators and teachers met in Winnipeg to discuss educational problems. Judging by the atmosphere prevalent at these meetings there seems to be an accelerated interest in education and a growing concern.

The Manitoba Teachers' Society, which includes many Mennonites, held its 39th annual general meeting in the Royal Alexandra Hotel, Winnipeg, on April 7 and 8. Approximately 100 resolutions from the many district associations and from the committees were dealt with. Developments included a large increase in the budget to make possible the bold program planned for the coming year—which automatically increased membership fees in the MTS substantially.

Delegates to the business meeting agreed that the teachers' pension is woefully inadequate and the pension scheme obsolete. Resolutions concerning the improvement of the plan will be forwarded to the proper authorities. The delegates also asked for more rights and greater fairness in collective bargaining with school boards.

A significant trend at the convention was toward stricter discipline and more rigid standards.

Feature address at the banquet on April 7 was delivered by Mr. George L. Roberts, president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. He spoke on, "The CTF and Some Unsolved Problems in Education."

Average attendance at these sessions was about 250.

At the same time the Manitoba Education Association met in the Royal Alexandra Hotel from April 7 to 10. This 53rd annual convention featured distinguished speak-

ers, a great variety of workshops and displays, and interesting panel discussions by leading public men.

Those attending the convention heard Hon. W. C. Miller, minister of education for Manitoba; Prof. W. H. Hugill, president of MEA; Prof. W. G. Hardy, well-known novelist from the University of Alberta; Mr. Donovan Swailes, MLA; Dr. H. H. Saunderson, president of the University of Manitoba; Mr. R. O. A. Hunter, secretary of the Great-West Life Assurance Company; and Mr. Don Henshaw, prominent journalist from Toronto.

The climax of the convention was a public meeting in the Civic Auditorium, sponsored by the Government of Manitoba and under the auspices of the MEA. The main feature on the program was an address by Mr. Don Henshaw, Toronto journalist, on the Achilles heel in education.

Mr. Henshaw maintained that the Achilles heel in education was the public, which generally is ignorant, confused, and disinterested. The newly-formed advisory board is currently sponsoring a national million-dollar public relations drive to educate the public about education.

Enthusiastic S.S. Convention

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One of the sessions sandwiched between the Friday afternoon and evening meetings aroused a lot of interest, for it centred on the new English Sunday school material being developed by Herald Press. It was announced by Rev. A. P. Regier, chairman of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Sunday School Committee, that the Mennonite Brethren imprint edition of the primary department material will be ready by October, 1959, while the junior and intermediate material will be ready by October, 1960.

Some U.S. Churches Adopt New Material

It is hoped that all Mennonite Brethren churches in Canada will co-operate in using this material. Several Mennonite Brethren churches in the United States have also decided to adopt the new curriculum materials.

The Canadian M. B. Conference Sunday School Committee met on April 10, and during convention intermissions, to plan future activities and discuss ways of introducing the new curriculum materials to churches and teachers. The committee also met in joint sessions with the U.S. area Sunday school committee to discuss the new materials and other co-operation in the field of Sunday school work.

Recommendations formulated during the committee meetings will be presented to various conference committees and conferences.

The warm hospitality of the Gem M. B. Church and the fellowship at mealtimes aided in making the con-

vention a truly enjoyable experience. Brilliant sunshine during most of the three days drew the conference participants into the open between sessions.

Convention gleanings:

"We must confront students with personal issues."

"Teaching is conveying truth via emotions. We must feel the truth we present, or the chances are that we are dealing with peripheral issues."

"We must not wait until mature judgment is formed to teach the truths of God's Word."

"We don't want to raise children who put a question mark behind every statement."

"The Lord does not want secret believers. If they associate with Christ they must identify themselves with him."

"Public prayer must be backed by secret prayer."

"Don't get excited about every radical expression of young people. That's their objective—to shock you."

"When teaching young people, don't try to be a little psychologist or a little philosopher, but stay with the Word of God."

"There is a difference between inspiration and interpretation. If the interpretation does not fit the available data it needs a larger frame. But do not doubt the inspiration of the Word of God."

"Young people entering advanced educational institutions will not drift away if they have a deep loyalty to Christ and the church, if they have systematic personal devotions, and if they seek fellowship."

"Many young people have not lost themselves because of intellectual difficulties but because of the ethical position they took. They then tried to rationalize their position—and developed intellectual difficulties."

"The child must not only be won for Christ—it must be won for discipleship."

"We must respect the personality of the child!"

"Often we gain unquestioning obedience at the expense of trust. I would much rather have disobedience than lack of confidence and trust."

"We speak much about dedication today. . . I'm also interested in what is put on the altar. Often there is nothing there!"

"The child gains its sense of values in the home."

"A rut is a grave with the ends kicked out."

"Language is a means of communication. The question is how we can deliver the 'goods' intact. Thus we must ask ourselves which language is the most useful and effective—not which is the most beautiful."

"During a language transition we do not only need more light and more information—we also need more love."

20 Students at Mexico Bible School

By Mrs. Wilmer Quiring
DONG! DONG! DONG! It's 7:15 a.m.! Time for class! Which class would you like to visit this morning? Old Testament? Doctrine? Church History? You are welcome to visit any one, especially if you understand Spanish, for we are ready to begin another day of activity here at our Bible Institute in Nuevo Ideal, Mexico.

After the first class we have breakfast; then four more class periods and a chapel meeting complete the morning schedule. Let's enter the school building and visit some of the classes. Here comes Brother Daniel Petker who is director of the school at present. He has just finished teaching one of his Old Testament classes and is ready to enter third-year Doctrine class. Brother Wilmer Quiring, on furlough from Colombia, is coming from the first-year classroom where he has been teaching one of the New Testament classes. He also teaches History of Missions, Doctrine and Homiletics.

Brother Gamaliel Bello, the pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church here in Nuevo Ideal, devotes part of his time to teaching several classes and also serves as dean of men. Sister Yolanda Villareal is the dean of women. She teaches a few classes and at present much of her time is spent in the preparation of materials to be used in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. These schools will be taught by the students during Holy Week when all public schools are closed. Thus the students will have opportunity to put into practice what they have learned during the year and then evaluate the results when they return to the Institute after Easter.

Sister Poetker, Sister Quiring and Sister Mary Esther Martens complete the teaching staff. They give organ and accordion lessons and teach music, typing and Bible Geography.

Now that you have met the teaching staff perhaps you would like to visit the kitchen and dining room—an important part of dormitory life for the students. Let's see what they are preparing for dinner. Here is a steaming kettle of beans, another with meat, and a third with peppery chili sauce. In another room a worker is making tortillas (small, flat, Mexican corn breads). Some of the girls of the Institute help in the kitchen during their work hours and all students take turns doing the dishes.

Twenty students are enrolled for the second semester of this school Mexico, from northern Mexico near year. They come from southern Mexico, from northern Mexico near the U.S. border, from southern Texas as well as from the vicinity of Nuevo Ideal. It is most gratifying to note the interest of the students in their studies. Their desire is to

learn more of the Word of God and to follow God's guidance as He leads them in reaching their own people for Christ. The need for workers is great and each student is desirous of redeeming the time that he may fulfill the Lord's will in his life.

On May 4, 1958, nine students will be graduated. Pray for them. Pray that they may continue in the Lord's work wherever He may lead them. Pray that the school choir may be a shining testimony as it will be visiting various nearby villages in the future. Pray also for those who have accepted the Lord in the weekly meetings conducted by the students in surrounding villages. The

pastor is giving them instruction in baptism and they are looking forward to the time in the near future when they will follow the Lord in this step of obedience.

Pray earnestly for Mexico!

The "Impossible" in the Ruhr

By Jantz Brothers

Basel, Switzerland. — I do not know whether the name "Ruhr" means much to the average Canadian or American; however, the "Ruhr" is the greatest coal mining and industrial center of Germany. The entire area is a network of cities. The greater "Ruhr" area

has at least 12 million people.

The Ruhr is also one of the most spiritually needy sections of Germany. The entire area is predominantly Catholic. Less than 10% attend church of any kind.

We have been challenged with the crying need of the Ruhr for a long time. Our broadcast over Radio Luxembourg is heard by thousands in the entire area. In spite of the many problems and discouragements that face us, we have dared to plan a long campaign in Essen, the heart of the Ruhr, in June and July of this year. We have rented the large exhibition hall, "the Gruga", spacious enough to accommodate many thousands of people.

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India M. B. Conference Meets

By Ted Fast

Deverakonda, India. — The Second Coming of Christ was the theme of the 40th Conference of the India Mennonite Brethren Church held at Deverakonda from February 28 to March 2. Approximately 1,500 persons attended each meeting. Persons were present from the 10 different stations.

Many of the leading brethren of our Indian constituency and missionary brethren gave messages on sub-topics of our main theme. There was special devotion and reverence during all sessions as the urgency of the time and the nearness of the second coming of Christ were realized again.

Of special interest was the prayer tent about 100 yards from the large pandal. It was known as the "prayer chain". From the beginning day until the last busload of people left for their respective stations, 24 hours of vigil were held each day. Each station was assigned an hour at a time for which they were responsible. During that time they would be in the prayer tent, interceding for the meetings. Brother J. John of Jadcherla was responsible for the schedule, and each field had a leader who took care of arrangements for their hour. There were a total of 54 hours of prayer vigil.

The women of our churches gathered in the old church building on Saturday afternoon for a special women's meeting. About 800 women attended. Miss Helen Harder was the main speaker. Reports and songs were presented by the different fields.

Youth night was Friday evening. Brother Henry Poetker brought a special message on the work of youth in other lands. Brother Paronotee and Miss Anna Suderman gave reports for boys and girls camps, showing the good number of youth who had attended. A special farewell for Brother and Sister Ted Fast was also given. Each field presented garlands and a printed farewell speech. One farewell speech was

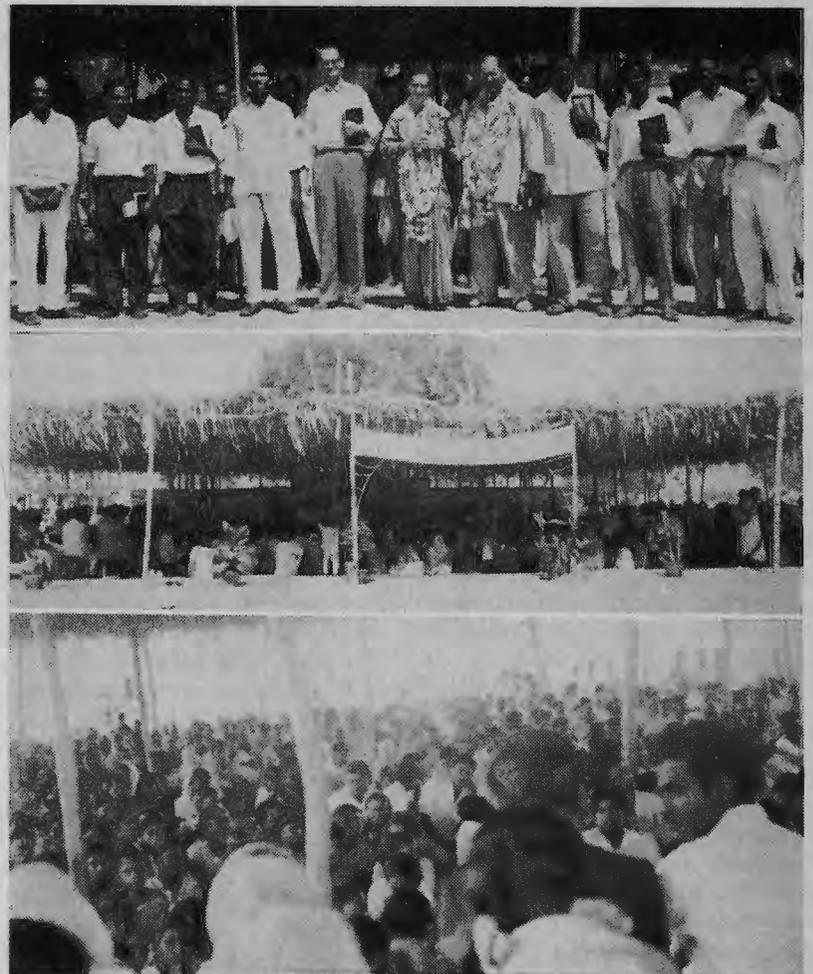
presented in a frame and another copy was presented in scroll form. Brethren Poetker and Fast are youth advisors for the boys.

A large pandal built of teak wood poles, bamboo and reed roof was the housing for the meetings. It measured 110 feet long and 70 feet wide. Rice straw was the flooring on which the large congregation sat. A mass choir from different stations assisted in the singing before and after meetings.

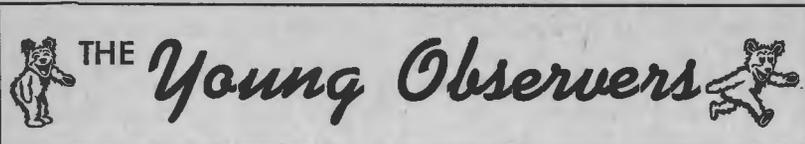
Special visitors were Dr. and Mrs.

Herb Friesen, daughter and son-in-law of Brother and Sister John A. Wiebe. They as well as many others favored the conference with special songs.

Brother Isaac, compounder of Wanaparthi hospital, was chairman; Brother N. E. Joseph, teacher at Deverakonda mission school, was secretary, and Brother Bhaskar, assistant station master, was the treasurer for the conference. Brethren G. Gamiliel and G. Albert Samuel were host pastors from the local station.



CONFERENCE TIME in India is seen in these three pictures. In the top picture youth leaders bid farewell to Brother and Sister Ted Fast, pictured in the centre with garlands. Brother Henry Poetker, also a youth advisor, stands to their left. The second picture shows the conference meeting place, known as a "pandal", described in the report. The bottom picture was taken inside the "pandal".



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Disobedience in childhood can affect one's whole life, because it so easily becomes a habit. A Christian once visited a jail to see a young man who had been a pupil in his Sunday school class. The keeper took a bunch of keys and led him through the long, gloomy halls, unlocking one door after another until he came to the cell where the young man was.

The world outside the prison-house was very beautiful. Flowers were blooming and birds were singing, but the unfortunate youth could never again enjoy any of these lovely gifts of God. He was sentenced to prison for life. Though only 20 years old, he was a murderer.

"I did not mean to do it," said the boy, with tears rolling down his cheeks. "I had been drinking, and I flew into a rage; and before I knew what I was about, I had killed the man. Oh, if I had only obeyed my mother, I should never have come to this."

As the gentleman took his leave, the grief-stricken boy said at parting, "Will you pray for me—and will you tell boys everywhere to obey their mothers and keep away from bad companions?"

Aunt Selma.

Ginger in The Jungles

Ginger wiggled the toes of her right foot. She was trying to get rid of that crazy sensation of a million pins pricking her at once. No wonder her right foot had gone to sleep. For three hours, nearly four, she had been sitting as still as a statue, in a native dugout canoe. The canoe she had used back up near Seattle at Dogfish Bay had been tippy, but nothing like this canoe on a river in New Guinea!

Perspiration trickled down Ginger's pretty face and dripped off the end of her nose. Her shoulders ached from sitting stiff and rigid so long. Ginger was uncomfortable, but she was happy.

At the church back home, many missionaries had spoken, and had shown pictures of missionary work. It had always sounded so thrilling and exciting, the things the missionaries told about, that Ginger had decided that she would like to be a missionary. But she had never dreamed it would all happen so quickly. She had planned, of course, to be a grown-up missionary.

But when Uncle Bob had invited her and all of the kids of the Bible Club to go along on a gospel team to New Guinea, why wait? Especially, when her folks said she could go. They knew that Uncle Bob had made many trips to Alaska and he was a good captain.

Five of the girls had decided to stay on the ship while it called on missionaries on some of the other islands. But Ginger, Joan and Chub had chosen to get off at Port Moresby with Tyee. Tyee was the

pretty leader of the Bible Club who had helped Ginger to be saved. Mrs. Roberts was her real name, but all the kids called her Tyee, which was the Indian word for "chief".

The four of them had spent the first night at a mission station a few hours away. The Australian missionaries, with their British accent, had made them welcome. It would have been fun to have stayed there. But Tyee said, "The natives here at the mission station have the missionaries to give them the gospel. There are many tribes further on into the jungle who speak languages that no white man has ever learned. Perhaps no white man will ever learn them. The best way, the only way, is for us to go and get the gospel onto records in these languages."

Ginger did not understand how this could be done when none of them could talk to the natives. All they could do was just grunt and use sign language. But Tyee was very wise. She knew what she was doing. And Ginger was content to be along. The first thing was to find the natives.

So here they were. Off on a hunt! A language hunt! Tyee, with the precious recording equipment tucked behind her, sat in one long, narrow, tippy dugout with Joany in front of her.

Ginger wondered how Joany felt about now. She probably had a little more room because she was the smallest member of the whole Bible Club. Ginger glanced over in the direction of the other canoe and

noticed that the girl with the pointed chin and the mousy brown straight hair had a sweet contented expression. That was the way it always was. Joan was homely, really, but Ginger never thought of Joan as being homely, not since she had been saved, anyway. At first, she had despised this drab little person, and had been mean and nasty to her. Then Ginger was saved. That had made the difference. She had discovered that her own pretty face and dancing brown eyes were not what God looks at. He looks at the heart. And Joany's heart was right with God. The joy in her heart was reflected in her face.

There were three canoes in all, for a missionary and his wife had come to guide them. Each canoe was being paddled by two dark-skinned Papuans, which is what the natives were called because they lived in the part of New Guinea called Papua. No Papuan, Ginger discovered, ever paddles without singing. They start a song slowly, softly their paddles keep time to the music, ending each stroke with a click against the side of the canoe. Very gradually the song would get faster and faster, and the paddling faster, too, as the long narrow canoe would shoot through the water, skimming over the surface like a flying fish.

Ginger watched the muscles in the legs of the big native standing in front of her ripple as he paddled. Strange, how they paddle standing up. And in these tippy canoes, too.

That's some spear at his feet, long and heavy and razor sharp on the end. That's not just a toy. Could that be why he paddles standing up? So he can grab his spear and use it in a flash if he needs to?

Suddenly Ginger noticed that the paddlers weren't singing any more. They weren't resting either. They were chattering loudly and they seemed to be nervous about something.

"Is something the matter?" Ginger called, looking at Mr. Peters.

"They are talking about Old Croc," he told her. "He's a crafty old crocodile who hunts and eats men. Most crocodiles are content to lie quietly in the edge of the jungle and grab the first pig which comes along. But not Old Croc. He's a man-eater all right."

Ginger's mouth dropped open and she stared at the missionary.

"A man-eating crocodile? Right on this river? Where we are this very minute?"

"He comes and goes. Sometimes he's not seen for six months. The front paddler in your canoe just reminded the rest that he was seen here last week."

"Look!" Chub pointed to the bank. "It looks like a log. But could it be . . . say, is it a crocodile?"

Ginger stifled a yell. "It is one. Is it Old Croc?"

Mr. Peters laughed a nervous

little laugh. "Not that one. Old Croc is nearly twice that size."

"Well, now we have seen a real live crocodile sunning himself on the mud. He looked sleepy and sluggish and that's the way I like them, sluggish and sleepy and not too close."

And then it happened.

Without the least warning, Ginger suddenly found herself flung into the river. Struggling to the top of the water, and spluttering she opened her eyes and heard a shout.

"Old Croc! Swim for shore. Swim for your lives!"

That sly old crocodile! He had swum under water and had come up under the canoe on purpose to tip it over. He was up to his old tricks. He wanted a good meal and he knew how to get one. Here were four floundering people. Which one should he try for first?

Ginger and one paddler were swimming as fast as they could out of range, but poor Chub and the other paddler were struggling vainly with that huge jaw yawning open behind them, ready to snap shut on one of them. In desperation they swam. A black leg or a white leg. Which would Old Croc choose?

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The rest of this exciting missionary adventure story can be found in the story book *Ginger in the Jungles*. Other books in the series are *Ginger at Dogfish Bay*, *Ginger in Alaska*, *Ginger and the Turkey Raiders*, *Ginger and the Glacier Express*, and *Ginger and the Witch Doctor*. Each of these books costs only \$1.25. Order them from

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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The steamer Cassel, which was to carry Liesbeth to America, would not leave until the eighteenth of June. That allowed them about eighteen or nineteen days for sight-seeing in Germany. Everybody wanted to go to Berlin, of course. Vater's half-sister and her family lived there. If possible, he also wished to go to Dortmund, Westphalia, of the Ruhr region, to see his only brother. Then he planned to spend considerable time in Elbing, a few kilometers from the Baltic Sea. That was where he had been born and spent the first seventeen years of his life.

Liesbeth wanted to go to Heidelberg and the Lorelei on the banks of the Rhine River.

Franz asked to go to see the buttermilk tower in Marienburg on the Nogat River a few kilometers from Elbing. Fortunately Germany was so little and distances between places so short that there seemed to be sufficient time to satisfy everyone's wishes.

The baggage and the train tickets had been directed to Elbing which was the first step. It turned out to be a long one; so long, in fact, that there was no time left for side trips to Dortmund and Heidelberg. Liesbeth was not disappointed, however. Elbing and the surroundings proved to be so rich in interesting sights and places that even a week was not long enough to see everything.

For almost four hundred years Elbing and Danzig, about thirty kilometers away, were the center of the Vistula Mennonite colonies, whose emigrants, in 1789 and 1804, had settled the Old and the Molotschna colonies of the Ukraine steppes. It was in that region where Vater, the son of a Catholic Prussian couple, first came in contact with Mennonites. He was attracted to them and, as a seventeen-year-old, elected to go to Ladekopp, one of the Molotschna villages, to learn the tailoring trade and to practice it. It was somewhere in that region where Mutter's parents, many years before, had decided to join a group of Catholic Prussians in a colony to the northwest of Ladekopp.

Soon Vater had met many Mennonites. They seemed to be everywhere. There were perhaps fifteen thousand of them in the Elbing-Danzig Koenigsberg area within a radius of fifty kilometers, someone told Vater. As in the Ukraine, the Prussian Mennonites were hard-working and thrifty people. They lived in

beautiful homes on prosperous farms. Unlike the Molotschnaites in closed villages, the Prussians lived on their own ranches that were scattered among people of other faiths.

On the first Sunday in Germany, Liesbeth's family worshipped in the Danzig Mennonite church. Its outer appearance reminded her of the Gnadenfeld sanctuary. It had the same type of windows, roof, steps and high door at one end. After the service, she learned that Menno Simons, after whom the Mennonites were named, had himself sometime in 1544 organized the Danzig group. Sunday night the entire family attended services in the little Elbing Ellerwalde Mennonite church.

During the week Liesbeth and her parents visited a Mennonite country home near Vater's birthplace. With the living quarters, barn and shed under one roof, the house closely resembled a typical Molotschna home. The furniture, too—the large clock on the wall, the Ruhbank, the Kiste, and the Schlafbank as well as the little coffee grinder and butter churn—was typically Mennonite.

One thing was noticeable all around—the Prussian Mennonites were more highly educated, polished and broad-minded than those of the Ukraine. They seemed to be more liberal toward those of other faiths. However, the Prussian Mennonites had not preserved the Mennonite Dutch-Frisian culture nearly as well as the Mennonites of the Molotschna. The Prussians had also given up the principle of non-resistance. That surprised Liesbeth greatly. She liked the idea of higher education, but she insisted that the Mennonite culture and faith should be preserved, subject to individual convictions, of course.

The following day Vater's Mennonite friends took Anna, Mutter, Vater and Liesbeth for a drive through the upper Vistula region. She was amazed at the large number of canals and the prosperous countryside.

"A decade or two after the Reformation and the German Peasants' War," Vater's friends told them, "when the Mennonites came here to reclaim the land in exchange for some of it and for religious freedom, all of this countryside was a big swamp."

Liesbeth and her party passed through Tiege, Ladekopp, Tiegenhagen, Schoensee, Fuerstenwerder and Pordenau. All of those communities were of the same name as some of the villages in the Old Colony, in the Molotschna and in other Menno-

nite settlements of Russia. Whenever the sightseers came to a Mennonite church, they went in, if it was open. The cemeteries in those upper Vistula settlements were always situated near the churches. Gravestone inscriptions indicated that in those cemeteries were buried Mennonites as early as the second half of the sixteenth century. "It's no wonder," Mutter said to her friends, "that the burial places are maintained in such good order and have been placed so close to the churches. Cemeteries are holy places and an important element in the history of Mennonitism."

Liesbeth was impressed with the church of Tiegenhagen. It was situated in a beautiful setting with trees all around, nestling a few meters behind the little Tiege River. It was a tall brick building with a high cross at each end of a trim tiled roof. The windows were Gothic-type. The interior of the sanctuary, a spacious auditorium with a gallery, seemed restful. Every church they passed was in a more or less secluded spot, sheltered from noise and intruders. That was in perfect harmony with the Mennonite tradition of the scriptural "Come ye apart." In construction and in interior decoration, almost every church in Prussia resembled elements of some sanctuary Liesbeth had attended in the Ukraine.

During the week, August led the girls and Franz to the shipyards on the river near Elbing. There small steamships were being built. They were greatly impressed when, for the first time in their lives, they saw the launching of a completed vessel. They also saw the Schichau iron-works and visited an organ factory. Liesbeth was especially interested in a building that dated back to the fourteenth century when Danzig and Elbing were members of the Hanseatic League. While she had been studying about that league in her history classes in Gnadenfeld, she had not dreamed that some day she would be in two cities that had belonged to that federation.

Marienburg was only a few kilometers from Elbing. Franz, as well as Liesbeth and the twins, had a chance to see that famous city. It was a treasure chest of historic interests. The city was almost as old as Elbing and contained the famous palace that housed the Grand Masters of the Teutonic Order. Although the castle was supposed to have been built more than five hundred years before, it appeared to be in reasonably good shape. In front of the huge structure was the reason why Franz had wanted to go to Marienburg—the Buttermilchturm, or buttermilk tower.

It owed its name, they were told, to an historical fact according to which in a village near Marienburg a nobleman's foreman was murdered. The citizens of that community knew who the murderer was, but

they refused to divulge his name to the government officials. Such a deed could not go unpunished. The authorities commanded the people of the village to build a tower with bricks and mortar mixed with buttermilk. The use of water in the construction of the tower was strictly forbidden. Several decades had been needed to enable the villagers to complete the structure. On top of it stood a bronze figure of a woman with a churn.

Franz asked if there were a plaque that might contain the names of the villagers who built the tower. He feared that, since both Vater and Mutter had descended from people of that region, some of the tower builders might be his own relatives. He was told that no such list had been kept, so far as was known.

Germany in the late spring of 1913 was beautiful. Wooded hills, grazing cattle, lakes, churches with tall spires, castles, some of them six and seven stories high and rivers and canals every few kilometers, all added to the enchantment of the train ride from Elbing to Berlin. There was more charming scenery, historic material, wealth and industry along that comparatively short ride than Liesbeth had time to admire and study. However, she was somewhat disappointed when she noticed German scrub-women doing the dirty work in the train depots, on the streets and on the farms. The men, no doubt, were sitting in comfortable offices doing easy paper work, Liesbeth reflected.

Someone who did not know that Berlin had at least four railroad stations had notified the Berlin relatives that the Molotschna tourists would arrive at the metropolis at eight o'clock in the evening of a certain day and would immediately proceed to the Blumenstraße—"the street of flowers"—of their relatives. The Berliners had wanted to meet their Molotschna relatives, but with four stations and a population of at least three million persons, there was little chance of spotting them on the street. However, thanks to Franz's blue teakettle with the long spout, that was still a part of his traveling equipment, also thanks to the many bundles and the somewhat un-German clothing of the Ukraine travelers, one of the Berlin cousins did notice the outlanders as they were leaving the Schlesischer Bahnhof a few minutes after they had arrived in Berlin.

The next morning, while the elders stayed at home for visiting, the younger generation rushed out as soon as they had finished breakfast. They wanted to cover as much of Germany's capital by sundown as they could. Why they had spent eight days in the little Elbing and had allowed only one day for Europe's largest city of that year only Vater could explain. No one had any intention of asking him.

(To be continued)

Education Conference at Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man. — Approximately 100 Mennonite teachers, trustees and ministers gathered in the South End M. B. church on Tuesday, April 8, for the annual education conference of the Mennonite Teachers' Society.

The three speakers at the banquet were H. H. Enns, teacher at Gnadenthal, speaking on "Warum Deutsch?", A. J. Thiessen, school trustee, and Rev. W. Enns of Springstein. Special features included singing by the Mennonite Children's Choir directed by Mrs. A. Litz, and music from a string quartet led by J. P. Redekop from Winkler, Man.

The participants heard that two of the textbooks for the instruction of German in elementary grades are ready, that the third is nearly ready to be printed, and the fourth is being prepared. A curriculum has also been worked out for the daily instruction of Bible and German, devoting half an hour a day to each subject. The progress report on this project was given by Jacob Peters, Steinbach.

"The Word of God must play a leading role in all our educational efforts," declared A. J. Thiessen, school trustee, in his talk on how parents and trustees can assist in educational efforts. This is the common ground of parents, teachers and trustees, he continued.

Mr. Thiessen particularly emphasized that parents should do everything they could to build up respect for the teachers among the children.

"Our public high schools are not interested in building the church, in spreading the message of the cross, and they are not worried about preserving our language," Mr. Thiessen declared. This, however, can be expected of the private high schools—and they thus deserve the full support of all parents and churches.

Although Mr. Thiessen recognized the value of private Christian high schools, he maintained that their limited facilities made it imperative that everything possible be done to make public high schools acceptable and effective. There must be active efforts by all in Mennonite school districts to gain Christian teachers for the local school, to provide adequate educational facilities and salaries, and to make it possible for all able students to attend high school.

Mr. Thiessen posed the question, "Do we have a responsibility for students after they have completed their high school?" He maintained that this was so, and he called for a joint effort by Mennonite conferences in Canada to build a liberal arts college. Although he did not expect this to become a reality in a year or two, he felt that the necessity for such a college would in time lead to the founding of one.

The meeting also heard a mes-

sage by Rev. Wm. Enns, Springstein, on "Religion in the Public School." He pointed out that although Sunday schools were good, they could not produce the same results as daily instruction in God's Word. That is why parents and trustees should see to it that regular religious instruction is given in districts where this is possible.

Pools of Bethesda

There is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethesda, which has five porticos. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed.

One man was there who had been ill for 38 years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him,

"Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked.

—The Gospel According to John

The Pool of Bethesda in ancient Jerusalem was believed to bring healing to the sick. The Hebrew word "bethesda" was the word for "house of mercy".

There are two pools in another Bethesda which have present-day significance to the world . . . and a challenge to Christian young people.

These two pools are in Bethesda, Maryland, on either side of the entrance to the Clinical Center of the National Institutes of Health—the leading medical research center of the U.S. Public Health Service.

The pools symbolize the purpose and spirit of NIH: to make important discoveries in stamping out diseases and chronic illnesses.

These discoveries are made by careful research . . . you may help.

To discover, for instance, to what degree various parts and processes of the body are affected by disease it is necessary to find out what takes place in the normal healthy person.

It is in this way that Christian young people (over 18) may express and demonstrate their convictions through service, a testimony to helping and not destroying humanity. A unit of volunteers, who become normal controls in these studies, will again be sponsored this summer by Mennonite Central Committee.

Volunteers may be assigned to one of the seven Institutes: Cancer, Heart, Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases, Microbiological, Neurological Diseases and Blindness, Mental Health and Dental Research.

The tests are not harmful.

In addition to the medical studies, this year's summer unit has opportunity to earn two or three hours of college credit in psychology. The course will be taught by Laban Peachy, professor at Eastern Mennonite College, who will be leader of the unit.

Volunteers receive \$92 a month. Lectures, book reviews and language classes are also available through the educational department of NIH. Excellent religious and recreational facilities are also available which lead to a well-rounded experience while the volunteer has a meaningful summer in helping in the conquest of disease.

Further information on this project and any of the other summer projects in children's work, migrant ministries or hospital service may be received by writing

MCC Summer Service
Akron, Pa.

Reaching More Children in Brazil

By Peter and Alice Sawatzky

Sao Paulo, Brazil — It seems just a short while ago that we celebrated Christmas and entered the new year, yet three months have passed already. Thank you most warmly for the encouragement of your letters, cards and gifts.

We praise the Lord for increased attendance at the meetings and for some evidence of spiritual growth among the believers. We keep a good supply of Bibles and New Testaments to sell or to give out. Three boys who attend our Saturday Bible class each bought a New Testament recently. They are so eager to study it that in addition to the Saturday and Sunday classes they asked for an extra class during the week and now come on Wednesday night also. The first night four or five other boys came to play in our back yard. They were invited to come in and attended the class also.

Our Sunday school is conducted in a home about seven blocks from our house. On her way there Sunday morning Alice gathers quite a group of children. Up to thirty eager youngsters crowd the small home, making it necessary to have one class on the porch, another in the living room and a third in the kitchen. We may soon need to form a fourth class and use the bedroom also. How many couples back home would welcome such an invasion of their home on Sunday morning? Our streets often get very muddy, too.

Our Bible study and prayer meetings are attended mostly by the small number who have become believers and are interested in becoming members of the church. A number of these have expressed a desire to be baptized soon. Pray that all the believers coming to our

meetings may fully yield to Christ and become strong and useful disciples. Two people who are members of other distant churches have asked to have their membership transferred here. One of these is Arlindo, who is a fervent and capable Christian worker. We praise the Lord for His help recently in the gospel services. Two other new believers have been helping in the Sunday school. They are inexperienced but are eager to help and are willing to learn. Pray for several who have become indifferent and for Edival and Kerubim who are addicted to smoking. Pray for a family that is being influenced by Jehovah's Witnesses due to former association and family ties. Pray for a number of new families who have shown interest that they, too, may become believers.

In recent months our living room has been crowded with about forty people for the Sunday night services. Pray that more adequate facilities may soon become available for our meetings. Some funds have been allocated for this purpose, but prices are high and a suitable place is hard to find.

Our children are healthy and are rapidly growing. Steven will be three years old in May and likes to be considered a "big" boy who acts like a grown-up. Johnnie is one and a half years old and he imitates everything his older brother does. After supper they each push a chair close to the portable organ, get a hymnal (even though they can't read) and sing while Alice plays.

The "Impossible" in the Ruhr

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Proportionately there are very few evangelical pastors in the Ruhr. However, we are making every effort to establish the closest possible contact with these pastors and churches. One of the most important items of preparation is the training of counselors. We are aiming for 500 counselors. The training of these counselors will be a great ministry in itself and will be the answer to the follow-up program.

If we have ever come to you for an urgent appeal for prayer, it is now. Humanly speaking, we have many doubts and fears. Ministers say, "It is impossible to fill the large exhibition hall in Essen night after night for a month." We believe God is pleased if we trust Him for the impossible. Let us trust God together for the greatest spiritual victory the Ruhr area has ever seen. Let us pray that the large exhibition hall, "the Gruga", will be crowded to capacity with people seeking God. Let us pray for the conversion of thousands of people. Let us trust the Almighty to accomplish the "impossible" in the Ruhr.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Magazine Writer Says Lutheran Church Changing

The Lutheran Church in America is "in a state of ferment" and is "bristling with new ideas with which to adorn an unchanging faith", an article in *Look* magazine by Hartzell Spence declares.

Citing current Lutheran mergers and referring to the intensive evangelism program carried on during the past few years, Mr. Spence declares, "The entire denomination has come alive, as though it suddenly decided to make good President Theodore Roosevelt's 53-year-old prophecy that Lutheranism is destined to become one of the two or three greatest churches in the United States."

The article, in the April 1 issue of the magazine also says, unswerving emphasis on the "New Testament Gospel and on the thesis that man is naturally sinful, constantly in need of God's forgiving grace", plus brisk up-to-the-minute methods of evangelism have been responsible for U.S. Lutheranism's gain of 1,716,592 members between 1946 and 1956, according to Spence.

Scroll Survey To Be Published

A comprehensive and up-to-date survey of ten years' work on the Dead Sea scrolls and the community which owned them will be published April 17 by Doubleday. Titled *The Ancient Library of Qumran and Modern Biblical Studies*, it was written by Frank Moore Cross Jr., a young American archaeologist and Old Testament scholar, the leading American scholar actually working on the Dead Sea scrolls at first hand. While no previous studies have dealt with more than one-fifth of the scrolls and other material found so far, Mr. Cross's book deals with some four-fifths of all material, even though much of this is as yet unpublished and incompletely studied. The remaining one-fifth, most of it found in the eleventh cave of Qumran, is untouched, awaiting final negotiations for purchase.

Pentecostal Church Conference Taxing Toronto Hotels

Heavy advance reservations for accommodations for the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches to be held at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, from September 14-21, are being received according to the Rev. James Montgomery, local conference secretary. Group reservations have been made in practically all Toronto hotels as

well as motels and tourist homes. One U.S. delegation (Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri) has reserved 250 rooms in a single hotel; another delegation (International Church of the Foursquare Gospel, Los Angeles) has booked 75 rooms in another hotel.

Besides the Pentecostal world conference, which is expected to attract 30,000 on the closing Sunday afternoon, another large national Canadian convention will be meeting in Toronto at the same time, taxing Toronto hotel facilities to the limit.

Switzerland To Get New Evangelical Radio Station

Arrangements for a new international Protestant broadcasting station in Switzerland, which have been in the planning stage for more than two years, are rapidly reaching fruition. A special ERA report tells of a three-man committee which was established last March 20 in Bern.

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More Aid to University Freshmen

A expanded program of scholarships, bursaries and loans to help high school students to take university training will soon be started by the department of education of Manitoba.

Hon. W. C. Miller, Manitoba minister of education, has announced that a survey is being conducted to find out just how many high school students are capable of taking university training and how many need financial help.

Princess Margaret to Visit Canada

Princess Margaret will spend a month in Canada this year, starting July 12. She will visit at least 10 cities. Her visit will begin with two weeks of participation in British Columbia's centennial celebrations and will include a 15-day cross-Canada tour to the Atlantic coast, with pauses in two national parks—Banff and Prince Albert.

Flash Flood in Peace River

A flash flood caught the town of Peace River in northeastern Alberta by surprise last Sunday. Pat Creek, which flows through the town and normally runs only one foot deep, rose to 15 feet when debris, blocking the channel upstream, suddenly gave way. Water

Owing to the fact that the station will be of an international character, daily programs will be beamed in various languages. The transmitters will cover an area of approximately 2,000 miles (between Europe, Asia and Africa) in a part of the world that contains 550-million people and 90-million radio sets.

Committee Cites Movie, TV Delinquency Link

A citizens committee appointed by the Governor of California has charged that crime movies, comic books and violent television shows are contributing factors in juvenile delinquency. It cited "the number of hours devoted to serious crime, aggressive behaviour, and over-emphasis of sex" that is put on television, among the sources of delinquency.

The 50-member committee recommended a legislative investigation of TV crime pictures. It added that "the trend toward more movies on crime" caused doubt whether the motion picture industry was living up to the standards it has proclaimed for itself.

Comic books were found to "over-emphasize brutality, aggression, and other undesirable forms of behaviour."

coursed down the main street, washed out the approaches of a wooden bridge spanning the creek, and flooded basements of houses and stores in mid-town. The creek quickly subsided.

In Grande Prairie ten families were evacuated from their home last week when Bear Creek overflowed its banks and flooded flatlands.

More Civil Servants Resign

George McIvor, 63, chief commissioner of the Canadian wheat board for 20 years has resigned his post effective this spring, federal trade minister Hon. Gordon Churchill has announced. This was the fourth such resignation announcement this week involving officers under Mr. Churchill.

Resignations of deputy trade minister Mitchell Sharp and Wm. J. Bennet, president of the Crown-owned Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, were announced last week. Richard B. Hatfield of Hartland, N.B., announced his resignation as the minister's executive assistant.

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To Present Dutch Play

By Marlene Rempel

Virgil, Ont. — "Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates", the play which Eden Christian College is presenting on April 24 and 26, 1958, at Eden Christian College was first published in 1865. It went into over a hundred editions, was translated

into many different foreign languages and received a prize from the French Academy.

It started when a young widow named Mary Maples Dodge started telling her children about a Dutch boy, making up the story as she went along and filling it full with the flavour of Holland—its history, its oddities, its heroic and thrifty people. Night after night she continued the tale, and night after night it grew more exciting. Her family liked it so well that she was encouraged to send it off to a magazine for young people. It was printed and its amazing career began. Perhaps the strangest thing about this unique story is the fact that the author never saw Holland until after the book was published. And yet its authenticity has never been questioned.

As dramatized by Tom Taggart it becomes a timely play of thrilling adventure. The story of the play is the story of the Brinker family—of Hans and Gretel, of Dame Brinker and her husband, Raff, who lost his memory in a fall from the dykes. All the well-remembered episodes are there, including the story of the boy hero of Haarlem who held back the floods with his finger in the dykes. The concluding circumstances all go to provide a final act that is very surprising and thrilling. It is a play we are proud to present.

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A Cappella Choir Visits Kelowna

Kelowna, B.C. — The A Cappella choir of the M. B. Bible College of Winnipeg was here on Monday, March 31.

In order not to by-pass Kelowna, the choir had to be on the road all night and all day. Dr. F. C. Peters was not with the choir. He had flown from Coaldale to Yarrow to speak at the high school. Brother Henry Regehr, a student of the college, brought the message, based on John chapter 17.

The people of Kelowna appreciated the visit.

Calling M.B. Youth to Service

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Please prayerfully consider this call to service and should you feel led to come to Bethesda, we are confident the Lord will greatly reward you by way of a satisfying service. You can write to either Harvey Toews of the Mennonite Central Committee Office, 10 Union Street East, Waterloo, Ontario, or else to George Friesen, Business Manager, Bethesda Home, R.R. 1, Vineland, Ont.

"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" Matt. 25:40.

Peace and Voluntary Service Committee of the M. B. Conference.

C. J. Rempel, Chairman.

Obituaries

Mr. Henry Neufeld

Mr. Henry Neufeld, 53, of Coal-dale, Alta., passed away suddenly on March 26 after suffering a heart attack in his home. Although Mr. Neufeld was a member of the Coal-dale Mennonite Church, funeral services were held from the Mennonite Brethren church on March 30 because of the road conditions.

Though he was only 53 years old, Mr. Neufeld was suddenly called away by the reaper Death while attending to his daily duties. At 4 p.m. in his own home he had a heart attack and passed away to be with his Maker. Prior to his death he had stated his readiness to meet the Lord.

The crushing news of his death reached his wife while she was at work in Lethbridge, Alta.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, and a daughter.

Mrs. H. H. Goertzen

I, Justina Goertzen, was born in Southern Russia, in the district of Sagradovka, in the village of Neu-Schönsee on June 29, 1893. My parents were Rev. Frank W. Martens and Katharina Martens, nee Zacharias.

During the first 2 years in school my father was my teacher. Since 1902, when my parents moved to Altonau, Mr. Peter Thielman was my teacher. He taught us many precious gospel songs. For six years I had the joyous privilege of singing in the choir.

Already at an early age I knew that I must be saved. In 1910 I repented of my sins and the Lord gave me grace to fully believe and claim for myself the finished work of salvation. I went into my father's study to find a scripture verse on which to base my assurance. The first one I drew read: "Your sins will I remember no more." Satan immediately seemed to tell me that that was merely a coincidence. So I drew another one which said: "Fear not, for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine." Still doubting, I said to myself, if the third one will suit me as well, then I will believe. This one read: "Behold I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands." Recalling also the words of Jesus himself in the Gospel of John, "No man shall pluck them out of my hand," I knelt down and thanked the Lord for the assurance of salvation. On June 27 of that year I, together with five others, was baptized into the fellowship of the local Evangelical Mennonite Church.

On June 5, 1912, I was married to Peter Bahmann of the village of Reinfeld. When the war broke out in 1914 my husband was drafted into the medical service. He served

under the Red Cross in Warsaw and Moscow until 1917, when he was able to return home. On Nov. 29, 1919, during the revolution, he was murdered, leaving me alone with 4 young daughters of the ages of 6, 5 and 4 years and one of 3 months.

In 1924 we migrated to Canada together with my parents. We arrived in Herbert on July 24 of that year and for the first 10 days we experienced the warm hospitality of the Wm. Bestvaters in the Bible school. From there we came to Main Centre, where the Isaac Walls and Abram Penners kindly cared for us.

On Aug. 8, 1926, I was married to widower Henry H. Goertzen. Together we had a family of 13 children. Yet my dear husband has often said, "Our children get along better than many full brothers and sisters." The Lord gave us 3 more children, of which the first, a boy, died after 15 days. On August 8, 1951, we, together with some friends, celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in our home.

On Nov. 29, 1949, it became necessary for me to undergo a serious cancer operation from which the Lord, however, gave me a wonderful recovery. In August, 1956, my husband was taken from my side after a severe, yet lingering heart ailment of 10 months. We were married 30 years and 15 days. Gall trouble necessitated another operation in Saskatoon on Sept 18 of that same year. Since that time I have been in and out of the hospital several times. The Lord has caused me to endure many hard days but even now on this hospital bed here in Saskatoon I can rest assured and confident that He is able and willing to keep me as I rely on His promises. I always enjoyed singing. Now I come to know the real meaning and comfort of the words of many favorite hymns. (So far Mother.)

On Nov. 14, 1957, mother went to Saskatoon again for her yearly check-up. She was then told that one of her kidneys was dead with cancer. She was admitted to hospital and again underwent surgery on Dec. 5. After three weeks, on Dec. 26, 1957, she was able to come home, but she had not recovered. During the following two months she was taken care of in the home by her youngest daughter, Martha. On March 4 she was admitted to the Herbert hospital for further care. After one month, April 4, 10:25 a.m., after an eventful life and much suffering, the Lord took her home to be with Him in whom she had believed. She reached the age of 64 years, 9 months and 5 days.

She leaves to mourn her parting: 10 daughters and 3 daughters-in-law; 3 sons and 9 sons-in-law; 39 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, 2 sisters and many relatives and friends. She is predeceased by her second as well as her first husband, 2 daughters and 1 son.

We thank God for the praying

mother we have had. As much as we would have loved to keep her with us, we humbly accept God's leading, knowing that for her "to be with Christ is far better."

The bereaved family.



Starvation a Constant Threat

Many Haitians are near starvation all the time and one crop failure could be very disastrous, says Charles Suderman (Newton, Kans.), one of the MCC volunteers helping with an agricultural rehabilitation project at Petit-Goave.

He says the methods of farming are very primitive and even the steep mountain slopes must be farmed because of the density of the population. "We have seen beans and potatoes grow on slopes as steep as 45 degrees, but these spuds aren't quite the Idaho quality" (his parents serve a church in Aberdeen, Idaho).

"About 95 per cent of the Haitians are negroes and only a minority read or write," he reports. "This illiteracy makes it difficult for the people to change some of their ways, many of which are so impractical."

Soil conservation methods are being introduced, he notes. "Simple methods shown to the farmers can be very effective in trying to preserve their agricultural production. We hope to be able to help them in some way."

'Bury Me With It'

Huddled in a little hut on the hillside in Hong Kong is an old woman, 83, alone and without family or friends. The paper-thin walls of her little hut are poor protection against the chill of the winds.

The woman, Chan Sum, has been a widow 14 years. In all this time she has had to beg for her food. Now with age she is becoming deaf and her memory is dimmed.

Her son died "during the big strike, which was long before you were born," she tells a case worker. Her neighbors say she moved into the hut about five years ago with a nephew, now also dead.

She was cooking her evening meal when the case worker arrived—a few boiled potatoes given her by a kind-hearted stranger. During the last typhoon her little hut nearly collapsed and it will never stand another typhoon, her neighbors say.

"Let it collapse and bury me with it," the old woman responds.

This story of pathos, shared by the National Lutheran Council, is

repeated over and over in Hong Kong. It is for such a person that Mennonite-contributed food and clothing are being given in the newly-established relief project there directed by Norman Wingert (Up-land, California).

Unusual Guests

Seven youngsters in the children's charity Hospital at Seoul, Korea, got a special treat one day from their nurses, Katherine Friesen (Marquette, Man.) and Anna Klassen (Winnipeg).

These children had been in the hospital for more than a year and had seen little of the "outside world". So the nurses bundled them and took them to their apartment for a Korean meal and play.

Meet the guests:

A boy without feet, amputated after severe frostbite caused from lack of shoes and warm clothing.

Kim Ma Da was recovering from surgery made possible by special donations. She can now walk erectly instead of needing to keep her hands on her knees.

Another boy was found by Miss Klassen in a shed of an orphanage where he was being punished for crying. He has gained weight, but is still very sad.

Two more boys hospitalized for surgery.

A little girl badly malnourished, so thin and weak she could hardly raise herself from her bed when she arrived in the hospital.

Kim Ki Hong performed special exercises for a year to strengthen muscles in his paralyzed legs. He is ready to begin walking with braces.

Discoveries

By Eugenia Price. 119 pp.

The *Moody Monthly* describes this book: "This is a book of which a mere review cannot convey an adequate idea. It must be read to be properly appreciated and to catch the exuberant spirit of the author... she writes in a easy-to-read, unconventional style, using refreshingly original terms to express spiritual ideas and values, and with a spirit of genuine enthusiasm that is contagious."

Price: \$2.00

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The Greatest Force on Earth

By Thomas Payne. 188 pp.

This book describes the power of intensified prayer. It outlines what effectual, fervent prayer consists of, relating some of its results. One purpose of the writer is to point out some of the most remarkable examples of intensified prayer, both in the Old and the New Testament. He does this with such skill that everyone reading the book will receive new incentive to prayer.

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COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

During the Easter week, the students enjoyed a brief pause from classes. The A Cappella choir went on its annual tour this year to visit the churches of British Columbia, travelling through southern Saskatchewan and southern Alberta en route. Dr. F. C. Peters accompanied the choir as speaker.

For those students who remained at the College, the holidays afforded an excellent opportunity to complete some pressing assignments.

Upon resumption of classes, a number of guests were present. The conductors' course was being held and about 40 conductors from across the country took part. With this opportunity for an exchange of ideas, a sense of unity can be established which it would otherwise be difficult to achieve and maintain.

Two of the brethren served us in chapel services: Rev. C. D. Toews, chairman of the music committee and instructor at the MEI, Clearbrook, and Mr. Abe Konrad, instructor at the Coaldale Bible School. Rev. Toews spoke on self-discipline of the Christian, and Mr. Konrad exhorted us to serve the Lord with gladness—both timely and practical messages.

A. Koop

Tabor College

Summer Session To Begin June 2

The first term of Tabor's 1958 Summer Session is scheduled to begin on June 2. Tabor's summer program is organized on the intensive study plan with three 3-week terms, during which the students concentrate on a single course. The second and third terms begin on June 23 and July 14 respectively.

All class sessions are scheduled in the new air-conditioned library building, which will provide an ideal study situation. The summer session is intended for high school graduates who wish to begin their college program before next fall, college students who wish to earn additional credits to meet deficiencies or to accelerate their program of study, teachers who wish to earn credits toward the liberal arts degree, and persons interested in a short course of study for their own benefit.

Two Tabor Students Win Science Fellowships

Two Tabor seniors recently were notified that they have been granted science assistantships at Kansas State College, Manhattan, for the coming year.

Dwight Klaassen, Weatherford, Oklahoma, was granted a teaching assistantship in chemistry.

Monroe Bartel of Hillsboro will

be engaged in a research project in parasitology on a research assistantship in that field.

Both men will receive A.B. degrees at Tabor in May and will work toward the master's degree at Kansas State.

Johnson To Take Sabbatical Leave

William J. Johnson, associate professor of chemistry at Tabor College, will take a year of sabbatical leave beginning June 1 to continue graduate study toward a Ph.D. degree in chemistry at Kansas State College.

Johnson, who has headed the chemistry department at Tabor since 1952, has also been awarded a graduate assistantship at Kansas State for the coming year.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Eden Christian College

During the week March 17 to 21 we were given an opportunity to write down on paper what we had acquired during the previous term. We were quite relieved when the exams were over. For Friday afternoon, the teachers had planned an all-school skating party, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Our school spiritual advisors, Rev. G. Epp of Vineland and Rev. Penner of Port Rowan, visited our school on March 7. They visited various classes during the day and spoke at our morning and afternoon devotions.

Rev. Sawlor, the pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Thorold, spoke to us on March 14. We were blessed by his sermon. Two weeks later Rev. C. Shrearer of Ottawa, who was the speaker at the evangelistic services at that church, spoke to us. He pointed out to us how near we are to the second coming of Christ, and that we should all be willing to say with Isaiah, "Here am I, send me."

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Enns of Coaldale, the father of our teacher, Miss M. Enns. She left us on March 29 to go home to the bedside of her ill father. We trust that the Lord will be very near to them at this time.

On March 31 the school had its annual auction sale. It was quite successful, and we are thankful to all those who donated funds to the school.

There are two more events of importance coming up in our school life. They are the drama and Choral Concert. This year's drama, "Hans Brinker", will be presented on April 24 and 26, while the Choral Concert will be presented on May 17. These events are both being prepared by the students.

On April 4 the student body went home for a ten-day holiday. May we all have truly experienced Easter in our hearts and lives.

Joyce Schimpky XI

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Steinbach Bible Institute

The Steinbach Bible Institute had its commencement exercises in the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church in Steinbach on April 6. The exercises were held twice—once in the afternoon and again in the evening. During both sessions the church was filled to capacity.

four student speakers: David Wiebe, first class; Frank Eidse, second class; Ed Stoesz, high school; and Arnold Fast, third class; all paid tribute to the institute and to God for past blessings. Miss Sara Froese, a graduate, gave her testimony of God's saving grace. The choir sang five songs which greatly enhanced the blessings of the day.

Rev. John M. Schmidt, the director of the Gospel Light Hour, challenged the graduates and the entire student body with his message on Christian discipleship. Rev. Schmidt discussed why we should deny self, and what the results of discipleship are, pointing out that such discipleship involves following Jesus and not self.

The exercises were high-lighted by the dedicatory prayer led by Rev. A. F. Penner, a teacher and a pastor of the E. M. Church.

During the afternoon program

The principal, Rev. B. D. Reimer, handed out thirty diplomas: one Junior Matriculation, seven Senior Matriculation, seventeen ETTA, and twenty-two Steinbach Bible Institute diplomas.

The opening was made by Rev. Sam Epp, pastor of the E.M.B. Church and a part-time teacher, and the closing was made by Rev. H. G. Rempel, pastor of the Emmanuel Church and also a part-time teacher.

The session during the evening followed much the same procedure as that of the afternoon. The student speakers were: David Eidse, first class; Gilbert Reimer, second class; Albert Hiebert, high school; and Cornie Plett, third class. Mrs. Helen Martens and Miss Helen Kornelsen gave testimonies, praising God for salvation.

The message was brought by Rev. Wilbert Loewen from Winnipeg, a former teacher at the SBI, and a pastor of a mission church in Winnipeg. Rev. Loewen emphasized Christian stewardship. Among other things he said that stewardship involved the giving of our all—all that we are and have—to Christ. The message left a timely challenge for all present.

The choir sang the same songs that it sang during the day. Rev. G. Dugard directed it and Mr. M. Hamm, a teacher, accompanied on the organ. The opening was made by Rev. B. Hoepfner, a teacher, and the closing by Rev. B. Eidse, also a teacher.

Rev. B. D. Reimer asked the audience to pray for all the graduates. It is believed that fervent intercessory prayers will do much to make all the students what they ought to be.

East Chilliwack Bible School

Lately the Bible school has had several visitors who were warmly welcomed by the students and faculty. Among these have been ex-students, ministers and other friends.

One of our recent visitors was Mr. Bill Friesen, who works at Horsefly, B.C., under the Canadian Sunday School Mission. He has been serving there since last fall. Before that time, spiritual work had been started but discontinued. As a result the work there is quite difficult now.

Ex-students are always welcome as they share their present experiences with us. Some of these are now in nurses' training, while others are working. We see the value of Bible school for everyone, no matter what profession is pursued.

Another visitor was Henry Regehr, student at the M. B. Bible College and member of the A Cappella Choir.

We were happy to receive an invitation from Sharon Collegiate, Yarrow, B.C., to share in the blessings of one day during their spiritual emphasis week. We travelled there on Thursday, April 3, the last day of school before Easter.

The morning service at Sharon Collegiate Institute consisted of several items in song and messages by Mr. Jake Friesen, principal of our school, and Rev. Frank C. Peters, Winnipeg. At the afternoon service the A Cappella Choir served us, with Rev. F. C. Peters and Rev. P. Penner delivering the messages.

Eva Rogalsky

Strait is the Gate

By Marjorie Buckingham. 224 pp.

In her own inimitable way, Marjorie Buckingham tells the story of Nancy Norwood, who has a beautiful singing voice and is the daughter of worldly-minded, church-going parents.

Nancy experiences true conversion when a new minister comes to the church of which her father is a deacon, and immediately there is conflict between love for parents who are ambitious for her future, and loyalty to her Lord. The conflict is intensified by the love of a worldly-minded young man, who strives to win Nancy. How she is triumphant through Christ is a story that will challenge all young people and adults.

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Close School Year With Record Attendance

Coaldale, Alta. — The closing program of the local German school was held in the M. B. church on March 29. Some 130 children filled the choir loft to capacity, opening the evening's program by singing their theme song, "Herr, deine Kinder treten mit Freuden zu dir hin", under the direction of their song leader, Rev. A. P. Regier.

Mr. Peter Penner, principal of the school, then welcomed those who showed an interest in the work and were come to see and hear what had been accomplished in the past four and a half months. The individual classes then came forward and presented their pieces, under the direction of their teacher.

Items on the program included singing, reciting of poems, the reading of choice bits of German literature and a grammar demonstration class. The closing remarks by Mr. H. Allert, director of the German School Committee, revealed the fact that the school was increasing and had reached a record attendance. Two classes had to be divided because of the growing attendance, making eight classes for the six grades.

Rev J. J. Dick in Ontario

St. Catharines, Ont. — Rev. J. J. Dick, missionary to India, visited the Mennonite Brethren Church here on April 10 and gave us a report showing the need on the field and the work being done by the M. B. missionaries in India.

Slides showing the school work, hospital work and various aspects of life in India supplemented the messages. We especially noticed the growth of the indigenous church

in that land as we saw pictures of the native ministers and teachers. Rev. Dick declared, "We are looking forward to the growth of the native church and its outreach among the people of India."

Young People Pray For Revival

St. Catharines, Ont. — Preceding the revival campaign now in progress, with Rev. Waldo Wiebe from California as speaker, the young people of the M. B. Church here devoted two of their Wednesday night meetings to prayer.

Short talks on the power of prayer and the results of sin were presented. Then the young people divided into smaller groups who went into various rooms of the Sunday school department. In this way more could participate and the fellowship was also more intimate.

At one of these evenings Donald Unruh, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Unruh, spoke about India, specifically dwelling on the need of prayer for those serving out on the mission field.

Referring to a recent letter from his mother in India, he said she wrote, "We don't need your sympathies, we could use the money, but most of all we need your prayers."

Sing at Homes Easter Morning

Hepburn, Sask. — Easter activities here began on Thursday, April 3, when the film "King of Kings" was shown in the Town Hall by the High School Civic League.

Easter morning found the young people at church at 4:30 a.m. They

divided into groups and went from home to home in the community, singing Easter songs. After about two hours of this activity they returned to church for a hearty fellowship breakfast.

That day Dr. A. A. Dick of Saskatoon also gave a verbal and visual report of his recent visit to the mission field in Africa. Our hearts were challenged to do more for missions in these last days before the Lord's coming.

On Sunday evening, April 13, the Bethany Bible Institute chorus choir presented an Easter program. Suitable arrangements of songs and recitations beautifully depicted the Passion and Triumph of Christ. The principal, Rev. J. H. Epp, brought a challenging message.

On the Horizon

April 19 — The annual meeting of the Tabor Home for the Aged will be held in the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg.

April 20 to 27 — Evangelistic services will be held in the Gospel Light M. B. church, Winnipeg, by Rev. J. A. Toews.

April 25 to 27 — A course for Alberta conductors of choirs and in the Sunday school will be held in the Coaldale M. B. church. Mr. John Boldt, Winkler, Man., will serve.

April 26 and 27 — Sunday school convention of the Manitoba northern district (Winnipeg) M. B. churches, to be held in the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg, Man.

April 27 to May 2 — Evangelistic services will be held in the Elmwood M. B. church, with Dr. F. C. Peters as speaker.

April 20 to 21 — The Bethany Bible Institute closing conference will be held, with Rev. John G. Baerg of Mountain Lake, Minn., as the guest speaker. The conference theme is Deeper Life.

May 3 — The Sunday school workers of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Ontario will gather in the Kitchener M. B. church for a Sunday School Convention.

May 4 — Annual campers' reunion of the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, to be held at the South End M. B. church, Winnipeg.

May 4 to 9 — Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler, Man., M. B. Church, will serve the Calgary Highland M. B. Church in a series of deeper life services. All services will be held in the new worship centre at 40th Ave. and Centre B Street, N.W.

May 18 — Dedication services for the Gospel Light Mission church will be held in Brandon, Man. The entire day will be devoted to special services, with the worship service at 10:00 a.m., dedication service at 2:00 p.m., and missions service at 7:00 p.m.

June 6 and 7 — The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba will meet in the Elm Creek M. B. church.

June 8 to 15 — Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College, will be serving the Highland M. B. Church, Calgary, Alta., in a series of evangelistic meetings. These services will also be held in the new church centre.

June 28 to July 1 — Teenage camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

June 27 to July 2 — Fifty-sixth conference of Mennonites in Canada, to be held in Saskatoon, Sask.

July 4 to 9 — The forty-eighth sessions of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference will be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg, Man.

July 4 to 13 — Ten-day children's Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

July 14 to 27 — Two seven-day children's camps at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

July 27 to 31 — Family camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

August 1 to 3 — The Youth Missionary Conference of the Alberta Mennonite Brethren churches will be held at Vauxhall, Alta. Rev. J. B. Toews will speak.

August 1 to 4 — Youth Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. Address inquiries to 834 Lorne Ave. East, Brandon, Man.

August 5 to 14 — Children's Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. This camp is sponsored by the Gospel Light Mission at Brandon.

August 6 to 15 — Mission children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp.

August 15 to 17 — Manitoba-wide youth camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

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