

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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Retreat for Manitoba Mission Workers

By Wm. Schmidt

Winnipeg, Man. — The Home Missions Committee and workers of the Manitoba M. B. Conference spent an enjoyable and profitable time recently when they met in Winkler for fellowship and orientation. The sessions were held at the Winkler Bible School.

Considerable time was set aside for united prayer, returning thanks and seeking further grace, wisdom and strength for the task ahead. Both mission workers and committee members presented timely and appropriate topics for discussion. It was vividly brought to every one's attention that the spiritual laborer in particular is subject to battles, battles on the spiritual, social, physical and material fronts. But battles precede victory and victory is achieved because the truth, the life-giving Word of God is heralded forth and they that serve as well as those that are served are changed thereby into the likeness of the Saviour.

Keeping before us the future possibilities of this work two brethren dealt with this phase also. It was brought out that the need here at home is real and present, that the doors are open, that our churches and conference favour and have a heart for such work and that expansion should be sought.

Together with the open door and the small strength the adversary is also present. Very real hindrances and problems exist and come up, but they may and they must be overcome in the power of God.

A testimony meeting stressing the faithfulness and abounding grace of God ended the retreat. For the future we covet your prayers on behalf of this field and workers. God has seen fit to lead some of the members of the Manitoba home missions through the dark valley in that health failed. We rejoice that He has answered prayer. May we not forget the regions beyond, nor neglect the fields at home.

tone and bass solo classes in the Grade B vocal section. Ernie Redekop won the tenor solo class with a mark of 82, while Jacob Janzen of Brandon placed second with 81. Ferdinand Berg won the bass solo class with a mark of 80, with Dave Loewen second with 78 (both are students at the M. B. Bible College). The baritone solo competition in Grade B was won by Helmut Rischer with a mark of 82. Helmut teamed with pianist Donna Chase to win the voice and piano lieder event (Grade B) with a mark of 82. Martha Konrad and pianist Joyce Redekop placed second with 81. Jake Dueck of the M. B. Bible College placed second in the baritone solo

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Good Enrollment At South America Seminary

Montevideo, Uruguay. — Classes at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary have begun with a record enrollment of 40 full-time students and quite a few evening students.

Four full-time teachers are giving instruction at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary. In addition there are four part-time teachers and a librarian.

The Mennonite Biblical Seminary here is operated jointly by the (Old) Mennonites and the General Conference of Mennonites.

Ontario Student Wins Scholarship

Kitchener, Ont. — A Canada Council Scholarship valued at \$1,500 has been awarded to Harry Loewen, who is being graduated this year from Waterloo College, Waterloo, Ontario.

Mr. Loewen will use this scholarship to study for his Master of Arts degree at a western Canada university. It represents the third scholarship given to a Waterloo College student this year.

Mr. Loewen came to Canada in the year 1948 and is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg. Prior to his coming to Kitchener, he served in the Home Missions program at Winnipegosis, Man., under the Mennonite Brethren Conference. The family now has its membership in the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren Church.

Return to Colombia Field

Hillsboro, Kans. — The Lord of the harvest has again made it possible for two Mennonite Brethren workers to return to Colombia for missionary service. These workers are Annie Dyck of the Winkler Church in Manitoba and Herta Voth of the Springstein M. B. Church in Manitoba. They were scheduled to fly from Houston, Texas, on April 14, and arrive in Cali the following day. The ministry of Sister Dyck will be to assist in the Colombia field office in Cali, to do visitation and children's work and to assist the national church in its work and witness in the city of Cali. Sister Voth, a registered nurse, will be serving in the dispensary at Istmina. May we remember these in prayer.

Mennonites Continue Winning Note At Festival

Winnipeg, Man. — Mennonites continued to win praise at the Manitoba Music Festival, reputedly one of the best of its kind in the British Commonwealth.

The top instrumental award at the festival, the Aitkens Memorial Trophy, was won by Joyce Redekop, daughter of A. H. Redekop of St. Catharines and student at the M. B. Bible College. She had won earlier in the Bach senior piano class with marks of 86 and 87.

The Mennonite Children's Choir, directed by Helen Litz, was given a mark of distinction (90) for their singing of "Seht wie die Sonne dort sinket" and "Jockey to the Fair." This is the third year this choir has won in the children's choir folk songs class.

In the junior high school folk song class the M. B. Collegiate Institute girls' choir received marks of 82 and 78. They were in second place in the J. S. Little Trophy competition in a group of five choirs.

Adeline Willems placed first

with a mark of 83 in the competition for songs by Canadian composers (Grade A), thereby winning the right to sing in the Rose Bowl final. She also placed second in the opera (Grade A) class and in the contralto solo (Grade A). She and Rita Stobbe teamed up to win in the duet class (any voices) with a mark of 82.

The second highest mark for a competitor in the vocal solo classes was given to Rita Stobbe, when she won second place in the Bach (Grade A) Sacred solo with a mark of 88 and 85. Other second-place winners in the Grade A competition were Viola Falk in Oratorio sacred solo, with marks of 84 and 85, and Abe Peters of Altona, in the male voice section of the Oratorio sacred solo with marks of 82 and 82 and marks of 83 in Baritone solo (Grade A). In the Grade A operatic solo (male voice) competition Helmut Janzen placed second with a mark of 82.

Mennonites swept the tenor, bari-



Miss Herta Voth, R.N.



Miss Annie E. Dyck

EDITORIAL

Make Your Vacation Count for Christ

No, it is not too early to think of vacation time this summer. In fact, many have already set the dates for their annual two-week vacation and are busily scanning maps and information booklets on the most scenic route for a trip and the most idyllic spot for a few weeks of relaxation.

It is thus in order to think seriously about the purpose of a vacation and the service opportunities it presents. As Christians we cannot simply leave out God in our vacation planning, as so many others do. Everything that we do must have the blessing of God and fit in with His purpose for our life.

For many, vacations are times for relaxing. This is fine, if the relaxation recoups spent energies and refreshes mind, body and spirit. But if the relaxation means a lowering of the spiritual barriers to sin and Satan, it can lead to spiritual decline and degradation. Self-discipline must still be exercised despite a holiday at a popular resort, for Satan is particularly active at places where people relax.

Others utilize their vacation time for extended trips and tours. When carefully planned, these can give us an entirely new perspective on God's greatness as seen in creation. They can be a source of personal enrichment, for it seems that God's presence is somewhat more real when one sits under a lofty pine and the backdrop is a towering mountain. But trips and tours taken only because we want to have "been places" and have seen what others rave about will not be fruitful—and can be more tiring than the daily routine throughout the rest of the year.

More and more Christians are finding that their most fruitful and enriching vacations are those spent in camp counselling and other phases of camp work, in summer vacation Bible school and in family camps. Here one does get away from the daily routine, one is in daily contact with people who have spiritual needs, and yet the atmosphere is one of relaxation and quiet. There are real opportunities to meet the spiritual needs of others. So why not make this summer's vacation count for God by teaching summer vacation Bible school or serving at a camp. And if you are taking your family out for a vacation you can hardly do better than participate in a family camp.

Our Readers Say

Suggests Centennial Project

The article, "Three-Language Radio Voice of Mennonites," which appeared in the April 3 issue, suggests that "it might be well for the Mennonite Brethren Church to have a constituency-wide radio voice." The intention was not to create opposition to existing local productions, but rather to encourage a unified approach to Gospel broadcasting.

There are many factors to be considered before such a move could be made. The matter of personnel,

Godly missionaries have played a larger part in the history of the world that is credited to them. They are "ambassadors for Christ," emissaries from Heaven's court who operate efficiently from mud-floor, grass-shack "embassy row" anywhere. Even though underpaid they never strike. Although overworked their number remains small. A visitor to the hinterland mission station said to the devoted nurse, "I would not do this for a million dollars." As the servant of the exalted God and sunken humanity continued her work in that oasis in the desert of filth and neglect, she replied, "I wouldn't either."

which Mr. Penner touched upon, is not the least of these. Certainly it should be true that nation-wide programming would be of a higher calibre than the average of the existing radio productions within the M. B. Conference. Quality is often related to effectiveness. The evangelical appeal of a conference-produced program, therefore, should be a stronger one. Even the financial cost, if borne by the members of the entire constituency, would be lessened.

On the other hand, there are some negative factors involved. Participation on the local level does have some advantages. It may well encourage more intimacy of contact between the producers and their radio audience.

This suggestion of a radio ministry sponsored by the Conference of the M. B. Church of Canada deserves further study. It ought to reach the entire membership at large. The logical occasion for acquainting the conference with the proposed idea would be at the annual conference. Such a venture could well become the Centennial Project of our church—to reach the nation for God by means of a constituency-wide radio voice.

A. G. Konrad,
Matsqui, B.C.

DEVOTIONAL

My Best For My Children

(By Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College. This article is provided as part of National Family Week observancy (May 3 to 10) by the National Sunday School Association.)

Faith in the Savior is the greatest contribution any parent can make to his children.

Greater than fame and better than money, even more important than education, is giving to each child the gift of faith. That gift will be enlarged and strengthened as he goes onward; and all of life will be sweeter, stronger, and better for it.

How can I do my very best for my children?

The best method is to teach them by precept and practice. By seeing the Lord Jesus in you they will come to love Him, trust Him, and to obey Him.

Your conduct will be the most obvious factor to them. Actions always speak louder than words. In his love and admiration for his parents, the little child learns early whether he is loved or not. As he grows older his big eyes observe what is done; and he correlates his observations with the instruction given to him.

Intuitively the child understands practical Christianity in action. His response will first be imitation of what he sees and hears; but imitation can soon become a living reality. He will believe what we believe. He will walk and talk as we do. It will be easy for him to believe in the Savior for having seen Him in father and mother.

Christian character will be as apparent to our children, younger and older, as to others; perhaps more so. Before they learn to read the ABC's they read character. Intuitively they understand adults much better than we give them credit. Integrity, honesty, honor, unselfishness, courage in the face of great difficulties—such character traits are deeply impressed upon young plastic minds. The children will see Christ in our character, and will share the confidence that others have in us. They will be proud of mother and dad, and of the Savior.

Our conversation can show forth the Lord Jesus. Little folk have big ears as well as big eyes. They comprehend the intent as well as the content of our walk. They will make mental note of our appreciation and helpfulness for others; and contrariwise of unkind and unfair criticism. Our kindness and consideration for others in what we say and what we do can teach them of Him who went about doing good to all.

Consistency is a jewel; and nowhere does it sparkle more brightly than in the Christian home. At

family altar we can teach children about Christ as we read the Bible; but even more impressive to them will be their seeing Christ in us. They will note what we say and do in Sunday school and church; and will compare that with our attitude and actions in the home. Consistency in our words and our works will be evidenced by the standards that we maintain in the Lord's house and on His day, and in the carefulness with which we do His work as laity or clergy. Your faith in the Saviour will be conveyed to the children by your faithfulness to them and to the Lord, by your fatherly care and concern. To me it has always been challenging and encouraging to remember that in days dark and foreboding, Noah's sons followed their godly father even into the ark. That action must have seemed somewhat foolish to them, as it certainly was to the worldlings round about; but they had learned to trust God because they trusted their father.

The future of your children depends so largely upon their faith in Christ. Christian conduct, character, conversation, and consistency will pay big dividends in the life of every child.

A family altar, with its open Bible and bended knees for the whole family, the happy home, the attendance of all the family at Sunday school and church—all these make for a wholesome outlook on life by the children, and the establishment of standards that will go with them throughout life. Correction that is constructive, cooperation that is cheerful, harmony that is helpful, such are the memories the children

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First AMUS Banquet in Edmonton

Edmonton, Alta. — Members of the Edmonton Association of Mennonite University Students gathered in the General Conference Mennonite church on March 21 for their first annual banquet.

Mr. Rudy Wiebe proposed the toast to the graduates and to the Queen. In his short talk he introduced the graduates, connecting some humorous incident with each one as he did so. A quartet from the (Old) Mennonite Church sang several songs.

The "Mennonite Contribution to Contemporary Society" served as subject for the address by Rev. Howard Snyder. He told the group that "if we wish to make a contribution to society, we must become really active in our Anabaptist faith. Let us not have deification of traditions—no sacred cows—but see Anabaptism as the culmination in the reformation."

The problem facing Mennonites today is not immorality but isolation, Rev. Snyder stated in discussing Mennonite contributions to our age. We must demonstrate salva-

tion, which rules out isolationist tendencies.

The Mennonite contribution in vocational life should be the seeking of fellow humans in need so that we can serve them in their area of need. In respect to the church, Rev. Snyder maintained that we should not be only professors of a creed, but we must be actually involved in the life and character of God.

Speaking on theology, Rev. Snyder declared that our forefathers were bereft of their theologians through martyrdom and dispersion. As a result they came to be known as "die Stillen im Lande." But we have now emerged from that period into a period of isolationism. We are a people with an ethic, but a dead theology, Rev. Snyder said. When we repeatedly ask, "Except for non-resistance, how do we differ from other leading schools of thought," then we had better re-examine our position.

Mr. P. F. Barga introduced the new president, Walter Patkau, and also closed the meeting.

victory over sin and self and victory in service and in death. Rev. Jacob Neufeld brought the German message based on Isaiah 46:4. Man must respond to this "I will" of God, and then God undertakes, as was proven in Olga's life.

Sunday morning, April 12, the Morden M. B. Male Choir was in charge of the service at the Gospel Light M. B. Church. We were blessed by the message in song and Word.

Mr. Harry Harms, who is attending the M. B. Bible College, gave a very interesting report during the evening service on his work in Korea.

Appoint Inspector For German and Religion

Winnipeg, Man. — The Mennonite School Committee of Manitoba has moved to improve teaching of German and religion in more than 100 schools with Mennonite teachers by appointing a full-time inspector and director.

Rev. D. K. Duerksen, Winnipeg, has been appointed to the position. He has been teaching in public school, Mennonite high schools in Yarrow and Winnipeg, and in the Winkler Bible School. Rev. Duerksen is a minister in the Elmwood M. B. Church.

You Can Join in Summer Service

Urgently Needed: Applications from Christian young people for Canadian MCC Summer Service Program. Christian young people who have a desire to serve their Lord in an area of need are invited to minister to groups of people who are neglected and often despised by society, such as crippled children, the mentally ill, the mentally retarded, the delinquents. Summer Service workers do very ordinary work, but this work involves a sharing of Christ's love and a giving of tangible evidence and form to this love.

Especially Valuable for Students

Anyone who is a Christian between the ages of 18-30 is invited to join Summer Service. This program is especially valuable for students in that it provides them with an internship in Christian service while at the same time confronting them with the needs of humanity and an opportunity to test in actual practice the theory they have learned.

Each unit is composed of between 5 and 25 members, with a leader appointed by the MCC administration, and committees elected by the unit membership. Unit members live in the institution that is being served or nearby. Special emphasis is laid on daily devotional periods, an insight into human needs, and a discussion course provided by the MCC administration.

Those who volunteer for non-earning units will discover that this demands a new look at standards of values—for the Summer Service worker as well as those whom he serves. Those who have tried this type of sacrificial service have called it a rewarding experience in discipline.

Qualifications

The person interested in Christian service should be:

- A sincere Christian desirous of serving wherever possible in the name of Christ and be willing to do the most menial task cheerfully.

- Desirous of growing in his Christian life—in giving up self, in finding the will of God, in developing

habits of prayerful devotion, and in disciplining self to the way of Christian living in all personal and group relationships.

- In good standing with his church and represent it worthily.

- Willing to respect another's convictions and to avoid such practices and attitudes as would be a stumbling block to others.

- Emotionally and physically qualified to do a full day's work.

- Willing to participate in the religious, educational and recreational program and contribute of his time and energy to make it a success.

Opportunities

AILS CRAIG BOYS FARM, Ailsa Craig, Ontario—a home and training school for younger adolescent boys with behaviour problems. The farm is owned and operated by MCC. Volunteers help in the farm program, the household and as counsellors to the boys. One couple needed, to start July 1 (to August 30). VS Allowance: \$15 per month plus maintenance.

BETHESDA HOME, Vineland, Ontario—This is a mental hospital with about 70 patients, mostly of Mennonite background, owned and operated by the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference. Needed: 2 men, 4 women. Wages: Men, \$100 plus maintenance, women \$85 plus maintenance. OR Men \$65 plus maintenance and half return fare if employed 2 months or complete return fare if employed for 3 months.

CLEARWATER LAKE SANATORIUM, The Pas, Manitoba—This is a sanatorium for Indians and Eskimos from the hinterland of Northern Manitoba. Needed: 3 men, June 1 to September 15. Two R.N.'s or 2 L.P.N.'s June 15 to September 15. Wages: Men, \$165.00 per month; R.N., \$275.00 per month; L.P.N., \$215.00 per month.

All the above workers will be on a forty-hour week. Rooms are available at \$12.00 per month and very reasonable board can be had at the cafeteria.

ONTARIO HEBREW MISSION, Camp Shalom, Kearney, Ontario—

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Rev. Brunk Speaks In Valley Centres

Abbotsford, B.C. — Rev. George Brunk, evangelist, spoke in both Abbotsford and Chilliwack during a recent visit to the Fraser Valley.

At the Abbotsford Junior High School auditorium, Rev. Brunk spoke to an estimated 1,300 young people who had gathered for a spring rally. Several choirs and musical groups, including the quartet of the Gospel Hour, served in song.

Basing his message on the Gospel of Luke, Rev. Brunk spoke to about 1,300 people at a Chilliwack service about the death and resurrection of Jesus and the reaction of the disciples when Jesus ascended into glory. A Vancouver quartet, the Crusaders, sang at the service.

H. H. Janzen Speaks To Janz Team

Riehen, Switzerland. — Rev. H. H. Janzen, M. B. worker in Europe, spoke to the staff and families of the Janz Team at their weekly Bible study and prayer meeting on April 3.

In his discussion of I Thess. one, Rev. Janzen especially emphasized verse three: "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Regardless how insignificant the task may be, whether typing a letter ("seelsorgerlich") or packing a few records, we receive a greater blessing if we consider our work as done "unto the Lord." After the meeting one person was heard to say, "I could have listened all night."

Rev. Janzen is a close friend of the Janz Brothers, who record his messages for the "Mennonite Hour," heard every Thursday morning over Radio Luxembourg. Pray for this avenue of his ministry, which is an addition to his already heavy schedule.

The following Sunday, April 5, Rev. Janzen began a series of evangelistic messages at the "Stadtmission" in Loerrach, Germany. His theme, "Wie find ich den Weg zu Gott?" proved timely in this staunchly Catholic border city.

Present Play In Neighboring Church

Vancouver, B.C. — On the evening of April 12 the young people of the M. B. church on 43rd and Prince Edward paid a visit to the young people of Fraserview M. B. Church.

They presented a program consisting of a play called "Steadfast in Hope." It was about a Roman soldier who accepted Christ as his personal Saviour, his resulting death sentence and subsequent life in the catacombs.

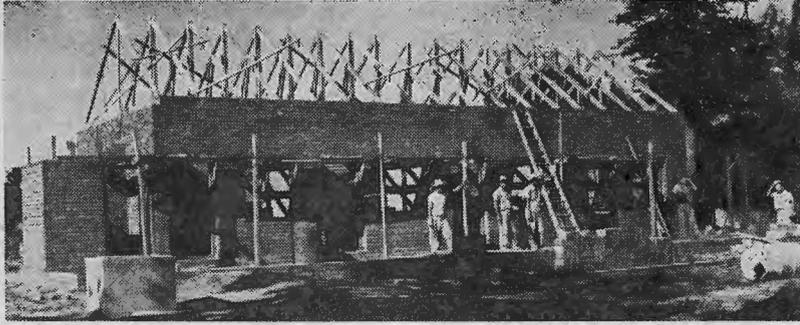
After the program the young people had a fellowship lunch in the basement of the church.

Visited By Morden Choir

Winnipeg, Man. — A funeral service was held for Olga Hiebert, member of the Gospel Light Church, at the Grossweide church on April 11.

Rev. John M. Schmidt spoke in English. The message was based on I Cor. 15:51-58, emphasizing

Construction of Mental Hospital Forges Ahead



The first three buildings of the Mennonite mental hospital in West Filadelfia, Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, are expected to be ready for occupancy by mid-June. One is for chronic patients, the second for patients who are not so critically ill and have more freedom, the third, now used as a warehouse, will serve as living quarters for male nurses and may also be used for therapy (see other photo). This is one of the buildings for patients under construction. (Photo by Frank Wiens)

About one mile out of the city, in West Filadelfia, construction of the first Mennonite mental hospital in South America is well underway. Original plans called for a \$15,000 project, but extensive revisions bring the total estimated cost to



This is one of the Mennonite mental hospital buildings in West Filadelfia, Fernheim Colony, Paraguay. This is the warehouse at the present time.

double that amount. MCC and the Paraguayan colonies are sharing the cost equally.

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A year ago, MCC sponsored two workers, Dr. Marlene Haenel, a psychiatrist from Germany, and Elisabeth Janzen, R.N., from Canada, to develop a mental health program in Paraguay. Dr. Haenel will be in charge of the new hospital.

Reports to Church on M. B. Missions

By Mabel Friesen

Carman, Man. — Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church in Winnipeg and a Canadian member of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, gave an interesting and most challenging report on the M. B. mission program throughout the world to the local Gospel Light Mission Church on Sunday, April 19.

The events of Acts 1:1-12, where the disciples gazing into heaven were commanded to go and proclaim the Gospel, served as a basis for the evening's message.

The foreign missions committee of the M. B. conference consists of nine members, four of which are Canadians. Rev. J. Harder of B.C. is chairman of the committee, Rev. Neufeld reported.

In the Belgian Congo where Canadian and American missionaries are on the field, conditions are rapidly changing due to rising nationalism. At present there are six workers preparing to serve in these fields, where communism is on the increase.

In Brazil, a comparatively new field, the work was begun in an orphanage. Twelve workers are active here, two from North America and ten from churches in South America. Brazil needs our earnest prayer support.

Colombia, although a very hard

field because of strong Catholic opposition, has great opportunities.

In Europe, four churches have been established by the M. B. Conference. The Gospel must needs be sent to Europe, despite the fact that we got it from them.

Radio work is used extensively in proclaiming the Gospel from HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. It serves as a means of reaching the people in Europe, including Russia and the adjoining countries.

Missionary efforts in Japan have resulted in many accepting Jesus as their personal Saviour. The majority of the people here are well educated.

Good progress is also reported in proclaiming the gospel in Mexico. This is one field where the financial cost is very high—but what is that in comparison to the value of a soul.

Fourteen workers presently serving the Lord in Paraguay report favorable progress. Many of our people need to be evangelized, but much work is also required amongst the Indians.

The oldest field, India, now has thirty-one workers on the mission fields and also needs prayerful support. Nationalism here, too, is very high and apparently limiting opportunities for the spread of the gospel.

In closing the service, Rev. Neu-

feld emphasized the necessity of God's children preaching the good news of salvation to the lost. Our time is limited.

Relief Committees Begin Talks On Cooperation

Winnipeg, Man. — Formal talks have begun between the two standing relief and service committees representing most of the Manitoba Mennonite congregations in an effort to bring about closer cooperation and possible union between the committees. The first meeting was held in Winnipeg on April 11.

Involved are the provincial branch of Mennonite Central Relief Committee and the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee. While MCRC represents Mennonite congregations in Canada consisting of immigrants since 1900 (particularly after 1920), CMRC represents Manitoba Mennonite congregations from the early immigrations into Manitoba before the turn of the century. The MCRC in Manitoba consists of the Mennonite Brethren Church and the General Conference groups. The Evangelical Mennonite Brethren, Evangelical Mennonite, Bergthaler Mennonite, Rudnerweider Mennonite, and Old Colony Mennonite are members on the CMRC.

Attending the Winnipeg meeting were MCRC committee members Jacob J. Wall, W. H. Enns, G. G. H. Ens, J. H. Unruh, C. A. DeFehr, and G. Schroeder and CMRC committee members Wm. M. Enns, G. S. Fast, G. S. Rempel, J. Dahl, J. J. Braun, H. A. Neufeld, Gerhard Penner, J. J. Klassen, Dan P. Peters, Jacob Rempel, John F. Unrau, P. W. Brandt, T. E. Friesen.

G. G. H. Ens served as chairman of the joint meeting, while recording secretaries were J. Wall, Culross, and T. E. Friesen, Altona.

At the meeting W. H. Enns reviewed the history of the Mennonite Central Committee and other twentieth century Mennonite developments. G. G. H. Ens reported on the meetings of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization and the Mennonite Central Relief Committee in Saskatoon and the proposed amalgamation of these two groups under the name Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration. A report on CMRC was given by its chairman, Wm. M. Enns.

The first cooperative action will be in the area of clothing collections. In future all appeals and reports on clothing drives will be made jointly "im Namen der Mennoniten Manitobas." Another resolution called for frequent meeting of the respective executive committees to coordinate promotion and at least one annual meeting of both complete boards.

Wall Mottos Prepared for Church

Carman, Man. — One could not help but notice the two lovely new

mottos hanging on the front wall of the local Gospel Light Mission church on entering the building Sunday morning.

Each plaque had a challenging verse of Scripture inscribed on it. They were, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15), and "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him" (Rev. 3:20).

The plaques were donated to the mission by Mrs. Wm. Peters of the local congregation, who has spent much time and effort in making them.

Inaugurate Church Library

Carman, Man. — A church library, which has been the topic of much discussion and planning for some time, has become a reality at the Gospel Light Mission Church here.

Mr. Ben Klippenstein, member of the library committee, announced Sunday morning that books are now available for those interested in taking advantage of the lending library.

The books, 40 in number, contain reading material of various kinds. Included are books about missionary service and reports, Christian fiction, autobiography, and those beneficial for studying biblical events and Bible characters.

A quantity of the books have been recently purchased and others were generously donated.

Serving on the library committee besides Mr. Klippenstein are Mrs. Klippenstein and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Friesen.

Festival Winners

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class (Grade B) with a mark of 81. Elizabeth DeFehr won second place in the contralto solo (Grade B) with a mark of 81. All Grade B solo winners sang in the competition for the Tudor Bowl.

Glenn Loewen of Steinbach won in three senior piano classes. He placed first in the piano solo senior competition with marks of 86, 88, 85, and 83. He received marks of 88 and 88 in the piano solo, senior, final. In another senior piano solo class he received marks of 87 and 88. On the basis of these winning performances he participated in the Aikens Memorial Trophy competition, won by Joyce Redekop.

Irmgard Braun of Niverville won the advanced piano solo competition with a mark of 85 and 85 and entered the competition for the Beryl Ferguson Memorial Trophy.

Wanda Konrad and Hanneliesel Unruh teamed up to win the duet for two violins (Grade B) class with a mark of 86.

A Week in Soviet Russia

Newly Painted Church—But Elderly Worshippers

(First of four installments)

Abroad the crack Russian flyer, the "Blue Express," according to rumour the fastest (and only) Berlin-Moscow passenger train, we neared the Bug River marking the Polish-Russian border. "We" were some sixty German tourists and a handful of stray foreigners, including Swiss, Belgian and Scottish citizens, an American student and myself.

We had left a deserted East Berlin on Good Friday evening, we were to pass the Oder-Neisse border area at night both ways, and had barely paused at a small station on the northern outskirts of Warsaw the next morning. In the morning haze we could just barely make out the fabled Culture Palace, the monstrous gift of the Russian people, in the distance. Passing through a countryside that gradually grew more dismal, we spent our time counting tractors—it was easy; there weren't any—and drinking the sweet coloured water that passes for tea in Russia.

No Baggage Examinations

Passport checks had been brief and luggage examination non-existent, and they were to remain so for the entire trip. At the border town of Brest our train had to be transferred to a track of wider gauge. In this town we were to have six hours in all to form our opinion of provincial life. Loaded with cameras and newly-exchanged bulky rubles we invaded the town, which lies spread to the south-east of its soviet-star-crowned railway station.

We were soon to get used to the steady dark flow of humanity on the sidewalk and the roar of trucks and taxis—whose universal right-of-way gives a misleading impression of heavy traffic—on the proportionately too-wide streets.

It was not long before we took the ever-present uniforms for granted too. Red Army soldiers and MVD Police dominated every street scene. Children wore school uniforms. Even the standard garb of old women, quilt coats and felt boots, was a kind of uniform (not to speak of the monotonous symmetry in the clothing of a column of party functionaries at a funeral in Moscow later on).

Brisk Ice Cream Sales

Destalinization has still not eliminated the numerous statues of the great dictator, which outnumber those of Lenin. We counted some eight statues and busts of Stalin in Brest alone. Chilly weather did not hinder a brisk sale of ice-cream, the current national craze, from roadside stands which deal in everything from theatre tickets to "Zwieback."

We soon had proof that in this

great land of equality some people are more equal than others. Loads not carried by three-ton trucks were usually transported on the backs of women. Most of these modern-day "beasts of burden" were headed for the market place where vegetables are sold in the most uncommunitistic fashion. Here we witnessed cut-throat competition caused by a flooded market in onions. Here, also, we saw the friendly curiosity of the natives (they looked past our array of cameras at our shoes, worn out and dusty as they were) and their warm generosity—they offered us (you guessed it) onions; in Moscow it was LP records.

Checking in the local department store later we discovered that the only reasonably good pair of shoes cost 700 rubles, twice the monthly earnings of a state farm labourer.

A Glance at the Church

We did not have much more than a glance at the situation of the various churches in Brest and Moscow. Not enough for the drawing of conclusions in general but sufficient, perhaps, for a few observations.

The Russian Orthodox Church in Brest is striking not only in its eastern form but also by virtue of its new azure-blue coat of paint. It has been completely restored from within and without, and it is in constant use. Old women—the load bearers—both worship at and care for the building. Its open door is thus a freedom the Soviet government can readily grant.

For a member of a generation of lazy Christians, who often cannot be bothered to rise for prayer, it is a gripping experience to see these weary mothers fall prostrate before the pictures which they believe incorporate the saints who will pray for them and their children.

Only One in Ten Moscow Churches Open

Only 45 of the 500 odd churches of Moscow are now places of worship. The most famous one, the Basilus Cathedral on Red Square, has become a museum. The cluster of Czar-built cathedrals within the Kremlin is also carefully preserved, but for every noisy group of tour-

ists that enters there is also a woman or two, who, after a discreet glance over her shoulder, crosses herself devoutly before the icons which are now to be worshipped only as works of art. Here, at the spot where Ivan the Terrible was absolved of his sins, a worn comrade-mother, ignoring the tirade of the nearby tourist guide, gathers the strength to produce her quota on the following day.

Near the new Lomonossov University on the Lenin Hills stands a village church without its village, which was completely removed to make room for the huge university structure. On Easter Monday the church, also completely renovated, was filled to capacity.

See Baptist Leaders

It was our privilege to visit the leadership of the Russian Baptist.

Church. Six services a week are held in a fair-sized auditorium, whose facade is that of an ordinary apartment house. It was encouraging to hear at first hand of the spiritual growth described in language centering around terms like "rebirth."

One is, however, constantly reminded that the past four decades have seen a smooth substitution of one form of idolatry for another, that the average man is content to recognize the government as the supreme being and to worship at the Mausoleum.

On our return to Brest, a week after Easter, every altar, image and cross was draped in black; the next morning in East Berlin Bishop Dibelius, speaking before a packed congregation in which youth was well represented, exclaimed:

My sun is risen, Jesus Christ!
And gives me light.
Who reigns forevermore
Gave me my sight.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Hit by Typhoid

Sister Ebner J. Friesen, LaCumbre, Colombia, has been admitted to a hospital in Cali where her illness has been diagnosed as typhoid fever. According to an April 7 letter from Colombia, she was responding to treatment and improving. Sister Friesen was quarantined. One of the children of the Latin American Mission attending our missionary children's school was also rather ill and it is thought it might have the same disease. All children have now been given inoculations. May the Lord grant completely restored health and prevent the disease from afflicting more individuals.

Injured Child Recovers

Prayer in behalf of our missionary families may be answered more frequently than we realize. Brother and Sister Ernest H. Friesen, Cali, Colombia, are very grateful for providential care for their son Allen, who had a bad fall on March 28. Little Allen, who will be two years old in September, crawled over the railing of an open veranda on the second floor and fell to the first floor. Immediate X-rays revealed that his

head was fractured in two places, but that no bones were broken nor reflexes injured. Doctors have indicated that the youngster is now out of danger. He was to leave the hospital on April 1 and be fully recovered within a week thereafter. Thanks be unto the Lord for restoration and preservation of the boy's life. He was a patient in the large hospital across the street from the property recently purchased for a church center in Cali.

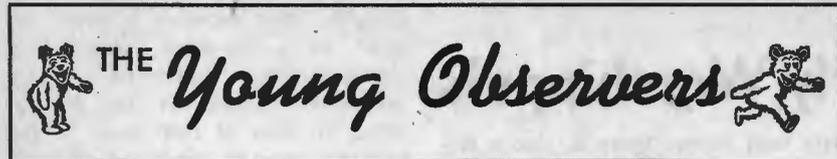
Evangelical Hospital at Curitiba

From Brazil our missionaries write that an evangelical hospital is being built in the city of Curitiba. This hospital association is inviting other missions to have a share in it. Our mission has made a small contribution and in return receives about 30 per cent discount on hospital and doctors' fees. This is a definite advantage for our orphanage because the children as well as the staff members receive treatment at a substantial discount. The hospital itself offers excellent opportunities to do personal work with the patients.

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INSIDE RUSSIA these scenes met the eye of Victor Doerksen, student in Germany who toured Russia for one week. At left is an open vegetable market in Brest, while at right is a dwelling in one of the suburbs. According to Mr. Doerksen small children are generally healthy and warmly clothed (as are the peeking out from behind the barrel).



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Sometimes some of the things we are asked to do for Jesus seem so insignificant. They are so small and unimportant that we do not think they are of much value. But many times they are far more important than they seem.

A mother in the United States was helping to pack a box that was to be sent to India. Her son, who was only four years old, insisted on putting in an offering all his own, a little leaflet called, "Come to Jesus." His name was written on it with a little prayer, "May the one who gets this soon learn to love Jesus."

When the child's leaflet reached India it was finally given to a Hindu priest who was teaching the missionaries the language. He took it without looking at it, but on his way back to his mountain home he thought of the leaflet, took it out, and read the writing on the outside. The child's prayer so touched him that he was eager to read further. He soon gave up his idols and became a fine missionary to his own people. Fifteen years later, American missionaries visited his mountain village and found the converted Hindu priest preaching to a congregation of 1,500 people who had learned to love Jesus as their Saviour. What an influence that little tract had!

So when your Sunday school teacher or your parents ask you to do something for Jesus never think that it is too small and unimportant. It may help others to come to Jesus.

Love, Aunt Selma

POLYCARP

Just recently we have heard much about the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ, how He was tried, scorned and beaten. After that He was nailed to the cross, where He died. John, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was an eye-witness to all this. He was standing under the cross when his dear Lord died. Later on he may often have been reminded of the words of Christ to His disciples, that some day they too would suffer for His name's sake. They would even die for Him.

When John was an old man he lived in the harbor city Smyrna in Asia Minor. A Christian church had been established there. John preached to the people; he could tell them from first-hand knowledge the stories of the Lord Jesus.

Among those who gladly heard the stories of Jesus was a young boy, named Polycarp. As he grew older, he believed with all his heart that Christ was also his own personal Saviour. He joined the Christian church in Smyrna, preached the Word of God and helped many people. Later he became the bishop of that church.

In the meantime John had been on the Island Patmos, to which he had been exiled. During his stay on the island, God revealed Himself to John. He let him know many things that would take place in this world. God even had a special message for the church at Smyrna: "You will suffer a great deal. You will be persecuted ten days, some of your men and women will be thrown into

prison, but, be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

At that time it was dangerous to be a Christian in the Roman Empire. The Roman emperors wanted to be treated as gods. They couldn't tolerate it when Christians prayed to their Father in heaven. That was why the Christians were persecuted and thrown to the lions when they refused to pray to the statues of the Emperor which were set up in all cities. Even at the time of Polycarp many Christians had to die for their faith. Polycarp himself became a very old man.

But one day when he was in his 86th year, a persecution broke out in his city. The Romans had celebrated a great festival, and had led the Christians to the Emperor's statue to force them to pray to it. The Christians refused. They wanted to pray to God and not to people. This made the Romans furious. Many of them were drunk; they wanted to see blood. So they dragged the Christians into the arena, the place where the theatrical plays were held. There the Christians were thrown to the lions and torn into shreds by them.

The excited mob wasn't satisfied. They sought for more victims, especially for the bishop of the church, Polycarp. His Christian friends had hidden him in a house on the outskirts of the city. The mob met a servant of Polycarp's and demanded to know the whereabouts of his master. When he refused to tell them, they beat him and treated

him so cruelly, that at last he told them all they wished to know. They stormed the house, broke down the doors and pulled the white-haired bishop out into the street.

Polycarp showed no fear as they dragged him to the arena. When they arrived at the place, the huge crowd cried, "He shall die, he shall die." The Roman town official, however, wanted to save his life, and said to him, "Denounce Christ and bow before the emperor's statue and no harm shall come to you."

"Sir," said Bishop Polycarp, "for 86 years I have served the Lord. How should I turn from Him now, who is my Lord and King?"

It was already late in the day. The theatrical plays were finished and it was too late to let the lions out. So the excited crowd cried, "Let him burn, let him burn." The old and feeble man was led to the stake. His captors wished to nail him to the pillar so that he might remain upright and burn like a candle until the end. But Polycarp would not allow it. He said, "The Lord, who will give me power to bear the flames, will also give me the strength to remain standing."

As the flames began to engulf him, his prayer was, "Lord, take my life, but let me stand here before the people, firm and never wavering to the end."

And that was how Polycarp, the Bishop of Smyrna, died. With his death the words of Christ were fulfilled, when He said to the Smyrna church: "Be faithful unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

HOW

One day Dr. Walter Wilson was talking with an atheist about the resurrection of Lazarus. "Wilson, do you believe that Lazarus came out of the grave?" the atheist asked.

"Yes, I do; I know he did," the doctor answered. The atheist laughed. "You look like an intelligent man."

"Thank you for the compliment," the doctor replied. "I am intelligent on that subject. I believe God's Word. That man came out of the tomb just as surely as you are standing in that pair of shoes."

"How did he come out?"

"That is the second question. I say that he heard the voice of Jesus Christ, and he came out. When you ask me how, I do not know. Do you not believe the story, because you do not understand how he got out?"

"Certainly," the atheist said.

"Well, tell me—how does a butterfly get out of a cocoon?"

"I suppose it bites its way out,"

"Is that so? How many teeth has a butterfly?"

"I don't know," admitted the atheist. "I don't think it has any teeth."

"No, it doesn't have a mouth, let

alone teeth. That is one thing you don't know."

"Well, I suppose it must burn a hole through the cocoon with acid," suggested the atheist.

"Wouldn't it be strange if a butterfly had in its body an acid strong enough to burn a hole in the cocoon and yet not hurt the butterfly?"

"I never thought about that."

"There are two things you don't know," the doctor told him. "Now how does the butterfly get out?"

"Perhaps it swells up and bursts its way out."

The doctor looked at the man's hands. They were great big hands—like a blacksmith's. He said, "Did you ever try to tear open a cocoon with your hands?"

"Yes, I have many times."

"Did you ever succeed?"

"No."

"But you are so simple that you think a soft tender butterfly could swell up and burst its way out, when you can't tear the cocoon with your big strong hands?"

"That is quite right. I did not think about it."

"That is the third thing you don't know. I am still waiting for you to tell me how a butterfly gets out of its cocoon."

The atheist turned color and said, "Sir, I don't know."

And the doctor replied, "I don't know how Lazarus got out, but he came out."

There are many things in the Bible that we do not understand. We believe God's Word because we know it is true. We accept the many unusual things of nature even though they are not explained to us. We cannot understand how God is going to resurrect dead bodies some day. But God has promised this in His Word (I Thess. 4:16,17), so we believe it. As surely as the cocoon, so will He resurrect our bodies from their graves.

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Wings of Decision

By Eunice Schellenberger

This is a book for Mennonite young people wondering whether non-resistance is practical. David Sheppard, the hero of this story, faces the problem squarely, despite derision, social pressure, and the suffering of a conscientious objector. All readers, both young and old, will be deeply moved by the courage, faith and love of this young man—and will thereby gain a new understanding of the position of a conscientious objector. This is Christian adventure at its best—well-written, fascinating and purposeful. Written for young people.

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But Not Forsaken ☆

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(6th Installment)

"I wish we had something to put on this bread. It gets so tiresome." It was unlike Hansie to complain about his food, so long as he had something to eat. Maria looked at him in surprise.

"We will accept God's gifts and be thankful, Hansie," she rebuked gently.

"If I were Frau Bornmann, I would be very thankful, because He gives her an awful lot," he commented, frowning studiously at his bread and scratching his head. "If God loves everybody alike, then why does she have that big house and all that food, while we have nothing?"

"Even Frau Bornmann has trouble getting enough food, Hansie. But you mustn't criticize God. What He doesn't give us in this world, He'll give us in the next. He loves us all the same."

Rosie had been listening intently. "That's an awful long time to wait," she observed, eating her slice of bread slowly to make it last longer.

"When we find Papa, where will we go then? Will we go far away? Will there be a school there?" The subject again returned to the problems at hand.

Almost fiercely Maria drove away the despairing memory of a time, not too far in the past, when it was she who began and ended every thought with "When we find Papa," or "If we find Papa." If she had only followed her instinct that night when Hans stood beside her in the candlelight, gently fondling Lenie and making that momentous decision to go alone! They had broken their vow never to separate overnight, a fervent vow they had made that time Big Hans had been found. She looked at the Hans-in-miniature and noticed that he needed a haircut badly.

"Well, we'll just have to wait and find out. The sooner we find him, the sooner we'll know." Maria rose, brushed the crumbs from her dress, and led the way back to the main thoroughfare.

The sun was high in the sky now; its rays penetrated their thin clothes and warmed their spirits.

Almost abreast of Maria's family another group of refugees also strolled along, packs fastened securely on their shoulders.

"Good morning." A girl of about eighteen with wind-rumpled hair and hardy complexion was gazing at the children, smiling as though the sight of them gave her new

hope. "Are you going to Kornrade, too?"

"Yes, ma'am," Hansie replied. "I'm taking my mother and sister to Kornrade to find my papa and other sister."

The stranger tried hard to hide her amusement, then gave up and laughed outright. Two older women, bent twiglike under heavy packs, grinned at Hansie appreciatively, as though for a moment he had relieved them of several pounds of the burden on their backs.

"I wish we had a boy to take care of us," one woman remarked, and Maria noticed that her face was an older duplicate of the young girl's, a little like Hansie was a carbon copy of her Hans. The woman's hair was fuzzy like the girl's, but streaked with gray.

"This is my mother and aunt," the girl confided. "We're heading west. Guess we'll have to cross the border 'black,' but we have high hopes. My name's Justina Schaeffer."

Maria felt Justina search her face for a return of confidence, felt her stare at her curiously. She had been almost tempted to walk ahead of this group, but the slow, even pace reminded her that on long trips no time was saved by hurrying.

"We're glad to know you, Justina. I don't know just where we're going except to Kornrade. Our baby's in the hospital there."

Maria bit her lip impulsively. After teaching the children to keep their personal histories to themselves, how could she so naively blurt out her destination to three complete strangers? But was there no one in the world whom you could trust? Something in the trio alongside her little family made her feel that here was friendship, genuine warmth beneath ragged coats and burdensome packs. Mutual need and common problems have a way of drawing people together.

"You have a baby besides these two?" The other mother cast her a sympathetic glance.

"Little Lenie is more than two years old, but we still consider her the 'baby.' She's little for her age."

"You just ought to see her," Rosie beamed. "She has black hair like Mamma's, but it curls up like Papa's yellow hair."

"My husband is with her at the hospital."

Maria reflected that she might as well finish the story, since the strangers were obviously interested out of kindness. They had been

forced to leave their home during her husband's absence, she explained, and now they were joining him. During the brief rehearsal she eyed the children apprehensively, hoping that they would furnish no details. Talking of her hopes of reunion as established fact steadied her. The children walked confidently ahead, making little off-the-record remarks about the countryside, seemingly unconscious of the seriousness of the situation.

"It's still a little chilly for April, isn't it?" Maria noticed that Rosie's lips were blue.

"I'll be glad when the earth is really green again and the days warm up," Frau Schaeffer admitted. The wilted figure beside her nodded agreement. "We left Poland as soon as the weather seemed at all promising."

Justina swept her mother a troubled glance that frightened Maria, almost as though she were warning her to say no more. She had seemed so pleasant, but the muscles in her pretty face suddenly tightened. Maria didn't like the hard look she read there—she had seen it before. She glanced hurriedly at the face of the aunt, as one sweeps headlines in a newspaper, but there was nothing to be read on the expressionless mask.

"Hans and Rosie have attractive slate cleaners hanging from their book bags." Justina changed the subject quickly, eying the colorful knitted cloths which hung from the "Schul-Ranzen" strapped to the back of each child. Actually the book bags, now being used to carry the few groceries and extra clothing Maria had collected in those last frantic minutes, seemed a bit incongruous so decorated with the children's precious slate cleaners.

"We left in a great hurry, and had little time to collect ourselves," Maria apologized. "It was dark and I wasn't able to find my own straps, but the children's book bags were close and Hansie grabbed them." She sensed three pairs of eyes waiting for the rest of the story, but she didn't finish it.

"The children wanted pretty slate cleaners like their friends at school," Maria went on. "All the other mothers had knit such attractive ones, and children don't always understand why refugees must have so much less than others. So I sat down and reknit Rosie a sweater from a worn one I unraveled, using the rest of the wool to make their slate cloths."

"Children and war were never meant for companions." A brown hand slipped into a hidden pocket of Frau Schaeffer's coat, returning with a large, dark gray rag, wrinkled and much used. She wiped her eyes and gazed across the meadow to the little patch of forest in the distance. Maria noticed that Justina had, with forced disinterest in the older women's conversation, quickened her step to join the lively chat-

ter of the children ahead. Hansie, aware that he was being observed from behind and perhaps even admired, had adopted a swagger which vibrated his slate cloth, knit in a solid color. His sister's, embroidered with a heart design, added a gay note to her old gray coat. The three bounced along several feet ahead of their elders, substituting their own bright conversation for the sentimental talk behind them.

"We've heard plenty of rumors that things are better west." Frau Schaeffer stopped a minute to re-adjust the visible pack on her back; and the invisible one, the one filled with all the care and heartache of her existence, seemed to grow larger.

"If Justina can get good employment and for once can eat three square meals a day, maybe she'll be able to see something to live for. Sometimes, I tell you, I'm almost frantic to know what to do with the child. Before we started west—" she lowered her voice, "I tell you, she was as bitter as any young girl I have ever seen."

"Then having a goal—to be going somewhere—has helped to give her a temporary lift?" Maria had not lived the last ten years in vain.

"That's just exactly it. If we don't make it, if anything keeps us from crossing the border—" Her voice broke, but she felt with Maria there was no need to finish her sentence.

"I used to be that way, too, Frau Schaeffer," Maria said thoughtfully, aware once more of that peace down deep within herself. "It was when our home was broken up and my husband and I were separated through no fault of our own. I was really bitter. My spirits fluctuated with circumstances and the amount of food we were able to get. Then one day—"

She hesitated and considered whether she should tell it, but the intense gaze of the women beside her urged her on. She paused a moment to reword what she wanted to say. It was so hard to explain to someone who didn't understand.

"Then one day in a refugee camp in Poland something happened. Many people laugh at me when I tell it, but it is true, and without this experience I—I don't know what would have become of me."

Again Maria stopped for breath, realizing that the women were waiting curiously. She was also aware that Justina was listening and that her own two children were ten feet ahead, absorbed in some discussion of their own. She swallowed her pride and went on.

"My parents were Christians, and our family had always been religious. But for years we weren't allowed to have a Bible in our home. We weren't permitted to go to church. I had gotten so I thought of God in a far-off way, not as a real, close, loving Friend.

(To be continued)

Mennonite Boys Hostel, Taegu, Korea

By Leland Voth, Freeman, S.D.
(MCC Relief Office reports a warm response to the recent appeal for sponsors for Korean and Jordan orphans.

Excerpts from letters say: "We are a class of 25 young men who want to help in a direct way in a project such as this." "When my husband got a \$10 monthly raise, we both decided that we'd like to use the extra money for this purpose." "We are a Sunday school class of ladies, interested in supporting an orphan." "Our oldest child is six. . . we are very much interested in sponsoring a young Arab child."

At present all available sponsorships have been taken, but more will be obtainable shortly. Thirty-eight new boys are expected to arrive at the Mennonite Vocational School in April. Their case histories will be forwarded to Akron as soon as they have been compiled.

MCC worker Kenneth S. Brunk, director of this school for the past three years, is homeward bound with his family. Until the new director arrives, Agriculturist Leland Voth, who has been at the school almost two years, will assume the duties of principal.

In the following article Brother Voth gives a glimpse into the uncertain future facing the 23 graduates who must now fend for themselves. He also explains how MCC is trying to lend them a helping hand.)

On February 12 of this year, the first class of 23 boys graduated from the Mennonite Vocational School at Kyung San. A month later MCC opened its hostel for these graduates in Taegu City and began its job-placement service.

There is much unemployment in Korea; jobs in this agricultural country are as rare as hens' teeth. Only the fittest, most aggressive, and sometimes those with the necessary "pull" can find gainful employment. Recently MCC advertised for farm help. We were flooded with over thirty applications. We could accept only one man for the job; the rest are still jobless. Surprisingly enough, many of these men were high school and even college graduates!

What chance does an orphan high school graduate have of finding employment? He is considered to be fortunate if he can start as an unpaid apprentice for several months. Yet very few boys are in a position to do this because they need money for their hand-to-mouth existence.

This is where the Mennonite Boys Hostel comes to the rescue. MCC has undertaken to feed, shelter and clothe these boys for about 10 months in order to give them the opportunity to work their way into a job even if they do not receive

any pay for the first two or three months. This gives them a distinct advantage over those job-seekers who must have remuneration daily in order to live. MCC does not profess to have found a solution to the employment problem. In fact, we might even be in a position where we underbid labour with our program. Certainly this is no long term plan to relieve the employment situation. The ideal thing would be to create employment opportunities. Although we are striving for it, MCC has not yet been able to do too much in the field of "job creation."

MCC permits these boys to live in the hostel in return for a few hours of work per month from each boy. They may save any money they earn for use when they leave the hostel at the end of the 10-month period. The boys are free to leave the hostel to set up their own home at any time. Mr. and Mrs. Chae and their two children, a fine Korean Christian family, have moved in with the boys to provide guidance, supervision and counselling. Mr. Chae controls the issuing of food and clothing; he also has early morning prayer meetings and daily Bible study with all the boys. The boys do their own cooking, washing and mending. Mr. Chae has organized the boys to attend to the necessary household duties and responsibilities.

A few days ago, we invited correspondents from two Taegu newspapers to visit our hostel, take pictures and write feature stories on our project. We hope that this publicity will improve the boys' chances of gaining employment. Of the 23 boys that graduated, 20 are now living in the hostel. The other three have found employment in Pusan and in Seoul. Of the 20 living in the hostel, six have found employment as apprentices; the other 14 are still searching.

Mission News

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Constructing Church Building

The Mexican believers in Nuevo Ideal are beginning the construction of a new building for their church services. Since there is always opposition to any evangelical effort and since building permits are connected with a great deal of red tape in Mexico, this group of believers is in need of our sincere intercession so that they may not get discouraged during the construction of their sanctuary and in their faithfulness in testifying to their own people.

Funds Needed for Dormitory

Our missionaries in Paraguay write that a good number of Paraguayan children have applied for entrance in the new school which is to be opened for the children of

Paraguayan people living in the Chaco.

The parents of these children request that a separate dormitory be built for their girls in order to keep them under proper supervision as is the custom in that country. For this reason the mission finds it necessary to construct a new building especially designed to house Paraguayan girls. It is believed that there will be sufficient interest in Paraguay as well as here in America to make special gifts available to pay for the construction of this dormitory. Gifts for this purpose can be sent direct to the Board of Foreign Missions Office in Hillsboro.

The school will offer an excellent opportunity to teach the children the way to eternal life besides giving them the common school education. The children often also constitute a means to find entrance into the homes which they represent. Much prayer is needed in behalf of this project that the Lord may greatly use it to the dissemination of the Gospel in that area.

Fourth Operation

Shall we continue in prayer in behalf of Sister Lim Khi Thin in Indonesia who is approaching surgery for the fourth time. Since her strength and vitality have been greatly taxed by three former surgeries, the doctor needed to give her some time to recover sufficiently for the fourth.

Enjoying Work at New Station

Sister Sarah Peters reports a joyful entrance and rapid adjustment into a short-term service with Baptist Mid-Missions at Balaka in the Belgian Congo. Her main ministry is in the medical work. In addition, she teaches some French classes in the sixth grade and helps with the girls' work. Her French work will be a helpful preparation for special medical study she will take up in Brussels in September. Pray that her service at Balaka may be a real blessing.

Not on Furlough!

The following correction should be noted in the 1959-60 Prayer Guide (English issue, page 15). Sister Margaret Suderman at Deverakonda station in India is listed as being on furlough. This error is regretted. Sister Suderman is very active in the Lord's service at Deverakonda. The hospital at Deverakonda has about 30 in-patients and 40 out-patients a day. Daily devotions with the patients are encouraging. Decisions are made for eternity. Tracts are distributed and Scriptures sold to patients and their relatives. May we also remember Sister Suderman and the work at Deverakonda in prayer on the fourteenth day of the month.

Home From India

Brother and Sister Henry P. Poetker and family are on the way home from India to America for furlough.

They sailed on the SS Sylvania and were scheduled to dock in Montreal on April 24, the Lord willing. The latest message from them was written at Rome, Italy. May our prayers follow them all the way home.

Commemorate 75 Years Of Mission Activity

A festival of thanksgiving commemorating 75 years of Christian missionary service at Mahbubnagar, India, was observed on Sunday, April 5. For the occasion Brother John A. Wiebe wrote a history of the work at Mahbubnagar entitled "Great Things God Hath Done." In this account he describes the work of the Gospel in that area, which was first under Baptist leadership, then under Mennonite Brethren leadership. He elaborates on the blessings of God upon the work which now includes numerous churches, the central high school, the Jadcherla medical center, a food distribution program and a mission press. In conclusion, Brother Wiebe declares: "We know that the labor of God's servants is not in vain in the Lord and we are encouraged to attempt greater things for God."

New Office Workers

New workers in the Board of Foreign Missions Office in Hillsboro are Brother Herman Friesen of the Gnadenau Church, Hillsboro, serving as bookkeeper and Sister Rosella Warkentin of the Virgil Church in Ontario, serving as secretary.

At Prairie Conference

Brother J. B. Toews served in the Bible-missionary conference at Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alta., from April 12 to 19.

District Rallies

Board of Foreign Missions personnel ministering in the spring missionary rallies of the Women's Missionary Service of the Southern District were Sister Doris Harder of Colombia, Brother John C. Ratzlaff of the office, and Sister Daniel Wirsche of Mexico. They ministered in messages and missionary reports in the area meetings, which had as their theme: "Missions in the Light of the Cross."

KMB's and MB's Confer

Representatives of the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church Foreign Missions Committee and Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Foreign Missions met for consultation in the Conference Offices building in Hillsboro on April 8. The purpose of the meeting was to review the principles and policies of the home and field administrations as they will affect the missionary program of the merged conferences. KMB representatives were the Brethren George L. Classen, Yale, South Dakota; J. J. Kleinsasser, Bridgewater, S.D., and C. F. Plett, Doland, S.D. M. B. representatives were members of the Board of Foreign Missions administrative secretariat: Brethren A. E. Janzen, John C. Ratzlaff and J. B. Toews.



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Assemblies of God Marks 45th Anniversary

The Assemblies of God, one of the fastest growing denominations in the U.S., will be 45 years old April 12. The church was organized in Hot Springs, Arkansas, in 1914, following a 10-day conference of independent, evangelical ministers.

The youthful organization, which has grown to world-wide prominence, did not split from another group. Following early 1900 revivals in the South and Mid-west, several independent clergy called a convention to work toward greater cooperation in world missions. The result of the meeting was establishment of the Assemblies of God. Founding fathers did not desire a closely knit denomination. The term movement or fellowship was applied to the group even though in the years following its establishment a statement of beliefs was adopted.

Headquarters for the church was first located in Findlay, Ohio. Springfield, Missouri, was chosen in the spring of 1918 and the printing equipment was moved to a small abandoned meat market and grocery. The original building, five times remodeled and enlarged, still serves as the headquarters office. However, additional space has been provided in a three million dollar publishing house and in a smaller building for offices of two departments. Plans are currently being considered for a new administration building to join the publishing house. Estimates place cost of the new building, to be three stories tall, at close to three million dollars.

From a roster of 300 ministers, the list has grown to more than 14,000 including licensed and ordained clergy. A dozen or so churches have multiplied to more than 8,000, and membership has jumped from a handful in a few Mid-western communities to more than 505,550 in every state in the U.S., with an additional 627,598 in 69 countries of the world.

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Congress on Gospel Communications

"Sight and sound . . . twin avenues to the heart" will be the theme for Latin American Congress on Gospel Communications to be held in Cali, Colombia, September 13-18, according to an announcement released by congress coordinator, Robert Searing. Jointly sponsored by LEAL (Evangelical Literature for Latin America) and the Panamerican Christian Network, the coming Congress is expected to draw evangelical leaders from North, Central and South America and the Caribbean Islands to confer together on

the practical aspects of communicating the Gospel by means of radio, TV and the printed page.

"This is the first time to my knowledge," stated Vergil Gerber, executive secretary of LEAL, "that a joint Latin America-wide congress on broadcasting literature has been held." Specific objectives of the Congress: "1) To foment the use of modern media of communication in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. 2) To interchange ideas, techniques, experiments and results in these several fields of communication. 3) To provide professional-level counselling in areas of management, public relations, promotion, efficiency and technical know-how. 4) To make possible the business sessions of the two sponsoring organizations."

The facilities of the Colegio Americano will be used as headquarters for the Congress, providing ample room for housing the convention, exhibits and various business sessions. Participating in the planning and preparations for the Congress are personnel from the Christian and Missionary Alliance, The Navigators, Presbyterians, Radio Station HCJB, The Evangelical Union of South America, The Central American Mission and Plymouth Brethren workers.

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New Gospel Radio Station

A new radio voice for the Gospel went on the air this month at Managua, Nicaragua. It is station YNOL, sponsored by the Latin American Mission and several other Protestant mission groups.

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Church Leader Jailed in Warsaw

The Church of Christ announced today that its leader, the Rev. Josef Naumiuk, had been rearrested and lodged in a Warsaw prison. The minister is known to Church of Christ members in the United States, main support of the Polish branch of this church, as Brother Joe. He was originally arrested during a Sunday prayer meeting at his apartment last January 11, but was released February 14. Charges against him are: heading an illegal organization; unspecified currency offenses; maintaining an illegal printing press in the basement of his apartment house, and owning a car on which no import duty has been paid. His wife and aides denied the charges.

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Jailed for Medical Help

The Rev. Alfred Krauskopf, 54-year-old Lutheran pastor at Magdala, East Germany, got a 10-month jail sentence last month for possess-

ing western medical supplies. The official East German news agency said he had been charged with conducting illegal healing practices among the people of his parish. West Berlin papers reported that the pastor was head of the regional welfare office for the Evangelical Church in Germany and had distributed medicines imported from West Germany. It said he had aroused communist ire by denouncing youth dedication rites, Red counterpart of Christian confirmation.

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The Reward for a Loan

It took some sleuthing, but Third Brethren Church of Philadelphia has come up with an answer as to why a Jewish woman left it \$10,000 in her will. According to the will of Mrs. Ethel MacAdams of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, who died recently at the age of 72, all her estate was left to the church, and all the citizens wondered why. Then the Rev. Allen Wheatcroft, who is now pastor of the First Baptist Church in Allentown, Pa., threw some light in the situation. He said he was pastor of the Third Brethren Church back in 1925 when Mrs. MacAdams lived in Philadelphia near the church. He recalled that when he met her 34 years ago, her husband had just died and she was faced with a financial emergency. Pastor Wheatcroft arranged for a loan of \$100 from the church. Mrs. MacAdams repaid the amount within a short time and almost immediately wrote her will. In gratitude for the help she had received in a time of need, she named the church as beneficiary.

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Ship Skipping For Chapel Services

Helicopter rescues are routine for Chaplain David Plank of the U.S. Navy. By means of a helicopter he is picked up in a sling and delivered over the waves from ship to ship

to conduct Sunday morning chapel services among the six ships of the U.S. Destroyer Squadron Seven.

Crew-cut youthful-looking Dave Plank gained a reputation as a somewhat legendary character in Navy circles following a write-up in a New Zealand paper that featured Dave in leading 550 Navy men to donate blood for New Zealand. The writer of the article, following extensive interviews with the men on the ships, told of the high regard of the men for their chaplain who didn't mind standing the midnight to 4:00 a.m. watch in order to talk to them.

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Plans Return to Africa After Death of Wife

When Arnold Lueders and his wife and two children received their first furlough from broadcasting the Gospel in Liberia, Africa, they intended to return one year later.

The year has passed but the Lueders have not returned. A few months after returning to the United States, it was found that Mrs. Lueders had a tumor. In December she died of cancer.

Saddened by the loss of his wife, Mr. Lueders, with his two boys, Jonathan, age 6, and Joel, age 3, has nevertheless found in God comfort, strength, and an unwavering determination to return to his mission of reaching West Africa for Christ by radio.

Faced with the difficulties of establishing and maintaining a home with two small boys in Africa, Mr. Lueders quotes Ephesians 3:20 with boldness. Present plans indicate that Mr. Lueders will return to Africa with his two children in July.

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Weddings

Silver Wedding For Winkler Couple

Rev. and Mrs. George D. Pries celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in the Winkler, Man., M. B. church on Sunday, April 5.

Rev. J. H. Pries made the introductory remarks, while Rev. Wm. Dyck of Niverville served as guest speaker. Mrs. J. P. Redekopp favored with a violin solo and the Pries's daughter, Violet, said a recitation. Short messages were delivered by friends and relatives of the couple.

Rev. Pries is teaching in the high school at Niverville.

Future Subscribers

Born to Ben and Agnes Doerksen, Ashern, Man., a son, Robert James, on April 16—a brother for Richard.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Cornelius Derksen of 17 Digby St., Winnipeg, a daughter, Carol Ann, on April 16.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wiens of 10 Russell Street, Leamington, Ont., a daughter, Shelley Ann, on Sunday, April 12.

Obituaries

Mrs. Peter Harder

Mrs. Peter Harder, 44, died in the Coaldale, Alta., hospital on April 12 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held from the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren church on April 18, with Rev. Henry Nikke officiating.

Mrs. Harder was born in Russia on July 9, 1914. She has been a resident of Coaldale since 1930.

Survivors include her husband, to whom she was married in 1945, a son, Theodor Peter of Coaldale; three daughters, Agnes, Annie, and Freda; and three sisters and four brothers.



MDS To Produce Filmstrip

At their April 8 meeting in Elkhart, Ind., members of the Mennonite Disaster Service Coordinating Committee appointed a three-member committee to develop an MDS filmstrip. The committee is to begin immediately clarifying basic objectives and planning the general pattern. Wilbert Loewen, Winnipeg, Man., will serve as chairman of the committee, assisted by Harry

Martens, North Newton, Kans., and Jack Purves, Bluffton, Ohio.

In addition to working on the filmstrip, Wilbert Loewen will be spending six weeks in MDS summer service, visiting interested MDS units and areas considering organization. In view of the great interest manifested by organizations in Western Canada, the MDS Coordinating Committee has asked MCC to review with these groups the advisability of their being represented on the Coordinating Committee.

Study and Review Committees To Conduct Research

At the March 21 Executive Committee Meeting, committees were formed to conduct research in two specific areas—MCC membership and the 1-W program.

The MCC Membership Study Committee, consisting of seven members representing the constituent conferences and organizations, will make a study of the present basis of MCC membership with a view to possibly increasing the number of representatives. Committee members are: C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Grantham, Pa.; H. Ernest Bennett, Elkhart, Ind.; C. A. DeFehr, Winnipeg, Man.; Ted Friesen, Altona, Man.; Waldo Hiebert, Hillsboro, Kans.; Robert Kreider, Bluffton, Ohio; J. B. Martin, Waterloo, Ont.

An evaluation of the 1-W program will be made by a nine-member Review Committee. The suggestion for such a review was submitted to MCC Annual Meeting by the General Conference Mennonite Church. Appointees to this committee include: Atlee Beachy, Goshen, Ind.; George Classen, Yale, S.D.; Albert M. Gaeddert, Inman, Kans.; Noah Good, Lancaster, Pa.; John Lapp, Lansdale, Pa.; Esko Loewen, Hillsboro, Kans.; Ori O. Miller, Akron, Pa.; Wesley Prieb, Hillsboro, Kans.; Elbert Smith, Lancaster, Pa. The committee will submit a report and recommendations to the MCC Executive Committee and 1-W Coordination Committee conjointly next fall.

Barbed Wire Purchased from Belgium

Mennonite colonists in Paraguay should be receiving \$50,000 worth of barbed wire from Belgium within the next three months, in time for next year's planting. The wire represents the first purchase contract covered by the Million Dollar Smathers Loan.

In Paraguay land is so abundant that cattle simply run the range and farmers fence their planted fields, rather than the cattle range.

Director Frank Wiens comments: "Although some farmers have been here since 1927, there is still a shortage of wire. This will be a real morale lift to the colony folks."

Hungarian Refugees

There are still 12,587 Hungarian refugees left in Austria as of March 31. During the last two weeks of March, 195 were accepted by the US



POULTRY PROJECTS in Greece are proving highly popular. Supervised by Pax men from the United States, they help teach Greek how to get more eggs and by gifts of eggs from the United States help improve the flocks. Here is the new chicken house at Tsakones, Greece, which received a shipment of 1,300 eggs at Easter.

and provided with air transportation to this country. Most of those still remaining in camps are "hard core" cases.

Sidelights On Medical Work

From Pakis, Dr. Herbert Friesen, who is assisting in the Javanese Mennonite hospital and clinic program, shares some general observations:

"In my eight months here, I have seen only two intoxicated people. This to me was always one of the most revolting aspects of medicine in the States. The lack of it here, the scarcity of cars, and the generally mild-mannered people make for quite a dearth of accident cases. The rarity of cursing and swearing is also a pleasant diversion.

"And yet, one must not be so naive as to overlook weaknesses of other sorts. We, as Christians, have a tremendous responsibility here. The Moslems say theirs is the religion for the East, because the people can go on living pretty much as they have been and still be good Moslems. And they have succeeded well. The Christian church is growing but it still only a small dent in this mass of humanity."

MCC Executives to Visit Far East, South America

Executive secretary William T. Snyder is planning to go on an extended commissioner trip to the Far East May 9—July 20 to review the MCC program in India, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Korea and Japan. He will visit MCC units in Europe and the Middle East briefly enroute. One of the primary purposes of the trip, in addition to planning for the future, is the transferring of executive secretary responsibilities from Ori Miller to William Snyder.

An administrative visit to South America by associate executive secretary Ori O. Miller will take place almost simultaneously, from May

15 to July 7. Brother Miller will make a general review of the MCC program in South America and assist the Mennonite colonies in planning the use of the second half of the million dollar Smathers Loan. A brief visit to Haiti, British Honduras, Bolivia and possibly Peru is included in his itinerary.

During the absence of both men, C. N. Hostetter, Jr., chairman of the MCC, will serve as acting executive secretary.

My Best for My Children

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will carry with them when they leave our homes and go into their place of service and usefulness.

From her heart out of more than fifty years of experience of leading little orphan boys and girls to the Savior, the late Amy Carmichael of South India wrote this earnest prayer:

Father, hear us, we are praying,
Hear the words our hearts are saying,
We are praying for our children.

Keep them from the powers of evil,
From the secret, hidden peril,
From the whirlpool that would suck them,
From the treacherous quicksand,
pluck them.

From the worldling's hollow gladness,
From the sting of faithless sadness,
Holy Father, save our children.

Through life's troubled waters steer them,
Through life's bitter battle cheer them,
Father, Father, be Thou near them.
Read the language of our longing.
Read the wordless pleadings throning,
Holy Father, for our children.

And wherever they may bide,
Lead them Home at eventide.

More Than Two Happinesses Missing

By The Rev. A. Morgan Derham in
The Life of Faith (London)

When the indomitable Mrs. Lawson and her young helper, Gladys Aylward, opened an Inn for the evangelizing of Chinese muleteers, they called it "The Inn of Eight Happinesses." When the script writers who prepared the film version got at the story, they reduced the number by two, and called it "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," and the film of that name is now being shown in Australia. But the two happinesses are, alas, not the only things which have been lost; the truth about Miss Aylward, her spiritual power and her service for her Saviour, has also disappeared.

This film is a perfect example the folly of allowing spiritual material to be handled by the men of this world; the relevant text is Matthew 7:6. There was reason to fear the worst, of course, when it was announced that the actress chosen for the part of Gladys Aylward was Ingrid Bergman. As an actress she is undoubtedly remarkably competent; but her recent well-publicized marital adventures have hardly provided a suitable backcloth to such a casting. One's fears are confirmed when the film begins with a thunderously feeble statement to the effect that it tells the story of Gladys Aylward, a woman whose life was dedicated "to the belief . . . that we are responsible for one another."

. . . But the fundamental tragedy of the film does not lie in such emasculated statements of its heroine's aims and objects in China; it does not even lie in the fact that—doubtless to avoid offending the agnostics, Jews, Buddhists and others who will be lured past the box-office—the Cross is not so much as mentioned in the film, and Christ Himself is only mentioned incidentally, in a semi-humorous context. . .

No, the real tragedy lies in the subtle but deadly way in which the balance of values in the life of the chief character has been distorted and misrepresented. Even a secular newspaper critic was compelled to comment on the way in which the well-worn, stock pattern, love episodes are dragged in; and the crowning blow comes at the end. According to the film, Miss Aylward, having got her party of children through the mountains, says she is going back alone to the man whose ring she wears. But the fact is that Miss Aylward did the very opposite; she broke off the relationship, and did not return. (Incidentally, in the book from which the film was "taken," this man is Chinese; but in the film he becomes a Eurasian—did the producers have race-sensitive Americans in mind?)

There are beautiful and moving passages in the film; some of the acting is excellent; but it must be

said in all honesty that its Christian content (in the Biblical sense of that word) is less than negligible.

If ever the phoney, cynical, irresponsible world of entertainment was shown up for what it really is, it is by such a production as this. Nothing is sacred, least of all the facts; nothing is outside the possibilities of exploitation in the interests of the commercial cinema.

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Summer Service

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This organization is affiliated with the various Mennonite Churches in Kitchener. This camp is operated as a Christian holiday resort for Jewish people from the larger cities of Ontario. Needed: One cook and one teacher (both women). Allowance: \$20.00 per month plus maintenance and partial payment of travel. \$75.00 per month for cook.

MANITOBA HOSPITAL, Brandon, Manitoba—This is a large provincial mental hospital. Volunteers serve as nurses aides and attendants on the wards. Needed: 15 girls, May 1 to September 30. Wages: Nurse's aides, \$130.00 per month less \$25.00 room and board; attendants \$210.00 per month less \$25.00 room and board. Uniforms and laundry are supplied for both nurse's aides and attendants. All workers will be on a 40-hour week.

M. B. Board of General Welfare

Blumenau Work Growing

The work of the Gospel in Blumenau, Brazil, is progressing under the blessings of the Lord, writes Brother Hans Kasdorf, Board-supported worker in that city. Attendance in the new chapel in Sunday services is increasing, and midweek attendance is also encouraging. A fourth class has been organized and a fifth class is needed. For all of these blessings of the Lord, Brother and Sister Kasdorf give God thanks. From March 31 to April 9, Brother Kasdorf preached in Gospel services in the Guarituba Mennonite Brethren Church.

Large Baptism at Bage

Sunday, March 1, was a special day for the Mennonite Brethren Church at Bage, Brazil, when 49 believers were baptized upon confession of Christ as Saviour, and were accepted into church fellowship. Many of these believers were young people who made their decision for Christ following the sudden death of a young man killed in a tractor accident. Instructional classes to prepare the candidates for baptism were taught by the Brethren G. H. Sukkau (Yarrow, B.C.) and John Wall (Vineland,

Ont.) The membership of the Bage Church is now 370. Two weeks after this baptism there was to be a baptism of Brazilian nationals among whom Bage brethren have been witnessing. A Brazilian convert baptized two years ago is entering a Bible institute in preparation for the Lord's service and is supported in his studies by the Bage Church.

Ordain Deacon

Brother and Sister Hans Warkentin, Gartental, Uruguay, have been ordained to the ministry of the deaconship in the Mennonite Brethren Church.

COLLEGES

Tabor College

Awarded Federal Research Grant

Clarence Harms, instructor in biology at Tabor College, was recently awarded a research grant amounting to \$4,200 for the coming academic year. Harms, who will be on leave of absence from his teaching duties here, will be engaged in graduate study at the University of Minnesota toward a doctorate in zoology.

The grant, awarded by the National Science Foundation, is in the form of \$3,500 in cash plus remission of all fees.

In addition to this grant, which is for the year beginning September 1, he has been awarded a further N.S.F. stipend of \$600 plus fees for research at the Lake Itasca Biolog-

ical Station, a branch of the University of Minnesota, this summer.

Elect Campus Religious Leaders

Perry Klaassen, sophomore from Weatherford, Oklahoma, was selected by his fellow students to head the student Christian Fellowship Association for the coming year at recent elections.

Other officers of next year's organization are: Suzanne Siemens, Buhler, Kans., vice-president; Rosalie Ollenburger, Okeene, Okla., secretary; Paul Toews, Hillsboro, treasurer; and David Schmatjan, Blaine, Washington, publicity manager.

“ . . . The greatest of these is love.” Greater than faith, which will turn into sight. Greater than hope, which will terminate in reality. Greater because it will outlast all else. Human love can only faintly approximate illustration of God's love or that which He “sheds abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5). When the Evangelist was away his little 6-year-old daughter was secretly lonely. When she sensed her mother might feel similarly, she said, “Mother, I'll tell you what to do: Just go to the closet and put the sleeve of one of Daddy's coats around your neck a little while. That is what I do.” The everlasting arms which “are underneath” (Deuteronomy 33:27) are actually more realistic and far more dependable than any daddy's sleeve or arms.

What Is Your L.Q. ?

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Invitation to Manitoba M. B. Youth Workers

Winnipeg, Man. — All youth workers in Manitoba M. B. churches are invited to the annual Youth Workers' Conference, to be held at Springstein M. B. church this coming Sunday. There will be two sessions, with the afternoon meeting starting at 2:30 p.m. and the evening meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. (Standard Time)

Feature speaker at the afternoon session will be Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church, who will deliver an address on the basic needs of young people and the problems that must be solved in trying to meet these needs. This will be followed by a discussion period led by various youth workers.

Rev. H. R. Baerg has conducted some basic research in problems facing young people today and he will speak at the evening session on current problems facing young people.

Both sessions are also open to

those who are interested in youth work and those who might some day be in youth work.

Ontario Choir to Present "Messiah"

Vineland, Ont. — The Niagara District M. B. Oratorio Choir will present Handel's "Messiah" in the Eden Christian College auditorium on Sunday evening, May 10.

The choir is under the direction of Rev. Peter J. Dick.

Winnipeg soloists will be participating in this first performance of the "Messiah" in this area by a Mennonite choir. Coming to sing solo parts for the "Messiah" are David and Viola Falk, bass and alto respectively, Victor Martens, tenor, and Rita Stobbe, soprano.

College Group Visits Lindal

Morden, Man. — A fine time of fellowship and spiritual blessing was enjoyed by the church at Lindal when a small group from the M.B. Bible College visited us on Sunday, April 19.

Under the leadership of Brother

Jake Neufeld, the program consisted of two trombone duets, a vocal solo and other musical numbers. Basing his message on Phil. 3:12-14, Brother Neufeld spoke on the subject, "Principles for Growth in the Christian Life." He encouraged us to press on for God so that we might attain our goal.

Church Workers Fellowship Unites

Altona, Man. — An inspirational meeting which carried in it the suggestions of another Mennonite merger movement was held in Altona on April 3.

Meeting were the ministers and deacons and their wives of the Rudnerweider and Evangelical Mennonite churches of Manitoba, with approximately 25 and 20 couples, respectively, registered.

Features of the program were reports on the respective church conferences with Rev. P. J. B. Reimer reviewing the history of the Evangelical Mennonite church and Rev. G. H. Penner speaking for the Rudnerweider group.

Rev. Abe Unger, Butler, Rev. I. P. F. Friesen, Winkler, Rev. Henry Friesen, Blumenort, and Rev. B. W. Sawatzky, Winnipeg, discussed aspects of the theme relating to the Christian servant.

Motto for the day were the words from Psalm 133: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The immediate purpose of the first joint meeting was inspiration and fellowship and no official union talks had been scheduled.

However, one leading brother could not resist the temptation to suggest: "There are now two large Mennonite conferences in Canada. Why don't some of us unattached church groups form a third evangelical Mennonite conference."

On the Horizon

April 17 to 19. — Seminar on Race Relations by Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section at the Woodlawn Mennonite church, Chicago.

April 18. — The choir of the Bethany Bible Institute will sing "The Crucifixion" and part of the "Messiah" at 7:30 p.m. at Hepburn, Sask.

April 18 and 19. — The closing conference of the Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., will have Rev. A. H. Wieler, principal of the

M. B. Bible Institute, Clearbrook, B.C., as guest speaker. The baccalaureate service will be held the afternoon of April 19 and the graduation exercises that evening.

May 17. — Graduation exercises of the M. B. Bible Institute at Clearbrook, B.C.

April 26. — Annual Youth Workers' Conference of the Manitoba M. B. churches, to be held at Springstein M. B. church.

May 1—The students of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will present a musical program.

May 24—The closing program and graduation of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg.

May 31—Graduation exercises of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

June 5 and 6—Conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba.

June 10 to 14. — Annual conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches in North America, to be held at Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb.

July 4 to 8. — Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference at Hepburn, Sask.

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