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

I Cor. 2:2.

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Mennonites Gather To Discuss Race Problems

Chicago, Ill. — From Mississippi to Canada and Harrisonburg to Omaha, uneasy Mennonites of seven conference groups gathered in Chicago for a seminar on "Christ, the Mennonite Churches, and Race." The fifty delegates, Negro and white, were convened by the Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section and met at the Woodlawn Mennonite Church, April 17 and 18.

Throughout her American history the Mennonite Church has been opposed to slavery. But through the years her voice against the unjust treatment of Negroes has been lost. She has been silent.

Mission Work Has Reflected Paternalism

On occasions we have invited the Negro into our house, but not into our home; into our "faith," but not into our fellowship. Our mission work among Negroes has often reflected our pride and paternalistic motives.

In an open meeting Friday evening, Rev. Ralph Abernathy stated that "if the race problem is to be solved, it must be solved by the Christian Church." Rev. Abernathy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Alabama, was closely associated with the widely known Rev. Martin Luther King in the leadership of the bus protest staged by Montgomery Negroes in 1955-56. Abernathy emphasized that the race problem is not basically a political problem—it is a moral problem. It is a problem of one group feeling superior to another.

Accept Whosoever Comes Also

Jacob Loewen, professor at Tabor College, discussed the underlying premises of the Christian gospel—1) that "all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God;" 2) that all men "from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth" are equally eligible to become children of God; and 3) that the saved of all nations are spiritually integrated as the body of Christ. As another participant stated, if we preach a whosoever-will Gospel we must face the consequences and accept whosoever comes! A segregated church is not a fellowship and cannot realize the spiritual oneness of those who are

in Christ. The New Testament treatment of the Jew-Samaritan and Jew-Gentile questions presents the principles which must apply to the race issue today.

Woodlawn Associate Pastor, Vincent Harding, called upon the Mennonite Church—with its emphasis on the way of the cross—to face the injustices inflicted upon our Negro

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Ground-breaking Service At Vineland

Vineland, Ont. — "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it" (Psalm 127: 1a). This particular verse was emphasized by Rev. Henry Wiebe, assistant church leader of the M. B. Church here, at the sod-turning ceremony for the new church on Saturday, April 25.

After much prayer, discussion and preparation, construction of our new church is at last under way. By 10 a.m. on April 25 a good crowd had assembled on the four and one-half acre building site. After those assembled had praised God by singing "Grosser Gott, wir loben dich," Rev. Wiebe spoke on the verse mentioned above. He stressed the fact that God was to be the master-builder in the building of the church, and that the church members must work and pray.

Deeper Life Services at Steinbach

Steinbach, Man. — Rev. Wm. Falk of North Kildonan was the visiting speaker at the Steinbach M. B. Church from April 24-26. The theme of the four services was "The Revelation of Jesus Christ." Rev. Falk chose his text selections from Revelation 1-3.

From the message to the church at Ephesus he pointed out how well the church appeared from without. On first reading one gains the impression of a church that is spiritually healthy. The lack of "first love" appears to be excusable in view of its many virtues. Yet upon further reflection we realize that this lack is a gross sin. Though the



A FRIEND OF ORPHANS who lost her life while in service in Korea is shown here on a picture given to MCC Information Service recently by an organization known as the Friends of Pusan Children Charity Hospital, Inc. On the picture is the late Bertha Kornelson of Abbotsford, B.C., with several abandoned or orphaned Korean children. Miss Kornelson lost her life in a drowning accident near Pusan in 1956. See report on page 8.

Edward Unrau, chairman of the building committee, turned the first sod. After prayers of supplication that God bless the construction, the group sang, "Auf, lasst uns Zion bauen." Shortly after, the bulldozers began excavations for the basement. The new church will cost about \$105,000.00.

at Ephesus and our own church? By outward appearance we may be prospering, but have we retained the "first love"?

Rev. Falk raised this question again with reference to the message to the church at Philadelphia. The key for a truly Christian church is brotherly love (love to God has preceded this). This is a love that gives and forgives; one that seeks not selfish advantages but rather the good of others. Such love is available from God only.

Fire Destroys Kildonan Plant

Winnipeg, Man. — A late afternoon fire that started in the paint department of J. I. Dyck Manufacturing Co. levelled the building and destroyed the contents on May 6. If no equipment proves salvageable the total loss will approximate \$300,000.

J. I. Dyck Manufacturing employed between 20 and 25 men in the manufacture of garden tools. Mr. Dyck has announced that the plant will be rebuilt. There was insurance coverage for a portion of the loss.

EDITORIAL

A Mother Is Many Things To Her Family

A true mother makes an astonishingly varied contribution to family and community life. In one day she may fill more diverse roles than the busiest missionary. Yet mother's rewards are often intangible and her achievements still less often heralded.

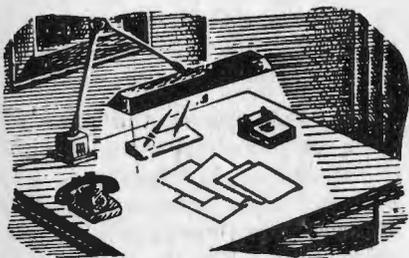
Basic to the role of a mother is her responsibility to supply the family with the physical necessities, made possible through the incessant labour of the father. Be it feeding an infant, cooking a full-course meal for a hungry family, dressing an awkward three-year-old, or sewing for an active boy, she is on the job 365 days a year. This is no mean responsibility—and no mean accomplishment.

Closely related to this function is the mother's role as a family anchor. All the activity in the home seems to swirl about her. As children come and go to school, as father leaves the house for work only to return for a quick bite before the evening committee meeting, mother is one stable factor. She is always there (at least almost always and if she is not working herself). Father may phone concerning mail, Johnny may dash in to pick up his runners (and a cookie), Susie may want a dress ironed for that evening's club meeting, while Henry may need a lunch for the graveyard shift at the plant. Imagine the confusion if mother was not there!

Another significant function of the mother is to provide a shelter of love. As she radiates a mother's love, reinforced and strengthened by the love of God in the Christian mother, she can help the persecuted child to face the taunts of the children on the street and aid the teenager to realize that tensions and problems are part of the maturing process. She can help all to see that the greatest problems of life can be solved if submitted to the all-wise God in prayer.

Yet mother also has a role as teacher. She helps the infant adapt itself to the home environment. She is usually the one who teaches the child its first words. She provides the "window" through which it sees the world. A mother's reactions to life situations, her emotional self-discipline, her Christ-like way of facing the problems of life will teach the child to make similar responses as it grows older.

Mother, are you finding your source of strength in communion with the almighty God? Children, do you have your mother on your prayer list and pray for her daily? Father, are you filling your role as head of the home?



Pen Points For Reporters

Exams: Yes, even the editor must write exams. Now that they are over we need wait only for the results. Yet many of the intangible fruits of a winter of study will never show on a report card. Not shown there is the stimulation, the greater understanding for human action, the increased ability to express oneself. In all, this winter of study combined with work has been a most profitable one. And it leaves only one step to the coveted B.A., which seems to become more necessary every year.

Publicity: Have you ever stopped to think what a dismal failure modern youth conferences, Sunday school conferences, Bible conferences and other church projects

would be without publicity of any kind? As a Christian church we need to utilize every medium of publicity available. Never forget that a short announcement, an advertisement, a notice "On the Horizon" is one of the most effective means of publicity. Announcements on the radio, from the pulpit, by means of telephone calls are all verbal. But when you use newspaper publicity people can look at the date, place, and the time even at the last minute. Twice the editor has arrived at the wrong place because his memory played tricks on him and he had no announcement in black and white. So send in those announcements!

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DEVOTIONAL

The Salvation of Children

(By R. S. Beal, Tucson, Arizona. Supplied by National Sunday School Association for Family Week observance, May 3 to 10.)

"So she went and came unto the man of God to Mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is that Shunammite: run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well" (II Kings 4:25-26). The question which concerns us is the spiritual welfare of the child, and we can well ask ourselves this same question as we think about our own children.

It did not take the prophet long to sense the anxiety upon the face and the heart of this mother whose dead son she had laid upon the bed in the prophet's chamber of her home. Leaving the little corpse, she had made her way to the man of God and would not rest until he himself had come to her home. Then the great miracle of raising him from the dead and restoring him to his parents took place.

We pass from the physical miracle of this account to the spiritual miracle which needs to be wrought in the heart of every child who comes to the age of accountability.

A Christian man approached a heavy drinker and urged him to turn from his course. Said the liquor-soaked individual, "Do you think you can make a temperance man out of me?" "No," replied the Christian, "we evidently can't do much with you, but I am thinking of your boy." At this unexpected retort the man dropped his jocular tone and said seriously, "Well, I guess you are right. If somebody had been after me when I was a boy, I would be better off today." As we think about the child's welfare, let us face

A Serious Condition.

The majority of crimes today are committed by boys under twenty-one years of age. The average home is nothing more than a place in which to eat and sleep because it has ceased to be a shrine for moral and religious training. The Bible is an unknown Book, Sunday school is an unheard of institution, and reverence is an unusual experience with the result that we have a great crowd of ungovernable youngsters who soon find their way into all sorts of mischief. It is not long until the community finds itself burdened with the heartbreaking problems of juvenile delinquency.

The ignorance of boys and girls concerning the Bible is appalling. American children, for example, are deplorably unfamiliar with the features of the Savior as represented in religious art. It is not a mat-

ter of stupidity, for it is noted that the same children instantly recognize the features of well-known movie people and other famed public entertainers.

Let us think of

The Salvation of the Child

There is in the book of Job a pertinent question, "Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one" (Job 14:4). And David bore this witness, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me" (Ps. 51:5). Because of this condition even children need to come to Jesus Christ and find regeneration by the power of the Holy Spirit. The plan of salvation is as much for them as for any adult. Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3).

I sat in a Billy Sunday meeting one night when he tested an audience of six thousand as to the age when the Christians present were converted. A vast majority of that number found Christ before they had reached their twentieth year. When he asked how many found Christ after they had reached sixty, only three stood to their feet. Surely we must appreciate the fact that if children are not converted as children, many will never be converted.

The boy Isaac was never safer than when he was bound on the altar of God. God develops and keeps and never destroys youth who are bound to His altars. The editor of a great secular magazine, when dealing with the subject of juvenile delinquency, wrote, "The girl who goes to a strange city to work will find

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Frankfurt Crowds Hear Janz Brothers

Frankfurt, Germany. — Opening day meetings held in the 7,000-seat tent in the north end of Frankfurt were well-attended despite poor weather conditions, as the city, which has been bombarded in turn with TNT and the American "way of life," found itself under attack again.

The Word of God in its simple sword-like power is being proclaimed by the Janz team of the Christian Radio Mission. In a manner well-known to Canadians but something of a novelty here, the team, consisting of director and speaker Leo Janz, soloist Hildor Janz, organist Harding Braaten and their staff, have begun their planned four-week stand, assisted by a choir of 300 voices, some 200 trained counsellors and a good portion of the free and Lutheran churches of the district.

Intermittent rain showers fell as some 5,000 listeners gathered for the first meeting. Approximately forty persons responded to the altar call.

"At this rate the tent will be far too small, as attendance usually

doubles in the last week," commented Leo Janz, who expressed the team's joy and thankfulness for the promising beginning.

Asked about the response of an embittered and war-hardened Europe to the child-like simplicity of the Gospel proclamation, organist Harding Braaten, referring to past campaigns by the team, suggested that the average European is not as hard as he seems to be. The Ruhr Campaign, the greatest visible success to date, testifies to the fact that the simple message still strikes home.

At a press conference prior to the first meeting Leo Janz explained the interdenominational position of the team and declared that the Frankfurt campaign would, in all likelihood, be financed by the meetings and local churches entirely.

The Christian Radio Mission, incorporated in Canada, Germany and Switzerland, is supported by free-will offerings. For the Frankfurt campaign, however, the great challenge to Canadians is one for much prayer, commented Leo Janz.

Present Play in Calgary Churches

Calgary, Alta. — During the past weeks the young people of the Highland M. B. Church have been busy presenting the play, "Thou That Judgest," in the Bethel Baptist church, the Pleasant Heights Baptist church and the Evangelical United Brethren church.

The Havannah Missionary Society held their annual banquet on April 23. Since the theme for the evening was "The Cross," the presentation of the German dialogue, "Was bedeutet dir das Kreuz?" brought the evening to a fine close.

New German Broadcast In Europe

Harrisonburg, Va. — Letters from various parts of Germany indicate a very enthusiastic response to the new German broadcast just begun on Radio Luxembourg, Europe's most powerful commercial radio station. This report was just received from Paul Lehman, Basel, Switzerland, director of European broadcasts sponsored by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., of Harrisonburg, Va.

This German broadcast began April 2, after word was received from Radio Luxembourg, that time could be purchased for the period each Thursday morning from 6:05 to 6:20 during their German program block. Prior to this, Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., found it impossible to purchase time on this prestige station of 500,000 watts; ten times more powerful than any US station.

Participating on the first German programs were Rev. H. H. Janzen, speaker, and Samuel Gerber, announcer. Paul Lehman is serving as program director.

This brings to seven the number of language broadcasts now produced or sponsored by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., of Harrisonburg, Va. 219 weekly programs are released on stations in many countries of the world.

Returns After Winter at Reedley

Winkler, Man. — Miss Susie Harder was expected home at the beginning of May after serving in the Kingsview mental hospital at Reedley, Calif., since August of 1958.

Miss Harder received her high school education in Winkler, trained as nurse at the St. Boniface Hospital, and took a post-graduate course in psychiatric nursing at the Brandon Mental Hospital. She joined the staff of the MCC Kingsview hospital last summer.

Appointed Superintendent Of Jasper Place Schools

Edmonton, Alta. — A former principal of the Alberta Mennonite High School, Peter F. Bargen, has been named superintendent of Jasper Place public schools, effective immediately.

Mr. Bargen will receive his doctor of philosophy degree in education on May 20. His Ph.D. thesis, "The Legal Status of the Canadian Public School," will be published by the University of Alberta.

Jasper Place, a suburb of Edmonton and the fifth largest urban centre in Alberta, has eleven schools and three additional ones under construction. There are 130 teachers and 4,000 pupils in both the elementary and high schools.

Wins Ford Foundation Fellowship

Vancouver, B.C. — An MEI and UBC graduate, Harvey Dyck, has

been awarded a Ford Foundation fellowship valued at \$3,930.

Mr. Dyck, who is married, will continue his doctoral studies at Columbia University, New York. He has been on a Mackenzie King travelling scholarship the past year. He has previously spent one year in Germany as an exchange student.

A son of I. J. Dyck, the former MEI principal, Mr. Dyck was a resident of the Abbotsford, B.C., district for 13 years.

Study Conference Concentrates on Evangelism

Aldergrove, B.C. — "Where there is a conscious effort on the part of the church to establish the New Testament church pattern, lay evangelism is introduced, . . . and where lay evangelism is introduced there are wonderful results in terms of the salvation of souls," declared Rev. Jake Friesen, principal of the East Chilliwack Bible School, at the first Evangelism Study Conference of the Mennonite churches of British Columbia.

Held at the Aldergrove Mennonite church, the study conference attracted more than 125 delegates. Rev. A. Neufeld, chairman of the Board of Education and Publication which planned the conference, presided at the sessions. Rev. J. M. Pauls of Winkler, Man., served as chief guest speaker.

In his message on lay evangelism, Rev. Friesen pointed out the necessity and possibility of every layman being a witness to what he has experienced. This can be done in terms and language suited to every person.

Colonization Evangelism Project

Rev. Friesen is a member of a group of young couples active in different occupations planning to settle in a northern city of British Columbia some time next year in an evangelism colonization project. In this project all will share in the responsibility of propagating the Gospel by witnessing to various levels of society.

The course of evangelism in Mennonite history was traced by Rev. G. Peters of Chilliwack. He depicted the varying degrees of evangelistic zeal, ranging from the blazing intensity of the Anabaptists, who depended upon it for the very existence of their fellowship, to the barest flicker as the Mennonites became the "Stillen im Lande," its near extinction in Russia and its renewed blaze during the last 50 years especially. Rev. Peters also noted modern methods of evangelism.

Evangelism Is Not Mechanical

"Today it is taken for granted that we do evangelistic work," he said, "but let us never forget that evangelism is not a mechanical process, not a program. It is not a method—it is the Spirit. And where the Spirit is at work, there Satan

will also be at work. The greatest hindrance to evangelism is a professing Christian who has not realized what true Christianity is."

In his first paper Rev. J. M. Pauls dealt with biblical evangelism. His second paper was on the minister and evangelism. Here he commented that a minister is often wary and suspicious of evangelistic efforts in his community. But where love to Christ holds a church together and is the motive power of the minister, there need be no fear that evangelism will tear the church apart. He laid emphasis on the nurturing of the newly-converted person so that he may become a strong, healthy, growing person. This is the responsibility of the minister.

Sunday School Evangelism

We cannot take it for granted that every Sunday school teacher is a born-again Christian, Rev. Peter Dyck, MCC director in Europe, declared in his talk on the Sunday school and evangelism. He should be that, he maintained, and further pointed out that by his punctuality, preparedness, prayer and enthusiasm he creates an atmosphere that is conducive to evangelism in the classroom. "May the Lord deliver us from the indifferent and unenthusiastic person in the Sunday school," was Rev. Dyck's fervent desire.

"If you only teach and never lead to Christ, you have accomplished nothing," Rev. Dyck further stated, showing how small children need to be shown Jesus as their loving friend and young people need to be faced with a decision.

"For the evangelist to be able to present the Gospel in its versatility and comprehensiveness, and to be able to truly and completely portray the Saviour, he must constantly keep the image of the Master himself before his eyes and his heart. It is only through discipleship, by following Him, that we learn to know the Master, become more like Him, and become evangelists," declared Rev. J. M. Pauls in his last message.

Called out of the world, Christians are sent back into the world to witness, was the gist of Rev. N. N. Friesen's message on the church and its outreach.



Delegates attending a two-day conference on "Christ, the Mennonite Church, and Race Relations" in Chicago on April 17 and 18.

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neighbor. "For who can walk through Chicago's black ghetto and say: never mind about your miserable, frustrated, crowded lives, and your burning houses, we'll just save your burning souls. Who can see this area of a few miles where over 600,000 Negroes are imprisoned, and say never mind about the unscrupulous real estate dealers and the crooked policemen with their blasphemy? For a salvation that does not deal with man's condition as he is, and a Gospel that does not include concern for this freedom is surely a perversion of the good news. It would be opium, not good news. These are our brothers, dare we leave them in a situation in which we would not choose to be ourselves? Is that the way of love?"

Race Prejudice Has Mission Implications

Throughout the seminar there were reminders of the far-reaching repercussions for world evangelism of American discrimination and injustice. J. D. Graber, executive secretary of the Elkhart Board of Missions and Charities focused this sharply in a final message Saturday evening. The preaching of the Christian Church has been negated by her hypocritical actions. The Asian and African know Christianity as a Western religion—a religion which has often supported armaments, nuclear tests, war, colonialism, paternalism, exploitation, and white supremacy. Communism and nationalistic religions have fully exploited these failures and confusions within Christendom.

From experiences in Japan, Melvin Gingerich stated bluntly that a missionary without a clear Christian attitude on race might as well

go home. Michael Badu, exchange student from Ghana, soberly discussed the growing strength of Mohammedanism—noting how several of his personal friends have turned away from Christianity. When peoples across the world are turned away from Christ, because of our failure to be truly Christian, the price is bitter and tragic indeed.

Those delegates remaining at Woodlawn for Sunday morning participated with the local interracial congregation in a service of communion at the table of our common Lord. This was symbolic of the deep spiritual unity—the attitudes of heart-searching confession and dedicated commitment—that prevailed throughout the seminar. Rev. Rondo Horton, KMB minister from Boone, N.C., brought the morning message. Horton, leading Negro minister of the Mennonite Churches in that area, has been a member of the Mennonite church since 1917.

MBCI Students Present Pleasing Concert

Winnipeg, Man. — A Spring Concert that evidently met with the over-all approval of the audience, judging by the enthusiastic applause, attracted approximately 500 to the Playhouse on May 2.

The Senior Choir and the school orchestra, both directed by John Thiessen, and the junior high Girls' Choir, directed by Henry Konrad, presented a variety concert that seemed to have something for every listener.

The program began on a serious note as the Senior Choir sang "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord," "They That Shall Endure," "The Spacious Firmament," and "Ave Verum." The orchestra accompanied the last two selections and enhanced the enjoyment of these numbers.

The school orchestra played two series of four selections on the program, including music from Schumann, Chopin, Beethoven, Haydn, Handel, and Brahms. Augmented in the cello section, the orchestra gave a pleasing performance that does credit to the school and should encourage other schools to attempt similar projects.

The Junior Girls' Choir, which sang at the Manitoba Music Festival, sang the folksongs "Lord Ren-äl" and "Kein Feuer, keine Kohle" and the nature song "Lerchengesang." Spirited singing and clear enunciation made these songs truly enjoyable.

The second group of four songs by the Senior Choir found the choir in a lighter mood, as they sang "All Ye Who Love Music," "Sing

a Song of Sixpence" (arranged according to Mozart), "Git on Board Lil' Children." Included was the sombre "Sunset and Evening Star."

The atmosphere of spring pervaded the last group as the Senior Choir sang "Der Mai ist da," "Frühlingsglaube," "Drei Rejter," and "Im Wald."

As an encore the Senior Choir repeated "Sing a Song of Sixpence" to the delight of the audience. It is to be hoped that such concerts will be repeated next year and that still more will come to listen.

New Church Planned For Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Argentina. — A new church building for the Mennonite Church in this South American capital is now under construction. Construction began in January.

Rev. Martin Duerksen, a Paraguayan Mennonite known in North America from his student days there and his tour of the churches, is pastor of the Mennonite Church in this large city.

There are 700 to 800 Mennonites resident here, with the church growing slowly. Today there is a Sunday school of 60 children, a youth group

of about 40 and an adult membership of about 70. MCC is permitting church members to apply their travel debt payments towards the support of the building project.

Vancouver Young People At Chilliwack

Chilliwack, B.C. — The East Chilliwack M. B. Church "Jugendverein" had the young people from the Vancouver M. B. Church as their guests on April 19.

During the evening's program the drama "Steadfast in Hope" was very ably presented. This drama is

the story of a Roman soldier who finds Christ as his personal Saviour through a young Christian lad. Later both are persecuted for Christ's sake, but both are willing to even suffer death for their Lord. It was both thought-provoking and soul-searching.

Rev. Peter Penner was a delegate to the recent M. B. Sunday School Convention. On April 20 he gave an interesting and informative report to the Sunday school workers and others who were interested.

The three Women's Sewing Circles had a united closing service on the evening of April 24. Since their aim is to serve the Lord through helping support mission and missionaries, they had invited Rev. H. Lenzmann from Yarrow to discuss some aspects of foreign mission work.

COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

The week of April 27 to May 1 was Peace Emphasis Week at the M. B. Bible College. Three lectures dealing with this topic were given by Rev. C. Wall on Monday, Thursday and Friday morning. Of special interest was his personal testimony, which constituted the greater part of his first message.

Another chapel visitor during the same week was Dr. Hostetler of the "Mennonite Hour," a broadcast from Harrisonburg, Virginia. We were much inspired by his encouraging remarks on the will of God in our lives.

Also with us last week were the members of Grace Bible Institute choir of Omaha, Nebraska. Their service on Wednesday morning consisted largely of songs supplemented by a vocal ensemble and a message by Rev. Harder, who travelled with them. The choir and their director, Mr. Henry Wiebe, joined the College students for the noon-hour meal in the MBBC dining hall, where a pleasant half hour of fellowship was enjoyed.

On April 24 and 25 the drama "The Living of These Days," written by one of our graduating students, J. E. Dueck, was presented in the college chapel. Depicting the life of a man, beginning with a scene in Communist Russia and tracing his life, through hard work, to prosperity in Canada, and his ultimate realization of his having lung cancer, the various scenes taught us many a lesson which we could apply to our own lives. By request the drama was presented again on Saturday, May 2.

An interesting Friday evening was spent on May 1, when annual student elections were held. The various positions are filled as follows: President—Dave Epp; Vice-President—Alfred Friesen; Secretary—Neoma Hinz; Literary Chair-

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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Arrive in Ontario

Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld and family were scheduled to arrive in New York on May 5, from where they were to travel to Ontario. The Neufelds are returning from Austria for a brief furlough. While on furlough correspondence will reach them as follows: during May and August, Abr. J. Neufeld % J. A. Neufeld, Box 246, St. Catharines, Ont.; during June and July, Abr. J. Neufeld, Steinbach, Man.

Europe Workers Meet

Our workers in Europe planned to meet in Munich on April 16 to discuss the work on that field before Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld left for a brief furlough.

Hot Season in India

Most of the India missionaries are at Kodaikanal in the hills of South India to escape the great heat of the plains and to enjoy a period of rest and spiritual refreshing. Kodaikanal is also the place of the school for missionary children, so the missionaries have a few weeks together with their children, and all of the missionaries have an opportunity to fellowship around the Word of God and with one another. During the months in the valley the missionaries are usually separated on the various stations and do not have the opportunity of frequent fellowship as a staff. The season this year is especially very hot in the valley. Shall we pray for a spiritual refreshing and a physical recuperation for all of our workers in India.

To Return to India

Preparations are being made for the return of Brother and Sister Ted Fast and family and Sister Regina Suderman to India. May we pray that the necessary documentation may be obtained so these missionaries may return before their permission to re-enter India expires. They must be back in India before the end of September.

Missionaries to Come on Furlough

Several Congo missionaries will return to the homeland for furlough this spring and summer. Sister Kathryn Willems and Jack Shannon, son of Brother and Sister Clyde Shannon, are to arrive in the homeland by the end of May. This will mark the completion of the third term of service for Sister Willems. Sympathy is hereby extended to the missionary sisters, Kathryn and Martha, and their family in the homeland in the death of their father, P. D. Willems, at Hillsboro. Brother Wilems departed this life on April 21. Funeral services were held on April 25. Jack Shannon, returning to attend college in America, hopes to be present for the graduation exercises of his brother Ralph from Wheaton College. Scheduled to return early in June are Brother and Sister George

Faul and Brother and Sister Benjamin Klassen.

To Return to Paraguay

Sister Mariechen Giesbrecht of the Paraguay missionary staff has been spending her furlough in Canada since last summer. She is now preparing to return to Paraguay to resume her work as nurse.

To Build T.B. Hospital

The construction of a hospital for tubercular patients among the Indians of the Paraguayan Chaco has been approved by the Board of Foreign Missions. This action has been taken because of the increased incidence of tuberculosis among the Chaco Indians and the need for constructing a hospital and clinic at a place more segregated from the Indian settlements. This institution will be situated on mission property not far from Yalwe Sanga. Prayer for this project is requested. Contributions can be sent directly to the Board of Foreign Missions Office at Hillsboro, Kans. The purpose of this avenue of service is to promote the Gospel outreach among the Indians because those who receive bodily attention at the hands of the mission also receive the glad tidings of salvation through faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

"A Symbol of Brotherhood"

In Fernheim, Paraguay, a house has been built and provided for Sister Kornelius Isaak and her family by brethren and sisters. In an identification of the house, Missionary G. B. Giesbrecht describes it as "a symbol of faithfulness unto death and also a symbol of brotherhood."

Mexico Believers Meet

Brethren John C. Ratzlaff and Daniel A. Wirsche attended a spiritual fellowship conference with the leaders and workers of the Mennonite Brethren fellowship in Mexico that convened at Nuevo Ideal April 26 to 28. Intercession in behalf of lasting results from this spiritual fellowship will be appreciated.

To Join LEAL

Christian literature is becoming increasingly important in missions. A means of facilitating the missionary literature ministry are evangelical literature service organizations. Literatura Evangelica para America Latina (LEAL) is such an organization for Latin America. To facilitate our missionary literature ministry in Latin America, our Board of Foreign Missions has decided to become a supporting member of LEAL. The second continent-wide convention of LEAL is to be held this coming September 13 to 18. Our missionary staff in Colombia is looking forward to this meeting to be held in the city of Cali.

Arrive in Colombia

Sisters Annie E. Dyck and Herta Voth arrived safely in Colombia on



A BAPTISMAL SERVICE was held at Linz, Austria, on Easter Monday, March 30. Six souls heeded the call of the Lord and followed in this step of obedience. Five of them are from the Linz church while the third from the right is a sister from Steyr. Brother Abr. J. Neufeld is at the left. May we pray that the Lord may continue to bless them and to make them a blessing to others.

April 16. They arrived in Cali by plane from New Orleans.

Warkentins to Visit Latin America

Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin of Fresno, California, left Hillsboro on April 22 for an extended visit to missionary activity in Latin America. Their trip will also include visits to the Mennonite set-

tlements in Latin America. As a member of the Board of Foreign Missions, Brother Warkentin will be acquainting himself with the work of our conference in Latin America and also be gathering material for the production of missionary films. May the Lord prosper their ministry.

A Week in Soviet Russia (3)

"A Poet Must Be Political"

By Victor Doerksen

"The poet must be political," I was informed by a graduate of an institute for languages and pedagogy (The only variation permitted in this verse is that the second word may be replaced by anything from "scientist" to "street sweeper").

Members of our group contacted—by diverse methods—writers, artists and scientists, who without exception refused to talk about politics and insisted that they were completely apolitical. No matter with whom one speaks one always receives the impression that the "government" they speak of is a distant mystery to them which is best avoided in conversation. And yet the verse is dutifully recited: "The writer must be political."

It is not as though the statement were the result of any logical thought process or that valid and useful deductions are made from it. It is merely necessary.

Unpolitical Writers Don't Count

Using the proof-text method with the casual assurance of a fundamentalist, my learned friend pointed out to me that because they are not political western writers don't count.

Don't you see! The author simply must be political!

This is the baffling kind of thing one is confronted with when one enters the world of Soviet education. After a while one gives up directionless argument and goes back to silent observation.

Our tour of the Lomonosov University was a quickie of about three hours that did not allow for any-

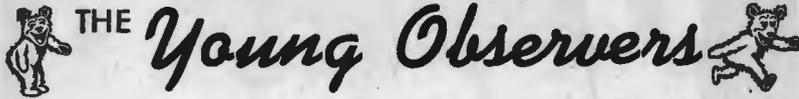
thing like investigation. The vast building complex on the Lenin Hills houses only six of the twelve faculties, Mathematics, Mechanics, Biology, Geology, Physics and Chemistry. The others are located at the old university buildings at the city centre and in various institutes.

As we entered the massive front door a group of students with rifles slung over their shoulders marched past us on their way to the military training classes which are carried on simultaneously with their studies.

Luxury in Education

In rapid succession we were shown the auditorium, a stately and somberly rich chamber seating over 2,000 in plush luxury, a lecture room complete with a blackboard that rolls like a hotel towel, a small theatre for student performances, one of the 6,000 single rooms for students—a small, neat unit with a typical Moscow "radio" (its one station can be turned louder or softer), and finally a kitchen which was so tidy that any student wishing to make use of it would have to bring a match to light the gas stove, not to speak of every pot, pan and towel he would eventually use.

Using one of the three high-speed elevators we reached the twenty-ninth floor, and by climbing a staircase which brought back memories of Mennonite structures in Canada—I bumped my head twice going up—arrived at the dome in the thirty-first floor. To get there we had crossed several (Continued on page 11-1)



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Every day of the year is Mother's Day, but once every year we stop to remember our mothers in a special way, don't we? This is one day where we can show by a special effort that we love our mother and that we are thankful to her for all her love and help. No doubt you will hear from many different people how you can show your mother your appreciation by helping her, saying thank you to her, giving her little gifts, or simply throwing your arms around her neck and giving her a big kiss. You know, no matter what age your mother, she'll always enjoy that.

It is so easy to forget what others do for us. We take it for granted that mother wakes us in the morning, makes breakfast for us, gets our lunches ready, helps us on with our coats and sends us off to school with a cheery smile. So it might be a good idea if we took off a little time on Mother's Day to write down some of the things mother does for us. You'll be surprised how long the list will be. If you write it out carefully you can even hang it up in your room. Then you will be reminded every day of how your mother helps you. And I'm sure you'll grumble less and less.

Before you go to bed, stop for a minute to thank God for giving you a mother, won't you? There are so many who have no mother. How they wish they would have a mother, too. That's why we should be thankful to God for our mother.

Love, Aunt Selma

Nancy's Empty Heart

By Bess A. Olson

Nancy stood first on one foot and then on the other. She wished that the church service would close or that they would get through singing the invitation hymn, so she could go home! She rubbed her sleepy, golden-brown eyes and sang over a yawn, "Calling today, calling today." The words did not mean much to her. Finally the song ended, and for a minute everybody was very still. Suddenly Nancy heard a sound like a sob. She looked up. It was her big sister, Dora.

Dora was crying! Her soft, brown eyes were filled with tears. There were tears on her cheeks, too. She was twisting and turning her hands together as though she were very nervous. Then Dora slipped out to the aisle and started walking down to the front.

Nancy's eyes grew wide with wonder. Little chills of excitement tingled inside her. All of the sleepiness was gone now! This was wonderful. Dora was going to know God!

Dora had always been special to Nancy. She was her big sister, six years older; and everything about her was interesting. Nancy had only recently been given part of Dora's room, and she thought it was wonderful to have her bed in the same room with her big sister's. On the nights when Dora went to bed at the same time she did, Nancy would sit up in bed and watch her sister brush her shining brown hair. Then Dora would talk and

laugh with her as though they were the same age. Nancy loved this.

There were other times, though, when Dora treated Nancy as if she were a little girl. Sometimes Dora would be very angry and scold her for being in the way. But, anyway, Nancy thought that her sister was wonderful and wished that she were older, so that Dora would always laugh and talk to her.

Tonight as they undressed for bed Nancy gave her reddish-brown bangs a couple of quick dabs with the brush and then hopped into bed. She sat curled up with the covers pulled up to her chin, waiting for Dora to begin talking. Maybe she would tell her how she felt when she went forward! But Dora did not talk at all. She had been very quiet all the way home from church. As she brushed her hair, she hummed, "At the cross, at the cross." Then she sat on the edge of her bed in her pretty pink robe and read her Bible.

Nancy slid down in bed. Dora was different! She had not read her Bible for a long time. There was a click of the light going out. Nancy waited for the squeak of the springs that would tell her that Dora was in bed. But all was silent. Then Nancy heard something. She listened with fast-beating heart to the murmur of her sister's voice in prayer.

With a very guilty feeling, Nancy jumped out of bed and knelt for a moment, whispering the little prayer her mother had taught her long ago. She was out of the habit

of saying it since she had been in her sister's room. Dora had not prayed, either, until tonight.

For a long time after Nancy was back in bed, Dora kept on praying. Dora was really talking to God, not just saying a prayer! She really knew Him now! A feeling of sadness swept over Nancy. "I didn't talk to God," she thought, "not really. I don't know Him like Dora does."

During the next few days Nancy watched her sister with a new look in her wide, brown eyes. Mixed with her love and admiration there was a longing. Dora knew God! Nancy wanted to know Him, too. But she was sure that she was too young. After all, Dora was sixteen!

Every night Nancy watched Dora read her Bible. When Dora prayed, Nancy lay still. A strange little ache came into her heart. What must it be like to talk to God as Dora did? Nancy could no longer say the little prayer that she had always said. After all, it was just a poem prayer. She was not really talking to God, not like Dora talked to God every night.

The thing that thrilled Nancy the most about Dora was the way she was so kind and thoughtful now. Nearly a week had gone by, and Dora had not lost her temper once. When she was phoning and everyone made too much noise, she was so sweet. Instead of speaking crossly, as she had done before, she asked them quietly if they could play in another room until she was through. When Mother asked her to help with the big ironing, she did not frown and make excuses as she used to. She just smiled cheerfully and said, "All right, Mother."

Nancy knew that if knowing God could change a person like that, she, too, needed to know Him! It seemed that she was always in trouble of some kind. She just could not keep from quarreling with her brother when they both wanted the same things. So many other things were wrong with her, too! How she longed to be like Dora!

One thing that was wrong with Nancy was that she was always getting into things that she was not supposed to play with. Dora's dressing table was the greatest temptation. There was the pretty bottle of perfume. It had such a wonderful smell! About a month ago she had spilled some when she was helping herself to a little bit. Dora had been very angry. She told Nancy never to touch it again.

Nancy looked longingly at the bottle. It did have a sweet smell. It wouldn't hurt to take just a little smell. She wouldn't even take any. Mmmmm! Suddenly the door flew open, and Dora came in. Nancy was so startled that she let the bottle slip from her fingers. It fell to the floor with a crash.

For a minute both girls stared at the bottle and the perfume spreading in a little pool on the floor. The sweet smell filled the



If you have a mother who prays for you, you should be thankful to God. Not all children have mothers who pray for them and tell them about the Lord Jesus.

room. Nancy raised her frightened eyes to her sister's face. A pink color was spreading all over it. Oh, oh, Dora was going to be angry! Her eyes were flashing.

"Why can't you leave my things alone?" Dora cried. She glared at Nancy. Then all at once tears came to her eyes. The pink left her face. "I'm sorry I was cross, honey." She bent down and began picking up the pieces of broken glass. "I didn't mean to scold you."

That was too much for Nancy. She threw herself on the bed, sobbing wildly. Soon she felt Dora's arm around her. "It's all right, Nancy. Don't cry. I'm sorry I was so angry. I really didn't mean to talk that way."

Nancy sat up. She looked at Dora's loving face. Then she cried harder than ever. "Oh, Dora, I'm so bad. I can't be good. I need to be like you. I need to know God like you do, right now!"

"Of course you do," said Dora, "and He will help you, too. Let's ask Jesus to come into your heart right now, because that is the way that you can know God."

Nancy just sat and looked at Dora. "But I'm not sixteen. Don't I have to wait until I'm big?"

"Oh, no," Dora said. "You can know Jesus right now. All you have to do is ask Him to forgive you and make you His child."

"Right now?" Nancy asked again. "Right now," Dora repeated.

As the two girls knelt side by side, Nancy found that she could really talk with God. She did not have to use the poem prayer any more. She had learned to talk to Him.

Dora showed her the same Bible verses that she had been shown a short time before. Nancy read them again and again.

When the two girls had finished reading and praying, Nancy knew that she, too, had found Dora's Saviour.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful Mother's Day surprise if you, too, let Jesus into your heart and let Him change you the way He changed Dora and Nancy?

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But Not Forsaken

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(8th Installment)

"Hey you, what's the hurry?" Hans felt his arm twinge with unexpected pain, as a green uniform grabbed for him from the shadows along the sidewalk.

"Pretty late for a fellow to be in such a hurry. Probably not up to any good. Identification, please."

The policeman let go of his arm and watched him impatiently as he slipped his hand into that innermost pocket where he kept his identification card.

"My baby has just died in Kornrade. I am on my way home to tell my wife."

"A likely story." But the pleading eyes brought back to the other man too vividly a scene which he simply had to forget.

"Go on."

As the silent, black buildings began to appear in ghostlike formation in the moonlit evening, Hans's walk became a run again, a sudden surge of nervous energy making his tired feet light. The soft soles of his shoes produced the only noise that broke the awful stillness—awful, it was. Krauter, like any other German city, was a blacked-out vacuum at night. But tonight in his inmost soul Hans felt as though everything was too quiet, as though something was wrong.

Would he never get to Felderstrasse 21? He stopped a moment and panted, then lengthened his stride once more, advancing upon Friedrichstrasse like a lion upon its victim. Frenzy, suspense, and nerves connived to keep him going, although he was running alongside the cobblestone road to keep from making undue noise. The moon had slipped under a cloud; the little side road was so dark that had he not known every step by heart, he would have slipped here into a ditch or there into a gully in the road itself. The foot bridge—he placed his hand on the railing to assure himself. The street sign—like a man reading Braille, he felt it warily. Then a left plunge, then the creaking wooden step under his feet.

"Maria!" He whispered the name, but he wanted to scream it. "Maria, Hansie, Rosie!"

"Maria, Hansie, Rosie!" Cautiously he felt his way over to the vestibule closet, feeling the floor to see if there might be a candle left. They had been so saving with those last few candles. Ah, here was one. Deftly he lighted it, stumbling uncertainly into their room.

His heart still pounding from his race with time, Hans leaned against

the wall for support, surveying in the pale light the scattered possessions and the rumpled bed on the floor. It was not like Maria to leave the room so untidy, and a shudder crept up Hans's spine as he realized anew that something was very wrong. Frau Friesen's room, stripped of everything she owned, bare except for an overturned chair, puzzled him still more.

Hans buried his face in his hands, fighting despair, trying to think—think—think. Who might know where his family had gone? Why hadn't they left him a message? And then it came to him; if anyone would know, it would be Frau Schmidt in the attic. Hopefully his feet took the rotten steps three at a time.

Another set of rotten steps. Three soft knocks on an ugly door.

"Who in the world at this time of night? What do you want?" A cracked voice came out through the hole in the door, angry, suspicious, frightened.

"Hans Penner." He knew it was Frau Schmidt.

"A moment, please." One latch removed, another latch, then an iron bolt.

"Hans Penner, come in. Sit down." She lighted a candle and the old mother slowly came to from her mat in the corner, taking in the scene at a glance, although her hearing was too poor to catch the conversation.

He could wait no longer. He was weeping and Frau Schmidt was obviously putting up a struggle to keep her composure.

"Where is my Maria? Tell me!"

"I do not know. Tuesday I left on my bicycle to bring back potatoes for the old mother. When I returned the Penners and Frau Friesen were gone. My mother sensed a commotion, but she could not hear what was said. You can see nothing from this attic window. I ran to the neighbors and they told me that the Communists had come. They saw them take Frau Friesen, and since your family also disappeared at the same time—"

She could say no more. It was enough.

"Verschleppt!" It was as though a stick of dynamite had been planted in his soul for a long time and now suddenly had been ignited, an explosive blast that left him quaking like a house after a bombing raid.

Leaning with his back against the door, Hans no longer wept. He stood with his fists clenched, his

gray eyes wide, staring straight ahead, seeing nothing. His mouth was set, but his lip trembled. Thoughts too painful to entertain stormed into his tired brain, thoughts that had to be entertained, for they were facts.

A hand reached over and pushed a chair against his leg. Falling into the chair, he dropped his face into his hands—large, adequate hands that covered him from the compassionate gaze of the two women. Yet, he did not need that protection, for he knew neither where he was nor who was there. He knew only that Maria, Hansie, and Rosie were being loaded like cattle into some railroad car; that little Lenie was dead; that he was altogether alone.

"Please, a cup of coffee." Frau Schmidt had hastened to offer him the best that she had. He gazed at the kindly face, but he did not see it. How long had he been sitting here? His body had stopped trembling, his facial features were composed and expressionless, the ache was gone, his arms and legs were numb. Bitterness and defeat fell upon him like a dark garment. And now that hope had been murdered within him, his spirit also died.

"Please, please, a cup of coffee." This time he saw the tiny cup being extended toward him, took it without a word, drinking half of it.

"Take it away. She has none to drink. If I can't drink the cup which she drinks—"

His own words seemed to wake him from the trance. Across the room from him he saw the old grandmother Maria had told him about, propped up now on her pillows, weeping tears for his sorrow.

"But you are sure?" He addressed his question to Frau Schmidt, knowing the answer already.

"Who can be sure of anything?" Her voice softened. "Only of the love of the good Lord," he repeated, fondling the words. "Yes, Maria would have believed that."

He had to go, he heard himself say. But he wondered where, as he stood a little uncertainly, pushing the chair away from the entrance, and grasping the broken knob of the door.

"Wait, please wait for one moment. There is something I wanted to give Maria. Perhaps it would be a comfort and sustainer for you."

The woman rose, stumbling over a pile of chips she had probably picked up along the street for kindling. Swiftly she removed a heavy tapestry from an old trunk and dived through a litter of papers, pictures, and linen. When she finally came up, she carried a tiny black book which she laid in his hands, her keen eyes watching his face for his reaction.

A Bible! How Maria had wanted a Bible! And now that she was gone—why had this woman waited? What would he do with a Bible?

"I can't accept it," he mumbled, handing it back to her. "You must

keep it for yourself."

Frau Schmidt wiped her eyes firmly, determined to control her emotions for the sake of this man.

"We have another Bible—saved both of them all during the war—kept them hidden. This is only a Testament besides. I was going—"

She stopped abruptly, trying to change what she had started to say, but he sensed her hesitancy and his eyes insisted that she finish her sentence.

"I was going to give it to Maria for—her—birthday."

Her birthday! In all the anxiety of the last few days, he had forgotten that today was her birthday.

Slipping the Testament into the innermost pocket of his coat, alongside his identification, he opened the door. He paused for a moment to look at the two dim but tender faces, friends in his great need.

"Thank you. God bless you."

He replaced his worn hat on his head, pulled it down over his forehead, and turned to go. Then he turned back. He needed to have one more contact with a friend before he went out to face a friendless night.

"I am leaving this town and will probably never see you again. What you did for Maria meant a great deal to her. Pray for her."

But the woman, whose hand he had taken in a farewell clasp, was begging him to stay for one moment more.

"What do you plan to do now, Herr Penner? Do you know where you will go from here?" Her voice broke in her concern for him.

"I ought to go to Siberia and try to find them," he thought aloud. "Yet, it seems so useless—like suicide, almost."

He lifted his eyes, and his face was tired.

"I don't know. Good-by. Thank you."

And he stumbled out into the night.

CHAPTER VII

Just one more village, only a few more miles, and they would be there. It was a pretty little town: old brick houses hunched together, leaning on each other for support; ancient grandfather trees stretching out decrepit arms, blessing the unassuming dwellings; occasional ill-fed horses ambling along on the cobblestone street, bumping wagons behind them with complete unconcern for the riders perched high on their piles of junk or twigs. It was a town that wore an evening sunset well.

Maria, her head throbbing, her bundle weighing her down, trudged through the town with little notice of the beauty of the lingering sunset. Her two little ones, marching bravely on either side of her, said nothing, too fatigued and heartsick to talk. Hansie made the remark that his feet were so tired he didn't know where the road ended and his feet began.

(To be continued)

Wanted — Abandoned Korean Children

(Arlene Zimmerman, R.N., Bareville, Pa., is in her third year of MCC service in Korea. She arrived home unexpectedly in April, as an escort to five Korean children adopted by families in America. An account of her trip and the problem of homeless children in Korea follows.)

The motor droned monotonously as a Northwest Airlines plane winged its way over the Pacific. To Arlene Zimmerman, an MCC nurse from the Pusan Charity Children's Hospital, the journey seemed interminably long. She bent anxiously over the five-month-old, critically ill infant in her arms. Would it survive the two-day flight from Seoul to Milwaukee? Her glance shifted to the four other youngsters in her charge. Obviously healthy and almost too energetic, they seemed unaware of the drastic change about to occur in their lives.

But in America, five families were waiting eagerly for the plane's arrival which would bring an adopted Korean child to each of their homes.

On April 21, a relieved Arlene stepped off the plane in New York City, her little charges, sick baby and all, safely delivered into the hands of the new parents. Now for a pleasant 10-day interval with family and friends before returning to Korea.

Homes in U.S. for Korean Children

Within the last two or three years approximately 1500 Korean children have found homes in the US in this manner. Most of them are mixed-blood babies, the unwanted and frequently mistreated offspring of Korean mothers and foreign fathers. The problem is the result of UN troops stationed in Korea. The greatest percentage of men in the international force is American, which possibly explains why America has taken the first steps in assuming responsibility for these unfortunate children. An act of Congress permits orphans and abandoned children from Korea to be admitted to the US on a non-quota basis, provided an authorized agency handles the adoption and immigration procedure.

This procedure is not difficult. In Korea abandoned babies are generally brought to hospitals or orphanages. When it becomes apparent that a baby has mixed blood, it is referred to a Korean adoption agency. In America similar agencies work with interested families and an attempt is made to match child and family to some extent. For example, two of Arlene's charges were Negro-Korean, so these went to Negro homes. Because a minimum of red tape is involved, people find it simpler to adopt a Korean youngster than an Amer-

ican child. Requests are so numerous, that there is a waiting list of prospective parents. There are also many lovely and intelligent full-blooded Korean children waiting for a home, but so far there have been few requests for these.

Airline Assists

Northwest Airlines brings the children to America in groups of five, about one group each week. The company deserves a word of commendation for its strong support of this charitable project. Adopting families pay half fare for the children's flight, but each child gets an individual seat, and each group of five is under the supervision of an escort. In selecting escorts, NWA chooses responsible, non-salaried women, provides them with free passage and pays them a small wage.

MCC nurses serving in Korea thus far have all had the opportunity of escorting adopted children to America. The first to do so was Margaret Wiens from Canada in 1956. Arlene has had the good fortune to come home twice, her first chance occurring March, 1958. This time she responded to an emergency call when the scheduled escort was unable to go. She received a telegram on Thursday, left for Seoul the next day, and by Monday was on her way to America with five youngsters ranging in age from five months to ten years.

Abandoned Children Still a Problem

The problem of abandoned children is not diminishing in Korea. It may seem completely heartless for someone simply to place a baby on the street to die, but relief workers living close to the people find this is often a desperate mother's last resort. The Korean soldier gets no support for his family, so his wife must work. When a new baby comes, her employer might say, "Either the baby goes, or you go." So—she abandons her baby. Or the mother dies at childbirth (the maternal mortality rate in Korea is extremely high) leaving a newborn infant and other young children behind. If the father is a soldier, he is powerless to provide for his family and relatives are often too poor to help. Since no one else feels obligated to look after the hapless youngsters, they are left to fend for themselves. At the Pusan hospital alone, 30 to 40 abandoned children are admitted each month.

Many Orphanages

And what happens to them after they are brought to the hospital? If they are in reasonably good health, they are taken to one of the numerous orphanages where they will at least get food and shelter. Unscrupulous orphanage directors

have tended to exploit these children, however, and life for a child in the average Korean orphanage is not a rosy one.

The Korean government has recently begun clamping down on the directors, making it a criminal offense to sell donated food and clothing. Similarly it has declared the abandoning of children a crime punishable by law. But unless the underlying causes for these transgressions can be removed, it will be difficult to bring about any significant improvement.

The Salvation of Children

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that her best safeguard against being thrown into company of young male companions who would entice her from virtue's path is the church of God."

The third phase of this subject to which I call attention is

The Parents' Responsibility

After a child has found Christ as personal Savior, too many parents seem to question the child's sincerity rather than rejoice in the little one's decision. While it is true that some children may be swept along with the tide and unite with the church simply because their companions do so, this in no wise justifies indifference to the decision to accept Christ on the part of a child who has been taught clearly the way of salvation. Let us give some credit to the operation of the Holy Spirit in a child's heart when the Word is taught him.

The book of Job gives to us the picture of a father truly burdened about the spiritual welfare of his children. "And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually" (Job 1:5). The marginal rendition of "continually" is "all the days." This father had a continual burden upon his heart in relation to the spiritual welfare of his sons. Daily he made offerings unto God in their behalf. How many of us as parents have labored with God "all the days" in behalf of the spiritual condition of our children? Oftentimes we never utter a word of prayer for them until they fall sick or are nigh unto death. Sometimes it is only when they have fallen into mischief that we cry to God to get them out of trouble and to save ourselves from embarrassment.

John G. Paton, the famous missionary, testified many times to the lifelong influence of his father's prayers. W. T. Stead wrote, "I fail to find that modern society has any

substitute for the social benefits which result from this old institution of the family altar." When our children in the tender years of life profess to have found the Lord Jesus Christ, let us water the seed of truth in their hearts by much prayer, and by a holy example.

We cannot escape the fact that the life and conduct of each parent is largely reflected in their children. If these young converts are not doing as well as they ought in their new-found hope, the strong probability is that the Christian profession of the parents is not making much of an impression.

There are some fine stories told of the children of Scotch Covenanters. Many of these brave Scotch people met death at the hands of their enemies because of their faith in God, and even the children were true under great persecution. A number of children were surrounded by the soldiers of King George and were commanded to tell where their parents were hidden or be shot to death. In spite of the soldiers' cruel threats not one lad or lassie would tell the secret. As they were gathered under a tree, the fierce officer commanding the soldiers, sought to frighten them.

"If you do not tell me quickly you will be shot," the officer roared. They only huddled the closer and kept silent. "Make them all kneel and cover their faces," ordered the captain. One little lassie asked to be allowed to hold her brother's hand, for she thought he would face death easier. All knelt save one bonnie lad who remained standing. "I've done naething wrang; I'll no kneel doon; I'll dee stanin' up," he said in his Scotch brogue. The rifles were ordered loaded only with powder, but the order was given to fire. As the loud report rang through the valley, the children cried pitifully; and some fell to the ground in their fright, but others remained kneeling. "You have not prayed," sneered the officer. "Please sir, ma mither taught me a Psalm; we'll sing that if it will do," said a little girl. All the children stood and tears ran down the soldier's faces as the children's voices rang out, "The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want." The officer himself had learned that Psalm also at his mother's knee. Before the song was finished the soldiers hurried away and left the children in peace. Does not this incident show how little children can love God and be true to Him even in the face of the threat of death? God help us to believe in the reality of a work of grace in their hearts.

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Born at Carman Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Enns (nee Susie Loewen) of Elm Creek, a daughter, Olive Marlene, on April 24.



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Plea For More Literature

Theodore E. McCully, executive secretary of Christian Business Men's Committee International, recently returned from a two-month tour of the Far East, Australia and New Zealand, with an urgent plea for Christian Americans to meet two critical world needs immediately.

"First of all," McCully said, "America must awaken to the urgent need for getting out the right kind of literature to combat Communism."

Then he made a plea especially to young business men: "Make yourselves available to go to these countries where millions have never heard the gospel. You can continue your business, but lay hold of these golden opportunities to serve Christ in this way. The fields of the world are wide open, but they may close at any time. May God give us a new sense of our solemn and neglected task."

Broadcast in Argentina

Adelante Juventud, a cooperative radio broadcast of the Brethren Church, is reaching a potential audience of 24 million persons in Argentina. A more practical estimate of the hour-long program's actual listening audience is about 240,000 listeners each week on seven stations. The broadcast beside covering Argentina, spills over into Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil. Radio Colonia in Montevideo, Uruguay, has been drawing an average of 50 letters each week. Most of the other stations are doing almost as well.

Prohibit Mixing of Negro And White Blood

Governor Orval Faubus of Arkansas signed into law a bill requiring blood banks to label human blood by race. He said there was a great demand by the public for the bill. "A lot of people were afraid of contamination from Negro blood: I mean from disease." Pathologists and medical experts had termed the bill "ridiculous." It was patterned after a similar Louisiana measure.

Lebanese Church Goes Indigenous

A brief religious ceremony marked the formal transfer last April 15 of virtually all Protestant missions in Syria and Lebanon to the local church, the National Evangelical Synod. Schools, colleges, hospitals and other property gradually will pass to the ownership of Christian Arabs.

Amish Refuse Money

Tax officials at the Internal Revenue Service in Washington, D.C.,

have a unique situation on their hands. For the first time in their memory, people are telling them they are conscientiously opposed to receiving a tax refund! The strange case arose over the seizure of horses by Federal tax agents for non-payment of Social Security taxes. The horses belonged to members of the Old Order Amish community in Wayne County, Ohio. The horses were valuable animals and when sold at auction they brought a very high price. So the government asked the Amish people to fill out forms to apply for a tax refund. This they refused to do, basing their refusal on the words of Christ as quoted in their German Bibles: "Of him who taxes away thy goods, do not demand or require them back again" (Luke 6:30). The tax officials were deeply impressed and the excess money will go to the Treasury Department's "conscience fund."

Parents Act To Protect Children

A group of parents in Saint Paul, Minnesota, has launched an organized effort to protect their children and youth from "immoral television programs" and "immoral literature." It has formed an organization called "Parents: TV Censors, Incorporated," and is backing a bill introduced in the Minnesota State legislature which would prohibit radio and TV programs dramatizing "bloodshed, lust or crime" between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Meanwhile, a West Germany TV expert warned a group of Protestant churchmen that children under the age of ten should not be allowed to watch television at all. The director of the Bavarian Television Network speaking to a conference of theologians said, "I am of the fairly orthodox opinion that TV is not for children at all. Before the age of ten they should not see any television." He said the receptive ability of children even for wholesome and instructive television is still very limited. For them to watch television programs for hours every day surpasses the physical and mental strength of even the healthiest human being.

More Atheistic Literature

Western visitors to the annual Spring Fair at Leipzig, in the Soviet Zone, noted an increased production of atheistic literature by East German publishing houses with displays at the Fair. The visitors said many of the works are already for sale at extremely low prices at newsstands throughout East Germany.

Membership Drive For Winkler Alumni

Manitou, Man. — For several years the Alumni Association of the Winkler Bible School has been functioning. The aims and purposes of the association are to support the school in a spiritual, moral and financial way. The association members believe that this God-given institution is worthy of consideration and prayer in these perilous times.

The executive would like to inform all graduates from the Bible Course of the Winkler Bible School that they may help the school by becoming members of the Alumni Association. The membership fee is \$1.00 annually and is payable to an alumni representative in your district or to Mr. Henry Klassen, 427 Banning St., Winnipeg.

For further information concerning alumni activities, enquiries may be directed to the president of the Alumni Association, John Froese, 187 Mighton Ave., Winnipeg.

Elect New President for Nonresistant Relief

Kitchener, Ont. — The annual meeting of the Non-Resistant Relief Organization of Ontario elected Rev. Henry H. Epp, pastor of the Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church, as chairman to replace Rev. G. Lehman, who resigned after many years of service.

Meeting on April 14, the delegates heard that \$34,500 had been contributed by the supporting churches, which represents an increase of \$1,000 over the previous year. Most of these funds went to the general relief budget of the MCC, with the canning project, the Ailsa Craig Boys' Farm, the Old Colony Mennonites in northern Ontario, the Middle East Milk Project, and the MCC Children's Home in Bad-Dürkheim, Germany, also receiving support.

The shipping committee reported on the material aid program, for which the statistics include gifts from all of Canada. Thus a total of 118,801 pounds of clothing and food valued at \$106,000 were sent to Austria, Germany and Korea. A shipment for Lebanon is also being prepared. This will include 26,500 pounds of clothing valued at \$27,500.

C. J. Rempel, the representative on the Mennonite Central Committee Board, presented a report on the work of the MCC and the needs still present today in various parts of the world.

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

(Continued from page 4-4)

man—Elmer Andres; Music Chairman—Bill Baerg; Yearbook Chairman—Jake Penner; Recreation Chairman—Alvin Enns; Medical Aid—Gerry Seymour; Home Missions Chairman—Paul Fast; Foreign Missions Chairman—John Doerksen, and auditors—Nick Wiebe and John Doerksen.

Completing an eventful week was an abbreviated A Cappella Choir tour on Sunday, May 3. Three churches of western Manitoba were visited. The morning service at Lena was our first stop, where, with Dr. F. C. Peters as speaker, a time of real blessing was had. The afternoon service was held at Boissevain. Following lunch in the church basement it was "full speed ahead" to Brandon. After the service in the attractive mission chapel, where the work is under the leadership of Rev. Lawrence Warkentin, and a time of fellowship in the church basement, we left for Winnipeg. Transportation, as on the Ontario Tour, was again by Thiessen Transportation Ltd.

Two slight disappointments have been experienced recently by the College students. Namely, the last two Tuesdays had been slated for the annual College picnic. However, due to excess precipitation both days have proved unsuitable. Undoubtedly the Manitoba weather will revert back to true form and a picnic will yet be held.

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Weddings

Penner—Kroeker

Miss Frieda Kroeker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kroeker of Chilliwack, B.C., and Wilfred Penner, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Penner of East Chilliwack, B.C., were married on March 30 in the East Chilliwack M. B. church. Rev. G. Thielmann officiated.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Washington State. The groom is teaching near Mission City. The bride was the pianist for the "Gospel Hour" quartet for the past two years.

Obituaries

Miss Olga Hiebert



Miss Olga Hiebert of Winnipeg, Man., passed away on April 7 after a three-week stay in the Misericordia Hospital. Funeral services were held from the Grossweide M. B. church on April 11.

Miss Hiebert was born to John and Helena Hiebert on August 3, 1925, in Rosenort, Man. In 1926 the family established residence at Melba, Man., where she grew up. From there the family moved to Lowe Farm in 1942. In 1947 she moved to Winnipeg, where she worked at the Christian Press Ltd. for one year. She then took a course at Business College and entered the employ of Guertin Bros., where she worked during the past ten years.

In 1945 the late Miss Hiebert accepted Christ as her personal Saviour, joining the South End M. B. Church by baptism in 1951. More recently she transferred her membership to the Gospel Light M. B. Church, where she served as pianist, organist and church secretary. In addition, she served every week as pianist at the Union Gospel Mission.

During the past winter she had not been very well, becoming seriously ill eight weeks before her death. At the funeral service Rev. John Neufeld officiated, assisted by Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the

South End M. B. Church, and Rev. J. M. Schmidt, director of the Gospel Light Hour and former pastor of the Gospel Light M. B. Church.

She is survived by her parents; one sister; two brothers; one brother-in-law; two nieces, one nephew, and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Abram R. D. Klassen

Mr. Abram R. D. Klassen, 77, of Swift Current, Sask., passed away on April 30 after suffering a stroke. Funeral services were held from the Turnhill M. B. church near Beaver Flats, Sask., on May 4.

Mr. Klassen was born February 25, 1882, in Manitoba and was married to Margaret Braun on December 3, 1908. They moved onto a homestead at Beaver Flats, Sask., almost immediately, where they farmed until their retirement. Mr. Klassen thus was a pioneer in the community and church.

Mr. and Mrs. Klassen accepted Christ as Saviour in February of 1913 during the evangelistic services conducted by Rev. C. N. Hiebert in the Turnhill community. They were baptized and accepted into the Turnhill M. B. Church, organized at that time. He served as a Sunday school teacher and was ordained as a deacon in 1927. He was church leader of the Turnhill M. B. Church from 1938 until they retired to Swift Current in 1946. The Klassens celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on December 3, 1958. Mr. Klassen will be missed by the Turnhill people, for even now the Klassens returned for church festivals and special occasions.

Mr. Klassen was predeceased by three children. He is survived by his wife and nine children, six residing in Saskatchewan and three serving on the foreign mission field. The latter are Linda, Africa missionary now on furlough, Gladys in India, and Ernest in Europe.



Review Committee Makes Plans

The 1-W Program Review Committee met for the first time April 28 at Akron, Pa. Election of officers was held, with John Lapp elected chairman and Esko Loewen secretary. One change in committee membership has occurred, with Henry Ginder, Manheim, Pa., replacing Elbert Smith, Lancaster, Penna.

The committee's planning for the future includes:

1. A June meeting in Chicago with representative 1-W counsel-

lors and 1-W men, the purpose being to get the evaluation of in-service people.

2. Visitation of about five units this summer in teams of two.

3. Preparation of a questionnaire for a broad evaluation of 1-W program to be channelled through conference offices.

4. Appointment of a sub-committee to meet with Selective Service in September.

5. A second meeting of the Review Committee on September 15.

Some of the observations and concerns shared during the course of the meeting were: a) that the number of men in service will continue to be around 1200 if past experience is indicative; b) that about 30% of our 1-Ws are in church service; c) that 50% of our 1-Ws are under 20 years of age; d) that in every country where compulsory military service has been instituted, the Mennonite Church has lost its conscience on war; e) that the motivation of the one serving needs to be given central consideration, the worker must have the service vision.

Lebanon Emergency Relief Program Tapers Off

"We closed the Aisha Bakkar feeding center April 15," writes Alice Snyder, MCC worker in Beirut. "For six months 150 to 200 children in the Moslem sector have received a hot meal five times a week. It is difficult to evaluate the good that has been accomplished. The streets are still filled with ragged, dirty children who live in dark little hovels, but no doubt many of them had healthier bodies through the winter because of the extra food. We have been told that many of them never sit down to a hot meal at home."

A social evening was held for some 25 adults who helped to operate the feeding center. Workers report that a very friendly attitude towards MCC prevails among the group.

Distributions in the Assyrian district will continue for the time being. Since the supply of MCC flour is exhausted, supplies will need to be purchased temporarily. Powdered milk is scarce also, limiting the amount that can be distributed to babies and children. Shipments of clothing, beef and US surplus foods are still being detained by Lebanon customs officials, although workers have been promised that these commodities will be admitted duty free.

Girls Hold Mission Sale

Each Thursday afternoon some 25 Mennonite girls working in Asuncion assemble at the MCC home. Under the supervision of Mrs. Peter Epp, housemother, they sew, knit or crochet various items for an annual mission sale. The project is of course voluntary, and

has been organized to provide the girls with something constructive to do in their free time.

This year the girls realized almost \$200 in their April sale—a most encouraging sum. With the money they raise, the girls help support the Leper Mission, Indian Mission, Red Cross Hospital, Mental Hospital and other institutions.

City Gets Water

Peter Epp reports that Asuncion is getting modern. A public water system is in operation and the MCC center is now getting city water. At present only unfiltered river water is available, but later in the year it will be filtered and fit for drinking.

Third National CPM Conference

"The Christian church is continually postponing the day when it must truly trust its gospel rather than trust in H-bombs," said A. J. Muste, leading pacifist spokesman, addressing a session of the Church Peace Mission Conference at the First Methodist Church in Evanston.

Twenty religious organizations in the US and Canada comprise the Church Peace Mission which called the April 20-23 conference for a study of "The Word of God in a Nuclear Age." Mennonite participation was strong, with 44 representatives from various conferences.

Speakers for the conference included Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of Chicago Theological Seminary; William C. Davidson, theoretical physicist at the Argonne National Laboratories; and conference chairman, Dr. John Oliver Nelson, Professor of Christian Vocations at Yale Divinity School.

"If we had many more dedicated Christian people working at the problems of human need, our gospel of repentance would be vastly more powerful than any gospel of military deterrence," claimed Rev. Dahlberg.

"No concern in the Church," said Dr. Nelson, "is more pressing and specific than that of relating the gospel to the crisis of nuclear power."

Pen Points for Reporters (Continued from page 2-2)

New Reporters: Three new reporters have reported their appointment in recent weeks. Miss Mabel Friesen of Carman, Man., has been sending in fine reports. She already has had some experience in this field. Gaining experience will be Miss Erna Block of Clearbrook, B.C., and Miss Esther Klassen, Mt. Lehman, B.C. A first report came from Mrs. A. Neufeld of Calgary, Alta.

Quote: "Success is not a matter of position or possessions. It is a frame of mind. It is the satisfying feeling of a life spent in a worthwhile way, and a feeling of service rendered."

—Rev. S. M. Paulson.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Alumni and Former Students Banquet

The annual banquet of the Alumni and Former Students Association of the Pacific Bible Institute will be held Saturday, May 23, at 6:45 p.m. at the Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, Calif. Robert Kroeker, missionary to the Belgian Congo, will be the speaker. Mr. Kroeker and his wife are both former students of PBI and have been serving as missionaries in the Belgian Congo for one term under the Mennonite Brethren Foreign Mission Board. Mr. Kroeker attended the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary the fall semester of this school year. The Kroekers are planning to return to the mission field this summer.

Sunday, May 24, the new PBI classroom wing will be dedicated at 3:00 p.m. at the new campus at 1717 South Chestnut Street. The building will be open for inspection.

Sunday evening, May 24, the baccalaureate service of the Pacific Bible Institute and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary will be held in the Bethany Mennonite Brethren Church at 7:00 p.m., with Commencement exercises in the same auditorium on May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

All former students should plan to attend these meetings, particularly the banquet, since this may be their last opportunity to visit their alma mater at the present location. Present plans call for a move to the new campus on Chestnut next fall. Tickets for the banquet will be available through representatives in many of the Mennonite Brethren churches. If former students are not contacted personally, they should send in reservations to the PBI Alumni, 2149 Tuolumne, Fresno 21, California.

A Week in Soviet Russia

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barriers; the relatively new structure was undergoing extensive repairs.

No Student Parking Area

Leaving the giant building one had the impression that not only its erection but what was going on inside was taken very seriously. It was not very fair of the American to break the spell by asking innocently to see the student parking areas.

Nearby we met a group of students putting in their one working day for two weeks. Laying bricks seemed to agree with them, and when one considers that they receive allowances up to 750 Rubles per month they do not appear overworked. Many different kinds of work are done. Later we talked with a very charming student of the Moscow Music Conservatory who

was in charge of advance ticket sales at the Stanislavsky Theatre.

A View of Moscow Art

At this theatre the following scene occurred. The lights dimmed and voices fell as the curtain was drawn for the second act of "Swan Lake." Slowly a swan proceeded across the stage. Overwhelmed by this achievement the audience broke into lengthy applause, not knowing that since the string was only fastened at one end it could not be pulled back for an encore.

Similarly, at a performance of Cinderella at the Bolshoi Theatre the daring young prince swung across the stage on a rope, and again the audience, left breathless by this feat, clapped and called through Prokoviev's next ten bars.

While one gets used to the boorishness of the audience it is not as simple to understand how the best artists are able to render outstanding performances, especially when one takes into account the new trend toward acrobatics which makes the Bolshoi company resemble an Olympic team.

Artistic Accomplishments of High Calibre

Nevertheless, it was our privilege to witness artistic accomplishments of the highest calibre on two occasions. The "Swan Lake" was a nat-

uralistic production with an overdressed stage, but the Odetta created by the ballerina Wlasova was sheer water music.

The second outstanding event was a presentation of a kind of Faust-Don Juan play by the puppet theatre. The hand puppets, about two feet long and manipulated from beneath, were so expressive in tone and gesture that language difficulties did not matter too much. It came as a distinct shock to us when the highly individualistic performers emerged dressed in identical worker's overalls.

There is no doubt that culture has been brought to the masses in Moscow. When one meets any well-dressed person at the Bolshoi one can be reasonably sure that he is either a tourist or a diplomat. The masses attend the theatre mainly because there is no other place to go. The churches have been planned out of existence and the western amusement institutions have never been planned in.

When the theatres are emptied there is a shortage of taxis and a scurry homeward. Soon thereafter the streets are deserted. If you meet someone walking across Red Square after 11 o'clock it is either a tourist or a black market dealer in search of one.

Cerebrations

The Sin of Worrying

By James R. Miller

"Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought" (Matthew 6:25).

Of course we are to take thought in a true sense. Why were we made with brains if we are not to think with them? It would be as if God bade us not to walk after he had given us feet, or not to talk after giving us tongues. We are to train our minds and to think with them, and think about the future too, laying plans with a long reach into the years before us. It is not forethought that is forbidden, but anxious thought, worry, fear. We shall see as we go on just what we are to do instead of being anxious. At present let us get the simple lesson that we are never to be anxious. This is not a rule with exceptions. It is not a bit of creed that will not work in life. It is a lesson that we are to strive to carry out in all our days, however full they may be of things calculated to distract us.

But why are we to take no thought? The "therefore" helps us to the answer: "Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore take no thought." So, then, taking thought seems to be serving mammon. We say we are God's children, and yet when mammon seems in danger of failing us we get anxious. Practically, then, we trust mammon more than we trust our Father. We feel safer when mammon's abundance fills our hands than when

mammon threatens to fail and we have only God. That is, we trust God and mammon. Anxiety about the supply of our needs is therefore distrust of our heavenly Father. If we serve God only, we should not worry though we have not even bread for tomorrow; we should believe in our Father's love. Money we may lose any day, for "riches make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven;" but we never can lose God. Nothing can rob us of his love, nor rob him of the abundance he possesses from which to meet our needs. So if we trust God we ought never to be anxious, though we have nothing else.

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Planting and Harvest

What will your harvest be? You may not live on the farm — or even have a garden — but according to the laws of nature, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). Avoid earning the rebuke of the old mountaineer who, resting upon the porch with feet up and pipe a-smoldering, heard his wife say, "I don't mind ya savin' yer strength fer harvest, Pappy, but ya ain't planted nothin' yit." The believer has the good seed of the Word of God to sow—the harvest can be 100-fold!

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"Creation" Attracts Capacity Crowd

Gretna, Man. — You had to come early if you wanted to get a seat for the first presentation of "Die Schöpfung" by Haydn by the Altona Community Choir. The oratorio attracted listeners from points as far distant as Grand Forks, N.D., and Winnipeg.

The capacity crowd gathered in the MCI auditorium here on Monday, May 4, heard a thrilling performance of this delightful oratorio. The Altona Community Choir, directed by Ben Horch and augmented by singers from other centres, was accompanied by Mrs. John Pauls at the piano and by an orchestra composed of members of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra and the Mennonite Symphony Orchestra.

The enthusiastic and expressive singing of the mass choir provided the listener with an unforgettable experience in choral selections such as "Stimmt an die Saiten," "Die Himmel erzählen," "Des Herrn Lob," "Heil dir, o Gott" und "Singt dem Herrn" and others. The sympathetic and at times rousing accompaniment of the orchestra completed the indelible impression of God's greatness in creation. The whole act of creation came to life under the baton of the director, Ben Horch.

Peter Koslowsky as Uriel, David

Falk as Raphael and Adam, Rita Stobbe as Gabriel, and Anita Kroeker as Eve gave convincing performances in the solo roles. Their role as descriptive narrators provided the continuity in the unfolding drama of creation and visualized God's activity in creation.

All in all this was a performance that will be talked about for a long time yet. At the same time, many will heartily endorse the comment of one of the listeners, "We should have a suitable building in southern Manitoba for such performances."

Theme for Canadian Conference Announced

Winnipeg, Man. — "Love, a Gift of the Spirit" has been set as the theme of the 49th Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Churches in Canada, to be held July 4 to 8 in Hepburn, Sask.

Sub-themes to be developed in the devotional sessions of the conference are: The Evaluation of Love; Love, the Motive in Education and Training; Love to One's Neighbor; Love, the Motive for Missions; The Nature of Love, and The Perseverance of Love.

In addition to the business sessions of the conference, which will

be held both forenoon and afternoon daily from Saturday to Wednesday (except Sunday) there will be special programs on the evenings of the conference days. Saturday night the Sunday school committee is responsible for the program, Sunday night there will be a youth program, Monday night missions will be in the spotlight, and Tuesday night both relief work and Bethesda Home will give reports.

Several items of real significance for conference growth and effectiveness make this conference an important one.

Announce Speakers For Closing Exercises

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. Henry Poettcker, president-elect of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, will be the guest speaker at the closing program of the M. B. Collegiate Institute, to be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church on May 24 at 2:30 p.m. (Central Daylight Time)

Graduation exercises are slated for the evening at 7:00 p.m., with Rev. David Ewert as graduation speaker. Rev. Ewert is registrar at the M. B. Bible College.

Commencement Exercises at Kitchener

Kitchener, Ont. — The closing conference of the Ontario M. B. Bible School will be held from Friday, May 29, to Sunday, May 31. The first service of the conference will be held at 8 p.m. Friday.

Commencement exercises are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, in the Kitchener M. B. church.

On the Horizon

May 9 and 10. — A Youth Rally will be held in the Morden M. B. church, with Rev. Frank C. Peters as speaker.

May 10. — Mennonite Collegiate Institute "Saengerfest" at Gretna, Man., at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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

May 24. — School closing program at 10 a.m. and graduation at 3 p.m. at MCI, Gretna.

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May 30. — The graduating class program of the M. B. Bible College in the auditorium of the college.

May 31. — Commencement exercises of the Ontario M. B. Bible School, Kitchener, at 7 p.m.

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

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

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.

June 14. — Graduation and dormitory dedication at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

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