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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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Missionary Conference at Virgil

By Jake Wichert

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — The weekend from Friday, May 15, to Sunday, May 17, was a very special one for the Virgil M.B. Church. The Missionary Conference that had been planned proved to be a blessing to all who attended.

Rev. J. B. Toews, Hillsboro, Kans., was the conference speaker. We were also very privileged to have Brother Daniel Wirsche from Mexico and Brother and Sister Abe Neufeld, who had just returned from Linz, Austria, as speakers.

Rev. Toews placed special emphasis upon the position of the home church in the great mission program. If every individual member would fulfil his responsibility, then the mission program would be enhanced and the desired results would be forthcoming. In order to accomplish this, every child of God must be absolutely and unconditionally surrendered to the will of God.

Nature Comparison

If the home churches had the necessary missionary vision, this would be expressed in mission activity. He compared the vision to the blossoms, which were in full bloom at the time of the conference, and the results to the fruit which is harvested later in the season. When the blossoms freeze, no fruit develops. In like manner, if the vision at home is suppressed or lacking, then there can be no results in the foreign field. All of us were challenged to become faithful prayer warriors in the cause of missions.

He also spoke of the developing change in the methods experienced in the foreign field. No easy task was promised to the missionary of to-morrow. He must be a person of great faith; one who is completely yielded to God. The new concept of foreign missions is to establish an indigenous church as soon as possible. When this is completed, the missionary must move to a new site and start another congregation. The best missionary will establish a self-supporting church the fastest.

The Brethren Dan Wirsche and Abe Neufeld showed us in illustrat-

ed reports the work in Colombia, Europe and Mexico. Although we think of Europe as a civilized country, we were shown and told that it is just as dark spiritually as any heathen, uncivilized country. Both are predominantly Catholic, but at present the doors are wide open for work, and the missionary program can proceed without any interruptions.

We were also given an insight into the work of the wife of a missionary by Sister Neufeld. Certainly her share in the work is great, and someday she will be rewarded for all the sacrifices she must make.

The messages, as well as the reports, were deep in spiritual content. Truths were expressed that all of us should want to express in our daily life. May God help us to fulfill our great missionary responsibility here in the homeland.

Announce Award Winners at Closing Exercises

Winnipeg, Man. — Nine scholarships and 47 Honor Certificates were given students of the M.B. Collegiate Institute here at the closing exercises on May 24.

Held in the afternoon at the North Kildonan M.B. church, the closing program featured the school choirs and Rev. H. Poettcker, president-elect of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, as speaker. That evening the students and friends gathered in—and more than filled—the Elmwood M.B. church for the graduation exercises.

The school awarded scholarships to the top student in each grade. These were presented by Henry Redekopp, chairman of the school board. Winners were Charlotte Redekopp, Grade VII; Albert Redekopp, Grade VIII; John Toews, Grade IX; Robert Wiens, Grade X; Eleanore Friesen, Grade XI; Mildred Penner, Grade XII. Alumni bursaries were handed out by the president, Peter Isaak, to Victor Thiessen and Margaret Klassen, Grade XI, and a general proficiency scholarship to Siegfried Schroeder, Grade XII.

"Seen in the Biblical perspective, all time is a time of grace," declared Rev. H. Poettcker in his address on "Time Seen in the Light of Eternity."

"If someone believes that 'the world owes me a living' it is no wonder that they have no goal, nor do anything worthwhile for others," he also said. He urged all to make use of only those opportunities that help to keep eternity's purposes in view.

Singing at the afternoon service were the senior choir, directed by

John Thiessen, and the junior girls' choir, directed by Henry Konrad. Rev. H. Dick, principal, served as chairman.

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Matsqui Church Builds Again

Matsqui, B.C. — A special meeting took place at the Matsqui M.B. church site on Monday evening, May 18, before the beginning of the church reconstruction.

We lost our church through fire at the beginning of the year. Now we gathered to ask the Lord's blessing and help in building a new one.

Rev. H. Neufeld, leading minister of the church, compared the building of our church to the building of the second temple (Nehemiah 2:17-20; Ezra 3:10-13; Nehemiah 4:6). He stressed that hindrances would always come, but the Lord had strengthened us. We, his servants, will arise and build. Many prayers of praise and guidance were offered.

Brother H. Hiebert, the contractor, was also in our midst. Rev. H. Neufeld wished him the Lord's blessing and protection during the undertaking of the building.

Former Bible School Principal Dies Suddenly

Clearbrook, B.C. — Rev. J. F. Redekopp, instructor at the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute and former principal, died suddenly on Saturday evening, May 23, apparently of a heart attack.

According to reports, Mr. Redekopp was washing the car when he collapsed and died. He was 64 years old. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 27, in the MEI auditorium.

Mr. Redekopp is a graduate of Tabor College and served as teacher at the Herbert Bible School for many years. He came to Abbotsford in the early 1940's to become principal of the struggling Bible school. He saw it grow steadily and helped establish the school in larger premises adjoining the South Abbotsford M. B. church in the middle 1940's and finally participated in the move to the modern new building now occupied by the institute at Clearbrook.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters.

To Serve in Europe



Hillsboro, Kans. — Brother and Sister Jacob Thielmann of the Kitchener M. B. Church in Ontario have been appointed to assist in the work in Europe under the direction of workers on that field.

The Thielmanns are now in Hillsboro where he is attending Tabor College and serving in the Steirerreich Church. Brother Thielmann is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

Plans are for the Thielmann family to depart for service in Europe this fall. The prayerful support of the constituency in behalf of this family as they prepare to leave for Europe will be appreciated.

Brother Thielmann was born in Russia and came to Canada in 1948. His parents are Brother and Sister M. A. Kroeker, who reside at Chilliwack, B.C. Sister Thielmann's parents are Brother and Sister Alex Suderman of Port Rowan, Ont.

EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

One Mission and One Missionary

By Mrs. W. Wiebe in *The Youth Worker*

In Christian journalism we read of foreign missions, of home missions, of city missions, of children's missions, and of student missions. The Bread of Life has been sliced simply but surely by some master machine and certain individuals have been given a portion to pass on to a select group. We have made of one work in the kingdom of God many well-defined divisions and given priority ratings to some. A Christian worker is either a foreign missionary or a home missionary, a pastor or some other full-time appointment and as such has received a part of the Loaf to share with others. All others have lesser shares. Some none at all. Some do not want any.

There is but one mission and that is a mission to the lost. There is but one missionary and you are that missionary if you are a child of God. To everyone is given the responsibility of winning others to Christ in the way and with such talents as he has been endowed. Your mission is to win your fellow classmate, your fellow worker, your neighbor to Christ. The mission of your brother in Africa is to tell the native Africans of God's love.

God does not operate on a double standard, expecting faithfulness in service of some and not of others. We expect every missionary who comes home on furlough to be able to report at length in the churches about his work (along spiritual lines, mind you) while on the field. We also expect him to report some results, and our criterion for success is usually numbers: numbers of souls saved, numbers of patients treated, and so on. Our missionary out there has an equal right to expect a report of us at the end of the same period of the way we have been occupied for the Lord. What a thrill it would be for your furloughing missionary to be an audience of one at a meeting in which all the church members would report the blessings and results of the work they had done.

This summer many missionaries will again be returning to the homeland on furlough. Is your report ready?

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

DEVOTIONAL

The Teachings of Christ Are For Christians

By Editor A. W. Tozer in *The Alliance Witness*

The talk is now that if the world is to escape near or total annihilation it must turn for help to the ethics of Jesus. The argument runs something like this:

Within the last century man has leaped ahead in scientific achievement but has lagged far behind morally, with the result that he is now technically capable of destroying the world and morally incapable of restraining himself from doing so. Unless the nations of the earth become imbued with the spirit of peace and goodwill it is highly probable that some trigger-happy politician will fire his shiny new rifle into the ammunition dump and blow up the world.

Because the dump is stored with nuclear explosives any chance humans who escape the big blow will go out to propagate a race of sub-human mutants, hairless, toothless and deformed. The boys who draw the horror comics enable us to visualize those tragic victims of

strontium-90 centuries hence clawing through the twisted rubble of what was once New York or London, emitting simian grunts, wholly unaware of the meaning of the bits of history they pick up and toss impatiently away.

No one with a trace of humanity can think of the effects of nuclear warfare without feeling utter abhorrence for such a thing and deepest compassion for those who may sometime be caught in its fiery hell. In it man's age-old inhumanity to man will have through the ingenuity of modern science surely reached the peak of all possible frightfulness.

Yet we Christians would be foolish to allow ourselves to be carried away by the ominous predictions of unbelieving men. We know well enough that nuclear energy is theoretically capable of wiping out every form of life on this planet, including mankind. But we also know that such a catastrophe will

never occur. We further know that the earth will never be inhabited by a degenerate race of off-human mutants made so by huge overdoses of radiation.

First, the Holy Scriptures tell us what we could never learn any other way: they tell us what we are, who we are, how we got here, why we are here and what we are required to do while we remain here. They trace our history from the beginning down to the present time and on into the centuries and milleniums ahead. They track us into the atomic age, through the space age and on into the golden age. They reveal that at an appropriate time the direction of the world will be taken away from men and placed in the hands of the Man who alone has the wisdom and power to rule it.

I purposely omit the details here. These are given in satisfying fullness in the writings of the holy prophets and apostles and in the words of Christ, spoken while He was yet among us. The one great truth I would emphasize here is that after the war lords have shot their last missile and dropped their last bomb there will still be living men inhabiting this globe. After the world has gone through the meat grinder of Armageddon the earth will still be inhabited by men; not by biological freaks, but by real people like you and me.

If the world can escape annihilation only by adopting the ethics of Jesus we may as well resign ourselves to the inevitable explosion, for a huge block of the earth's population is controlled by Communists whose basic ideology is violently anti-Christian and who are determined to extirpate every trace of Christianity from among them. Other large blocks are non-Christian and grimly set to remain so. The West, it is true, pays lip service to Christianity, but selfishness, greed, ambition, pride and lust rule the rulers of these lands almost to a man. While they will now and then speak well of Christ, yet the total quality of their conduct leaves little doubt that they are not much influenced by His teachings.

All this being true, still we Christians can sing at the foot of the threatening volcano. Things have not gotten out of hand. However bad they look, the Lord sitteth king forever and reigneth over the affairs of men. He makes the wrath of man to praise Him and the remainder of wrath He will restrain.

The hope that the nations will accept the ethics of Jesus, disarm and live like brothers is utterly unrealistic and naive. In the first place the teachings of Jesus were never intended for the nations of the world. Our Lord sent His followers into all the world to make and baptize disciples. These disciples were to be taught to ob-

serve the commandments of Christ. They would thus become a minority group, a peculiar people, in the world but not of it, sometimes tolerated but more often despised and persecuted. And history demonstrates that this is exactly what happened wherever groups of people took the gospel seriously.

To expect of once-born nations conduct possible only to the regenerated, purified, Spirit-led followers of Christ is to confuse the truth of Christianity and hope for the impossible. In the Scriptures the nations of the earth are symbolized by the lion, the bear and the leopard. Christians, in sharp contrast, are likened to peaceful sheep in the midst of wolves, who manage to stay alive only by keeping close to the Shepherd. If the sheep will not act like the bear why should we expect the bear to act like the sheep?

It might be well for us Christians to listen less to the news commentators and more to the voice of the Spirit. And the inspired prophets will prove a fine antidote to the uninspired scientists.

The Bible Today

"Before I could read, I was no better than a bench," said a woman in an Egyptian village. "Now I can sing, and I can read the words in my Bible, so I know the stories the minister tells in his sermons. I am part of this service, I am a person."

The increase in literacy throughout the world challenges the people of the more literate countries to help to supply books worth reading. Books are so precious to the new literates that the woman quoted above keeps her Bible in the breadbox so that it will never rot away.

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Dedicate New Church in Japan

By Mrs. Harry Friesen

A full house of neighbors, friends and believers from the other Mennonite Brethren Churches, as well as representatives from the three other Mennonite missions in Japan, gathered together with the Ishibashi M. B. Church to dedicate its newly-finished church building on Sunday afternoon, April 19.

Doug Cozart, currently in Osaka as head of the follow-up work for the special Bob Pierce Osaka Christian Crusade, brought the message for the occasion. Basing his thoughts on Solomon's prayer of dedication in I Kings 8, he pointed out that this new church building should be a house of prayer, a house of repentance, a house of witnessing, and a house where God's Word is taught and obeyed.

A House of Prayer

From the very beginning of the Ishibashi Church, there has been a small building fund which represented the hope of the people that some day they would have a building of their own in which to worship instead of rented rooms. Our oldest members are thrilled that in their lifetime they have seen God answer their prayers for a church building. The gifts of our constituency in the homeland, the freewill offerings of the people themselves, a loan from our building fund and the donation of lumber from used U.S. Army buildings were the means God used to answer their prayer.

A House of Repentance

The day of dedication was clear and warm and many people of the community came out. Some of them had never attended our services before. It was a special joy to see one young man come back at this time after a long absence from our fellowship. He is an assistant professor at the nearby university who had various doubts and difficulties. But now he says these things have at last been straightened out, and he is coming back as one whose sins have been forgiven. Since then he has been coming to church with his wife and baby.

A House of Witnessing

The week-end before the dedication service the auditorium of the church was used for a three-day

evangelistic campaign. Rev. Funaki of Tokyo brought the messages from the Word in the evening, and our own young people held special children's meetings in the afternoons. There was a good response to both.

In preparation for these meetings, around 5,000 tracts with enclosed invitations were distributed from house to house and in front of our local university. One young freshman received some of our literature and came to the meetings, heard for the first time the plan of salvation and accepted it into his heart with apparent joy and satisfaction.

We are so happy that we have our own attractive building which can be easily seen by the thousands of people who daily travel by train or pass by on foot. The church building committee wondered if the auditorium which accommodates more than 100 people (sliding doors in

the rear of the auditorium can be opened to take care of an additional 40) would be too large for our group, but already the attendance has increased to more than 70 on Sunday morning.

A House Where God's Word Is Taught and Obeyed

Until such time as its own building shall be built, our Mennonite Brethren Bible School is presently located in the new Ishibashi Church building. Classrooms, the library and other facilities are used by the Bible School during the week. A new entering class of four, together with the other students, were introduced at the dedication. These earnest believers are being trained not only to teach the Word to others, but first of all to receive it for themselves in obedience. We request the prayers of God's people for both the Ishibashi Church and the Bible school that they will continue to grow in every way and be used of God in spreading the Gospel throughout this community and land.

College Group Visits Saskatchewan Churches

Regina, Sask. — The M. B. Bible College remembered the "forgotten churches" of Southern Saskatchewan and sent a group of ten students and two instructors, Mr. Henry Voth and Rev. H. R. Baerg, on a week-end tour of Southern Saskatchewan.

Friday night, May 8, the group visited the Regina M. B. Church. Making up the college representation were: Victor Pauls, Rudy Willms, Clara Durksen, Katie Froese, Irmgard Dueck, Bill Baerg and Gerry Biffart, accompanied at the piano by Joyce Redekop.

The program included such songs as "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace," "Du redest Herr zu mir" and "Dank sagen wir alle." The program also featured such items as testimonies by Bill Baerg and Rudy Willms, a ladies' trio and a solo and a brass trio. Mr. Baerg gave a panoramic picture of the school and later brought the message of the evening.

In speaking of "Three Prerequisites for Progress in the Life of a

Christian," Mr. Baerg said, "Most of us, if we are really honest with ourselves, know what is wrong with us. We must take stock of ourselves, confess our sins and forsake them." He stated that the second prerequisite for progress was alignment with the program of Christ. He urged that we be willing to give up certain things in order to fit up to the high standards of Christ. Thirdly, he continued, "We must appropriate what Christ has done for us. It is not until we yield ourselves fully to him that we will make progress."

Ontario Choir Sings "The Messiah"

Virgil, Ont. — Hard work and persistence paid off for Rev. Peter J. Dick and Mennonite singers in the Niagara Peninsula on May 10, when an enthusiastic audience of over 1,000 persons heard the Oratorio Choir sing "The Messiah" in the Eden Christian College auditorium.

This was a "first" for the Mennonites of the Niagara district and

was possible only through cooperative effort. The choir had been organized on a community basis and proved that Mennonites can sing together, even though they do not always go to the same church. It was undoubtedly, as one reporter declared, a "masterful performance" of the great oratorio by Handel.

Soloists for the occasion had come from Winnipeg by Volkswagen. They were: Victor Martens, tenor; David Falk, bass; Mrs. D. (Viola) Falk, alto; and Mrs. L. (Rita) Stobbe, soprano. The organist was Mr. George Hannahson of St. Catharines. Peter J. Dick directed the choir.

Rudy Janzen to Greendale as Pastor

Sardis, B.C. — The Greendale M. B. Church announces that Brother Rudy Janzen, teacher at the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, B.C., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the church here.

Future correspondence in relation to church matters should, beginning with June 15, be sent to: Rev. Rudy Janzen, R.R. 1, Sardis, B.C.

In the Name of the Church Board,
J. B. Harder

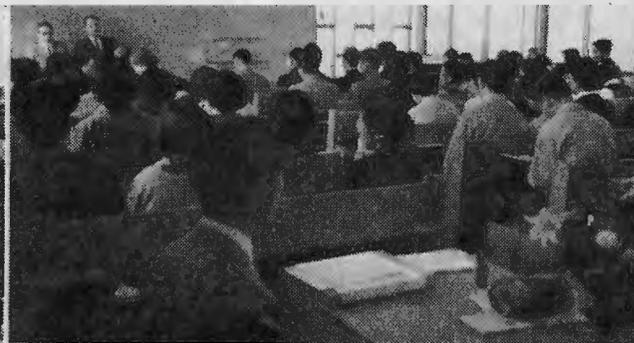
Closing Program for Clearbrook Institute

Clearbrook, B.C. — The closing program and graduation exercises of the M.B. Bible Institute here were held on May 17 in the auditorium of the MEI.

Rev. D. B. Wiens of Vancouver spoke about the Christian's spiritual armor at the afternoon closing program. An English message was delivered by Rev. Herb Peeler, principal of the Millar Memorial Bible Institute at Pambrun, Sask., who spoke on the Epistle of Jude.

Rev. Peeler delivered the graduation address at the evening service, speaking on Luke 9:57-62. He emphasized the necessity for discipleship. Leo Siemens and Doreen Dueck were valedictorians.

Graduates were: Amanda Born, Betty Doerksen, Helen Fehr, Betty Funk, Kay Neufeld, Ruth Wiens, Irwin Klassen, John Konrad, Walter Loewen, Frank Martens, Peter Rahn, Leo Siemens, Art Willms and Albert Voth.



DEDICATION AT ISHIBASHI: These two pictures were taken at dedication services of the new Ishibashi, Japan, Mennonite Brethren Church. At left can be seen the front of the church together with persons attending the morning worship service on dedication Sunday. Missionaries on the right side of the picture are, from right to left,

Sister Harry Friesen, Sister Ruth Wiens, and Brother Harry Friesen. The picture at right shows an interior view of the new sanctuary on dedication Sunday morning. Seated on the platform are Missionary Harry Friesen, the interpreter, and Doug Cozart, guest speaker. A Bible school student is at the reception desk in the foreground.

Communist's Youth Dedication

(From Berlin, Paxman Loren Lind, Salem, Oregon, reports on a ceremony which is the atheist's equivalent to Christian baptism.)

"Pie in the sky is the church's obsession, not ours," say the socialistic leaders of East Germany, as they prepare a recipe of their own.

The socialistic youth dedication is one exercise which most clearly illuminates this trend. Designed on the general pattern of the Evangelical confirmation service, it substitutes social values for spiritual ones. Social responsibility (in the eastern version) is made the supreme lesson and world peace the stated goal. It is to this discipline that East German youth are trained and indoctrinated.

On two Sunday mornings I attended such dedication services. They were held in the "Theater of Friendship" near Stalin Avenue in East Berlin.

The ceremony was held at nine o'clock in the morning. We arrived at 8:15, getting good seats. Promptly at 9:00 the curtain went up revealing a small orchestra backed by a large children's chorus. First of all a short, stocky woman recited a poem. Then the 110 candidates marched in to the applause of the theater full of "comrades."

The main speech was made by a leader of the SED (Socialistic

Unity Party). Judging from his oratory it was a good sermon. Judging from the contents, it was a typical East German political speech. He accused the western governments of being enemies of mankind, warmongers, disciples of Hitler, Fascists. "How can Adenauer as a Christian be preparing for a third world war? They are Fascists, they are no Christians." He praised the "peace which came from the East" and socialism, the happiness of our life, and challenged the candidates with phrases like "life is a struggle of the laboring class, be good fighters for the victory of socialism."

The vow which the applicants made was three fold: (1) Are you ready to live for the happy life of the working class? (2) Are you ready to work for socialism? (3) Are you ready to work for friendship with the Soviet Union and all peace-loving people of the world? "Yes, that we promise," they answered.

The candidates then went to the stage in groups of six to receive their documents and books entitled UNIVERSE, EARTH, MAN. A proverb from Goethe, Marx, Lenin, or Ulbricht was given as a maxim for the young pioneers. Then a song, another poem by the lady, singing of the national hymn, and the dedicated youth marched out.

Running for Christ

By James Ferguson

"Eric Liddle won't run in the 100 metres" was the startling announcement in the newspapers at the commencement of the Olympic Games held in Paris many years ago.

Little did Eric realize when he made the greatest decision of his life to accept Christ as his Saviour, what it would mean.

He loved athletics and soon his name was being mentioned in the papers as one of England's leading athletes. It was Eric's great ambition to represent his country at the Olympic Games. Meanwhile he used every opportunity he could to witness for his Lord and Captain. He loved the thrill of it all—the great races and the exciting finishes. He was regarded as a certainty to represent England in the 100 metres at the Olympic Games to be held in Paris, and great was his joy when he was selected.

What a wonderful send-off they had as the team left to cross the English Channel. Eric felt in splendid form and eagerly looked forward to the excitement of the Games.

"The heats for the 100 metres have been posted up on the notice board, Eric," one of his teammates

told him, and Eric hurried off to see when he would be in action.

To his dismay, he saw that the heats were to be run off on a Sunday. "It can't be," he said. "It can't be."

Sure enough, he was down to run on a Sunday. A terrible feeling came over him. All the thrill and anticipation was gone. What was he to do? The thought came to him, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do"; but no—"When in Rome, do as you do at home." He found a quiet place and there opened his heart to his Saviour. Eric rose from his knees with a determined look on his face. He could not dishonour his Lord and His day.

"You cannot do this," cried the manager of the British team, "You are letting England down. After all, what does it matter? You are not in England now, and it is a recognized thing to have sports on Sunday here. Don't be so straight-laced."

It was hard for Eric. The rest of the team were listening, but with the courage that came from his unseen Friend, he quietly said: "I can't run on the Lord's day."

The newspapers soon took up the

story. They ridiculed the whole affair. Some of Eric's friends tried to defend him. His popularity waned to a low ebb.

Eric studied the notice board once again. The 220 metres, he saw, was not being run on a Sunday. It was not his distance, but somehow he felt constrained to go to the manager and ask for permission to run in this race. The 220 metres was regarded as the Blue Riband of the Olympic Games.

Soon Eric was running in his first heat. He won. He won again. Soon he was in the semi-finals. Now came the finals for the Blue Riband of the Olympic Games. Eric felt strangely excited. Here was a chance, he felt, of witnessing for Christ. As he strode out to the starting place, someone slipped a small piece of paper into his hand. Eric read, "Him that honoureth Me, I will honour."

They drew for positions—he drew badly. At the crack of the pistol he was off. "Him that honoureth Me, I will honour." Fifty yards to go he made a supreme effort. His will drove his muscles into greater action and he drew away to finish in a world's record time. Eric Liddle was carried shoulder high off the field. A few days before, he was the "spoil sport," "he was letting England down," but today he was their hero.

A great ovation greeted Eric as the team returned home. England had won fame through one of her sons. Jesus Christ had received honour because one of His own had proved faithful.

Epilogue

Then came another great decision in Eric's life. He heard the call to Japan. Sport or Christ? Once again he made his deliberate choice to follow Christ. Eric left again as an ambassador for Christ in the Far East. The Second World War came and Eric, as a missionary, was interned by the Japanese. Again there was a newspaper announcement, "Eric Liddle dies in a concentration camp"; and so he, who had chosen to honour Christ, went to his great reward. I am sure that Eric heard, as he entered the gate of Heaven, those words: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

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Announce Award Winners

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An announcement of interest was that replacements have been found for the teachers leaving the school this year. Leaving to teach elsewhere are Henry Letkeman, who has taught at the school for three years, and Jake Enns, who has taught at the school for four years. Teachers who will be joining the staff next fall are Rev. John Regehr, former high school teacher and elementary school principal and

now pastor of the Silver Lake M. B. Church, Miss Kay Wiens, a graduate of the M.B. Bible College who has been teaching in Winnipeg schools, and Mr. David Froese, principal of the Springstein School, (who will be the eighth teacher—an increase of one).

The graduation exercises that Sunday evening saw 32 graduates from the Grade XII class receive their certificates. Valedictorians were Miss Rita Suderman and Siegfried Schroeder, while David Enns gave the reply from the Grade XI class. Rev. David Ewert delivered the graduation message. Singing groups came from grades X and XI, with the graduating class singing "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee." A quartet of teachers also sang.

Graduates were Donald Baerg, Winnipeg; Henry Bergmann, Glenlea; Bernard Bock, Marquette; Elizabeth DeFehr and Marguerite Dirks, Winnipeg; Jake Dueck, Newton; Rudy Dyck, William Enns and Henry Ewert, Winnipeg; Dave Friesen, Elm Creek; Margaret Froese, Newton; Arthur Janzen, Winnipeg; Peter and Gertie Klassen, Poplar Point; John Kramer and Richard Krohn, Winnipeg; Irene Loewen, Newton; Lillian Neufeld, Winnipeg; Marlene Penner, Oak Bluff; Mildred Penner, Plum Coulee; John Rademaker, Winnipeg; John Schroeder, Horndean; Siegfried Schroeder, Lorraine Shrier, Rita Suderman, Lina Thielmann, and Harry Wall, Winnipeg; Hedy Wall, Marquette; Lois Wiebe, La Riviere; Marlene Wieler, Winnipeg; Ernest Isaak, Springstein; Ruth Falk, Lorette.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neufeld, 447 Dominion St., Winnipeg, a daughter, Cathryne Margaret, on May 26. This is the Neufeld's second child.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Klassen of 1028—9th St., S.E., Calgary, Alta., a daughter, Teresa Lynn.

Boy Injured In Bicycle Mishap

Black Creek, B.C. — Eight-year-old Willie Hildebrandt is in Vancouver General Hospital with serious injuries as a result of an accident May 18.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaak Hildebrandt was driving from the church lot on a bicycle at 12 noon on May 18 when he was in collision with an automobile. He was flown by plane to Vancouver with a broken right arm and shoulder and a serious head concussion. When the report was written, he was still unconscious.

The parents are with the boy. They lost a 15-year-old son two years ago in a similar accident.

More Workers Needed in Europe

By Bernie Peters *

Marburg, Germany. — Mennonite Brethren workers in Europe under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions gathered in Munich on April 16 for a mission workers' conference.

Since all the workers on the M. B. mission field were to be present, the Bavarian capital was chosen as the meeting place. The purpose of the gathering was to plan the church programs for the rest of the year, to discuss the correct attitude to be taken to various projects and organizations, and to agree on some main points to be passed on to the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions as recommendations.

The sessions were held in the conference room of the Hotel Amba. The official language was German. Taking part were Wolfgang Rueschoff, Steyr, Austria; Abram J. Neufeld, Linz, Austria; T. R. Nickel, Linz, Austria, replacing Brother Neufeld while the Neufelds are on furlough; George Janzen, Neustadt, Germany; J. W. Vogt, Neuwied, Germany; and H. H. Janzen, Basel Switzerland. My own participation was in the capacity of an observer.

Radio Opportunity

To begin with, reports were heard from each church and on Brother Janzen's activities. Then schedule arrangements were agreed upon. Later the more general problems were discussed. From the reports it became obvious that the two newest missions, Steyr and Neustadt, are experiencing great difficulties and much prayer was requested. Yet no one seemed to doubt that God would give the increase at his own time. Brother H. H. Janzen expressed great satisfaction in his newly-acquired radio work. His sermons are broadcast weekly over Luxembourg on The Mennonite Hour and once a week over Tangiers with a Janz Brothers program. Besides his evangelistic and teaching activities he edits the M. B. paper that appears every two months (Wort des Lebens).

Enough Evangelistic Teams

On one point concerning the missionary endeavor of the future in the German-speaking countries the insight and experience of the brethren seemed to dictate a very definite approach. The possibilities of evangelistic teams, and campaigns are being completely exhausted at the present time. What are needed are couples who are willing to take up the difficult and self-sacrificing work of organizing church fellowships. Five couples could be placed immediately in Vienna, Wels, Ens (in Austria) and in Gronau and Bielefeld (in Germany), where small groups already exist around which churches should be built. However, the number is quite arbitrary: missionary couples to live with the people can teach and show much

any other means. It seems that the more through their example than by people here are heavily weighed down by the popular opinion that self-preservation is the only generally valid principle to live by. Before they realize that Christianity is a "way" there is little testimony in the Christian life. Thus it is also obvious that the qualifications for this mission field are especially high in some respects. Yet we hope that many couples will enter the harvest field of Europe under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions soon, for it is this costly work that the future seems to require if it is not already too late to stave off the wrath and judgment of God.

Songbooks Needed

If anyone reading these lines has the means and would like to help fill an immediate and very real need let me draw your attention to the shortage of song books in all the churches here. This shortage is especially felt in the new churches, where a fairly large number of people attend the services but cannot take part in the singing. The songbook is the one used in the Canadian churches. I have heard much praise about this book. The Fresno M. B. Church has already made an initial contribution, but in all about 200 books are needed. Contributions could be made through the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions or sent in packages of two (to facilitate passage through customs) to Neuwied and Linz. Each parcel will prove something to these people, especially that the people who stand behind their missionaries really care.

The furlough of the A. Neufelds was long overdue when it finally materialized. Many of the readers will have an opportunity to hear and see them this summer, and in the capacity of an eye-witness let me say that their work has been richly blessed. Mr. T. R. Nickel, who is taking their place while they are away, wrote me: "The Neufelds are doing a great work and the people love them very much. The sun sets and rises around the Neufelds." Mr. Nickel and his wife are from California and are having a prolonged holiday in Europe. He has worked many years as superintendent of schools, an elective office in the U.S.A. The following are a few of his impressions of the Europe around him and of the tasks of mission work:

"Europe is a land of churches, crosses, priests, nuns and monasteries, but little is seen of the living Christ. The dead Christ is, visible not only in churches, but along the roadsides. The church of Europe exalts a dead Christ; for that reason the spiritual life is very low.

"People are baptized and mem-



MISSIONARIES GATHER: Mennonite Brethren mission workers in Europe gathered at Munich in April to confer about the work in Europe. Here is a picture from the conference. On the picture are, from left, T. R. Nickel (temporarily replacing A. J. Neufelds, now on furlough); Wolfgang Rueschoff, Steyr, Austria; H. H. Janzen and Mrs. Janzen, Basel; J. W. Vogt (seated), Neuwied, Germany; Bernie Peters ("I don't belong here"), a student in Germany from Sardis, B.C.; G. H. Jantzen, Neustadt, Germany; and Abram J. Neufeld (standing), Linz, Austria.

bers of a church, yet know little or nothing of a living Christ. Therefore, Europe is truly a mission field where the work is made more difficult by the fact that almost all people call themselves Christians. Since they do not feel the need to change from a non-Christian to a Christian status, it is difficult to win them in masses as is sometimes possible in America. People must be dealt with individually and for long periods of time, sometimes years.

"Some of the greatest needs are:

- A praying church at home. A darkness clothed in religious terms is most difficult to overcome. The workers need prayerful support.

- Consecrated workers, who will stay here and live with the people, not only teaching the way of Christ, but demonstrating it over a long period of time.

- Understanding workers. When they realize that the people have a religion that contains almost every-

thing except Christ Himself, they will know that the preaching must be simple and Christ-centred. Showing of pictures can be helpful, but the great need is to teach them the way of salvation.

- Building or organizing of churches. If converts remain with the old church, they often find it almost impossible to continue in the new life.

"The results of work in Europe cannot be measured by the number who sign cards after a meeting. It is easy to sign a card, but hard to break with the old way, repent of sins and live a truly Christian life. Therefore the great need is more workers who will stay here, learn the language, understand the needs of the people, and not only lead them to a saving knowledge, but to 'teach them.'"

* Student from Sardis, B.C., at the university at Marburg/Lahn, Germany.

Tries New Method of Evangelism

By H. G. Thielman

Calgary, Alta. — "Ye shall be my witnesses" we read in Acts 1:8. This is the great commission that the Lord Jesus gave to His disciples and their followers. The world today needs more witnesses for Christ. There are many people today that perhaps try to pull for their church by talking about their church, but that is not what the world needs. We need to witness for Christ. Only Christ can save men, not the church.

It is the great mission of all Christians to bring Christ to the world. If you have made a real experience with the Lord Jesus and He has become your personal Saviour, then you should be a witness for Him. There are many opportunities and ways how we can witness for our Master. We need to pray that the Lord would open our eyes and understanding for this great commission.

Street Music

Here in Calgary the Lord has

given us a great field in which to witness. Lately I have tried a new method of witnessing for Him. I was always able to give out tracts and "Salvation Bibles" in "skidrow," where people at the same time approached me for a cup of coffee and a doughnut. But I found it much more difficult to distribute the Word of God effectively among the higher class of people.

This has changed considerably since I installed a tape recorder in my car, from which I play the wonderful Gospel hymns. I simply park my car at a meter, put in a couple of nickels, put my tape recorder in the window and start the music (for which I have permission from the city police). Then I approach the people that go by and offer them the Word of God.

Some Refuse Literature

It is true that some refuse to take the Word, but this should not dis-

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

It is one thing to know someone well, like you do your parents, and another thing to know about someone. Some people make a big mistake in thinking that it is enough to know about Jesus. The Bible tells us that we must know Jesus and be able to talk to Him and walk with Him.

Two young girls were talking together one day when one of them said, "Maggie, do you know the Lord Jesus?"

"Oh! yes, Mary," was the reply. "I am in the first class in the Sunday school and I have two Scripture prizes from my day school."

"But," replied Mary, "that is not quite what I mean, Maggie. Do you *know* Jesus to speak to? I do, and I tell Him everything."

Do you notice that Maggie was hoping to get to heaven on what she did—on the basis of knowing about Jesus? She said nothing about having had her sins forgiven, nothing about the Saviour who died on the cross to save her from her sins. She had not let Jesus come into her heart and give her new life.

Do you know Jesus "to speak to" or do you know Him only in the same way as you know the Queen of England, from having heard about her? When you let Jesus into your heart you will really know Him.

Love, Aunt Selma

Gift of Love

"Is that your doll?" Hilda asked her girl friend Erna, as she pointed to a large doll which was lying near the hedge.

"Yes," was all Erna said.

"It's not very nice of you to let your good doll lie around like that. Don't you like playing with her any more?" further questioned Hilda.

"No," was the short reply.

"Well, then give her to someone who will appreciate her. I know a little girl who would just love to have her."

Erna jumped up and pulled the doll to herself. "Give her away! That's what you think!" She took the doll and with a great big flourish threw her onto the back porch. "She's unbreakable," she said when she saw the look on Hilda's face.

Hilda turned on her angrily, "How dare you treat your doll like that. You should be ashamed of yourself."

Then the girls played ball. That's what they had wanted to do earlier. But they didn't seem to get into the right mood. In between catches Hilda would refer to the doll, until Erna lost all her patience and cried out, "You're spoiling all my fun." She refused to catch the ball any more.

Hilda wasn't angry. She hoped she could explain to her friend what she meant. "You see, Erna, isn't it a good thing if a person who receives a gift is happy and pleased?"

Erna wouldn't listen; she ran off. A little brook, hidden by willows, flowed along behind the house. That was where the girls met again after a while. Erna had seated herself on a huge stone in the sun, deep in

thought. Hilda came and sat beside her. Both girls were quiet. The rippling of the brook was pleasant to her. Every now and then a piece of wood or some other object floated by on the surface of the water. For a long time the girls sat and watched the murmuring brook.

Suddenly Erna broke the silence. "Do you really think there would be someone who would like to have my doll?"

"Oh, and how!" responded Hilda. The words just bubbled from her—"The girl next door to us—you know, Jane Clark—would be only too happy to have one, but I have already given all my dolls away."

For a while Erna sat, silently looking into the water. Then she jumped up and hurried off, calling to Hilda to come with her. Hilda didn't budge.

Erna had more than one doll; in fact she had quite a few. There was Betty—but she was too good to give away. She had long ago been nicely wrapped up and stored away. So from the back porch she brought Lisa. She fixed Lisa's dress and smoothed her hair and made her look quite presentable. Then she went to the back door and called Hilda again. She was now ready to give a little girl a gift of love.

Clarks lived three houses down the street. Little Jane sat all by herself on the lower step. The sun was warm in the sky and the little girl stretched her chubby hands out toward it.

Erna came right up close, laid the doll in the out-stretched arms and said, "Here, this doll is for you."

Jane's eyes grew round and big. She was speechless with surprise. With astonished eyes she looked, first at the doll, then at the girls, and pressed her new doll to herself. How happy she was! Her happiness spread to the two older girls standing beside her, and the faces of all three rivaled the sun. For awhile they played house, there on the front steps, but then Jane couldn't keep her happiness to herself any longer. She jumped up with her new prized possession in her arm and ran indoors, "Mommy, Mommy, just look at this—"

The two girls rose and walked back down the street, arm in arm. A deep and lasting joy was in their hearts.

Ed's Bicycle

Ed was an apprentice in an electric shop. He did his work very well and enjoyed it too, but best of all he liked to putter around in his own workshop at home. He was pretty good at fixing his friend's bicycles, or even at assembling them. He often dreamed of the wonderful jobs he would do later on, but first he would have to finish his apprenticeship.

Ed and several other workers had to do an electrical job at a hospital. The job took several weeks. Ed felt quite proud to be able to help along there. He was also put in charge of the tool shed, for all tools had to be put away for the night. Ed had the key. He was very conscientious about this part of his job until one day, when he saw something in the shed which interested him greatly. Away back in a corner he found a pile of bicycle parts. He found a leather seat, handle bars and down underneath were two pedals. Surely he would find some more parts. What were they lying around in here for? Should they just stay here and rust? Certainly no one was going to use them.

Ed couldn't seem to enjoy his work anymore. He couldn't forget those bicycle parts. In his mind's eye he could see the bike take shape—his own. How wonderful if he could have his own bicycle!

So one evening at closing time he stood poking about in the pile in the corner of the shed. He took some parts home. Within one week he had gathered so many pieces that he could begin the construction of a bike in his own workshop in the basement. He lacked a few parts but they shouldn't be too expensive to buy. Every evening he hurried down and worked away, and slowly his bicycle grew. Before long he had set it together. How proud and happy he was!

However, his joy didn't last long. The very next day he seemed to hear that same voice which had spoken to him in the shed saying, "These things do not belong to you. Leave them alone." But now he

had constructed a real bike out of those parts. Did it really belong to him? Strange—when he had worked on it, it had been fun, but now he didn't enjoy it anymore. He thought up some excuse and gave it to his younger brother, who was quite astonished but very happy for it.

Even so, Ed was still longing for a bike of his own, a brand new one, bright red. Wouldn't his friends' eyes pop!

When he counted his money, he realized he had almost enough for one. If he would save his money carefully, it shouldn't take too long before he would have enough. Eventually the day came when he went to the store to buy his very own bike. How pleased he was when he found just the one he had hoped for.

His happiness was of short duration. Again and again the bike he had given to his brother bothered him. The thought that he had stolen it gave him no peace. He was a thief—horrible thought! He turned the matter over in his mind and came to the conclusion that he just couldn't take it away from his brother now that he had given it to him. That would never do. But he could give his own brand new one to the younger fellow. Then he made another decision. He would take the bicycle back to the place from where he had taken the parts. That last decision cost him a great deal, but he carried it out.

Those in charge of the hospital were greatly surprised when a bicycle was brought to them, for none had ever been stolen. Ed explained everything. The matron of the hospital decided a bicycle would be a handy thing to have around.

One day some fellows said to Ed, "Where is that new bike of yours?"

"I gave it away," he answered, and then hurried off, for he felt they were laughing at him. But he did tell his best friend the whole story.

"Don't you miss your bike terribly?" he was asked.

"I certainly do," Ed replied. "I am glad, though, that I made everything right, for now I have peace and joy again."

Wasn't it a good thing that he took the courage to confess his wrong-doing?

Six Talks on Family Living

By Henry R. Brandt

Here is a series of six talks by a Christian psychologist who has wide experience in teaching marriage counselling courses, as marriage counsellor at General Motors and at several universities, and in a private counseling service for an inter-mission candidate training program. Absolutely basic.

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But Not Forsaken ★

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And it was hard to keep herself from remembering. Not that she dared forget, but it hurt to recall—baby hands outstretched toward her—first words—a bewitching little face—warm, strong arms about her—the peaceful security of her husband's presence. All these things she took for granted when they were hers, but the memory of them ripped the very seams of her heart when they were gone. How much easier it would have been to carry the wiggling form of Lenie than it was to bear the burden of grief that was hers, to feel the terrible emptiness of arms that should have held the child. Yet, thoughts of Hans were hardest, for Lenie was safe and happy with God, while anything could be happening to Hans.

"And what is the other thing you have to do?" Frau Schmidt broke in on her thoughts.

"There is only one possible clue to finding Hans. We must go and check at the factory to see if he stopped to get his pay. Of course, he must have. He needed it."

"Aren't you afraid of having to make explanations, of perhaps bringing suspicion on yourself and the children?"

Maria finished braiding Rosie's hair and gave her own a final twist.

"Frankly, I am, and that is why I am not going to the ration office to notify them I am leaving. But we'll have to take a chance at the factory. Hans has a head start on us, to be sure, but we must do everything we can to find him."

It was not a very attractive part of town. Maria hustled the children past ugly buildings, past undernourished children who played and found mischief in the streets, past smoke-covered men who silhouetted the thin morning sunlight.

"Mom, what's that whistle for?" Hansie wanted to know, as they hurried through the door they thought was the right one.

"I don't know." Maria hadn't even heard a whistle. Children could be so irrelevant, sometimes.

"Hans Penner?" The man they finally found who should know, after timid inquiry of at least a half-dozen workers, seemed no more interested in their problem than the cold-shouldered building they had entered.

Sitting down at a cluttered desk and opening his payroll book, he glanced nonchalantly through the "P's." "Oh, yes, Hans Penner. He's the fellow who came in yesterday

morning—didn't have too much coming to him—was crazy to give up a good job."

Maria almost jumped. "Then—then he did leave! Where did he go?"

The man stared at her incredulously. "How do I know where he went? Do you think he told me his life history?"

Risking his ill-humor, Maria pressed the point.

"Would anyone know? He's my husband. I must find him."

There were tears in her voice, but it did not help. Slapping the pages of his book together, the man lighted a cigarette.

"He went out that door, and I suggest you do the same." He swore a little and then growled under his breath, "These refugees are surely a nuisance."

"Well, now what?" Hansie's lower lip trembled as he looked at the pained face of his mother. He stood on the sidewalk with his hands on his hips, his eyes focused angrily on the door.

"Wasn't he mean, Mother?" Rosie asked softly. "Why, he almost made me cry."

"He did make me cry," Maria thought. "But I am going to have to be strong for the children and keep my tears on the inside."

"I just hope something terrible happens to that man sometime," Hansie sulked. "Something awful, like—"

"Hans!" "I didn't really mean it," the boy backed up. "But he was so hateful. I wonder how he'd feel if—"

Maria took her son by the shoulders and gave Rosie a gentle push.

"We must be going, children," she said sternly, bracing herself for another long day of walking. "We'll head for Heuchlingen and see how far we can get along. But keep your eyes open for Papa. He may not have left Krauter yet."

"But where will we sleep tonight, Mom, if we don't find him?"

"God will find us a bed somewhere—" Her voice trailed off in uncertainty. And then she realized again what a poor hypocrite she was before her children. Looking down at her thin, peaked offspring she saw the same fears, the same perplexity, the same grief that wanted to trouble her, mirrored in their young faces. It was not right that it should be so.

"I must have more faith in God," she thought to herself, as they made their way once more out of Krauter, once more, feeling the ground be-

neath them through their paper-like shoe soles, once more homeless nomads tramping toward an unknown future.

"I must trust in God—I must—I must—I must."

CHAPTER IX

"It's getting dark, Mamma."

She knew it. Hansie didn't have to remind her that it was late. Her head reminded her, the way it thumped. Her feet reminded her, the way they ached. Her back reminded her, the way it groaned beneath its load. Her nerves reminded her, the way they made her want to snap at the children.

Why hadn't she tried to find a place to stay in the last town? She didn't exactly know, only that a sudden, uncanny fear had gripped her and her nerves had shoved her onward. Maybe it was God speaking to her. Maybe it was only her nerves. She didn't know. She was almost too tired to care.

For now Maria was not so particular. She would take anything. Anything that furnished a roof over their heads and a little protection from the early spring air that chilled their bodies and spirits. It would not matter if it were dirty—they couldn't get much dirtier. It would not matter if the bed was hard; when you got this tired, you could almost sleep standing up. She was even too weary to have nightmares.

The thing that grieved her soul the most was that Hans, quite alive and strong of muscle and sinew, was also drifting about, perhaps not too far away, needing her as much as she needed him. All because of a series of fantastic mistakes. Why, why did it always have to be like this? O God, would they never know normal family life again? Would they always be losing one another, fleeing from terror, living like tramps along the road?

But no sooner would Maria give way to these thoughts than she would look at the tender faces of her children and with tears running down her cheeks, she would repent of her rebellion.

"O Lord, forgive," she would pray and simply trusting that He had forgiven her, she would press on.

Suddenly she stopped short in the road, and, taking Rosie's hand in hers, squeezed it warmly.

"Children!" she exclaimed, and the children saw what she had seen ahead, rejoicing at the old familiar tone of hope in their mother's voice. "Children, ahead is a German Gut. Maybe somebody there will take us in for the night."

Automatically stepping up their pace, they were not long in arriving at the village, surrounded on every side by the many acres of fields that the villagers farmed for the owner of the large estate.

"Rosie, what are you crying about?" Maria looked in surprise at her daughter, one moment before as brave and hopeful as her brother.

She shook Rosie vigorously. There just was no time for tears.

"Rosie! What is the matter?" She felt irked and impatient. If they wanted to go to bed, why didn't they co-operate? The tears streamed down her face as she realized that they were only children and that her weariness was almost overcoming her.

"Mamma, I'm afraid they'll say 'no,'" Rosie exploded. "Then what in the world would we do, Mother, what would we do?"

Her answer soothed the child. "They won't refuse us, Rosie, I know they won't."

It would never do, Maria thought, to let Rosie sense her own misgivings. Even though it would be a pretty hardhearted person who would refuse lodging to a mother and her children on such a chilly, damp night, there was something else that bothered her.

For Maria had heard a great deal about these Guts, large estates farmed by peasants who lived together in little central villages. Before the war the peasants were treated well. They lived contentedly in their small houses, worked for the owner of the estate, kept their own pig and chickens, and sent their children to the near-by school. Relationships with the owner, who always lived in a large house close by, were usually good. He owned the cow, but they got the milk. He owned the farm, but they had enough to eat. And their homes were furnished comfortably.

When the Communists would take over a village, however, the owner's properties were not only taken away from him; he was either verschleppt or he was permitted to move into one of his tenant houses and work like the other villagers. The soldiers, who lived in the large homes on these estates, were not too bothered about the villagers, but Maria did not feel comfortable at the thought of being that near the Communists for very long.

"Pardon me. What is troubling the little girl?"

Maria jumped. She had not noticed the dark, bent, old figure of a woman who stood looking down at Rosie.

"We are looking for a place to spend the night; just any place will do—a shed or a barn or a cellar or an attic." Maria had spent many a night in everything from a damp bunker to a pigpen, and she knew that refugees could not afford to be particular. She hated to beg! But tonight she knew that she must.

"Please," she cried, "If we can spend the night in your quarters, we will be willing to sit in any corner. Please don't send us away."

The old lady looked again at the weeping Rosie, then glanced nervously up and down the street.

"Then come, come quickly," she whispered. "Father and I will put you up."

(To be continued)

Resolution on East-West Program And Policies

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Objectives and guiding policies for the East-West program were discussed at the May 2 joint meeting of the MCC Executive Committee and representatives of the Canadian Mennonites in Chicago. Peter Dyck, director of the East-West program, who returned to America expressly to attend this meeting besides going on deputation to Mennonite churches, gave a detailed report on the current situation. The concerns and counsel of the Canadian brethren, growing out of an earlier meeting in Saskatoon, were expressed by representatives J. J. Thiessen and C. A. DeFehr.

After thorough consideration of the present East-West program and problems relating to it, the following statement of conclusions was adopted:

1) That the strengthening of the remnant of our Mennonite brotherhood in the Soviet Union as a true Church of Christ and as an instrument of God for evangelism and church-building in the USSR, in the historic Mennonite faith, is and should continue to be a united concern and goal of our North American Mennonite Brotherhood; and that we assist our Russian brethren in their work as may be possible and advisable.

2) That we believe that our Mennonite brotherhood everywhere, along with other Christians, has the obligation of evangelism in the USSR in the carrying out of the Great Commission; that our mission agencies be encouraged to seek ways and means to fulfill this obligation; and that the radio ministry of the Gospel to the Soviet Union in both Russian and German languages as is carried on by such agencies as the Gospel Light Hour and the Mennonite Hour be encouraged and supported by our people as one means to this end.

3) That a continuing program of contact, visits, encouragement, and aid for our Mennonite brethren in the Soviet Union be maintained on behalf of the Mennonite brotherhood in North America; and that the Mennonite Central Committee be considered to be the responsible agency for this work.

4) That the Mennonite brotherhood in other continents such as South America and Europe be encouraged to share in this concern and work, and that the Mennonite Central Committee stand ready to help them in this participation and to represent them as they may desire.

5) That the counsel of our Canadian brethren of more recent Russian background be regularly solicited regarding the various procedures and measures to be undertaken, in view of their direct relation to and deep concern for the Mennonites in the Soviet Union.

6) That in working on behalf of our brethren in the USSR, counsel and assistance be sought wherever it can be found; that the help of the Evangelical Christian-Baptist Church in the Soviet Union as already given be appreciably acknowledged, and that we continue to seek its counsel and help.

7) That while there may be both advantages and disadvantages for the Mennonite Church in the USSR to become registered with the Soviet government, we believe this matter should be the responsibility of the Mennonites in Russia to decide, and that we stand ready to help and encourage them in whatever decision they may make in this matter, subject to their desires.

8) That the reuniting of broken families either outside or inside the Soviet Union continue to be a vital concern and goal for the Mennonite Central Committee and the Canadian Mennonite agencies as long as the need continues.

9) That it is our obligation to be fully informed about the state of the Mennonites in the Soviet Union and that the work of the East-West Information Service (Suchdienst) be

strengthened to increase its usefulness to any enlargement of future service to our Russian brethren, this to be on a practical basis.

10) That we urge the Canadian brotherhood to make available strong leaders to share in future delegations or visits to the Soviet Union.

11) That the Mennonite Central Committee attempt to send a delegation to the Soviet Union either this coming autumn or the following spring, including contacts with both Mennonites and Evangelical Christian-Baptists in the program of the delegation.

12) That a special Supplementary Parcel Fund be established in the relief fund for the purpose of assisting needy Mennonites now living in the Western Hemisphere (principally Paraguay) to send parcels to relatives in the Soviet Union, this to be an imprest fund to be replenished as needed.

13) That the East-West office continue to explore all possibilities for sending Bibles and Christian literature to Mennonites and others in the Soviet Union.

14) That we continue to have an interest in a Christian testimony and possible relief work (including parcel service) in such countries as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia.

Permanent Visas Needed

Mexico Workers Meet For Conference

To strengthen and advance the M.B. work in Mexico, a meeting of the national workers on that field was held at Nuevo Ideal from April 30 to May 3. This was the first such meeting in our Mexico work and was held to establish a spiritual fellowship of our churches and groups of believers in Mexico.

The meeting consisted of fellowship around the Word and prayer and business matters. Evangelistic services were held in the evenings. On the last evening an elderly man accepted the Lord. Services on Sunday included the baptism and reception of two believers into church fellowship. It was an inspiration to the visiting brethren to observe the fine way in which the new young pastor of Nuevo Ideal Church, Brother Filip, led the services of the day.

In the business sessions a constitution for a conference of our Mexico churches was considered. A committee was appointed to prepare a draft of a constitution for consideration by the next Mexico workers' conference.

This meeting was arranged with the assistance of Brother Daniel Wirsche, one of the Mexico workers. While Brother Wirsche helped to organize the meeting, it was encouraging to note the responsibility and participation of the national workers. Accompanying Brother

Wirsche was Brother John C. Ratzlaff of the Board of Foreign Missions Office. Together they visited each of our areas of work in Mexico and looked after various matters needing attention.

A continuing concern in the Mexico work is the registration of our church, which is essential for the operation of the Bible school. At present the Bible school is closed because of lack of permanent visas for the missionaries. Another legal concern is the obtaining of permanent residence for our workers from North America. The registration and services of an envisioned hospital were also explored further. These matters are fraught with many details and difficulties and require much prayer and diligent effort for their solution. Sister Maria Schulz accompanied the brethren on their return to Hillsboro and will be absent from the Mexico work for the time being until arrangements can be made for her permanent residence in Mexico. She left Hillsboro the last week in May for her home at Herbert, Saskatchewan.

The brethren also visited the San Miguel field across the river from Los Ebanos in Texas. Brother Alfredo Villareal showed them the four ranches where he and Sister Villareal conduct services. The group in San Miguel has already

gathered nearly half the money required for purchasing a lot on which to erect a church building. The indigenous emphasis in evidence was encouraging.

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Evangelism Should Begin at Home, Anglicans Told

There's nothing wrong with Billy Graham, but evangelism should begin at home, the 61st synod session of the Anglican diocese of Rupert's Land decided in Winnipeg. Delegates were told by Canon J. C. Clough, chairman of the diocesan committee on evangelism, that while city-wide missions have their place, "the local parish mission is better at the present time" to meet the needs of the Anglican community.

Census figures for Winnipeg show 14.2 per cent of the population as Anglicans, Canon Clough said. "And if one-half that number appeared in our churches on a Sunday morning, we wouldn't know what to do with them," he added.

"Great numbers of Anglicans are completely outside the church," he said, "and our church as a general rule hasn't touched this problem.

"How do we reach the persons who, by their behaviour and by their actions, reveal no knowledge of or allegiance to Jesus Christ," he asked.

"This cannot be done by the clergy alone. This is the job of the laymen as much as of the clergy, for laymen have contacts with other laymen whom the clergy would never meet."

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Lutheran Relief Supplies Aboard First Ships Through Seaway

More than four million pounds of supplies from Lutheran World Relief were aboard the first U.S. trans-Atlantic flagship to pass eastward through the St. Lawrence Seaway. Scheduled to sail May 2 from Milwaukee and May 5 from Chicago, the steamship *Extavia*, of the American Export Lines, carried 3,816,000 pounds of powdered milk and 60,000 pounds of clothing for Yugoslavia and 280,000 pounds of corn meal for Austria.

Later in the month, the *Extavia's* sister steamer, the *Exceller*, will transport 185,000 pounds of powdered milk headed for Austria, and 2,852,000 pounds of the same commodity for Yugoslavia, for use in Lutheran World Relief's supplementary feeding programs in those countries.

Also travelling through the new seaway during May will be LWR goods totaling 2,600,000 pounds of food surpluses and 60,000 pounds of clothing bound for Germany on foreign flagships. The foods include government-donated milk, cornmeal and flour.

Give Bible to Japanese Prince

Crown Prince Akihito of Japan has been honored with the one-million-and-first copy of the Bible distributed in Japan by The Gideons. The historic Bible was prepared especially for the Prince in America. It is covered in red morocco leather and bears the inscription, "His Highness the Crown Prince Akihito." The Gideon Society began its work in Japan in 1950 under the leadership of a small group of vigorous laymen. They were directed by Richard A. Holzworth, a former Gideon field man in the U.S. who has remained there for the past nine years.

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United Presbyterian Church To Use Ads

The United Presbyterian Church may become the first major Protestant denomination to buy nationwide newspaper display advertising in an appeal for new members. The Church's general council recently gave its approval to two "pilot" projects of "newspaper evangelism." The first project conducted in Rochester, New York, last fall was considered successful. The second project to be conducted in "a large Midwestern city" to be named when all arrangements have been completed. The most productive ads used in Rochester will be reused in the second test. If the later test warrants it, the program will become a nationwide effort.

One advertisement a week was placed in each of the three Rochester newspapers. The ads were prepared by a Rochester advertising agency, in consultation with the presbytery. The project experimented with the content, art work, sequence and position of the ads in the three newspapers. No ads were placed on the regular weekly religion pages. Readers were asked to send for brochures or request calls from clergymen. It was found, for example, that ads with a spiritual emphasis generally had greater drawing power than self-help ads. Those that raised difficult religious questions were apt to outdraw those that simply offered a helping hand.

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Missionary in Congo Directs Tract Club

Christian literature is playing a growing role in the work of missions in Congo. Marjorie Shelley, affiliated with the Conservative Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, who teaches at the Katwa monitors' school (teacher training) and supervises the Congo-Swahili Tract-of-the-month Club. Although the club

is only a year old, nearly 30,000 tracts per month are now printed. The subscription price is \$1 per year and for that dollar 100 tracts are sent each month.

The effectiveness of the program can be measured somewhat by the opposition it has engendered. Roman Catholic leaders have told their people to tear up all the tracts they find. The tracts have been written by African Christians, or by missionaries, or are occasionally translations of English tracts, such as "Which Church Saves?"

Miss Shelley recently wrote, "Literate Africans are inclined to be-

lieve the infallibility of any written word: Catholic, Adventist, or Protestant. Thus we must counteract unwholesome influences and touch lives of hundreds who will be reached and influenced by the government or other agencies. The printed page is still our most effective means of converting African languages, employed in the blasphemy and curses of heathenism, into an operative channel of redemption and life. In so doing, it reaches across the gulf of colors to penetrate the wary mind with a message not warped or distorted by linguistic expression and foreign accent."

NEWS REEL

By George Derksen

NEWSPAPER CONFIRMS BIBLE. — To the thoughtful reader, the deepest interest of the newspaper is the confirmation of the Bible. No sermons preached from the pulpit are so convincing as the facts recorded from day to day by the newspapers. At the top of the first page of every newspaper the reader sees these words, "The Wages Of Sin Is Death." Column after column confirms the terrible sentence by describing the manifold ways and instances of its execution. There are people who think the Bible is an old-fashioned book; as a matter of fact, it is more modern than the newspaper. The newspaper, if intelligently edited, is up-to-date; the Bible is, always has been, centuries ahead of the date.

REASON FOR MID-EAST CRISIS. — Of late the Communists have stirred up crisis after crisis in an effort to get a toe-hold in the Middle East. No doubt, here is one of the reasons why. Through all the ages the Dead Sea has been considered a useless body of water. No life is found in its waters. But scientists now tell us that it contains untold treasures. It is stated that the sea contains 1,300,000,000 tons of potash valued at \$70,000,000,000. The bromide is said to be worth \$250,000,000,000 and other minerals are estimated to be worth more than \$1,000,000,000,000.

IN CASE YOU'RE ASKED. — An elephant's trunk is considered one of the miracles of nature. It contains more muscles than there are in the whole human body, there being over 4,000. With this one member, an elephant can uproot trees or gather grass, lift a cannon or a pin, kill a man or brush a fly, and, being hollow can suck up water and spray it forth like a fountain. No other creature has any one member with such a variety of uses.

WORRY, WORRY. — Said the sparrow to the robin, "I should really like to know, why these anxious human beings rush about and worry so." Replied the robin to the sparrow: "Friend, I think it must be that they have no Heavenly Father, such as cares for you and me."

FLIES ARE LIKE LIES. — When summer comes, flies are not far behind. Each female lays 120 eggs eight or ten times a season. These eggs hatch out and produce flies at the same ratio. That fly that crawled through your rusty screen this spring can present you with 5,589,720,000 more flies before summer is past. This illustrates the principle of the multiplication of evil. Take the "F" off the word flies and you have "lies" and you see what the habit has done for us. It is pernicious. It may seem innocent at youth, but by the time we are aged, we shall have hatched out an appalling number.

DISCUSSION ON CHURCH EXPANSION. — A reader in Alberta writes: "I fully agree with Mr. Durksen (see "Church Expansion by Church Division" in May 15 issue) as regards feeling at home in your local church"—preoccupation of the pastor with duties of administration rather than spiritual nurture.

"Another drawback of too large a membership in a church can be its overpowering voice at provincial conventions where it out-votes all other churches of the province.

"By wishing to stubbornly adhere to one language we are not only limiting our outreach to our neighbors, but are losing our middle-aged members whose children do not sufficiently follow the German and miss the younger ones, as is evidenced by the small number of baptismal candidates.

"Peaceful division would be the solution, but how to accomplish this poses a problem in a church where the necessity is not seen by everyone." Reader, any more comments on this?

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. — The hour glass: "My hour glass is nearly run, My days and deeds will quickly pass; And yet my life has just begun, For death will but invert the glass."

Weddings

Schmidt — Wiebe

Miss Justina Wiebe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiebe of Saskatoon, Sask., and Cornelius K. Schmidt, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Schmidt of Hague, Sask., were married on May 15 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Warman, Sask. Rev. Frank F. Froese officiated.

Miss Ann Schmidt, sister to the groom, and Miss Sylvia Mitchell attended the bride. Mr. Jake Wiebe, brother of the bride, and Mr. Solomon Schmidt, brother of the groom, were best men. Miss Sophie Enns, Warman, sang a solo during the signing of the register. Psalm 118:24-29 served as the basis of the brief message by Rev. Froese.

The couple have taken up residence in Saskatoon, where Mr. Schmidt is employed by Empire Freightways.

Giesbrecht — Klassen

Miss Annie Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klassen of Yarrow, B.C., and David Giesbrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Giesbrecht of Yarrow, were married on May 15 in the Yarrow M.B. church. Rev. Herman Lenzman officiated, assisted by Rev. Rudy Janzen, who spoke in English.

Obituaries

Mr. Edwin Letkeman

Edwin Letkeman, 16, of Warman, Sask., passed away on May 16, 1959, in the Saskatoon City Hospital. He died as a result of complications after an attack of the flu. Funeral services were held from the Mennonite Brethren church at Warman, Sask.

Edwin was born on October 20, 1942. At the age of eight he accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. He was a bright testimony for his Lord in the hospital and to his unsaved companions. He lived to be 16 years, 6 months and 26 days old.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Letkeman, sisters Doreen and Audrey, and a brother, Elmer.

Beechy Resident Dies at 29

Beechy, Sask. — Funeral services for Miss Katie Braun of Beechy, Sask., who passed away on May 16, were held in the Mennonite Brethren church of Beechy on May 20, 1959.

After the congregational singing, Rev. J. S. Adrian of Swift Current led in opening prayer. A male quartet sang "What a Friend We Have

in Jesus." Mr. J. Wiens then read Job 1:21-22, after which the quartet sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye."

The obituary was read, followed by a congregational hymn. Rev. Adrian based his message entitled "My Father's House" on John 14:1-3. The quartet sang "Beyond the Sunset," which was followed by the benediction.

Miss Katie Braun

Miss Katie Braun was born on October 20, 1929, at Beechy, Sask. She passed away in the University Hospital in Saskatoon on May 16, 1959.

Katie had been ailing from infancy and never fully recovered. Being as handicapped as she was, she nevertheless brought much happiness to the family. In her condition she was obedient, satisfied and thankful for everything that was done for her. She also loved to hear the religious programs on the air and showed reverence toward the preaching of the Word of God.

Katie leaves to mourn her parents; five sisters, Henrietta (Mrs. Pete Friesen), Agatha (Mrs. Jake Sawatsky), both of Main Centre, Sask., Sarah (Mrs. Henry Froese of Abbotsford, B.C.), Leona at Beechy and Betty (Mrs. Allen Bellamy of Swift Current); and three brothers, John, Jake and Corny, all of Beechy.

We all hope to meet Katie in heaven where there will be no more suffering.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Braun and family.



NIH Volunteers Undergo Variety of Tests

Ten fellows and two girls serving as normal control patients (popularly known as "guinea pigs") at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., give us a glimpse into the nature of several tests performed on them recently.

In a blood sugar test, volunteers were given 100 grams of sugar a day for a week. Thereupon 100 cc of blood were withdrawn for comparison with that of schizophrenic patients.

Another test measured reaction time. The volunteer received a stimulus, in this case a tone, to which he responded by releasing a key. This broke a circuit which stopped a clock that had started running the moment the tone began. The test was repeated with different lapses between the tones.

A more complicated test is the study of the hormone, epinephrine. To begin with, electrodes are fas-

tened to the patient's head and a needle stuck into his arm and thigh. The hormone is infused into the blood stream by means of a glucose solution which is injected into the arm periodically. The needle in the thigh serves to withdraw blood for analysis as the test progresses. As the epinephrine enters the blood stream, the heart beat increases considerably and the patient's mood fluctuates. A psychiatrist standing by questions the patient to determine the effect of the hormone.

Still another test is a dream study which was performed on two of the men. This consists of the subject going to bed with electrodes fastened to his head. As soon as he starts dreaming he is awakened by a buzzer. After revealing his dream, he may go back to sleep. This continues all through the night. The study is valuable because it enables the psychiatrist to determine much of the patient's early life.

Other tests included controlled diets, sleep deprivation and psychological tests. Volunteers report that they find the work highly interesting and educational.

New Agricultural Self-Help Project

Beginning April 1959, MCC assumed responsibility for the Barjora Farms Project of the Brethren in Christ mission in Bihar, India. MCC now provides monthly cash budget and will send two qualified Paxmen to Bihar in early 1959 to assist as agricultural workers in the community development project.

The Barjora station of BIC was put into operation in 1940 and today has a small co-educational school of some 100 students and a medical center serving about 60 outpatients a day. A strong emphasis has been placed on agriculture for about five years, in conjunction with the school program. Three acres of land at the station are under irrigation and used for demonstration purposes.

In February, 1958, the mission purchased 40 additional acres of land half a mile from the station. This land is suitable for irrigation, has light soil which is a mixture of good, medium and poor quality, and is generally excellent for demonstration purposes because nearly every type of crop can be grown in it.

Recognizing the potential of this project as a self-help scheme for the community, 75 per cent of whose population is living at or below subsistence level, the MCC Executive Committee readily approved the missions' request for assistance, both budget and personnel-wise. Several recommendations were passed concerning MCC's contribution, including the following:

a) The project will be administered by a joint MCC-Mission committee with Missionary Arthur Pye serving as manager.

b) The purpose of the Barjora

Farms Project is two-fold: to demonstrate improved methods and techniques for increasing food production, and to provide extension services to assist in community uplift and development.

The executive secretary of the BIC Foreign Missions Board, Henry N. Hostetter, says about the project: "During the past several years drought and crop failure have created a crisis situation in most of India. Public opinion is placing increasing responsibility on the mission to put forth a tangible effort to help out in some way. Our conclusion has been that the only practicable thing to do is to develop a demonstration farm that may ultimately help in increased food production in the area. A factor not to be overlooked is the relationship of this type of program to the entire missionary effort in India today. An honest, wholehearted attempt to increase food production is understood and deeply appreciated by officials and public alike. On the other hand, an isolated mission station, known only as 'evangelistic' in its purpose, tends to attract unfavorable attention."

In order to become personally acquainted with this project, MCC executive secretary, William T. Snyder, currently touring MCC projects in the Far East, plans to visit the Barjora station while in India.

MCC Entrenched at Kwong Wah Hospital

The month of April marked the completion of MCC's first year of operations in Hong Kong. In April, 1958, Norman and Eunice Wingert from Upland, Calif., launched a vigorous material aid program, including distribution of food, clothing and Christmas bundles through various channels among needy refugees. Paxman John Epp (White-water, Kans.) joined the Wingerts last October and a fourth worker, Joe Smucker from Korea, assisted several weeks in January.

Of all the contacts made in Hong Kong, none offers MCC a bigger challenge and opportunity than the Kwong Wah Charity Hospital, the largest hospital in the Colony. Notoriously overcrowded, it has an average of over 1000 patients for 700 beds. The maternity ward is the largest of any hospital in the world, with 40-100 mothers leaving the hospital with their new babies daily.

During the early exploratory stage, the Wingerts hit upon the happy idea of a Mother's Project at Kwong Wah. Who could be more deserving of a helping hand than these mothers, returning to the cheerless surroundings of their squatter shacks or refugee cubicles, their new-born infants and additional burden because they mean another mouth to feed? A gift package with clothing, a blanket, a towel

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HIGH SCHOOLS

Eden Christian College

By this time we are well on our way to the completion of our school year. The various courses must be completed and exams written.

During this term we have had several guest speakers at our chapel services.

Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church, spoke at one morning devotions. His text was Luke 2:52 from which we were shown that we also must grow in the Lord.

We were also privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Herman Kroeker, home missionaries at Coldwater, Ont., and former house-parents at Eden, visit our school again. They were at the time making a tour of the churches and schools of Ontario. May the Lord continue to bless them as He has until now.

Rev. Henry Poetker, missionary on furlough from India, was also at our school one morning for a service.

Music-wise our school has also been quite active. Of the six classes entered in the Lincoln County Music Festival, there were five firsts and one second, with the marks ranging from 84 to 90. Special credit goes to our music teacher, Mr. Peter Dick, who put much effort into the practising and later the performance.

On May 23, the annual Choral Concert was held. Guest artist for the occasion was Mr. John Pauls of Morden, Man. The Senior Choir, Ladies' Choir, and the Male Choir performed commendably under the direction of Mr. P. Dick. We are sure the audience all enjoyed the concert.

The students are all frantically practising and preparing for our annual Field Day, which will be held at Queenston Heights on May 29.

Each year at this time we have our annual elections. Special congratulations go to those elected. They are: Student Council president—John Dick; vice-president—Eric Willms; Literary president—Beatrice Runions; and Sports president—Henry Fast.

Joyce Schimpky XII.

Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

Six seniors graduated from Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, at the commencement exercises in the Church of the Brethren in Elkhart. This year's commencement speaker was Dr. Paul H. Eller, president of Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill.

The roster of this year's seniors includes the following people: William Block from Steinbach, Man.; Nickolas Dick, Niagara-on-the-

Lake, Ont.; Gordon Dyck, Newton, Kans.; George E. Janzen, Mission City, B.C.; Abraham Krause, Mountain Lake, Minn.; and Virginia Claassen, Whitewater, Kans. The men will be receiving the degree of Bachelor of Divinity and Miss Claassen will receive the degree of Master of Religious Education.

Following graduation and during the course of the summer these graduates will be taking up work in various parts of the country and world. William Block and his wife will serve the Vancouver Mennonite Mission in Vancouver, B.C.; Nickolas Dick and his wife will be working in the Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, Sask.; Gordon Dyck has been appointed pastor of the First Mennonite Church in Nappanee, Ind., and he and his wife will begin work there in fall; George E. Janzen is a missionary appointee to Japan and will leave for that country in late summer; Abraham Krause and his wife will be serving a Mennonite church in Inola, Okla.; Virginia Claassen will begin her work in fall as teacher for children of missionaries in Japan under the General Conference Mennonite Mission.

MCC News

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perhaps soap and a can of meat—what a boost to a discouraged mother's morale!

In the months that followed MCC has become quite entrenched at the hospital. Nine o'clock each morning sees Mrs. Wingert arriving at a hospital storeroom reserved exclusively for MCC, preparing as many gift packages as will be needed that day, then personally distributing them to all the mothers concerned. Especially needy cases, such as a mother with triplets, are followed up by home visits.

"We feel that a wide door has been opened to us," writes Norman Wingert, "and we pray for the wisdom to properly utilize the opportunity."

New Method of Evangelism

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courage us, for I have been able to make wonderful contacts with many people. Some try to argue: I am not interested in this. Others definitely receive a blessing from the conversation. Yet others who are Christians have told me that they are greatly encouraged to witness for their Saviour.

One man whom I approached (he told me later that he was a minister) said that he found it easy to witness for God from the pulpit, but it was very hard for him to do this on the street. But, with tears in his eyes, he resolved to witness wherever the Lord would give him an opportunity. He took a number of

"Salvation Bibles" from me for distribution (He was a Baptist minister). May we all be true witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Pray for Patsy

I have a prayer request for little Patsy Radcliff, who is a nine-year-old girl. She comes to our mission Sunday school. Last Sunday she was so downhearted and told me a little about her home life. Her father drinks and therefore is a great burden in the home. When he comes home drunk he beats up his wife and their only child, Patsy.

"I wish there were no beer-halls," said little Patsy, "or if we only could move away from them, so that my daddy could not drink."

I have been to their home and have talked to Patsy's father. Pray that God may give us wisdom, love and understanding for these people.

We covet your prayers in this work for the Master.

Yellow Journalism and Television

(By Dr. Gordon Bates, general director of the Health League of Canada, in *Health Magazine*.)

The term yellow journalism, as applied to newspapers of a decade or so ago, referred to the tendency on the part of some newspapers, in an apparent effort to attract subscribers, to give excessive publicity to crime, divorce cases, and in general to news which was of little value to the advancement of the community. The term "yellow" was used as an expression of criticism or disapproval of newspapers, said by their journalist brothers to be guilty of methods which were

not only bizarre and sensational but unethical. Anything to get an extra dollar.

One wonders whether a similar term might not be used in connection with some television programs. Guns and daggers of whatever variety might be considered of some value in war but they are not in common use in the drawing room. Triangles and divorces may exist in life but it is a question whether their exploitation on television programs is elevating for the youthful mind. There is such a thing as a gangster but depicted almost daily on television programs he may become a hero in the eyes of juvenile television fans.

Imitation is a natural human characteristic and there have been numerous examples quoted in the daily press of youthful hangings, stabbings, gun fights, and other deviations from the normal conduct of youth, which may well be imitations of television programs which depict not the normal but the unusual.

One wonders who is responsible for the choice of too many television programs, which suggest that there may be yellow journalism in television as well as in newspapers. It would seem that there are some people in the centre of things in the television field who are not too impressed by the difference between right and wrong but rather with the desire to bring in the dollars whoever may be hurt in the process. There is much good but also some dangerous nonsense in television programs in North America, especially those originating in the United States. One wonders sometimes whether the good programs get in by accident.

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Four Courses Added to College Curriculum

Winnipeg, Man. — Four courses have been added to the curriculum of the M.B. Bible College here to give students more adequate preparation for service.

Language students have been

gladdened by the addition of Elementary Hebrew to the curriculum for 1959-60. Rev. D. Ewert, instructor in Greek and Biblical exegesis, will teach the one-year course. This is a three-hour course that will include some readings in the Old Testament Hebrew text toward the end of the year.

To widen the offerings in the field of psychology, a course in Introductory Sociology will be given during the 1959-60 school year. Rev. J. J. Toews, who will be coming to instruct at the college next fall, will teach the course, which will include an introduction to group life, culture, social organization, the social processes, and social control. Special emphasis is to be placed on fundamental sociological concepts, with basic sociological problems dealt with in the light of Biblical revelation.

Graduates will be expected to be better preachers after completing the new course in Hermeneutics, which will be a study of the application of principles of exegesis to the homiletical treatment of portions of Scripture. Homiletics will be a prerequisite for this course, to be taught by Rev. Frank C. Peters.

The Christian Education department has been strengthened by the addition of a course in The Christian Home, where an attempt will be made to discover the Biblical principles upon which a Christian home may be established and may function in contemporary society. This two-hour, one semester course will be taught by Rev. H. R. Baerg, whose pastoral experience and camp work makes him particularly qualified to teach such a course.

The whole curriculum has been

reorganized on the two-semester basis, with the more comprehensive courses continuing throughout the school year and others offered only during one semester.

Rev. Cornelius Wall will remain a member of the faculty for another year. The only other faculty addition will be Rev. J. J. Toews, M.A., B.D., presently pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church. He will teach in the area of practical theology.

Further information can be gained from the college catalogue, available at The M. B. Bible College, 77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

Correction on Waterloo Report

Last week's issue (May 22), in an article on page 1, "Mennonites First Non-Lutheran Waterloo Graduates," stated that John Epp and Henry Warkentin were the first non-Lutheran graduates of Waterloo Seminary. An ex-graduate has informed us that this is not true, for several non-Lutherans graduated in 1951 from the Seminary, including Rev. Abram Goertz and Rev. Frank C. Peters. Additional information from Kitchener indicates that Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church, was also awarded the B.D. degree from Waterloo Seminary this spring.

On the Horizon

May 29 to 31. — Closing conference of the Ontario M. B. Bible School, Kitchener, Ont.

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

May 31 and June 2. — Rendition of the Oratorio "St. Paul" by the Fraserview M. B. Church Oratorio Choir.

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.

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

June 6. — The provincial Spring Conference of the M. B. Churches in British Columbia.

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.

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

July 4 to 9. — Annual sessions of Conference of Mennonites in Canada at Clearbrook, B.C.

July 31 to August 2. — The annual provincial Sunday school conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba will be held at Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

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