

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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**ORDINATION AT SOUTH END:** The ordination of Walter Janzen to the ministry (seen in the centre with his wife) was carried out in the South End M.B. church, Winnipeg on June 14. Participating in the ordination were Rev. F. C. Peters, left, and Rev. P. P. Kornelsen, right. Rev. and Mrs. Janzen are serving in the Harvey, N.D. Mennonite Brethren Church.

## Austria Workers Report at South End

Winnipeg, Man. — Despite an advanced civilization and a high state of culture, Europe today is as much a mission field for evangelical groups as any other country in the world, declared Rev. Abram J. Neufeld in his report at the South End M. B. church on Sunday night, June 21. Austria, sometimes called a land of doctors, has less than 5,000 born again believers in a population of 7,000,000 and less than 100 workers proclaiming the true Gospel.

Rev. and Mrs. Neufeld returned in May from service at Linz, Austria, under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions and are home for a four-month furlough. The short period at home permitted only one report in the city, although Rev. Neufeld has delivered challenging missionary messages in both Elmwood and North Kildonan M. B. churches. At South End M. B. church the Neufeld family—only two boys were present because the youngest had undergone an operation the previous week—delighted the congregation by singing several songs together. Mrs. Neufeld was dressed in typical Austrian dress, while the boys appeared in the short leather pants and colourful jackets commonly used in Austria.

The Bible is a closed book in Austria, Rev. Neufeld reported. Until five years ago Roman Catholics were not permitted to read it, but they now have official sanction to read the Bible. Yet the price of a Bible in a Catholic bookstore is so

high that the average person must sacrifice three days' wages before he can purchase it. Thus the high price of the Bible is as effective as the former proscription. With 93% of the population registered as Roman Catholic, the challenge of proclaiming the Gospel as found in God's Word is great.

Mormons are doing what we should be doing, declared Rev. Neufeld. During the past three years,

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## Ordination Service at Hepburn

Hepburn, Sask. — The congregation of the M. B. Church here gathered for the ordination to the deaconate of Brother and Sister Peter Andres on Sunday evening, June 14.

Rev. Jacob Bergen opened the service with reading Matt. 20: 21-28. In his message, Rev. J. H. Epp stressed the practical aspects of Christianity. The early church realized their responsibility for the physical welfare of believers. Rev. Epp further pointed out that those chosen for Christian service of any kind need spiritual qualifications; every assignment must be super-scribed with "Holiness unto the Lord." Reading I Cor. 4:1-5, Rev. Epp stated that this passage was an admonition but also a word of encouragement. Our faith relationship to God is basic to being faith-

## Hear Challenge of Home Missions

Chilliwack, B.C. — "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). This was the challenge given the young people at the East Chilliwack M. B. church by Rev. John Reimer on June 14. He gave an inspiring and thought-provoking message and report on the work of the West Coast Children's Mission.

As the field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, he is especially interested in and concerned about the work in this area—reaching the lost in other circles than our immediate ones. A very interesting part of the evening was the showing of colored slides depicting the various mission stations in B.C. and the work and workers there. This will aid the young people in praying and giving more specifically for this important work—missions at home.

In closing, Rev. Reimer reminded the group that with summer here again, DVBS' time is also nearing. Again he challenged them with the

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ful in doing our assignments. Taking criticism is part of the task of individuals in a public ministry. We need to analyze ourselves honestly in the face of criticism, being careful not to over-estimate ourselves or our service.

The second message, by Rev. Henry Baerg, Dalmeny, was based on Acts 6:1-7. Rev. Baerg pointed out some of the needs that make the ministry of deacons necessary: taking care of the needs of those who cannot help themselves; taking care of the "murmuring." "We know from our experience that there is much murmuring and it is not always because we lack the necessities of life," said Rev. Baerg.

In taking care of the physical needs of others our gifts must be accompanied by love, Rev. Baerg said. A deacon's work includes giv-

ing comfort, legal advice, and supporting the pastor in his work. In conclusion Rev. Baerg said that there are always opportunities for service for those who seek them.

Assisting in the ordination were Rev. Henry Baerg, Rev. Jacob Bergen and Rev. H. A. Willems.

The choir served with two songs: "Jesus Leads" and "Make Me a Blessing." A quartet composed of the brethren Albert Adrian, Elmer Andres, Herman Berg and Dan Willems sang "Thine for Service, Lord."

## To Serve in India

Coaldale, Alta. — Two sisters will soon be embarking on a lengthy trip that will take them to their sister in Japan, bring one to a new field of service, and take the other on a round-the-world trip.

Miss Margaret Enns and Miss Susie Enns are both teachers with some years of experience. In the classroom they have made many "trips" teaching geography, but this will be the first time that they see many of the places pointed out to children on the atlas.

The first lap of the tour will take the two sisters, whose father passed away last winter, to their sister and brother-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. David Balzer, M. B. missionaries in Osaka, Japan. They will travel via Hawaii to Tokyo, from where they will set out for Osaka, on the Inland Sea of southern Honshu Island.

India is next on the travel schedule. Landing at Bombay, the sisters will go south to Coonoor in the Nilgiris Hills, where Margaret will begin her duties as teacher on August 1. For Susie it will mean saying farewell to her sister, who has agreed to teach at the school in the Nilgiris Hills for a period of five years.

After saying goodbye to Margaret, Susie will go on to the Middle East, touring Palestine, Egypt, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, France and England before returning home to Coaldale in October.

Miss Margaret Enns is a graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College. Since graduation she has taught at the Eden Christian College and in Alberta schools.

# EDITORIAL

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Status Seeking

By Editor Paul Erb in the *Gospel Herald*

"And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not..." (Jer. 45:5).

Packard's new book on *Status Seekers* is high on the best-seller lists. It helps us to see how in our culture and times we sacrifice almost everything else to getting ahead of other people. It seems to be human nature to want to be on top of the pile. We give small attention to the word of the Lord through Jeremiah that we should not seek great things for ourselves.

Packard shows that denominations tend to develop a certain hierarchy of status. Membership in some churches confers a higher status than does membership in others. Recently we heard some Mennonites talk about one who left their church for a "higher-class" church. There can be no doubt that there are, social as well as doctrinal reasons why people leave one church for another.

Class reunions or similar get-togethers frequently reveal an evident effort to make clear how successful the persons present, or their families, have been in the climb to business, professional, or even ecclesiastical standing.

The close of the school year brings elation to many families as their sons and daughters achieve various awards or receive flattering scholarships. The effects may often be spiritually disastrous, as parents urge their children to accept the scholarships to some university rather than to go to their own church school. It is sad to see how unable we are to pass by the world's compliments.

We fear that even in the summer's conference elections many churchmen are going to be dashed and disappointed as they fail to be nominated or elected to some office or committee. Some may even be tempted to seek another setting in which they can achieve status.

One of our handicaps in evangelism is our unwillingness to admit converts to the status of our well-bred and well-heeled families. Admitting that we may rank below some folks, we build up our feelings by asserting our superiority to others.

It is all pretty silly, and sad, and un-Christian. Jeremiah tells us not to seek great things for ourselves. Paul tells us not to think of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, in honor preferring one another. And our Lord gave us an example in making Himself of no reputation. Where are the followers of the lowly Jesus?

## DEVOTIONAL

### Getting The Best of Anger

By Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger in the *Alliance Witness*

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city" (Prov. 16:32). "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath" (Eph. 4:26).

Christians must learn to get the best of wrong moods. Anger is one of these wrong moods that Christians must get the best of.

Anger may be a passionate outburst or it may be a feeling of displeasure directed against someone who has offended. All of us can readily recall certain outstanding Biblical illustrations of anger. Jonah, the rebellious prophet, was petulantly angry because the gourd withered. The people of Nazareth were angered at Jesus, their fellow townsman, after his "inaugural" message in their synagogue and sought to satisfy their rage by attempting to throw Him headlong over one of the precipitous hills upon which their town was situated.

#### Anger Is Common

How common is the emotion of anger! A man seated behind the wheel of an automobile will bang the horn of his car angrily because the auto in front of him does not move just as he demands (within himself) that it move, or a driver will angrily raise his headlights to high beam and keep them there just to "give it" to the fellow approaching in the opposite direction who has not yet dimmed his lights. (Someone has suggested that it is possible to swear by the way you drive a car without even saying a word.) Or someone will madly pick up the telephone and give the person on the other end of the line

"a piece of his mind." Perhaps the rage is expressed in a letter—red-hot, fiery, indignant lines that should have been penned on asbestos paper as a caution against fire.

A person may give vent to his anger in a series of blasphemous words—in the office, in the factory, on the sports field, in the home or even on the street. And there have been public occasions when normally pale-faced individuals suddenly presented to the gaze of their hearers faces flushed red with anger as they engaged in denunciatory and vituperative utterances. Or perhaps the anger has been expressed in physical violence: slamming dishes upon the floor, smashing a window, banging one's fist into a wall or door or administering a merciless physical beating to anyone who happened to be near enough. Likewise anger has been known to express itself in just plain pouting—no wild outward display, but a withdrawal within one's self and a persistent refusal to be socially agreeable. But no matter how it expresses itself, whether in some more "refined" fashion or in some crude form, it is still anger and the Christian must learn to master it!

#### Not All Anger Is Carnal

Not all anger is carnal and unholy. There is a spirit of indignation which is essential to a truly Christian personality. Jesus Christ is the supreme illustration of this truth. He was capable of tremendous indignation. But His indignation remained righteous and was never corroded by unholy anger. In Mark 3:5 we are reminded, according to Phillips' translation, that Jesus was both indignant and grieved at the same time: "Then when he had looked round in anger at the faces surrounding him, for he was deeply distressed by their callousness..."

Righteous indignation, however, must never be permitted to turn into unholy anger. Paul gives us a timely warning: "Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:26-27). If anger becomes the normal mood of one's life, then it must not be reckoned as mere wholesome indignation: "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." And if one's anger is making him a servant of Satan it certainly is not to be passed off as Christlike indignation: "Neither give place (an opportunity) to the devil."

#### Utilize Anger

How, then, shall a Christian get the best of anger? Here are several constructive suggestions: First, it must be understood that a certain amount of indignation is normal to every personality; in fact, a personality is not normal unless it is capable of indignation. Therefore a person should not attempt to repress all feelings of indignation. Such feelings must be re-

leased, expressed—but only for the right reasons. Righteous anger is one of our most creative emotions, and properly used can drive us to accomplish immense labors. Righteous indignation can stir up untouched reservoirs of creative power and energy which we would never use otherwise.

Getting angry for the right reasons can stimulate tremendous constructive power. "Angry" people have accomplished wonders. The Old Testament prophets were flaming with righteous indignation, every one of them. We have already noticed that Jesus was capable of tremendous righteous indignation.

#### Losing Temper Poisons

In the second place, remember that he who merely loses his temper always loses. The actual result of anger is a poisoning of the entire human system. In anger certain glands are stimulated; adrenalin and other secretions are pumped into the blood stream and carried to the most remote parts of the body where violent reactions are produced. The heart action is accelerated, the face becomes flushed, the muscles are tensed, the body becomes rigid, and sometimes even the breath becomes obnoxious. A chemical change takes place in the body, the same as if a strong drug had been injected into the blood stream by means of a hypodermic needle.

Little wonder is it that Benjamin Whichcote once wrote: "I will not be provoked, because I will not disorder myself, nor lose the composure of my own mind: than which nothing without me can be more valuable." One of our contemporaries, Allen Stockdale, has reminded us of this truth in the following verses:

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## Centennial Pageant to Depict Mennonite "Pilgrims"

Bluffton, Ohio. — What is a pilgrim? A man who crossed the ocean in the *Mayflower*, or a character out of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*? This is the question posed by the prologue of the centennial pageant, *We Are Pilgrims*, which will be given on Sunday, August 16, at Founders Hall, Bluffton, Ohio.

A pilgrim, the pageant makes plain, is a man going somewhere, looking for the land of promise. General Conference Mennonite history is itself the story of a pilgrimage. It begins hot with Menno Simons, nor even with the Reformation, but with the story of God's people—Abram is an example—who "looked forward to the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

The episodes of the pageant start with Menno Simons at Witmarsum, where, still a priest in the Roman Catholic Church, he is torn by conflicts and doubts as he searches for the true fellowship of believers. Finally as worshippers stream through the doors of the Witmarsum church to attend Mass, Menno prays for wisdom and courage, and then leaves. Where he is going, he cannot say for sure; he knows only that he must go by faith. The true pilgrim cares most that he travels God's way.

In the second episode the pilgrim is the Pennsylvania schoolteacher Christopher Dock, who brought

God's love into the classroom. A third scene depicts a union of faith, the organization of the General Conference Mennonite Church in 1860 by pioneers in Iowa. "May the Lord bless this small beginning," says John H. Oberholtzer. "If we are usable tools in the Master's hands, the work will prosper. We believe that the spirit of God is with us. . ." In the fourth episode, Mennonites from Russia in 1873 look for a new home in America.

The final episode brings to life a scene in a modern draft office, where conscientious objector Don Snyder says, "We believe that the way of love is better than the way of hate."

"Is that so?" comments a skeptical draft board member.

As Don explains the pilgrimage of Mennonites through the years and across many nations in the search for a place to live the love of God, a procession of people across the stage dramatize the work of the General Conference Mennonite Church.

"You're wasting your time," says the draft board man. "Your church is so small, and the problems of the world so great. You'll never make a dent."

Don admits that his church is not large—but his God is so great. "God surprises us with what He does with small things. . ." These things too are illustrated onstage.

## WCCM Rally Day Planned for Clearbrook

Clearbrook, B.C. — A grand rally of daily vacation Bible school teachers and camp counsellors of the West Coast Children's Mission has been planned for the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute here on July 1. Also welcome are all those interested in mission work.

The rally is planned as a time of fellowship, prayer, inspiration and challenge. Also on the program are practical workshops and special preparations for the rigorous summer schedule of DVBS and camp work.

The afternoon meeting begins at 2:30. On the program are special items in song by groups from the South Abbotsford, Yarrow and Vancouver M. B. churches, a testimony meeting led by John H. Enns, and a message by Rev. Rudy Janzen. Rev. John Reimer, WCCM field director, will give instructions for daily vacation Bible school workers. Thereupon those participating will break up into workshops led by Mrs. Herb Hamm, Mrs. Henry Regehr, Miss Louise Klassen, Mrs. B. G. Wiebe, Rev. Nick Dyck, Mr. Peter Boschan, and Mr. George Konrad.

After a "Share-With-Your Neighbor" lunch, the participants will reassemble at 7:30 for the evening

service. Rev. Peter Neufeldt will lead in the invocation, while Rev. John Esau of County Line will deliver the closing challenge. Features include a filmstrip, a film entitled "The Counsellor Goes to Camp," and a solo by Jake Neufeld, new worker at Otter Road.

It is hoped to place around 250 workers in daily vacation Bible school this summer.

## Former Saskatchewan Worker To Minneapolis

Minneapolis, Minn. — Rev. John F. Froese, pastor of the Harvey, N.D., Mennonite Brethren Church, has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Mennonite Brethren Church in this city. He will be moving to the city this summer.

Rev. Froese served as M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan worker for several years after graduating at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, before going to the Harvey M. B. Church as pastor.

Rev. R. C. Seibel has served the Minneapolis M. B. Church as interim pastor since last fall.



**MEDICAL UNIT AT HAITI:** The Mennonite Central Committee has placed a medical team in the Albert Schweitzer Hospital on the island of Haiti. Here are the workers that have been there for some time (several will be returning this summer): from left, Miss Mildred Brillinger, R.N., Gormely, Ont.; Miss Betty Stoesz, laboratory technician, Niverville, Man.; Miss Esther Litweiler, R.N., Elkhart, Ind.; Miss Anna Kreider, R.N., Mt. Joy, Pa.; Miss Faith Miller, R.N., Marienthal, Kans.; Miss Hedy Reimer, R.N., Abbotsford, B.C.; Mrs. Helene Loewen, R.N., and Hubert Loewen, laboratory technician, Topeka, Kans.

## Expect 600 Children In Camp

Clearbrook, B.C. — West Coast Children's Mission workers expect to have 600 children in two camping programs this year. This is a dramatic increase over the past several years.

Two camps are planned. Rev. Aaron Schmidt will be heading the camp at Lakelse, near Terrace, B.C. The second camping program will be carried out on the new camp site at Cultus Lake, recently purchased by an organized camp society in the Fraser Valley.

When the call for counsellors, camp nurses and other workers went out, Christians rallied to the challenge, cancelled previous holiday arrangements and applied for service. The prospective camp nurse for the Terrace camp, Miss Margaret Voth, R.N., of Winnipeg, was in the Valley on holidays, when God asked her to help out at the Terrace camp. Another prospective Terrace worker, Miss Maria Foth, served in full-time children's work in Europe for several years.

Much prayer is needed that God will bless these efforts to bring children into a vital contact with Christ. Pray also for the considerably over 200 workers expected to serve in the daily vacation Bible school program this summer.

## Oliver Kindergarten Bigger Than Ever

Clearbrook, B.C. — Upon completion of the four-week session of Kindergarten at Oliver, B.C., the six teachers felt that their efforts had not been in vain. Their hearts were filled with praise as they saw the interest and devotion in the hearts and minds of the children.

Many new homes were contacted through this year's effort. A record average daily attendance of nearly 100 (out of 115 enrolled) is an indication of the success of this type of work. Parents revealed their interest and thankfulness by filling

the chapel and halls. In fact, so many turned out that some had to stand on the steps at the closing program.

Rev. and Mrs. John Klassen are full-time West Coast Children's Mission workers at Oliver.

## Dies After Lengthy Illness

Mt. Lehman, B.C. — Mr. D. A. Peters, 58, of Mt. Lehman, B.C., passed away at home on June 17 after a lengthy illness. Death is attributed to cancer. Funeral services were held from the East Aldergrove M. B. church on June 21.

Mr. Peters was a son of the Rev. A. B. Peters who passed away recently at the age of 99 at the home of his son in Oakville, Man. A former Manitoba resident, he had moved to B.C. with his family in the forties.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Arnold and Kenneth; and one daughter, Anita (Mrs. Ralph Max Loxley).

## Student Recital By Pupils of Morden Couple

Morden, Man. — More than 20 piano and voice students of Mr. and Mrs. John Pauls performed at a student recital here on Saturday, June 13.

The interested audience of parents and friends also heard the festival-winning Grade 2 class directed by Mrs. Bluhm in recitations of two choral speaking pieces. Mrs. Pauls also led her trophy-winning Grade 6 choir in two selections. The program closed with the singing of "If With All Your Hearts" and "The Lord's Prayer" by John Pauls.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pauls are graduates of the M. B. Bible College. Mr. Pauls teaches in a Morden school.

Christianity is not a theory—it is an experience.

Getting even with a person means putting yourself on his level.

## India Missionaries Meet in the Hills

By Anna Suderman

Bruton, Kodai Kanal, the home for M.B. missionary children in the hills, was the locale for the India Mennonite Brethren Missionary Council meeting May 20 to May 22. Since the five missionary couples and four of the sisters are spending their hill season there, and the other seven sisters are on the hill station in the Nilgiris, this was a suitable place to have the meetings. The sisters from Coonoor came on Sister Margaret Willems (Waldheim, Sask.) car. They travelled the 200 miles down one range of mountains, across the hot plains between the ranges and wound up into the Palni Hills to Kodai Kanal. The Peter Hamms (Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.) house-parents in Bruton, were the kind hosts to the 21 missionaries from the work on the plains.

On the evening of May 20, Brother Hamm welcomed the guests and led in a song service. The ladies' trio sang "Oft' times the Day Seems Long."

### Message by P. V. Balzer

Brother P. V. Balzer, (Hillsboro, Kansas) council chairman, led in the devotional period. His message, "Life More Abundant," was based on John 10:9-11, Ephesians 3:14-21 and I John 3:8. He said: "Life is fellowship. Death is severing life from the body. Life is bringing about a relationship which has been severed by sin." He brought out the fact that Christ not only came to give life, but also to give it abundantly. The abundant life consists not of possessions or pleasures, but of peace, the peace which Christ gives. He gives grace sufficient for every good work. He gives the power of the Holy Spirit without which it is not possible to win a soul to Christ. He gives abundant supplies to meet every need. Lastly, He gives abundant joy and an abundant entrance to those who exercise the graces given by Christ.

This message was followed by a season of prayer in which we implored the help of our heavenly Father and in which we asked for guidance in the decisions before us for the furtherance of the Lord's work in India.

On Thursday morning, Brother J. J. Kasper, (Chilliwack, B.C.) directed our thoughts to "Intercessory Prayer," as exemplified by Nehemiah in Nehemiah 1:2 — 2:8. He emphasized that with responsibility come also privileges. The responsibility of the Great Commission brings the privilege of His presence. In the prayer of Nehemiah we see:

• Preparation for intercessory prayer. He inquired concerning God's people. He had compassion.

He confessed his sins and the sins of his people. Identification.

• The characteristics of intercessory prayer. He knew the condition of his people. He knew God and His promises. He knew that God was a covenant-keeping God. He consecrated himself to God and was obedient.

• The abundant entrance. He received kingly protection and abundant supplies, above expectation. When a man's life is in God's hands, signs and wonders will be done.

### Discuss Interrelationships of Missionaries and Natives

The evening session was opened by Brother A. A. Unruh, (Winkler, Man.) who read Acts 4:31-37 with comments. Again we consecrated ourselves to God for the tasks set before us. This was followed by a period of discussion on the work of the missionaries in relation to the Indian church, in the institutions on the field.

Friday morning Brother G. J. Froese (Winnipeg, Man.) led us to the throne of grace by reading Daniel 9:1-19. Again we saw a servant of God interceding for his people, confessing his and their sin and their confusion. But Daniel pleaded God's faithfulness in spite of man's failures. This is our task. After a season of prayer, the trio sang: "Into the Love of Jesus Deeper and Deeper I Go."

Business meetings finished, we spent the evening in devotions and the observance of the Lord's supper. Brother Henry Krahn (South Abbotsford, B.C.) spoke on "The Unfinished Task" and Brother Unruh led in the observance of the Lord's supper.

### Need for Spiritual Laymen Stressed

Brother Krahn based the message on John 9:1-7. "Church work is always unfinished," he said. The church is a living organism and is growing. The need is for spiritual leaders and for spiritual laymen — the backbone of the church.

"When Jesus was on earth He made some resolutions," said the speaker. He resolved to do the will of God — the divine compulsion. He resolved that he would not give one inch to the devil. Satan attacks us through those closest to us. He attacks us in our attitudes and takes away our joy so that our testimony is weakened. He confuses doctrine. What confusion Satan has caused through confusing the doctrine of the Holy Spirit! We need to give complete obedience to Christ and keep an obedient relationship to the Holy Spirit! Let the Holy Spirit create the environment that brings results.

The ladies trio sang: "Calvary Covers It All." The communion message was taken from I Corinth-

ians 11:23-26 and II Peter 3:8. We were reminded that all depends on the knowledge of Christ. That knowledge He must commit to us. Christ said: "Remember me." Christ came in the body. That body was broken to give Him a greater body, the Church. We are to remember that the church, our bodies, must also be broken. We count nothing higher than the will

After partaking of the elements and prayers of thanksgiving for our great salvation, the meeting came to a close. We had blessed times of prayer fellowship during the sessions. We trust that as we again go to the work on the stations that the Lord's guidance and help will enable us to do that work which He would have us do in this critical time in the world's history. May yet great multitudes come to the Savior, and the Church of Jesus Christ be firmly established so that the powers of hell may not be able to prevail against Her. Please stand by us with your prayers that great victories may be won. Pray for more laborers to reap the ripened harvest field!

### Farewell To Missionary Family

Saskatoon, Sask. — A farewell service was held for Dr. and Mrs. Ernie Schmidt and family on June 3 in the Saskatoon M. B. church.

The Schmidts are spending some time in the USA and then will be leaving to the place of God's appointment, the Belgian Congo, Africa.

We wish the Schmidts God's best. May we be found faithful in praying for them.

### Service Outdoors for Sunday School

Carman, Man. — Under clear skies adorned with a few white clouds here and there the annual Sunday school picnic of the Gospel Light Chapel was held on Sunday at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. O. Larsen at Elm Creek.

Mr. Larsen, Sunday school superintendent, bade everyone a hearty welcome and opened the service with Psalm 103 and led in opening prayer.

Listening to the timely message given by Rev. P. Martens, based on Colossians 3:15-17, those congregated for the outdoor service had occasion to observe the marvels of nature. The green grass, the stately trees swaying in the cool breeze and a robin perched on a nearby wire appeared to be in full agreement with the choir as they sang the song of praise, "How Great Thou Art." "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory, Lord" was also rendered by the choir, under the direction of Peter Enns.

During the sermon Christians were reminded that following con-

version the body belongs to the Lord. It is well to refresh the body, but in all things at all times we need to heed the word of God in Colossians 3:17: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the father by Him."

Following the service wieners were roasted and a lunch of hot dogs, cookies and drinks enjoyed by all.

The afternoon was spent in playing ball, racing and playing games.

### Waldheim Hosts Women's Missionary Fellowship

Waldheim, Sask. — Ladies from most of North Saskatchewan's M. B. churches and missionary groups attended a general meeting of the Women's Missionary Fellowship in the auditorium of the new Waldheim Public School.

The participants in the June 6 meeting were welcomed by the ladies of the Waldheim Mary-Martha group, who served as hosts. Mrs. C. C. Willems of Hepburn presided, while Mrs. J. H. Epp served as secretary-treasurer. Both were returned to office in the elections, while Mrs. John C. Wall of Borden, Mrs. Martha Friesen of Saskatoon, and Mrs. H. H. Willems of Brotherfield were elected to the executive committee.

The local ladies led in the invocation and also served with a trio. Mrs. Victor Nickel, mission worker at Carrot River, led in a devotional study, while Mrs. Jean Jantzen gave a missionary reading. Mrs. A. Rempel reported on a unique activity of the Borden group, who study the Back to the Bible course together as a group. Rev. John Ratzlaff of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions office at Hillsboro, delivered the message.

Preparations for the ladies' meeting at the M. B. Conference of Canada occupied the ladies during most of the business session. New lists were also prepared for the monthly sending of bandage bundles to Africa. The ladies also organized the baking schedule for the Redberry Bible Camp.

### Weekly Children's Hour at Carman

Carman, Man. — The closing of another term of the weekly children's hour, conducted at the local mission church each Wednesday afternoon after school, was held on June 17.

The children enjoyed a time of singing and a short devotional period, as well as playing games after which they were served a lunch. The teachers for the weekly classes were Rev. P. Martens, Mrs. Wm. Peters and Mrs. Alfred Klassen.

# Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

## Board Meeting

The brethren of the Board of Foreign Missions are meeting at Hepburn, Sask., on June 30 and July 1 and 2 just before the Canadian Conference. Their sessions are held in conjunction with the institute in which mission principles and policies are being discussed with missionaries on furlough. July 3, the day before the conference, has been set aside for prayer, fellowship and discussion by all missionaries, office secretariat and Board members. During the Board sessions the brethren will consider policies and principles of administration, issues related to the work on the various mission fields, personnel needs and candidates and budget. Among the policies and principles for consideration is a "Statement of our Fundamental Concept and Purpose of Missions." The prayers of the brotherhood in behalf of these important considerations are solicited.

## Missionary Challenge at Conference

The ministry and challenge of Foreign Missions will be presented to the Canadian Conference at Hepburn, Sask., July 4 to 8 along with other conference ministries. These presentations will include the report during the business sessions and various missionary messages and challenges in the inspirational sessions. Brethren of the office—J. B. Toews and A. E. Janzen—as well as a number of missionaries will attend the conference.

## Met By Children at New York

Brother and Sister John A. Wiebe and Marilyn were met by their children Esther and David upon arrival in New York on June 9. The Wiebes have returned from India for furlough after their third term of service for which they left in November, 1951. After visiting relatives and friends in Minnesota, they plan to visit their children in California and then live in Hillsboro during the coming year.

## Homeward Bound

Brother and Sister Sam Krause are on the Pacific Ocean at this time enroute home for their first furlough, if plans materialized. They were scheduled to sail from Japan around June 20 and arrive in Los Angeles about July 6. We pray that they, too, will have a safe journey.

## Hearing the Gospel in Russia

Among the reported listeners of HCJB programs are Mennonite families who have returned to the original Mennonite area in South Russia. This information was forwarded to Brother Hugo Jantz at HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, by a pastor in Ontario. "The folks in Russia write their relatives in Canada that they eagerly listen to the programs over HCJB each day in the German and Russian languages. These folks

bring others into the groups of steady listeners. Persons are finding Christ as their personal Savior; others find the only available spiritual food in these broadcasts. They are asking us to convey their profound thanks to you for the good news. We know that many are listening. An elderly lady who is quite hard of hearing places herself so close to the radio as if to eat it and not miss a word."

## Help for HCJB Staff

In the HCJB German department, in Quito, Ecuador, a student from Germany is assisting in the work during the summer. He is Brother Christian Bastke who has attended Columbia Bible School in South Carolina. Brother Bastke is assisting since the return of Brother and Sister David Nightingale to North America.

## New Colombia Ambassador

A new U.S. ambassador to Colombia has been named to replace Ambassador Cabot who was appointed Ambassador to Brazil. The new ambassador, Mr. Dempster McIntosh, has held other diplomatic posts in South America, including that of ambassador to Uruguay and Venezuela.

## Recovers from Illness

The illness of Sister Ebner J. Friesen, LaCumbre, Colombia, was reported in April. In a recent letter, Sister Friesen expresses gratitude to God for recovery and to the many folks who remembered them in prayer at that time.

## New Church at Amagasaki

In Japan the new church building at Amagasaki was to be dedicated to the Lord on Sunday, June 21. Another new house of worship in Japan is of great encouragement to the national Christians and to the missionaries.

## Colombia Council Meets

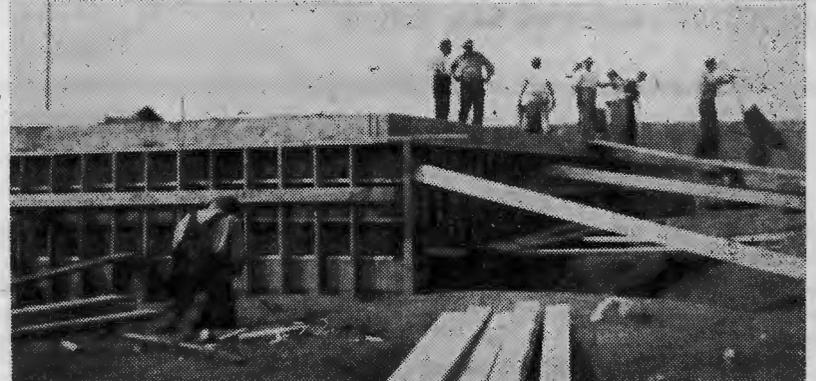
The Missionary Council of the Colombia field met in Cali from June 1 to 6. As usual, the sessions were conducted for the spiritual refreshing of the missionary staff and for the regulation of various mission activities and questions. The guest speaker for the inspirational sessions was a Brother Shillingsburg of the Gospel Missionary Union.

## Baptism in Japan

Six Japanese believers at Hirano were baptized on June 7. They were a grandmother, mother, a middle-aged couple and two young men. The baptism was held in the new Kasugade church baptistry.

## Illness Diagnosed as Pleurisy

The illness of Brother David Balzer may require extended medical care and absence from the work at Nagase. His illness has been diagnosed as pleurisy caused by tuberculosis. May we therefore pray earnestly for his complete and early recovery as well as for Sister



BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION on the new M.B. church at Swift Current is depicted in the pictures above. The top picture shows the turning of the sod, the centre the cement pouring, while the bottom picture was taken after the foundation had been poured.

## Construction Progressing on Swift Current Church

Swift Current, B.C. — The coming of spring meant the beginning of a new church building project here. Extensive planning during the winter had prepared the way for rapid progress on the new M. B. church once the weather permitted ground-breaking.

During the winter a building committee was elected, with Mr. P. Martens as chairman and Mr. D. Rempel as secretary. Mr. D. Block (now in hospital), B. Braun and A. Bergen were elected to make plans and supervise their execution. Voluntary labour is donated by church members.

Balzer and family. Recently there have been several encouraging developments in the Nagase work. Attendance at the Sunday school and Sunday morning services has increased.

## Book Translated Into Japanese

The book, "On Being a Real Christian," has been translated into Japanese and is being published in (Continued on page 8-1)

After a shortened worship service on May 11, the congregation assembled on the lot for a dedication of the building site. Rev. E. J. Lautermilch, pastor, spoke on Colossians 3:17, while F. J. Peters spoke on Haggai 1:7-8. After a prayer of dedication, Mr. P. Martens turned the sod.

One week later, on May 18, construction began. The basement was poured on June 2, with the walls up by June 14. This rapid progress is possible only through the wholehearted cooperation of everyone in the church. While the men work at the building itself, the ladies provide refreshments.

Twenty years ago the actual foundation of the M. B. Church here was laid, when a group of M. B. members under the leadership of F. J. Peters constructed the first church building—now too small because of the moving of members into the city. The members living here during the depression years of the 1930's were willing to sacrifice and have made the growth of the church possible.



## THE Young Observers

### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Have you ever made a mistake when you tried to do something for Jesus? You got up to say a poem—and you were stuck in the middle. Or you played a piano or violin solo, and even though you tried your very hardest to play well you still hit a few wrong notes. When you sat down you felt bad about the way you had let the Lord Jesus down. The following little story illustrates that the important thing is that we are not ashamed of Jesus.

A young man who had just become a Christian tried to preach out in the open air, telling others about the Lord Jesus. He couldn't preach very well, but he did the best he could. Someone interrupted him and said, "Young man, you cannot preach. You ought to be ashamed of yourself."

The young man said, "So I am, but I am not ashamed of Jesus."

So when we have an opportunity to do something for Jesus, let's not be ashamed of Him. Let's do it, even though we cannot do it perfectly or as well as someone else might be able to do it. The important thing is that we try to serve Jesus the best we know how. When He rewards us, it is not according to how well we did something, but according to the reasons why we did it—and whether we were faithful.

Love, Aunt Selma.

## Just As Hungry Tomorrow

"We're going, Mom! Better pack my bag! Be gone several days! Here's a list of stuff I've got to take along—and—and!" Joe, physically exhausted, dropped wearily into a chair.

"Well, now that you've run out of breath, perhaps I can get a word in edgewise," said Mother with a quick grin. "So far, I know that you're going. I'm supposed to pack your bag, you'll be gone several nights, and that you have a long list of articles to take along. How about filling in the minor details, such as: who, when, where, what and why?"

Joe looked up in surprise. "Why—the Scouts, remember? I told you we were taking a camping trip. Here's the list of stuff I gotta take along: toothbrush, towels . . ."

"Are you leaving—tonight?" interrupted Mother.

"Oh, no, not for a few days yet."

"Good, then we won't need to pack your bag before supper," smiled Mother, looking relieved.

A couple of evenings later Mother was pleased to note that Joe was spending more time than usual reading his Bible before going to bed. "I'm happy to see you so interested in spending more time with the Word of God, Joe," she smiled approvingly.

"Huh?" grunted Joe, raising his head. "Oh—yeah, our Sunday school class agreed to read through the Bible, so our teacher gave us this outline that shows just how much to read every night. But I'll be pretty busy for about a week because of our trip, and I won't have time to do any reading. That's why

I'm trying to catch up now, so I won't get too far behind the others. See?"

The smile on Mother's face disappeared. "Yes, I think I do," she said with an expression of concern on her face.

The next morning Joe entered the kitchen with a yawn. "Guess I overslept. Is breakfast rea—?" he stopped short, staring at the table. "Having company for breakfast?"

"No, and I'm afraid you'll have to eat alone since we've already eaten."

"But—but why all this stuff—just for me?" questioned Joe, raising his eyebrows inquiringly. "There's enough here to feed an army. You're sure we're not expecting company?"

Mother pulled out a chair and sat down. "Well, you see," she began slowly, taking a deep breath, "I was thinking last night that since your father had to leave on a business trip for a couple of days, this would be a good time to do my housecleaning and paint the two bedrooms and the kitchen. With him gone I can save hours by not having to prepare meals. That is, if you are willing to cooperate and eat enough this morning to last you for several days. Without any interruptions I'm sure I could finish painting before Father gets back. Don't you think that would be a good idea?"

Joe squinted, looking oddly at his mother. "You—you mean—I'm supposed to eat all this stuff so—so that—!" he breathed a sigh of disgust. "Why, even if I could I'd still get hungry tomorrow."

"Why should you? There's plenty here, and it will only take me two or three days to finish."

Joe shook his head puzzled. "You know that it doesn't matter how much I eat now, I'll be just as hungry again tomorrow! A person can't just fill up and expect it to last him for days! How do you expect me to grow strong if I don't eat every day? I'd starve, for sure!"

"Oh?" said Mother with raised voice. "You seem very concerned about losing your strength and starving physically should you skip a day or two without eating. Yet, you're perfectly satisfied to go for a week without feeding your soul."

"What do you mean?" asked Joe.

"The Lord has given each of us a body and a soul which need to be fed daily if they are to grow and remain healthy and strong," continued Mother. "Too many people are overly concerned about feeding their bodies, while their souls are in danger of starving."

"How?" questioned Joe unbelievably.

"When the body is not properly fed, it becomes weak and in danger of being attacked by disease germs. So it is with the soul; unless it receives spiritual food daily, it too becomes weak, unable to resist the attacks of its greatest enemy."

"Who's that?" asked Joe, his eyes widening with interest.

"The soul's greatest enemy is the Devil," continued Mother. "It takes daily prayer and feeding on God's Word to keep one's spiritual life strong and on guard every minute against Satan's attacks. The Bible calls God's Word the Sword of the Spirit with which we can fight off the Devil's temptations. But Satan knows when we neglect our devotions and our resistance to his temptations is weakened."

"I still can't see how my eating regularly has anything to do with reading the Bible."

"Last night," continued Mother, "you spent much time reading the Word of God. Not because you were interested in trying to digest or understand the spiritual food therein. All you cared about was to read as many chapters as possible, as fast as possible, so as not to get too far behind in your reading. Do you know what happens when you hurriedly stuff a lot of food into your system? It doesn't benefit your body at all—merely causes trouble—indigestion and illness. Now, reading the Word of God in such a haphazard manner is of no more value to the soul than if you were reading the dictionary."

"You expect to eat every day in order to gain the strength you need to run, jump, and play, don't you? Well, in order to stay healthy spiritually, you need to feed your soul every day. For just as it is impossible to eat enough at one meal to last for several days, so it is impossible to read and pray enough at

one time to keep you spiritually fit for a week in advance."

Joe remained silent, eating his breakfast in deep thought. Going to his room, he pondered over what Mother had said. An hour later he found her in the living room taking down the drapes. "Here, let me help you," he offered. "You know, Mom, I'm pretty good at cooking eggs, making toast, and opening cans. I just bet I could make all the meals for the two of us while you're cleaning house. We wouldn't need anything fancy. So, how about me being chief cook and bottle washer?" he asked with a mischievous grin.

"Why—I think that would be just wonderful," replied Mother, pleased. "Wait a minute, where are you going? I thought you were supposed to help me with these drapes?"

"Sure—I will, but I just thought of something more important I have to do first," called Joe, streaking through the door.

A few minutes later he was back. Mother eyed him suspiciously. "Now, what was so important that it couldn't wait for five or ten minutes?" she asked inquisitively.

Joe took the draperies Mother handed him and laid them on the table. "Oh, there was something I wanted to make sure I wouldn't forget on the trip, so I put it in my bag."

"It must be pretty important."

"Sure it is. I—I hope you don't mind my taking that extra Bible in the chest drawer. You see, it's got big print, and those candles or lamps aren't too bright."

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This is but one of the 7 stories in a book called "Never-Wash-Land." You can get this book for 50¢ from THE CHRISTIAN PRESS, LTD. 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

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## But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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(15th Installment)

"But, Grandpa," Mamma started, "you must think of yourself. It's this way." Suddenly she glanced up and saw Hansie.

"Hans!"

He dropped on the floor beside Rosie, his outside body aching and his insides turning somersaults. He felt sick all over and every attempt at words brought unsolicited tears to his eyes and voice. Why had he done it? At any moment the door might open and they might all be arrested. He shuddered. He must tell them what he had done. But how could he?

And then he felt her hand on his shoulder, Mamma putting her arm around him, Mamma understanding. Somehow he did not rebel at it. There was no pride left in him at all.

It was then that he began to blurt out the story.

"Friedrich and I saw the—their carrot pile. He said last year they wasted them, they let them rot. It made me mad. With us having to leave and everything—" He stopped to sob. "Because we didn't have enough—to eat. I talked Friedrich into it—it wasn't his fault. We took our sacks. Grandpa's is still in the field where I dropped it."

He looked uncertainly at his mother. "It wouldn't have been stealing, because they waste them anyway."

"Go on with the story, Son."

He didn't want to tell the rest. At last he forced himself to do it.

"They didn't see Friedrich, but they did see me. He—he shouted at me and I ran."

"Who saw you?" This from Grandpa.

"The—the soldier." He hid his face to keep Grandpa from looking at him so hard.

"He chased me a little ways, but I fooled him. I ran north a while back beyond Fetzer's and then when I lost him I turned east. I—I think he gave up."

Somewhere in the back of his mind, Hansie had hoped that the family might comfort him with words of assurance, say it didn't matter, that the soldier wouldn't be able to find him, or some such thing. But they didn't. Instead they all sat thinking, stunned by his story. Finally Grandpa spoke.

"Come here, Son," he said huskily.

"Do you think they will look for me?" Hans queried, seating himself beside Grandpa, but avoiding looking into his face.

"I don't think so. They have other things they would rather do

in the evening. But if he got a good look at you, he may remember you when he sees you again. And that might be dangerous for all of us."

The old man hesitated for a minute, wondering if he should say more. Then he looked at Mamma, who was listening closely to every word.

"Last year a man did what Hansie tried this evening. They caught him."

"And what—?"

"They beat him and put him in a dark basement without food."

"Ohhhh." Maria wished that she had not urged him to go on. Rosie was deeply disturbed.

"As I said," Grandpa continued in his slow way, "they won't go out tonight looking for a slip of a boy. I hate to say this, Maria, but I believe you ought to leave."

"Should we leave tonight?"

"Wait until an hour or so before dawn." He stopped to give Grandpa a reassuring look. She was crying.

"I can hardly stand to tell you to go, Maria, but it is for your own sakes."

"I know."

She thought a while. "But the trouble is, I don't know where to go from here."

"You know you want to go west, don't you?"

"Of course. But west is a big place."

Slowly and methodically Grandpa pulled himself to his feet and hobbled into the bedroom. When he came back, he carried an old, intricately carved chest in one hand and a key in the other. Checking to be sure that the shades were drawn, he sat down and looked wistfully at the family about him. What he said then was not easy for him. More than once he almost choked on the words.

"As you are all aware," he pronounced solemnly, as though he were beginning a formal speech, "Grandma and I are very old. We don't have very long to live, and we know it. Long ago we began saving for our grandchildren. Our grandchildren are gone. We cannot bring them back. But Hansie and Rosie have been grandchildren to us, and you, Maria, have been as a daughter. We can never repay you."

"Now, if you walk for an hour west of this town, you will come to Heuchlingen, where there is a railroad station. The trains do not run very regularly, but they do go west. We know these marks aren't worth very much today, but I think they

will see you quite a distance along your way."

His fingers trembling, the old man counted out a pile of coins and some paper money. Then he lifted out a sack of papers precious to his family, and from them drew out a map of Germany.

"This may also be a real help to you. Maria, we knew that you would soon be leaving, in spite of the fact that we tried to keep you with us. That is why we have thought this through as completely as we have. You are not a well woman. Grandma and I have both noticed that you have been getting weaker as the summer wears on, and that those dizzy spells come more frequently. You cannot stand to walk many miles again."

Maria dropped her head. The goodness of the old couple, their complete unselfishness, made her feel unworthy of their gifts.

He went on. "You may do as you wish, Maria, but when you get to Heuchlingen, before you take a train for anywhere, why don't you find out where another one of those hospitals is located? You know, like the one your husband took the baby to."

Maria raised her eyes and looked at the face of the man who spoke, and she felt warm toward him as though he were her father.

"But how can we take your life savings?"

Grandpa pretended gruffness.

"Don't be foolish. What can we do with it? Don't waste time being sentimental."

"But how will you get everything harvested and the winter's supply of wood without Hansie? I'm afraid for us to stay and yet I hate to go for fear of what will happen to you. You are so much like our own family."

She laid her hand on Grandpa's. "You've been so kind."

Grandpa coughed and looked away.

"Since you have been talking of going, Maria, Grandma and I have done a lot of thinking. We can get some more help from youngsters like Friedrich next door in exchange for some of our milk. But there is something else, Maria, more important."

Grandma sat looking at Rosie, sitting cross-legged on the floor. "I guess God didn't mean very much to us before you came here, Maria. But you always talking about God caring for you, your faith and trust in Him, made us do some thinking, too."

"And so, Maria," Grandpa finished, "if you want to know how we'll get along without you, it will be hard. But the same God who looks after you will take care of us, too. We have learned to trust in Him, Maria, by watching the way you live."

### CHAPTER XIII

It was fall: restless, frustrated weather, a moody north wind ex-

pressing its disquietude by tumbling the sensitive brown and golden leaves headlong to the ground, where they lay awaiting another sweep of wind or the rambunctious prancing of a squirrel. Maria sat on the sun porch of the Niederwinden Lutheran Hospital, where she had been for the past two months, watching Nature's little flurry, her thoughts as aimless as the irresponsible leaves. A bee, apparently aware that he was a trespasser on the sun porch, and wildly unhappy about his plight, flung his body against the pane, buzzing angrily.

Maria listened to the slow, even tempo of feet outside on the pavement. It was not the heavy, insistent clicking of men going to work, nor the uninhibited feet of school children, but the responsible, tired feet of housewives on the many errands of their ways, to and fro in the little town. In an hour the monotonous plodding of the town women would give way to the shrill cries, teasing voices, singing, and blustering of the town's school children, homeward bound. Some of the more pale-faced ones would trudge along at the same dull tempo as their mothers, defeated beneath their heavy book bags.

Maria closed her eyes and wanted to be outside, out where the world smelled like life instead of medicine, where she could reach down and run her fingers through the good earth beneath her. She wanted to be out where the sky above her would stretch itself as a whole panorama of delicate clouds instead of being confined within the large glass panes of the sun porch.

Even more she longed to lead her children westward again, to walk where there were more faces to search, search with the hope of finding Hans. Almost seven months had passed; would a few more wrinkles encase the dearthness of that face? The feeling that Hans was alive—she could not believe otherwise—accelerated the beating of her heart and made her determined to get well.

Outside the rhythmic motion of the leaves, their grasp on the limbs becoming weaker, kept swaying with Maria's thoughts. She closed her eyes and remembered her native home, now desecrated by war and plunderings. Was not each familiar tree still standing in its appointed place, where her great-great-grandfather had planted it? Did not the sparrows still flutter about the house and the berry bushes flourish to the west of the fence, even though house and barn were mutilated by unappreciative hands? If it were not for the unchanging quality of nature, and the unalterable personality of the One who made it all, Maria knew that the insecurity of her existence as a refugee would be unbearable.

(To be continued)

## M. B. Mission News

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Japan in this Protestant Centennial Year. Underwriting the publishing is the Back to the Bible Broadcast of Lincoln, Nebr. A large quantity of the book will be printed inasmuch as no comparable Christian title is available in the Japanese. Our Japanese brother and evangelist Kitano has been encouraging its publication for some time. The bulk of the translation has been done by Kadota san—one of our Japan mission workers.

### A Trophy of God's Grace

It is a great encouragement and source of strength when both husband and wife become Christians and members of the body of Christ. That has been the recent happy experience of a couple and the Nagase church fellowship in Japan where Brother and Sister David Balzer serve. "Sunday, April 5, was a day of special joy. It was our happy portion to baptize the wife of one of our most faithful brethren—Kitabori San. A little over a year ago, he was saved from the misery of drunkenness through God's miracle-working power. However, his wife remained indifferent and unwilling to give up the pleasures of the world until last fall when she came to see herself as a sinful person. Although there are three married women in the church, it received its first Christian family at this occasion. The couple has three children. Ever since shortly after his conversion, he has been helpful in house visitation and in our meetings. The family is certainly a special trophy of grace and a precious gift to the little group here. The brother is already supplying a significant service to our fellowship."

### Dormitory Construction

Construction of a dormitory for students attending the Kafumba Bible School is to begin this summer. This is the building in the Congo made possible through a memorial gift by the heirs of the late Anna B. Gaede. The building is a three-unit facility in a U-shape. Brother Siegfried Epp will be in charge of the construction.

## Getting the Best of Anger

(Continued from page 2-4)

Lost your temper, did you say? Truth would state it not that way. If your temper had been lost, You'd have lived at far less cost. Found your temper—every bit, Used your temper—that was it. Chose the thoughts that cut and stung;

Left the sweet words all unsung; Shadowed dark the face with frown, Dressed your looks in dagger gowns. Closed your ears to truth and facts, Sent your gibes in wolfish packs.

Poison from your pores come out; All your graces put to rout.

Foolish were the claims you made, Reason's tongue could not persuade. Lost your appetite to eat; Changed to sour all your sweet. Wounded, injured, broke and spilled Days that might have healed and thrilled.

Lost your temper, did you say? Truth says, state it in this way, "When I count the tragic cost, Would to God it had been lost."

Thirdly, we must learn the "danger signals." We must discover the real causes of our unholy tempers. Since anger is but the accumulated vehemence of a multitude of minor irritations, each separate irritation must be discovered, understood and mastered through prayer and discipline. And as we seek to conquer the irritating causes of anger we must bear in mind constantly that since anger is an emotional explosion it must be counterbalanced with emotional controls. Competitive emotions must be started up. Joy must be set up to counterbalance the emotion of displeasure. The emotion of patience must be established in order to counteract that of impatience. The positive emotions of love and good will must be permitted to triumph over bitterness and ill will.

A fourth suggestion is tremendously vital to the Christian. If the object of one's rising anger is a person, then just as soon as any measure of self-control has been established, begin to pray sincerely for that person who appears to be the object of such unholy temper.

### Allow Christ to Take Over

Finally, and most important of all, we must understand that in the last analysis this wild, undisciplined, primitive passion of anger can be tamed and mastered only by allowing a competent Master to take control of it. Jesus Christ is the only Lord who can master the passions of man's soul. The Holy Spirit has been given to control all the subconscious areas of the human personality. We must tune in constantly on the Author of poise and peace and love. The best way to lose your temper is to lose yourself in Jesus Christ.

During a stage journey Henry Drummond fell into conversation with his carriage driver. The great preacher was astonished to learn that his driver had once been a prominent professional man, but because of a vicious personal habit which he had been unable to master he had been compelled to seek employment as an unskilled laborer. During the conversation the driver earnestly appealed to Mr. Drummond for help. After reciting some accepted rules for breaking the power of bad habits, the celebrated preacher asked the driver this question: "Friend, if your team were running away with you, even after you had used every means within your power to hold them,

what would you do if you suddenly learned that there was a person sitting beside you who knew exactly how to control your team and save you from disaster?"

"Sir," the driver replied quickly, "I'd hand over the reins to him." And then Mr. Drummond told him about Jesus Christ, who is able to control our lives if we but "hand over the reins to Him."

Just so with unholy tempers, undisciplined angers that keep life from being victorious, that threaten to ruin us—let them be handed over to Jesus Christ, who is able to control and to give spiritual victory. We must learn the secret of getting the best of anger. "Be ye angry, and sin not."

## Are You Losing a Boy?

Not kidnapped by bandits and hidden in a cave to weep and starve and raise a nation to frenzied searching. Were that the case, one hundred thousand men would rise to the rescue, if need be. Unfortunately, the losing of the lad is without any dramatic excitement, though very sad and very real.

The fact is, his father lost him. Being too busy to sit with him at the fireside and answer his trivial questions during the years when fathers are the only great heroes of the boys, he let go his hold upon him.

Yes, his mother lost him. Being much engrossed she left others to hear the boy say his prayers, and thus her grip slipped and the boy was lost to his home.

Aye, the church lost him. Being so much occupied with sermons for the wise and elderly, and having good care for dignity, the minister and elders were unmindful of the feelings of the boy in the pew and made no provision in sermon or song for his boyishness, and so that church and many sad-hearted parents are now looking for the lost boy.

—Child Welfare Magazine

## The Bible Today

After eight years of work by a team headed by Bishop Cassian, who worked for long periods in a remote village of Northern Spain, a translation of the four Gospels in colloquial Russian was produced and has now been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Russian traditional Bible, in the old Slavonic liturgical forms, no longer appeals to younger people.

These Russian scholars were associated with the Orthodox Institute of St. Sergius in Paris. Microfilm copies of the documents which formed the basis of the new translation will be sent for use in Russian theological centres.

## To Make Sermons Understandable

### Manners and Customs of Bible Lands

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### Cruden's Dictionary of Bible Terms

Alexander Cruden. 383pp.

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### Sketches of Jewish Social Life

By Alfred Edersheim. 332 pp.

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## Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### Billy Graham Leaves Australia

Evangelist Billy Graham, at the completion of his Australian Crusade rates it as "by far the biggest I have known." During the four-month campaign 3,250,000 persons attended Crusade meetings, 142,000 making decisions. (Before leaving Australia, Graham hinted that he would visit Russia during June. He plans to spend the summer at his home in Montreat, North Carolina.)

### Old Burma Man Walks 360 Miles for Bible

The almost incredible story of an old Burma man who walked a total of 360 miles to secure a book that would tell him about Christ, was told in a recent issue of *Lit. Lit. Newsletter*. The story:

"An old man in the Kachin hills of North Burma had never had a chance to go to school. But as a young man in his twenties, he had sometimes seen things wrapped in printed paper and he was very much interested. Although there were no schools in his area, one or two of his friends had gone down-country to study. When they returned, they offered to teach him how to read. With their help, he was soon able to master some of the simpler primers.

"Having learned how to read and having heard that the missionary had a bigger book that told about Jesus, he wanted to go down-country and get the book. He walked 90 miles and when he came to the missionary, he asked for the book that told about God. The missionary asked him if he wanted the big book or the little book, for the Old and New Testaments were bound separately. The old man thought he might as well get the big book, so he said, "I want the big book." Wrapping up his purchase carefully he walked the 90 miles home.

"When he got there, he started looking for the word 'Jesus,' because he had been told the book was about Jesus. Although he looked through the book very carefully, he couldn't find it. Thinking he had overlooked it, he hunted through it once again. He was in the process of going through the Old Testament the third time when someone came to his village who was able to tell him that he had the wrong book to find the name of Jesus. He discovered that he wanted the smaller book, the New Testament. He walked back the 90 miles and got the New Testament. When he returned home, he read about Jesus and said, 'I believed immediately!' Later, this man became a pastor."

### Reject Bishops

The Church of Scotland rejected a proposal to appoint Bishops in the Presbytery. The vote of the Scottish Presbyterian Church's general assembly, meeting in Edinburgh recently, ended a three-year effort to find a formula for unity with the Episcopal Church of England. The Rev. Dr. A. C. Craig resigned as convener of the Presbyterian assembly's Inter-Church Relations Committee after the vote. He warned that failure to move toward inter-communion with the Anglicans would mean a retreat into "a citadel of spiky Presbyterianism." In joint discussions on the proposals for unity, the Church of England has insisted that the Scottish church accept Bishops. The Scottish church's assembly voted 300 to 226 against the proposal.

### Ecumenicity?

The other day a resident of Wheaton, Maryland, a suburb of Washington, took his car to the garage for repairs and was dismayed to hear that it would have to be left all day.

"I promised to chauffeur the priest of my parish around on some calls this afternoon," the distressed owner said to the mechanic.

The garage owner was sympathetic.

"Take my car," he suggested, and the offer was gratefully accepted.

And that is how a Catholic priest came to be making his rounds in an automobile on the bumper of which was the slogan, "Evangelism Rally—First Baptist Church of Wheaton."

### Brazilian Baptists Plan 1960 Congress

The tenth Baptist World Congress scheduled here for June 26—July 3, 1960, will be the largest convention ever held in Rio, is the estimate of Dr. Abelardo Franco, director of tourism for the city. Dr. Edgar Hallock, general chairman of arrangements, says 26 committees with a total of 150 members are already at work on plans for the gathering.

Registration for the Congress is expected to be about 15,000 with 10,000 coming from the Baptist churches of Brazil. The "Maracanao Ginasio," where the meeting is to be held, can accommodate 20,000 people, Brazilian leaders indicate. The adjoining stadium, with capacity for 150,000, is planned as site for a proposed meeting to be addressed by Evangelist Billy Graham.

### Baptists in Britain

Membership in Baptist churches in Great Britain and Ireland de-

clined by 2,369 in 1958 for a new total of 324,679. In 1957 membership decreased by 758. The loss was disclosed in a report to the Assembly of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. Enrollments in Baptist Sunday schools also showed a drop of 21,000 in 1958, as compared to a loss of 8,742 the previous year.

### John Carnell Resigns at Fuller

The resignation of Dr. Edward Carnell as president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena has been accepted "with great regret," announces Dr. Harold John Ockenga, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In the face of failing health, Dr. Carnell has been granted a sabbatical leave until January, 1960, at which time he will return to the position of professor of apologetics, the position he held prior to being named president in 1954.

No successor to Dr. Carnell has been named. Dr. Ockenga, chairman of the Board of Trustees who served as the Seminary's first president and is now pastor of the Park Street Church of Boston, will serve as Acting President until a successor has been found.

## CANADASCOPE

### To Re-Vamp Farm Loan Board

The government plans to scrap the present Canadian farm loan board established 30 years ago and replace it with a new type of long-term farm mortgage credit under Agriculture Minister Harkness. In giving notice of the change, Mr. Harkness indicated that a new type of supervised farm mortgage credit will be added.

Under the present act, a farmer can get a maximum loan of \$15,000 for a 30-year period at five per cent interest, based on 65 per cent of the appraised value of his land and buildings. One source has indicated that the individual loan may be boosted to \$20,000 or more.

### "Adopted" Miner to Return To Springhill

Ken Smith, a coal miner who moved to Brandon after the mine disaster at Springhill last October, is taking his family back home to the Nova Scotia town.

The 34-year-old miner brought his wife and 13-year-old son here seven months ago. They became Brandon's adopted family after an underground upheaval in the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company's No. 2 colliery at Springhill claimed 75 lives October 23. Now they have decided to go back. They leave June 30.

Mr. Smith said Saturday their reason is simple: "Springhill is home." Once they get back, he said, they never want to move again.

### Hanna Was Really Egyptian

Christian George Hanna—a man who found a haven in Canada for 18½ months because he said he was stateless—pulled off one of the biggest hoaxes in the history of Canadian immigration. The immigration department has found that Hanna was not a stateless person, but a citizen of Egypt who has spent most of his life in Alexandria.

### Many Fishermen Die in N.B. Gale

Official estimates place the death toll at 35 in the worst fishing disaster in the history of New Brunswick. Thirteen are known dead, while 22 are missing and presumed drowned.

Twenty-two boats were missing out of a fleet of more than 50 out at sea when the storm arose suddenly on July 19, trapping them in a maelstrom. Eighteen boats have come ashore, broken up or damaged. Four returned on their own power.

A bumper salmon run drew the fishermen out.

### Queen in Canada Now

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip are touring Canada at this time, having arrived in Newfoundland on June 18. They will stay in North America for six weeks, visiting cities and towns right across Canada and up into the Yukon.

### Austria Workers Report At South End

(Continued from page 1-2)

100 Mormons have learned the German language and entered Austria as missionaries. Germany is due to get 1,100 Moslem missionaries in the next few years. Yet we who know the German language have barely established a bridge-head in this great harvest field. "God will hold us responsible for not being adequate stewards of the language He has given us," Rev. Neufeld asserted.

Austrians are a highly religious people, but superstition and demon-worship still go hand in hand with their religiosity, Rev. Neufeld stated. He pointed out that Switzerland today has more false cults and sects than even the United States.

The need for workers is urgent. It appears to be harder to find workers for Europe than for backward countries, making the situation critical, Rev. Neufeld pointed out. He urged the congregation to "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers."

The Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions now has full-time workers at Neuwied, Neustadt, Linz and Steyr, with Rev. H. H. Janzen serving all groups and engaging in a Bible conference ministry. Yet in Austria, for example, there is still a territory with 2,000,000 people without a single witness to the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## Weddings

### Willems—Block

The wedding of Rosella, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. H. Block of Borden, Sask., and George Willems, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Willems of Waldheim, Sask., was solemnized in the Borden M. B. church on June 10. Officiating was Rev. H. M. Willems, attending the bride was Miss Edna Siemens, and the best man was Victor Willems.

The young couple will make their home in Saskatoon, Sask.

### Block—Suderman

Miss Elfrida Suderman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Suderman of Clearbrook, B.C., and Ernie Block, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Block of Clearbrook, were married on June 13 in the Clearbrook M. B. church. Rev. Abram Konrad officiated.

The groom is a '59 graduate of the M.B. Bible College and will teach during the coming winter.

### Hamm—Klassen

Miss Ruby Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klassen of Chilliwack, B.C., and Rudy Hamm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamm of Chilliwack, were married on June 12 in the Chilliwack M. B. church. Rev. G. Thielmann officiated.

The bride's aunt, Miss Mary Klassen of Vancouver, sang the solo "Love Divine," while Leonard Neufeldt of Yarrow played a violin solo. The bridesmaids were Miss Verna Klassen, sister to the bride, and Miss Emily Hamm, sister to the groom.

The couple plan to reside in Vancouver, where the groom will enter medical studies at UBC.

### Friesen—Wiebe

Miss Helen Ruth Wiebe, daughter of Mrs. Dietrich Wiebe of Winnipeg, and John Walter Friesen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Friesen of Oak Bluff, were married on June 13 in the Winkler M. B. church. Rev. J. H. Quiring officiated.

Bridesmaids were Marion Friesen and Marion Sawatzky. Soloist was Abe Friesen, while Peter Friesen was organist.

After a wedding trip to the West Coast the young couple will reside at Sanford, Man.

### Rempel—Unrau

Miss Betty Unrau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Unrau of Margaret, Man., and Jake Rempel, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rempel, Minto, Man., were married June 13 in the Boissevain United Church.

Rev. A. J. Froese officiated and Rev. Lawrence Warkentin of Brandon delivered an English message. Music consisted of a duet by the brides' sister and a male solo.

Guests included the brides' aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wedel of Steinbach, and her grandfather, Mr. Unrau, with her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. John Teichroeb and family, all of British Columbia.

### Future Subscribers

Timothy David, a chosen baby, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petkau (nee Verna Peters), Hepburn, Sask., on May 21.

## Obituaries

### Mr. James Boese

James Boese was born at Hepburn, Sask., on August 19, 1902. Here he spent his childhood days. He loved singing and sang in a male quartet for many years. At the age of 20 he recognized his lost condition and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and friend. In 1922 he followed the Lord in baptism, thereby signifying to the world, that a new era had begun in his life.

He was united with me, Esther Mantler, in holy matrimony on October 10, 1929. The Lord blessed us in our united efforts and gave us many happy hours of fellowship together. The Lord blessed us with two sons, Donald, now married, and Larry, at home.

God has not prospered us with an abundance of material blessings, but has again and again reminded us that our citizenship is in heaven. In 1940 we sold all our possessions in Hepburn and moved with our family to Ontario. Many were the difficulties we had to face, but the Lord provided and granted us sufficient income for our daily needs.

For at least six months he has not been well. Repeatedly we as the family asked him to visit a physician, but he usually declined with the words, "I am all right." Two weeks ago he consulted a doctor and received some relief. But on Thursday, May 21, he contracted the flu, which kept him at home for a few days.

On Monday, May 25, things seemed somewhat better, his only complaint was that he was so very tired. But in the afternoon at 3:45 p.m. I was with him in his room when he got a serious attack. I ran to his aid and called the doctor, who came immediately, but in seven minutes he had passed into the heavenly realm, to be with the Lord who loved him and gave Himself for him.

Mourning his departure are his wife, two sons, one daughter-in-law and one grandson, as well as his mother in the hospital; one brother, three sisters and many other relatives and friends who have learned to love him. Though deeply mourning his early departure, we are comforted by the word of Paul, who has said: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even

so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him." Thus we are looking forward to that great resurrection morning, where all mysteries will be solved in the light of eternity.

The memorial service was held in St. Catharines Mennonite Brethren church on May 28, with Rev. H. Penner and Rev. A. Redekop officiating. Rev. H. Penner based his message on Jer. 29:10-14, speaking on "God's Ways With Mankind." Rev. Redekop spoke on Psalm 39.

We wish to express our most sincere thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of love, prayers and kind help received from many friends.

Mrs. Jim Boese and family,  
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### Plans Progressing to Station Four Pax Agriculturists

Plans for two Pax teams to advance the agricultural program of Bolivia are going forward following the visit of MCC Associate Secretary Orie O. Miller June 2-4. The two-man teams will work as employees of Servicio Agricola Interamericano (U.S. Point Four in Bolivia). According to present plans, two Paxmen will be stationed next to the Mennonite colonies about 15 miles northeast of Santa Cruz while two will live in the Cochabamba valley where work will be concentrated on dairy and milk production.

With its mountains, desert and jungle, Bolivia (nine times the size of Pennsylvania) has had little economic development other than mining. "Bolivia's economy is terribly unbalanced, its government weak and unstable; the resultant problems are heart rending. About this too, we have to care, and symbolize it to our own brethren and this people as God leads and we can," Miller asserts.

Concerning the Mennonite colonies Miller reports: "Settlers from Fernheim colony came here from Paraguay in 1954-55; Menno colonists (25 families) followed two years later settling on a land purchase adjoining the original settlement. Today the 35 families in both colonies number 280. Each colony has its school. Sister Susan Hiebert, R.N., from Manitoba has established a clinic service on her own which seems deeply appreciated. Living is still primitive and difficult, but the pioneering is also mostly mechanized."

### Rueggs Report First Clothing Distributions

Lorne and Lois Ruegg (Stayner, Ont.) who arrived in Jericho, Jor-

dan, early this year, report their first material aid distributions: "After receiving our 550-bale shipment of clothing and shoes May 13, we started our first distribution to the local Newiemeh refugee camp. As this camp is close to our warehouse, we asked recipients to come to the warehouse where each family's bundle was prepared when their ration card and serial card were presented. May 27 we began distributions at camp Karameh which has about 5000 families. With our present method of handling the clothing we can take care of around 250 families each day so nearly one month will be needed to complete our work here. Before the clothing shipment arrived we distributed some Christmas bundles in local orphanages; it certainly is rewarding to be the recipient of a shy little smile and an Arabic thank you as a neatly wrapped bundle is placed into a child's outstretched arms."

Ruegg's report also indicates that every second Monday evening local young people are invited in for a hymn sing and games while each Thursday evening a Bible study is conducted. "Our group has been growing, despite the warm weather. There are school teachers, a businessman and others who come. We are certainly glad for this interest in spiritual matters," Lorne comments.

### Beginning Personnel

Akron. — Phyllis Bixler, Dalton, Ohio—Information Service writer (summer); Doris Martin, Lancaster, Pa.—housekeeping assistant; Rosemary Miller, Phoenix, Ariz.—Personnel Office secretary; Gene Nafziger, Miner, Ill.—mail clerk.

Greece. — Larry and Anette Eisenbeis, Marion, S.D., are due to arrive in Europe June 28. Larry will serve as leader of the Pax agricultural self-help program in northern Greece. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eisenbeis are 1959 graduates of South Dakota State College, Brookings, S.D.

Indonesia. — James (M.D.) and Mary Steiner and 18-month-old Danny, Sterling, Ohio, are planning to arrive in Vietnam June 29 where Dr. Steiner will assist in the Banmethuot medical program for several months before going on to Timor in Indonesia where he will serve as one of the four or five doctors on this island of 500,000. James was an interne and resident in internal medicine at City Hospital in Akron, Ohio, from 1957 to 1959.

Korea. — John and Rosemary (R.N.) Zook, Elkhart, Ind., are scheduled to sail from San Francisco June 28 for Korea where John will be principal of the MCC Vocational School for Boys at Kyong San. This past school year the Zooks were connected with the Elkhart City schools, John as a sixth grade teacher and Rosemary as a school nurse.

# Journey to Hungary

By Irene L. Bishop, MCC Austria

When I came to Austria in October of 1955, we sent an occasional clothing package to Hungary upon request. But after the Revolution of late 1956, letters from all over Hungary started pouring into our office for aid. Every voluntary agency rallied to the cause. The majority, however, worked with the new refugees here. Though we operated three small refugee homes in Austria, we started sending packages to Hungary after January of 1957 when the first letters reached our office.

In 1957, 75 clothing packages were sent into Hungary; in 1958, 82 were sent. This year, however, we sent packages only upon recommendation, for we were not sure the facts contained in the request letters were always true.

## Weekend Trip

A weekend trip was made into Budapest in April 1958 via the IBUSZ, the authorized Hungarian travel agency. Though we had the address list of those who received packages since 1957, it was difficult to call on many because of the short length of our stay. We saw a bit of the city, visited the clothing center that distributes our goods and gave out the gifts from relatives from the West. The 26 or 27 hours were gone too soon!

It was clear that this trip needed to be repeated to other areas as well as Budapest. In the fall of 1958, I inquired of the IBUSZ and was told it would be possible. Since it no longer fit into our schedule, I decided to wait until spring.

May 7, 1959, I left Vienna for a Mennonite farm a bit more than halfway to the Hungarian border. There I stayed for the night and left about 6:15 in the morning.

## No Border Difficulties

At the border the customs inspector, after checking my papers, asked what I had in the line of gifts. Though I had brought only the bare necessities for myself, I had brought much for others—more of some articles than was allowed. Upon request, I showed the officer a piece of material. "Es ist schon gut," he said. When I located the large can of coffee, before I could unwrap it completely, he said, "Sie sind fertig." I did not close my case properly at customs, but moved on with a glad heart and a prayer on my lips.

In Győr, the first Hungarian city from the border, I met a certain Mrs. Henry Schäffer, a 65-year-old Austrian lady who was to accompany me on the journey. We soon arrived at Budapest where we visited some families, delivered gifts, and telephoned Vienna the assurance of my safe arrival.

The next day, Saturday, we continued visitations. On Pozsonyi Street where MCC worked several years ago, I met the new Pastor

Sudy and one of the ladies who worked with Delmar Strahley and Isaac Baer. She spoke excellent German and showed us the room where MCC had operated. In gratitude, last week we sent packages to those I met that day who had been associated with our work in the past, the pastor, the lady, an office worker and his four-year-old daughter. They will be surprised when the packages reach them.

## Meets President of Free Churches

One of the highlights of the day was my meeting Professor Dr. Kiss, president of the Free Churches. While taking him to a meeting of six or seven other Christian medical men, we discussed my purpose for being in Hungary and his recent travels in Russia when he met some Mennonites.

Sunday was another day of visiting. We attended the Lutheran church where Pastor Kendeh whom we met last April lives and preaches. After the service, we met in the parsonage and over a cup of coffee discussed our request letters. Pastor Kendeh promised to check our letters with the help of his co-workers and Mrs. Schäffer. The lists have now been revised and we have up to date addresses of all request letters as of May 20, 1959.

Monday morning I visited a former acquaintance, Bishop Ordass, who had just returned from exile in the Plattensee (the Balaton). Since his return to his apartment in Budapest, he has been writing a daily prayer book and finds this a good project. His spirit was cheerful and he was very open with us.

Our visit to the village of Nyiregyháza Tuesday morning was not so fortunate. Some of the people had fled to the West, some were not at home. One lady from this village had written us ten letters of request after we sent her a bundle in 1957. We wrote to her explaining that we send this type of help only once. The letters stopped, but I did so much want to talk to her. She was at work when we called, but we spoke with her mother who had also received a package.

## Pastoral Visit

That afternoon I was writing my notes of the trip in our hotel room in Debrecen when someone knocked on the door. Opening it, I saw a tall man in plain clothes. I thought immediately of a detective, as neither Mrs. Schäffer nor I was expecting anyone. We soon learned that he was a Reformed pastor whose brother-in-law, a refugee Reformed pastor in Vienna, had written to him of our coming. He had come to the hotel to take us home for coffee. How relieved we were that this was a friend and not a foe! We walked with Pastor Magyar to his home and had a most delightful time

meeting his family.

The next morning, Pastor Magyar toured Debrecen with us. As the car was rather full, Mrs. Schäffer put a large bouquet of flowers on the rack on top of the car. I told her that they would fall and that is exactly what happened. As we were traveling, I heard a horn behind us. A jeep full of soldiers or policemen cut in front of us. Stopping the car, I thought, "What now?" Then I saw the flowers. The captain stepped down from the jeep and without a word handed us our flowers.

## Visits Seminary

In Debrecen, I saw the large Reformed Church which seats over 5,000, the Reformed school of theology (another is located in Budapest), and the college Pastor Magyar's daughter attends. Here I was introduced to the director who took us to two classes. The school of 374 students is primarily for boys, although they now accept some girls. The motto on the hats of the students and in the building is "Grando et Laborando," (work and pray). This has been the motto of the institution since it was founded in 1949. The library of the seminary contains valuable volumes.

After seeing the pastor's church, we went to his home for Debrecen sausages and horse radish. When we left for the next village at noon, the pastor's boy rode part of the way with us, then returned home on the train. He missed school, but the chance to ride in a car was more fascinating.

## Letters Revealed True Circumstances

As we finished the trip, I found the persons visited very receptive

and so glad for this contact with the outside world. In most instances, the contents of the request letters we received were true. In a few cases I saw our clothing and covers in use, an experience which gave me much delight.

I have little political information to report as my purpose was MCC contacts. Few questions were asked and conversation was guarded on political subjects. Mrs. Schäffer told me, however, that a change for the better is expected in June or July. Let us hope this will be true.

For me, this trip was a reassurance of the Master's care. Many Hungarians were surprised that I had permission to move about so freely in their country, but we had no unhappy contacts with the police.

Though Mrs. Schäffer, my companion, was booked nowhere, at each hotel along the way there was an extra couch enabling her to sleep in my room. When I asked her about this at the beginning of the journey, she said, "Our loving God will provide for me." And he did in every instance. She had prayed that if I would be permitted to come to her country and that if she would have the pleasure of accompanying me, she would live on bread and water until my safe return home. This she did.

The invisible results of this trip will never be known to us. Well over 100 families were contacted in the nine days spent in Hungary. It was right for us to have sent packages to Hungary sight unseen in 1957 and 1958, but expedient to visit the country to make as thorough investigation as possible. I thank the Lord that he gave me the courage and initiative to do so. It was good that we went!

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## Dorcas Mission Aid in Edmonton

By Mrs. Helen Sawatzky

Edmonton, Alta. — "Dorcas" is the word used to describe the mission spirit of the new ladies' mission aid in Edmonton. We as ladies hope that we can fulfill the implications of our name: that of being "full of good works and acts of charity."

The organization took place on May 11, 1959. We set up a slate of six offices and two committees. Mrs. A. Bergen is the president and Mrs. M. Nussbaumer is the vice-president. Mrs. H. Sawatzky fills the position of secretary-treasurer.

On June 1, we had our first general meeting. Out of our Edmonton group, nine ladies were present. God blessed us in our little circle through song, poem and other devotional items.

Broadly speaking, we have divided our program into three divisions: First, prayer; picking names, each one of us especially prays for one

lady of our circle. We also strive to increase our prayer endeavour for God's servants, for the church and for the individual Christian, and the whole world. Second, whole-hearted support of foreign missions, financially and otherwise. Thirdly, active participation in home missions, especially in our immediate environment, "As Dorcas would have done!" Visitation, various gifts, and words of cheer are some methods we will use to accomplish this aim.

One of our first endeavours was a surprise evening for the husbands of our group. On June 20, in respect to Father's Day, we had a combined banquet and social and devotional gathering in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Schmidt.

In summary, we hope to, by the grace of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, brighten the gospel light God has made us to be in Edmonton in Alberta and even to the uttermost parts of the world.

messages given to us by Rev. John Ratzlaff and Rev. Dan Wirsche.

We are thankful to God for the blessings received and may we as a result of this conference be found faithful in His service.

## Two Die in Collision Near Rosthern

Rosthern, Sask. — Lawrence Giesbrecht, 19, of Homewood, Man., and Elsie Dyck, 14, of North Battleford, Sask., died Sunday night as the result of a level-crossing accident that left the truck they were riding in a wrecked ball of metal.

RCMP said that the truck was smashed by a CNR passenger-freight train at a crossing one-quarter mile north of Rosthern, a town 35 miles north of Saskatoon.

The Manitoba youth, who attended Rosthern Junior College, died in the wreckage. Miss Dyck, flown by Saskatchewan government air ambulance service to Saskatoon hospital, died en route.

Lawrence Giesbrecht is the son of Rev. Peter Giesbrecht of Homewood, Man.

## Hear Challenge of Home Missions

(Continued from page 1-3) above verses and urged those who were willing and led to serve the Lord in this work to accept the challenge.

The congregation is planning on expanding the chapel at Laidlaw, which is the extension Sunday school of East Chilliwack M. B. Church. One of the recent projects of the Young People's is to help swell the building fund for Laidlaw. Already donations have started to come in for this project.

Every Tuesday night, weather permitting, the young people get together for an evening of sports. First there is a short devotional period and then everyone joins in to play either softball or volleyball.

Recently the congregation said farewell to the Henry Kroeker family. They have moved to Chilliwack and now join the brethren and sisters there in fellowship. Mr. Kroeker had been faithful as the assistant leader for approximately 14 years, while other members of the family served in the choir, Sunday school, and Young People's meetings. A lovely wall motto was presented to Mr. Kroeker as a small token of gratitude for his faithful services.

Mrs. Alvin Penner of Lucky Lake; Mr. and Mrs. George Reimer from Hague Ferry; Rev. and Mrs. Victor Nickel of Carrot River; John Kehler of Mildred, and Jake Kehler of Foam Lake. Not all mission workers were able to be present for the program.

## Three-Day Missionary Conference

Saskatoon, Sask. — A Missionary Conference was held at the Mennonite Brethren church here from May 29 to 31. During these days missionary reports were given by Dr. Ernie Schmidt, Rev. Henry Poettker and Miss Schultz.

Our hearts were challenged by the

## Mission Evening in North Saskatchewan

Dalmeny, Sask. — Missionary-minded Mennonite Brethren in North Saskatchewan had the opportunity of hearing their home mission workers report at a public program on Friday, June 19.

The program consisted of reports from the various stations, musical numbers, including two songs by the whole missionary staff, a ladies' trio and a quartet. Rev. A. H. Dueck, pastor at Lashburn, delivered the message of the evening.

Present on the platform were Miss Helen Giesbrecht, Regina worker; Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Redekopp of Saskatoon; Rev. J. S. Adrian of Swift Current; Mr. and

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