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Third M.B. Study Conference Held

Hillsboro, Kans. — The Third Study Conference of the M.B. General Conference convened in the M.B. church at Herbert, Sask., July 10 to 13. The sessions were opened on Friday morning by Rev. Dan Friesen, General Conference chairman.

Dr. A. G. Willems of the M.B. seminary at Fresno presented the first paper on "The Inspiration of the Scriptures." Other papers presented were as follows: "The Believer in His Relation to the State" by Frank C. Peters; "Social Christian Ethics" by A. E. Janzen; "Race Relations" by Wesley Priebe; "Family Relations" by Waldo Hiebert; "The Biblical Teaching of Foot-washing" by Clarence Hiebert; "The Biblical Teaching of Man" by D. B. Wiens; "A Model Constitution for an M. B. Church" by B. J. Braun.

For each paper presented, a findings committee was appointed to make revisions and changes as expressed by the discussions which followed each presentation. These discussions were characterized by a very frank, yet brotherly exchange of views on the various subjects presented.

This study conference is a continuation of past efforts to ascertain more specifically where we as a conference stand in doctrine and practice and to strengthen our unity in the accepted position.

Minister brethren attending the conference were assigned to bring the messages in neighboring churches around Herbert for the Sunday morning services. For the most

part, two brethren were assigned to each church.

By action of those attending the study conference, the papers presented will be made available upon request to pastors, church leaders and educational leaders of the conference.

Seven Baptized at North Kildonan

Winnipeg, Man. — Seven believers followed the Lord in baptism at the North Kildonan M.B. church on Sunday, July 19.

Rev. Gerhard Fast spoke at the baptismal service on the experience of the Ethiopian eunuch, while Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor, performed the baptismal rite at the early morning service.

Summer Service Workers Gather for Retreat

Winnipeg, Man. — MCC Summer Service workers from four units in Manitoba gathered at Clear Lake in Riding Mountain National Park on July 27 for their annual retreat.

Nearly 90 unit members and their friends came together to share experiences, evaluate the work they were doing, and to join in periods of recreation. Some had left before the sun was up to be able to share in this time of fellowship. Units represented were Brandon Hospital for Mental Diseases, Ninette Sanatorium, Winnipeg

Municipal Hospitals, and Manitoba School, Portage la Prairie.

Rev. Ed. Metzler, pastor of the First Mennonite Church in Kitchener, Ont., served as chairman and speaker. Despite car troubles that seemed destined to prevent him from coming, he arrived in time to call an afternoon and evening session.

At the afternoon session, Rev. Metzler pointed out the motivation in Summer Service, which led into a discussion of whether a verbal witness must accompany the witness of life. Other questions discussed concerned the witness to the staff and administration of the institution, identification of the unit, as well as some practical pro-

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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blems of unit members. The evening session was in the form of a challenge to consecrated service.

A picnic lunch at noon and at supper-time helped to continue the informal fellowship that characterized the whole retreat.

Six Received into Coaldale Church

Coaldale, Alta. — Six believers were baptized and received into the Coaldale M.B. Church on Sunday, July 26.

Baptismal candidates were: Miss Helen Siebert, Pete Neufeld, Miss Poetker, Jake Poetker, Ernest Schmidt, and Jake Janzen.

Welcome New Worker to Toronto

Toronto, Ont. — Sunday, July 26, was an eventful day for the congregation of the Willowdale Christian Fellowship. We reluctantly bade farewell to Brother and Sister Henry Voth, who have been serving the group since its inception almost two years ago.

We also had the joy of welcoming, in the same service, Brother and Sister Herb Swartz, who will carry on the ministry in the Toronto area. Brother Swartz graduated from the Fuller Theological Seminary in June and both are members of the Kitchener M.B. Church.

Rev. Voth was chairman of the afternoon service, which was interspersed with vocal selections by members of the group. Neil Rempel, speaking for the congregation as a whole, expressed thanks to Brother and Sister Voth for their faithful ministry and welcomed the Swartzes to this, their new field of service. Ben Doell spoke briefly in behalf of the Sunday school. Rev. Voth also thanked the group for their loyalty, prayers and co-operation and urged them to support faithfully the new workers whom God had appointed to this field.

The work was then officially turned over to Brother Swartz, whereupon Rev. J. J. Toews and Rev. Voth led in prayer, asking God's guidance on the work in the future and praying for His blessing upon the ministry of the Swartzes.

Brother Swartz then spoke briefly about his call to this area of service and expressed his desire to

serve first of all his Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, and then the church.

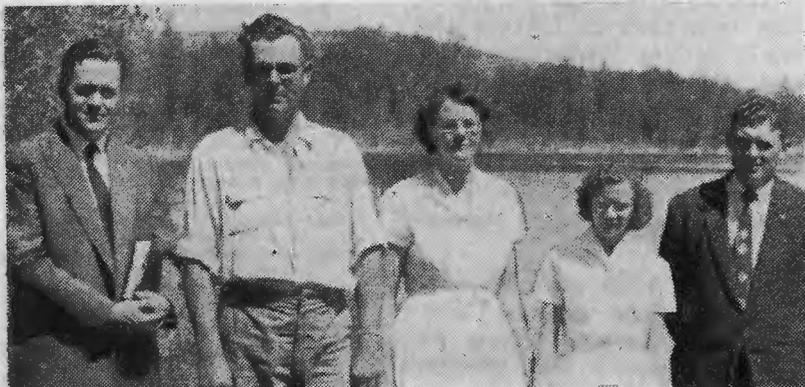
The message of the afternoon was brought by Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener, chairman of the Home Missions Committee of the Ontario Conference. First he briefly outlined the history of the mission work in the Toronto area and emphasized the fact that the Swartzes have come here as an answer to prayer.

Brother Toews read from Luke chapter five, using as his text the specific command of Christ in verse four, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." We stand under the direct command of God in whatever work we do, he stated, and it is important that we analyze our motives for our service here. Each person must recognize the individual divine imperative of God's command to launch out.

The magnitude of the task was then pointed out. We are not to make just a weak attempt, but are to get into the task with all that we are and have. The illustration the speaker used was of people on the lakeshore who were content with just getting into the water up to their ankles or knees, but not willing to try the deeper parts, where Christ has commanded us to launch out.

Brother Toews pointed out that a great task also brings difficulties, but what the Lord wants is com-

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A BAPTISMAL SERVICE was held at the M.B. Mission Church at Lucky Lake, Sask., on July 12. Seen on the picture are, from left, Rev. Art Martens, field director of the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan and guest speaker at the baptismal service, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Dyck and Laura Dueck, baptismal candidates, and Rev. Alvin Penner, pastor.

EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

Christian Weddings

By Editor Paul Erb in the *Gospel Herald*

When we think of the various applications of Christian nonconformity to our living, we had better include the way in which our weddings are conducted. A church wedding can be a fitting part of the total service of the church to its members. But it can also be a carnal, worldly, and selfish display which bears scarcely any relation to the simple service which are characteristic of the worship of our church. Reports of such weddings are too frequent.

Of prime importance in keeping our weddings Christian is the Christian conviction of the couple to be married. It is considered the bride's prerogative to plan her wedding. But if she is not at heart a nonconformed believer and if she is given a free hand, she will probably plan a wedding which is a show rather than a religious service. If her heart is subdued to the Lord Jesus, then she will not want anything about the affair to deflect glory from her Lord. If she is a loyal member of her church, then she will consider the standards and tastes of her pastor above the dictates of Emily Post.

The bride's parents bear some responsibility. If their daughter wants a fashion-dictated wedding, it must be that they have not brought her up to love spiritual simplicity. If she wants to wear an immodest or extravagant costume, it testifies to somebody's failure in developing in her modest and quiet tastes.

The pastor also carries responsibility. He is in charge of the services of the church, including weddings, and should not become involved in a type of service which he cannot approve. It can be offered as an excuse for him that he has no control of the situation: he has to do what he is told to do. The plans are made by others and he like a puppet plays his part. Of course he doesn't want to make a scene at the last moment. He doesn't for instance, see the wedding dress until the bride appears, and there is nothing he can say then. His influence must be farther back. Engaged couples and their parents must be counseled. It must be understood that the minister helps to make the plans for the wedding. He is a responsible official of the church, not a servant to be ordered around. No bride should be guilty of putting her pastor in a position of embarrassment. She should respect and magnify the office of the one who speaks the important words which change her status from girlhood to wifehood.

The church has the responsibility of giving guidance to its young people. Some of them may lack the taste and judgment which can plan a fitting service. All they know is what they have seen, and they may copy the worst of that. We should have something to hand to engaged couples which will give them principles and norms to be guided by. There need not be absolute uniformity. Weddings should probably vary with the tastes and personalities of the parties. But still the church should give her members an idea of what an acceptable wedding plan might be. Some of our conferences have provided such guides. Pastors should have them to give to those who they know are planning a wedding.

It should go without saying that people who employ the church building and perhaps the pastor of another denomination just in order to have a greater liberty in planning a non-Mennonite wedding put both themselves and their church in a very bad light.

Music is an important part of any church service, and so it belongs to the wedding. But sentimental romance and secular songs do not belong there. Many hymns and choral numbers which are not directly on the marriage theme are suitable. The hymns should be directed to God, not to man. People who think they must have some traditional wedding marches should know that some churches which use organ music have banned these secular marches as unsuitable for a religious ceremony.

The true Christian wants to glorify God in every area and on every occasion of his life. He certainly will not want to make his wedding anything but beautiful, sacred, God-honoring, and productive of happy memories. If you are in doubt how to do this, talk it over with your pastor.

DEVOTIONAL

Christ's Pasture Lands

"By me if any man enter in, he shall . . . find pasture" (John 10:9).

The shepherd takes care that his sheep are well fed. Christ also feeds His people, and leads them out to find pasture. The Bible is His pasture-land, and the pasturage there is always good. Every chapter is a field of rich grass. Some of these fields seem at first to be bare and sterile; but even in the barest there is enough pasture to feed a hungry soul.

There are the pasture-fields of prayer. These lie very close to the border of heaven. They are always up in the quiet valleys among the mountains. The Good Shepherd leads us to them through the gates of prayer. We bow down in lowly humility, and enter with Him into the green pastures, and feed our souls until their hunger is satisfied.

The Church is another of our Shepherd's pasture-fields. We enter the gates of the sanctuary, and at once we find spiritual food. We find it in the services, in the ordinances and in the fellowship.

In our common life in this world, if we are faithfully following Christ, we are continually in fields of rich pasture. Christ never leads us into any places in which there is nothing to feed us. Even in the hot plains of trial and sorrow there is food. We sometimes think there is only barrenness in our toilsome life, filled with temptations, cares, and sacrifices; but the Good Shepherd is ever with us, and there is always pasture.

Thus the whole world is a rich field when Jesus leads His flock. If any Christians are not well fed, it is because they will not feed. The trouble must be that they do not hunger for spiritual food. The saddest thing in this world is not a passionate cry for bread, but a soul that has no hunger. Many souls die in the midst of the provision made by the Good Shepherd, not for want of food, but for want of appetite.

—James R. Miller.

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Crisis and Change

Change and transition characterize the modern world. The passing of each year, or an even shorter period, marks a point to which "you can't go home again." Nations whose birth took place in antiquity, whose life has been wrapped up in the civilization of its birth, or peoples who for years have been held in place by the insisting thumb of some hopeful, aggressive world power, seem to be in a continuum of political revolution, economic upheaval, culture change, and breaking away from traditionally-fixed ideologies and religions.

Incalculable results usually follow the impromptu appearance of change. In a report of their MCC relief work in Jordan, the Merlin Swartzes describe difficulties caused by the 1958 Middle East crisis:

"Not the least of many of the changes have been the political ones, many having farreaching consequences. As a result of the events which took place in Lebanon the work of clothing distribution had to be brought to a halt because it was impossible to bring supplies through Lebanon. At the beginning of June, 1958, clothing distribution in East Jordan was stopped and we were not able to resume again until November."

Often one crisis situation contributes to another, causing a "domino reaction" with everything it touches. An upset in Iraq's government followed Lebanon's disturbance. "The Iraqi coup of July 14 complicated our work greatly. During the Lebanese crisis Jordan turn-

ed to Iraq for fuel supplies, but the revolution in Iraq also closed its borders. Jerusalem was paralyzed for several weeks. After some fast maneuvering the port of Aquba was reopened to ocean going tankers; fuel once again began flowing into the country.

"On November 26 our first distribution of clothing was scheduled. Winter was just around the corner and refugees were in need of clothing. From November until the end

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Record Attendance at Manitou DVBS

Manitou, Man. — Daily vacation Bible school was held in the M.B. church here from July 6 to July 16. This year a record was set in attendance with an enrollment of 168 and an average daily attendance of 128. Children were brought in from La Riviere, Darlingford, Manitou and surrounding districts.

The Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Wm. Braun, directed the work and also conducted the singing. The Beginner class was taught by Miss Sarah Kasper. She was assisted by Miss Mary Kasper, who also served as pianist. Miss Louise Fast and Miss Helena Voth helped during the handicraft period. The Primaries were divided into two classes, with Miss Mildred Penner, Plum Coulee, instructing the girls and Miss Lois Wiebe teaching the boys. They were assisted by Miss Rosella Braun. Miss Irene Loewen, Newton Siding, was in charge of the Juniors.

The church was filled to capacity with parents and friends at the closing program on July 16. The program consisted of songs and choruses, enthusiastically sung by

the large group of children, and a brief presentation of the work done by each class. The song "Oh, To Be Like Thee" was rendered by the teachers. Following this, Rev. Wm. Schmidt, Winnipeg, served with a short, inspiring message, based on Joshua 1:1-19.

According to God's Word, success is attained by faithfully doing that what He would have us do. Some of the terms leading to success include obeying God, trusting God and also having a right attitude to God's Word. As Rev. Schmidt stated, God wants us to succeed and to have not only temporal happiness, but most important, eternal happiness.

Following the program, prizes were distributed to the pupils having the neatest workbooks and also to those knowing their memory work. Prizes were given to those who brought the most pupils and also individual gifts for each child.

By far the majority of those attending DVBS came from homes of different denominations. Our prayer is that it may have been a blessing to all who participated.

Visited By Bethesda Houseparents

Woodrow, Sask. — Brother and Sister G. G. Epp, houseparents at the Bethesda Home for the Mentally Ill, Vineland, Ont., visited the M.B. Church here recently and reported on the home.

The report gave us a real insight into the work. We pray that God may give them much grace and health for their work.

During this time Brother and Sister Nick Willems are spending the last two weeks of camp at the West Bank Bible Camp. Some

of the young people from here are also at camp at the present time.

The Lord has blessed this area with several rains in the past weeks, for which everyone is thankful to God. The crop looks good and there is ample pasture for the cattle.

Mrs. Lydia Reimche has returned to Woodrow from Keremeos and plans to make her home here. Mrs. Pearl Croissant is in the LaFleche Hospital and is recovering. Gordon Lautermilch has returned from the University Hospital, Saskatoon, but is not to do any strenuous work for two weeks.

Good Results in Paraguay

Hillsboro, Kans. — Rev. G. W. Peters arrived in Filadelfia, Paraguay on July 10 to begin his ministry in the Chaco.

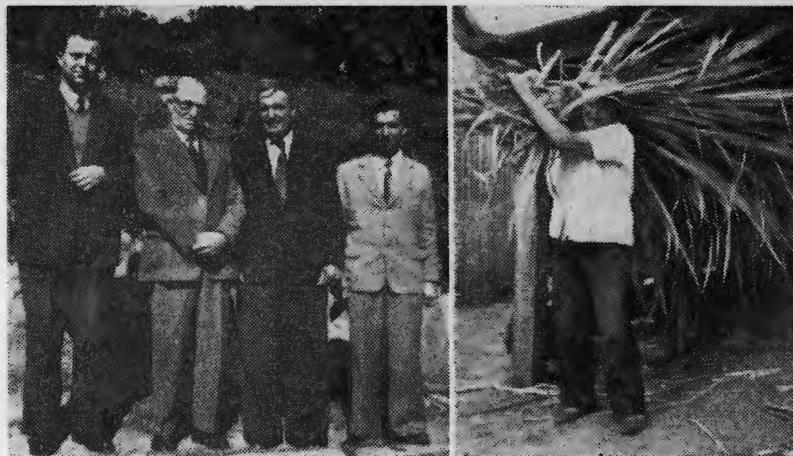
Services have been conducted in Friesland and Volendam colonies in eastern Paraguay. Brother Peters lengthened his stay in these colonies in response to the many inquiries and decisions people were making in behalf of their spiritual welfare. Regarding the services in Volendam, Brother Peters writes: "Several nights we were kept practically until midnight in the church because of the seekers — parents, men, women and young people. May it please the Lord to continue with the working of His gracious Spirit in behalf of many precious souls." Brother Peters was also delayed in Volendam when the river boat to Asuncion was more than a day late. This also caused him to miss the Asuncion-to-the-Chaco plane on the day

he arrived in the Paraguayan capital city. May we continue to pray earnestly in behalf of this ministry and the souls with whom the Lord is dealing in these days.

The blessings of the Lord upon the services in Friesland colony were reported in a previous issue. In Friesland Brother Peters was impressed with developments in the colony. "Our church is spiritually-minded, interested in missions and makes a real contribution to the advancement of the colony," he writes. "But a great need here is capital to push ahead in several areas."

First Worship Centre

The new Mennonite Brethren Church of Witmarsum, Brazil, is preparing to build its first house of worship. May we remember these folks in prayer as they seek to make the necessary arrangements. The building will be erected



Brethren who met Brother G. W. Peters in Asuncion to plan the schedule of his services — Albert Ens, Asuncion; Gerhard Balzer, Fernheim; Johann Goerzen, Friesland; Aaron Reimer, Volendam — are seen at left. At right is seen Brother Johann Goerzen, leading minister of the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Church, at work on his farm. A hard worker on the farm and for the Lord, Brother Peters notes.

with the assistance of a \$1,000 contribution from the Mennonite Brethren Church of Henderson, Nebraska. The Witmarsum Church was organized about a year ago with 18 members; today the membership is 43. Working in the church are Brother and Sister Peter Penner who studied in the United States for several years. He writes that the various services are well-attended. These include services on Sunday, young people's Bible study on Tuesday evening, choir practice on Friday and prayer meeting on Saturday evening. Needed in the church program are Sunday School material and song books.

Good Cotton Crop

— One of the best cotton crops in years has been harvested in Fernheim and Menno colonies in the Paraguayan Chaco. The report also indicates that both yield and quality have been good.

— Singing and music is a growing activity and concern in our South American churches. Brother Gerhard Wall of Bage, Brazil, is visiting several churches to conduct conferences for music directors and for the improvement of congregational singing. Brother Wall has attended the Bible College in Winnipeg. During July he planned to visit the Chaco colonies of western Paraguay and in the churches of Curitiba, Brazil. In January he plans conferences in Friesland and Volendam colonies in eastern Pa-

raguay where he will also work together with Brother Hans Wiens in youth retreats. Brother Wall would like to see this music work become a part of the South American conference program.

News from Russia

— A recent letter from Russia contains news and information regarding a Mennonite Brethren Church. This letter to Brother M. A. Kroeker written on June 16 is from Brother H. Fast of Karaganda in Asiatic Russia. Brother Fast acknowledges receipt of books and Bibles from several parties although he indicates that recently Bibles have not been received. The Christians are grateful for this literature. He indicates that tracts included with these books have been copied and read by many persons. His letter suggests that in the vicinity of Karaganda are approximately 800 members of the Mennonite Brethren Church. These folks meet in private homes. Now the Baptists have invited them to meet in their registered church building. The suggestion is that each group conduct separate services. Our brethren and sisters are praying and seeking the Lord's will in this matter. Another development of which Brother Fast writes is that 20 persons have indicated the desire to be baptized upon confession of their faith in Christ. Brother Fast sends greetings with I Thessalonians 5:25: "Brethren pray for us."



After a service in the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Church.

A Better Roof Over Their Heads



HAPPY HAITIANS display the chickens they have received at the experimental farm. Haiti, a densely populated island in the West Indies, has a per capita income of \$35 per year, lowest in the Western Hemisphere. Leo Ulrich and Charles Suderman are in the background.

(Charles Suderman, a former MCC-VS man, served with Rev. Marco Depestre in an agricultural project at Petit-Goave, Haiti. In this report Charles relates how two very poor but deserving women were helped with special funds.)

Madame Amise is a very active woman in the Petit-Goave Methodist Church. Her helpfulness in many small things is really outstanding and the humility with which she works is admirable. Besides performing the regular duties of a Haitian woman, Madame Amise earns a little extra money by cleaning the church for Sunday services.

With this money she buys food and clothing for a poor little boy who is in her charge and whom she sends to the church school. Some years ago she offered to clean the church for half her customary wage because she knew the church was very low on funds.

The house Madame Amise and this little boy live in is extremely poor. Pastor Depestre suggested that we use some money to rebuild it in appreciation of the very fine service she has rendered to the community. Twenty dollars worth of iron sheets were purchased plus some other materials which soon gave the house a real face-lifting. We also bought a few new pieces of furniture to beautify the interior.

After we had delivered the iron sheets, tears came to her eyes as she took my hand and said, "Tell the friends who sent the money 'thank you very much.'" Words cannot express her joy or her appreciation of this gift.

A Haitian House

Some funds were also used in a house building project for another very poor woman. Madame Olympsia will soon have a two-room house to live in, after having spent many years in a miserable little one-room shack.

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing just how a house in Haiti is built. After a site has been selected, holes are dug for hardwood posts which serve as corner posts and studs. The posts

are cut to the exact length desired so that everything will fit properly when the time comes to peg other pieces to them. The wooden structure in itself contains very few nails.

After the poles are in place a mason will make the foundation with a lot of rocks plastered together by a lime sand and weak cement mixture. The roof can be made from grass, coconut palm

leaves or tin. Actually, roofs of grass or leaves can be made neatly and efficiently but they must be replaced after several years. They are also highly inflammable.

The walls are made by cutting slats from the trunks of palm trees and weaving them between the studs. Wet mud is then smeared both inside and out for plaster. If a floor is to be made, a very thin layer of cement is considered fancy. Otherwise regular dirt is quite sufficient.

After whitewashing and making wooden doors and windows, the house is finished. Many houses are very neat and nice, but others tend to be rather crooked.

An average house has two rooms, each one about eight feet square. In one room there may be a table, some chairs and perhaps a few other articles. On the walls there might be pictures cut from magazines or papers. The second room is the bedroom in which the parents and perhaps eight or ten children sleep. Don't ask me how they all get into that room because it has me puzzled, too. But the people are happy and thankful that they have a shelter for themselves and their children. To them it is home, and so long as they are well, they have no problem.

Expelled Woman Missionary Tells of Torture

Miss Helen Willis, one of the most recent missionaries to be expelled from Red China, reported on present conditions among Christians under communist oppression. Her report, as published by Far East News Service, gives a glimpse of terror and torture. Selections from Miss Willis' report:

"Wang Ming Tao, China's best loved pastor, underwent such bitter torture and anguish that his mind failed him, and he signed a confession. Released from prison, he kept saying, 'I am Judas.' Later on, as he recovered his strength and mental faculties, he returned to the authorities and renounced his confession. As a result of this courageous conviction, Pastor Wang and his wife are back in prison again.

"Some of the finest pastors have weakened their stand under constant pressure. This past year, Shanghai's 150 churches were consolidated by the government into 20 state churches. All too often, sermons are political speeches, stressing love for the state. Pastors cannot pray during visitation. One of them confessed to Miss Willis: 'We have to tell lies or we won't get through.'

"Many young people have maintained a clear witness at great personal cost. Key students have been reduced to campus servants because of their stand for Christ. When they separate, they say to each other: 'We may meet inside (prison) next time.' Some have been sentenced to eight or ten years in work camps, but maintain their radiance.

"One imprisoned pastor could get out of prison if he would stop praying, but he refuses to do so. The police claim that his praying shows he is mentally unbalanced and not fit to be released. Another was severely criticized for a written request for prayer for China's deliverance from spiritual darkness. The Reds insist that with Communism's light, China cannot be in darkness.

"Any minister who remains true is either under attack or under careful surveillance. The China Inland Mission and Hudson Taylor especially have been very bitterly attacked. Miss Willis had to burn her Chinese prayer list, so as not to endanger those for whom she was interceding.

"There is growing unrest. Though oppression increases, the Church seems to grow even stronger in some quarters."

Successful Missionary Institute

Hillsboro, Kans. — The missionary institute for Mennonite Brethren workers, held at Hepburn Sask., June 30 to July 3, was considered a profitable meeting. Approximately 20 missionaries representing the following fields were present: Brazil, Belgian Congo, Colombia, Europe, India, Mexico and Paraguay. Fellowship of missionaries, Board members and secretariat and discussion of mission principles and policies were considered very much worth-while.

Four Baptized at Woodrow

Woodrow, Sask. — Four believers were baptized and received into the M.B. Church here on Sunday, July 12. Guest speakers were Rev. Waldo Hiebert of Hillsboro, Kans., and Rev. B. J. Braun of Fresno, Calif.

The four baptismal candidates were Mr. and Mrs. Murray Wilson, Helmut Buckmeier, and Walter McCaslin. After the baptismal service, these believers were received into the church and the church then observed the Lord's Supper.

Welcome New Workers

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plete obedience, which will be followed by results, as indicated in verse six of the Scripture passage: "And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes."

The message was brought to a conclusion by words of appreciation spoken to the Voths for their service, and a challenge to the new workers and to the members of the group to go forward in the strength of the Lord, assured of God's help as expressed in Isaiah 50:7: "For the Lord God will help me — and I know that I shall not be ashamed."

Rev. Henry H. Voth is leaving Toronto to accept a teaching position on the staff of Eden Christian College at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

Combine Golden Wedding With Daughter's Wedding

Woodrow, Sask. — In a unique wedding service on June 28, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kornelson of Arbutnot, Sask., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in conjunction with the wedding of their daughter, Dorothy.

Miss Dorothy Kornelson, daughter of the anniversary couple, was married to John Konrad, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Konrad of Kitchener, Ontario. The wedding was held in the Woodrow M.B. church, with Rev. Nick Willems officiating. The soloist was Victor Dyck, uncle of the bride. The young couple will make their home at Kitchener, Ont., where the groom is employed at the customs office.

After the dinner served by the ladies' sewing circle, the guests regathered in the church for the anniversary service of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kornelson, who have been married 50 years. The program was brought by the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It consisted of various musical items, a talk on behalf of the Kornelson family by Henry Kornelson, oldest brother to Mr. Fred Kornelson, and a poem by Mrs. Tena Sauer, sister to Mrs. Kornelson. Mr. Butz from Medicine Hat, Alta., spoke for Mrs. Kornelson's relatives, while Gordon, the oldest son, spoke for the children.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Returning to the Congo

This summer sees the return of a number of Belgian Congo missionaries who have been on furlough. The pictures of the Robert Kroeker and Orv Wiebe families appeared recently in the Mennonite Observer. Others returning at this time are Sisters Elsie Fischer and Dorothy Kopper and the Ernest W. Schmidt family.



Miss Dorothy Kopper

Sister Dorothy Kopper was scheduled to sail from New York on July 23 with the Robert Kroeker family. A member of the Bakersfield, Calif. M.B. Church, Sister Kopper serves in the educational branch of the missionary program. She will spend the coming year in study in Belgium.



Miss Elsie Fischer, R.N.

Sister Elsie Fischer and Brother and Sister Ernest W. Schmidt and family are scheduled to sail from New York on July 27. They will be traveling directly to the Belgian Congo. Serving in the medical ministry of the missionary program, these folks have gained additional medical experience while on furlough. Dr. and Mrs. Schmidt are members of the Saskatoon, Sask., M.B. Church and Sister Fischer a member of the Dallas, Ore., M.B. Church. A new vehicle is being shipped to the Congo on the same ship in which these missionaries are

traveling. The carryall will be used by the Harold Fehderaus in their linguistic work in the Congo. Half of the cost of the vehicle has been provided by the American Bible Society. The other half was provided by Kitchener M.B. Church, home church of the Fehderaus, and several other churches in Ontario. The linguistic work of the Fehderaus is a joint project of our mission and the American Bible Society.

Africa Literature Demand Growing

The interest in missionary literature among evangelicals in Africa has swelled during the past 10 years from an attitude of near-indifference to strong, enthusiastic conviction. It was in Africa that the first popular magazine with a Christian viewpoint made its appearance. While its circulation grew by leaps and bounds, other similar periodicals came into being — in English, French and several of the more widely-used vernaculars — until there are now around 10 such in Africa alone. Along with this has been a concern to provide devotional books and commentaries for Christians and challenging yet simple reading material for new adult literates. Praise God for the steady advance in the field of literature; pray for a steady supply of funds and personnel for the many new projects now in prospect. — Missionary Mandate.

Arrive in Belgium

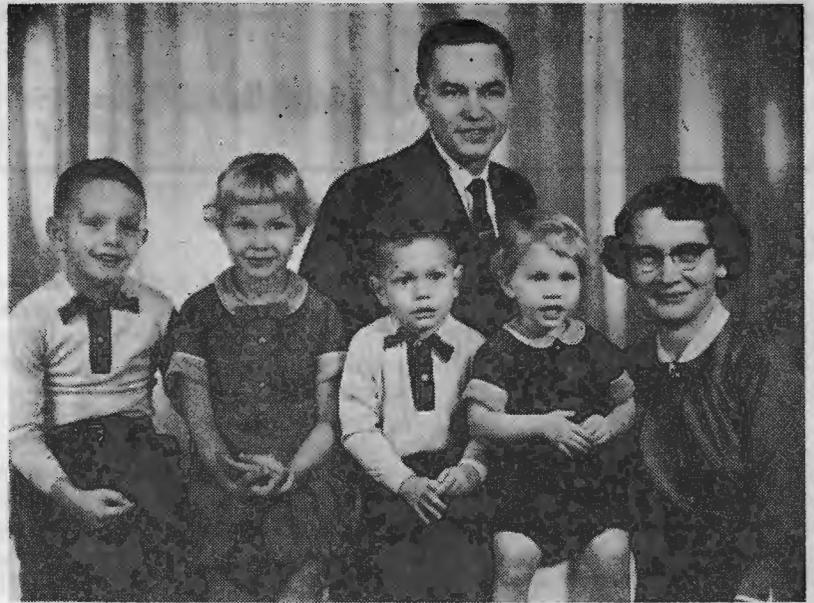
Brother and Sister Orv Wiebe and daughter Dawn have arrived safely in Brussels, Belgium, for a year's study. They have engaged tutors to begin their study of French and are grateful for the Lord's provision for them as they prepare further for service at Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo.

Kodaikanal School Re-opens

This year's term of the Union Mission High School, Bruton, Kodaikanal, South India, which our India missionary children attend, began on June 1. Our houseparents there, Brother and Sister Peter Hamm, report they have 11 children in boarding, of whom three are from our mission. Brother Hamm also teaches in the high school. This year he teaches social studies, one class of plane geometry and a class in Christian beliefs. A son, Richard Carl, was born to the Hamms on March 8.

Building Program for India School

Bethany Bible Institute, Shamshabad, India, was to begin another school term on July 7. Brother P. V. Balzer wrote that a year of diligent work and many blessings were anticipated. Writing on June 25, he also indicated that the main wing of the new Bible Institute building is under construction. This building program includes construc-



RETURNING TO BELGIAN CONGO: Dr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Schmidt and family were scheduled to sail July 27 from New York for their second term of service in the Belgian Congo. Both Brother and Sister Schmidt are members of the Saskatoon M.B. Church. After having gained additional medical experience while on furlough, Brother Schmidt will continue his medical ministry in the Congo. The Schmidts' children are Howard, 7; Joanne, 5; Warren, 4; and Kathryn, 2.

tion of an insulated room to be used for the preparation of radio programs. This Gospel effort is also in need of much prayer so the messages will be received by the higher caste people in India, who are really the ones in possession of receiving sets.

India Missionary Ill

Sister Marie Riediger has lately been confined to her bed because of illness. May the Lord grant her a speedy recovery so she can continue her service at the Jadcherla medical center in India.

Enroute to India

Three missionaries are on the Pacific Ocean enroute back to India. They are Brother and Sister Ted Fast and family and Sister Regina Suderman. They were scheduled to sail on a freighter from San Francisco about mid-July and arrive in Bombay about September 1. May we also pray for these missionaries on their long voyage and as they re-enter missionary service in India at this strategic time. These folks will be taking up

their second terms of missionary service. The Fasts, members of the Dallas, Oregon M.B. Church, serve in the area of evangelism and



Miss Regina Suderman, R.N.

church building. Sister Suderman, a member of the Reedley M.B. Church, serves as a registered nurse.

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SAILING TO INDIA: Brother and Sister Ted Fast and sons Roland, 2, Roger, 6, and LaVern, 1, are aboard ship on the Pacific Ocean enroute to India. They are returning to India for their second term of service. The Fasts are members of the Dallas, Oregon M.B. Church.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Some boys and girls do not want to accept the Lord Jesus as Saviour and let Him live in their heart because they think they'll have to give up so much. There are so many delightful things that you cannot do, they say. Others do not want to be baptized and join the church because of this.

A girl belonging to a happy family became an earnest Christian. She found that when she served Jesus her deepest desires were satisfied. Her first effort to win someone to Jesus was made with her youngest brother. When she asked him to let Jesus into his heart, he said, "No! think how much you have had to give up. You cannot go to the movies anymore. You cannot go dancing, and all sorts of things like that. I don't want to have to do that."

"Willie," said his sister, "when you were a very little boy, you played with a rattle. When you grew older you had to give it up, didn't you?"

"Oh, no," he said, "I didn't have to give it up. It just dropped from me when I was given something better."

"Neither have I given up anything," the girl answered. "The things you have mentioned, and other things of that kind, just dropped off from me when I got something better—the forgiveness of sins."

In the same way you will find that when you let Jesus into your life and let Him forgive your sins, He will give you so much joy and peace that you will not want to do the things that would grieve Jesus.

Love, Aunt Selma.

The Call of Patrick

It was a warm summer's night. The sky was full of stars and the full moon added her lovely silver light to the beauty of the night. The waters of Solway Firth were calm as two boats sailed up with the tide. Their prows rose up above the gunwales like the slender necks of swans. A faint breeze gently filled the large sails, assisting the efforts of rowers bent over their long oars. The moonlight shone on the brass helmets and shields of the Irish raiders. They had just passed the small island of Whithorn at the tip of Wigtown peninsula noticing Ninian's little white church clearly outlined against the sky. Their destination was a little further on, not far from Wigtown Bay where there was a small village and a farm. But just before dawn, the Irish pirates attacked. In the fierce fight which followed, a youth of about sixteen was captured and carried back to Ireland where he was sold as a slave.

"What is your name?" asked his new master, a great bearded Irishman.

"Patrick," answered the boy sadly.

"You shall look after my pigs, and if you try to escape I shall kill you." And so the young man who had been accustomed to the comfort of a good home now spent his days, and sometimes his nights, out on the hills exposed to bitter winds and wild winter weather. But hardest of all to bear was the

separation from those he loved. He felt utterly hopeless and homesick.

Patrick was born on the Clyde river near Dumbarton, Scotland, when Ninian was beginning his missionary work in that part of Scotland. His father was a Roman officer, and his mother, a gentle lady, came from Gaul. Both his parents were Christians and the boy, like many of you, was brought up in the faith of Christ, though, as he admitted later, this meant little to him. He was taught and trained as a young Roman citizen.

During his boyhood his father retired and went to live on a farm by the Solway. No doubt he attended services sometimes in Ninian's little white church. There, in those wild and desolate regions Ninian, who for the sake of Christ had turned his back on comfort, security, and wealth, often talked to the gifted and attractive young Patrick. They had much in common, for both had been educated in the Roman tradition and both had travelled on the Continent. I am sure Ninian would urge Patrick to devote his life to the service of Christ, but Patrick, while no doubt greatly admiring Ninian, had other ambitions and plans for his life.

Then he was captured, and like Joseph, carried off as a slave to a strange land. There in his loneliness and misery Patrick's thoughts turned to the Christian teaching he had received from his parents. He remembered the talk with Ninian.

The psalms and prayers he had learned in childhood now gained a new meaning. During the time that he spent tending his master's pigs he often repeated these prayers and psalms. He began to feel that Christ was with him and his despair gave place to peace and hope. He served his master well and he came to admire this land of beautiful mountains, of green glens and mighty forests, with always the sound of the sea. He learned to know the people and was soon speaking their language.

One night, resting and dozing under a rock on the hillside, Patrick seemed to hear a voice — "You shall return to your own country. A ship is waiting for you but it is many miles away." He never doubted that God spoke to him. Next morning he ran away and after walking many miles he found a ship. The captain was unwilling to take on board this ragged runaway slave, but he agreed eventually. After weeks of stormy voyaging and difficult travel, he at length reached home.

The miseries of those years of exile were forgotten in the joy of reunion with his family, but Patrick who had been drawn so near to God during those lonely years, longed above all else to preach the Gospel of Jesus to the heathen. At this time he had an experience rather similar to that of the Apostle Paul, who in a vision saw a man of Macedonia saying, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." As Patrick slept, he seemed to see an angel who held towards him a bundle of letters, and on one of them was written: "The voice of the Irish." He then heard the voice of little children echoing over the waters and crying imploringly, "We beseech you to come and walk again in the midst of us."

Patrick's future was decided, but first there were years of preparation. He talked much with Ninian and afterwards went to Gaul, his mother's native land, where he spent some time as a pupil of the godly Bishop Germanus. Patrick returned to Ireland in 432 A.D., the year in which Ninian died.

Has this story of Patrick's early life reminded you of some of the Bible accounts of how God prepared his servants — Joseph in Egypt, Moses in the desert, David among the sheep, and Paul away in Arabia? Oftentimes what we learn of the Christian way while we are young is brought to life for us by the setbacks and disappointments we meet as we grow older. Happy and wise are we if we then learn from them as Patrick did, for this is just the purpose for which God often permits these trials.

Sometimes the best gain is to lose.

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Do you look down in fear rather than up in faith?

What Edward's Birthday Taught Him

It was Edward's twelfth birthday. His sister had given him a nice little purse, his mother a pocket-knife, a thing every boy likes to get. The most delightful present, however, was from his father. It was a spade. When breakfast was over, Edward took his spade and went out into the garden, where he dug a big hole. There he stayed working away all the morning.

In the afternoon, Edward's father took the spade and went out into the garden too. Edward followed his father, wondering what he was going to do with the spade. He saw his father digging up the soil in a corner and planting a little kernel of an apple.

"Father, what are you doing?" asked the boy. "Why don't you plant a young tree, it will take too long a time with that kernel to get a tree. And it will be a long time before we will have fruit."

"Well, my boy," said the father, when I was twelve years old, my father planted a kernel. Certainly it took a long time, but look at it now, what a big tree it is, and what lovely fruit it bears."

"Yes, father," said Edward, "but I'm afraid we will have to wait ten years before we will have fruit from that kernel."

"Oh, no," said the father, "it will take much longer."

"Longer than ten years? But that is much too long," said Edward.

"So, that is what you would do," said the father very slowly, "but there is One who has been waiting for fruit these twelve years. I wonder how much longer He has to wait!"

Edward understood his dear father. Very quietly he went back into the house. In the coming year he often stood quietly before that tree and pondered over the words of his father. But long before that little tree bore fruit, the dear Lord had found fruit in the heart of Edward, because he was led to trust Him as his Saviour.

How long will it take the Lord before He finds fruit in you, my dear young readers? Please don't keep Him waiting any longer, but give Him your heart NOW. (Proverbs 23:26).

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But Not Forsaken

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Maria would always remember that evening. The children, fed, rested, bathed, and dressed in warm new clothes, stood by her bedside, chattering about the room they shared with another small family—a room separated from their neighbors by blanket walls. Hansie told her of the many people he had seen in the camp, the little boy that lived in their room, the soup line he had stood in, and many other details that had impressed his mind. Rosie displayed her new clothes that the nice lady had given her, and insisted that Hansie hold up his foot so that Mamma could see the splendid socks that he was wearing. And the shoes! Hansie blinked back the tears when he showed his mother the shoes, so well fitting, so long overdue.

Actually Maria heard very little of what the children said as they leaned over her bed, their faces hungry for her companionship, their hands lovingly touching hers above the sheets. She knew only that her children were finally being cared for in a way that she, their mother, had longed to do for many years.

It was then that they heard footsteps come down the hall and looking up, saw a young man enter the room. Tall and broad-shouldered, he had an air of confidence about him.

"I represent the Mennonite Central Committee, and I believe you are Frau Penner," he said in easy-flowing Platt. "We are so happy that you arrived safely." And she knew from the way he said it, that he meant it.

"When you are feeling better I'll want to hear all about your trip and many other things. But in the meantime, the doctor says that you are to take it pretty easy for a while. How do you feel this evening?"

"Much, much better," Maria answered with difficulty, trying to swallow the lump in her throat. "You are so very kind. I don't know how to thank you."

"God has been good to us in Canada. My parents made the long trip from Russia after the revolution in 1925. I was only five then, but I can still remember a little about the trip. We who have been so blessed ourselves have a debt to pay to our brethren. Our only desire is to help as many of our brothers and sisters as we possibly can." He spoke with conviction.

"But—but how did you in Canada, so far away, find out about us?"

The young man frowned, formulating his reply; then his face brightened.

"As I said, Frau Penner, we have been greatly blessed in the United States and Canada. Most of us are far from rich, but we are not in need. Our homes have not been destroyed nor our loved ones taken from us. Maybe the emblem on my sleeve will help me tell the story."

Hansie, who had been listening to the new friend with keen interest, moved closer to see the colorful emblem which was sewed neatly on the sleeve of his gray suit.

Encircled by the words, "Mennonite Central Committee Relief," they noticed a cross embroidered in yellow against a red background. In the foreground were two hands clasped in a warm handshake.

"Because of the love of God for us, because of His gift to us in the person of Jesus Christ," he continued, "we Mennonites in America united to give help and relief to those whose lives were disrupted in the past dreadful war. We give this witness of love to everyone in need, regardless of race or creed. But we did not dream that we would discover thousands of our own brethren-in-the-faith scattered and stranded throughout western Europe. How we thank God every day that we can help them, too! It is truly an act of God's hand; we deserve no credit."

"But you will be rewarded." There was much more that Maria longed to say, but the wonder of God's providence saturated her being and made talking impossible.

The young man smiled. "We are being rewarded now, more than you can know and far more than we deserve."

He rose to go. "I think I'd better take the children back to their room at the Lager now. You need rest."

Obediently Hansie strode over to the man and stood waiting to return to his new home. But Rosie, stifling a sob, threw herself against her mother and buried her face in the sheet.

"Rosie, dear, what is wrong? We're here with friends, safe at last, and a warm bed is waiting for you."

How much better that would be, she thought, than the unfriendly, hard cement floor that had been the children's bed last night in the Schnaitheim train station!

"I want to ask you just one thing before we go, Mamma," Rosie fin-

ally answered when she recovered her voice.

"Is it really true that—that we don't need to be afraid any more?"

CHAPTER 16

Maria gave the third cot a gentle pat and stood back to observe the room. Everything was in order: beds were made, clothes hung neatly, the rough table and the only chair dusted, and Rosie's bouquet of wild flowers nicely arranged in the center of the table. Now if they could just make something pretty to put on that wall, let's see—

Maybe she had better rest before the children came in from doing their morning exercises, or she wouldn't be able to go with them on that tour she had promised. She had no idea she would get so tired from doing so little; why, nothing more than making the beds and tidying up their little cubicle had left her almost shaky. Small wonder the camp doctor had decreed that she rest the first week out of the hospital.

"After all you went through before you came to camp here at Gronau, and after lying in bed six months, you'd better take it a little easy for a while, or you'll be right back in this sick ward," he had commanded sternly, then softened the order with a characteristic. "We don't want you back again—there aren't enough beds."

"But idle hands are the devil's workshop," she had objected.

"I don't think the devil would get much done if he had to depend on your workshop," the doctor had shot back at her. "Besides, if you run out of things to do for your own little ones, there are a nestful of motherless souls down the corridor from you, Herr Fast's children. And there are some older ladies who need someone to talk to. But now mind you, don't overdo even visiting for the first week."

She had promised that she wouldn't, for the privilege of being with her children again was one which she had no intention of forfeiting. It had been hard staying in bed those first six months after they had arrived in Gronau, trying to recuperate from her run-down condition, seeing the children only once a day when they came home from school.

And what had been still harder was the fact that the MCC (Mennonite Central Committee) workers had been unable to locate Hans, even though they had found many other Mennonites scattered throughout western Germany, since Maria had come to camp. Periodically Maria had sent the children to the office to check, but the answer was always the same.

But yesterday was a day none of them would ever forget, for Maria had been officially released from the hospital and outfitted with new clothes from the MCC. With

a little assistance, she had actually walked home."

"Come on, Mamma, hurry, or we won't have time to get all around before study hour." It was Hansie whose voice broke into Maria's thoughts. Looking up, she saw the children push excitedly through the blanket door into their room. They each grabbed an arm, almost lifting her off her feet.

The little blanket-enclosed space in which the Penners lived was only one of many such tiny rooms in the auditorium-sized Klubhaus, a large, dingy building once used by the town people for a recreational hall. In order to give each refugee family a bit of privacy, the MCC had partitioned these cubicles by hanging blankets over strung-up wires. Maria had been given a quota of four blankets for each member of her family, enough to partition off their area from the rest and to make a cot for each of them. A network of convenient pathways, forming little streets, zigzagged through the maze of family units. The refugees had named each so-called "street" after an MCC worker or some other person in camp whom they respected.

The children raced eagerly ahead, waiting now and then for Maria's slow legs to catch up. They had so many things to show her: the kitchen, the laundry, the shoemaker's shop, the shower room. They paused for a moment outside the veranda to watch a group of mothers settle around tubs of water to peel potatoes, visiting together as they worked. Children chased one another across the bare space that was their only playground, bent on having a little last-minute fun before their mothers would usher them into their rooms for morning study. Everywhere they went a pleasant hum of voices and signs of early-morning industry mixed with the delightful April sunshine.

At last they had seen almost everything, and, circling the Klubhaus, they entered the front door. Maria was glad the tour was over; it was time for her to get off her feet.

"But we didn't show Mother the window where we get our rations or the office upstairs where we get our identification card," Rosie exclaimed, disappointed.

"It's time Mamma gets back to bed," Hansie ordered, and Maria looked at him with fresh surprise.

She sighed as she stretched out on the bottom cot they had designated for her. "Now, children, it's just about nine o'clock and time for study. If you need any drinks of water, Hansie, go and get them now."

She had heard complaints, while she lay in bed; about Hansie. Sometimes he was seen dashing around the halls during study hours. Of course, after questioning him, she would always be assured that he had been on some important errand.

(To be continued)



IN THE NAME OF CHRIST: An Arab boy examines the Christmas bundle he has received. These bundles provided necessary clothing.

Crisis and Change

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of December 3,515 families received clothing by the 'choice system.'"

With reports of the meager food and clothing supplies among the Bedouins reaching the East Jordan committee, Swartz was asked to make a survey of the emergency situation and report his findings. Strong appeals for aid were promptly made for a people who lived with the limited protection rocks and bushes afforded. MCC issued seven tons of canned beef, 2,000 parcels of new children's clothing and a large quantity of homemade soap.

The intensity of the Bedouin's impoverished living conditions demanded that prompt requests for aid be made abroad. Money was donated by the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief and by the British Council of Churches to be used for the buying and the distribution of food and blankets among the Azazmeh Bedouins as well as the Bedouins of the South.

A crisis appearance calls for a tight and efficient organization of agencies dealing with the numerous problems sounding at once. "A special subcommittee was set up to administer the funds received from the

British Council of Churches," writes Swartz. "I was asked to be the team leader. We will never forget the generous spirit in which our requests were honored. By the first of June, 1959, almost 700 tons of food had been given out to the Bedouin, with approximately 6,000 families (35,000 persons) benefiting."

An interlude in the Swartz's clothing distribution caused by the Lebanon-Iraq-Jordan situation allowed them to work in Hebron. "The work there consisted mainly of supervising the three medical clinics, a feeding program for children along the frontier, laying a foundation for a tree nursery project, supervising distributions of American surplus flour."

Though crisis wounds hurt, they may provide an appreciative understanding of the people's concerns. Changes, though not always "progressive," intensify educational involvements. "Since we were not under the pressure of clothing distribution from June to November," the Swartzes report, "we participated in the Conference on Islamism. Kenneth Cragg, author of *The Call of the Minaret*, the special lecturer, pointed out that only when we thoroughly understand Islam will we be able to demonstrate how the Christian gospel, while agreeing with the

Koran in many of its affirmatives, actually goes beyond and provides answers for questions which Islam leaves unsolved."

M. B. Mission News

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Return to Japan

Brother and Sister Jonathan Bartel and family arrived at their place of service in Osaka, Japan, on June 29 after a pleasant voyage across the Pacific. Shortly after arrival they went to the mission camp where our mission was host to the yearly meeting of Mennonite and Brethren-in-Christ missionaries in Japan. The Bartels write: "We are happy to be back in Japan and trust the Lord to give us special wisdom as we move ahead and plan for the work at Kasugade and Minato together with the national brethren. We covet your prayers in a special way at this vital time."

Arrive Home on Furlough

Brother and Sister Sam H. Krause and family arrived on the West Coast on July 8 for furlough from Japan. They appreciated and were encouraged by the welcome of a group of brethren and sisters from the Dinuba M.B. Church, who met them as their ship docked at Oakland, California.

Released from Hospital

Brother David Balzer has been released from an Osaka hospital where he has been under care and treatment since May 23. It has been possible for him to be reunited with his family without danger of their being affected by his lung infection. For the improvement of his health, we give God thanks. At present the Balzer family is residing at the Karuizawa mission camp so he may have needed rest for complete restoration. Brother Balzer also writes (July 7) that a nice group of new converts and seekers are attending the Nagase church fellowship as a result of recent evangelistic services in the greater Osaka area.

Encouraging Start

The Brethren J. A. Loewen and David Wirsche arrived in Jaque, Panama, the headquarters for their summer work, on June 29. They found a number of Indian students in town for inoculations and were able to make immediate arrangements for their work. On June 30 they had their first classes with the Indian students. They also report that the results of this reading campaign are encouraging. They feel that several Indians will come out reading the Word of God in their own language.

Another China Missionary Expelled

The latest missionary to be expelled from Red China arrived in Hong Kong in April 27, according to the Evangelical Foreign Missions

Association Missionary News Service. Miss Helen Willis reports that the Communist campaign of brainwashing continues unabated. Many pastors have been tortured or intimidated until they have succumbed to Red domination. She indicated, however, that many Christians remain true in spite of attack and constant surveillance. Miss Willis feels that we cannot write off the Church of China, but that "God will preserve a strong remnant in China in spite of all Communist efforts."

Schools in Choco Still Closed

The closing of schools in the Colombian Choco was referred to in an article by Brother Vernon Reimer in the previous issue. Schools in Noanama and Istmina have been closed. In Istmina the teacher has been continuing school by going from house to house to teach the children. The mayor indicated this is permissible as long as the children are of one family and no other children attend the classes. May we continue to pray for the mission schools of the Colombian Choco.

To Construct Church

The mission church at Curitiba, Brazil, has decided to purchase a lot and erect a larger building because the present one is too small for the congregation. The building of the new church will of course require considerable funds. The plan is to convert the present church building into a residence for our missionaries.

The Curitiba mission plans to conduct vacation Bible schools at four different places. Two will be in the Curitiba vicinity and two others will be conducted in the interior. Much prayer is needed that the Lord will bless these efforts and cause the Word of God to fall into fruitful hearts of the children and adults who will be contacted.

Intercession is also requested for the evangelistic meetings which are to be held in the Curitiba Mennonite Brethren Church in August.

TB Hospital for Paraguay

Construction of a TB hospital in Paraguay will begin soon. Since the Indians of the Chaco are beginning to live in greater concentration, tuberculosis seems to be on the increase among them. The present small hospital is no longer adequate to care for such cases, and besides, the patients should be isolated from the other Indians. For this reason, the separate hospital is being constructed where the TB patients will be cared for, and efforts will be made to reduce the spread of this disease. Prayer is needed in behalf of this ministry. May not only physical needs be met, but may also the Gospel of salvation be constantly preached and the attention of the patients be called to the Great Physician Who is able to heal both soul and body.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

YFCI Chooses England for 1960 World Congress

Bristol, England, has been chosen as the location for Youth for Christ International's 12th World Congress, scheduled for August, 1960. The invitation was presented to the 15th Annual Convention at Winona Lake, Indiana, by Dave Foster, a member of the British Youth for Christ staff and editor of their magazine Vista. Foster and his wife are in the United States visiting local Youth for Christ programs.

In accepting the invitation, Youth for Christ International's Overseas Director, Sam Wolgemuth, stated that the Bristol Congress could well be "the springboard for an intensive interdenominational youth ministry across the continent of Europe." He expects 2,000 delegates to attend, most of them from Britain and Europe.

Progress Reported in LeTourneau's Peru Project

The colonization-construction-evangelization project in Peru sponsored by U.S. industrialist Robert G. LeTourneau is making gradual but steady progress. Approximately 11 miles of the contemplated 50-mile road have been completed and the jungle broken through all the way. In addition, 2,000 acres of land have been cleared for colonization. Experiments in agriculture have proved disappointing, but prospects for successful beef cattle raising are good and one farmer is now settled on a 40-acre farm.

The first farm to be operated independent of the LeTourneau project has been purchased by Stephen Stoltzfus of Elverson, Pennsylvania, a Mennonite who helped pioneer the project on a voluntary basis. He plans to raise prime beef cattle.

A little village has sprung up at Tournavista, headquarters of the Foundation. It consists of the "American colony" of seven families plus a number of single workers and approximately 60 Peruvian families who work on the project. LeTourneau has provided the latter with a school also, hiring Christian Peruvian teachers as instructors. The men's Sunday school class at the village is most active in evangelistic work. Members take turns each week going up the river by speedboat with a Peruvian pastor to conduct services and witness in jungle villages.

Independent Missionary Sailing to Fiji

Rodney Wesley Garrett, an independent missionary, is now owner and skipper of the yawl Southern Cross II and soon will be sailing

under canvas to Fiji. For 16 years the husky Australian has nursed an ambition to do marine missionary work. Seeking a suitable vessel, he went to Vancouver, Canada, 3 years ago. To support his wife and four children, he sold life insurance and saved enough to buy the Southern Cross.

The vessel has an all-welded steel hull and was built in Vancouver in 1947. She is 44 feet long with a beam of 11 feet, seven inches. She has a 35-foot spruce main-mast and an 18 foot, six-inch mizzen and can carry 519 square feet of canvas. There are sleeping accommodations for six and a new ten-horsepower auxiliary diesel engine and two new sets of sail.

Unsupported by any church, Mr. Garrett has personally raised the funds for the venture with the help of friends. He has a first-aid certificate and plans to give medical aid to islanders in remote atolls. He will carry a radio-telephone. He also has some practical knowledge of navigation, having spent 12 years at sea, including 18 months in small boats off the New Guinea coast.

New Moody Film

A new Sermons from Science film on sense perception, entitled "Windows of the Soul" is now in production at Moody Institute of Science, the film producing branch of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Expected to be available for release this fall, the new film, produced by Dr. Irwin A. Moon, shows how a person keeps in touch with the world about him through his eyes, ears and nose. Featured demonstrations in this new film will show how the energy of silent sound can make objects float in mid-air or even cause an ordinary corkscrew to drill a spiral hole through solid glass. Also to be seen is a little known technique perfected at MIS which actually makes odors visible. The "upside down world" which is seen by the human eye is demonstrated by Dr. Moon as he wears special inverting spectacles which turn everything upside down.

German Youth Poll Shows Spiritual Haze

A cross-section poll of Evangelical boys and girls in Germany indicates that only about one in ten have a personal conception of God, according to analysis of the results published recently.

"The vast majority moves in a haze of conceptions and regards religion as an ideology," said Dr. Hans-Otto Wolber, head pastor of St. Nikolai church, Hamburg, in a report of the survey appearing in the June issue of Lutheran World.

Dr. Wolber, who in recent years has achieved distinction as an expert on youth work, said the majority of those interviewed showed that they "want nothing to do with independent intellectual struggle to arrive at their own decisions in religious matter." They "allow the conditions of their own past and the social significance of religious questions to determine their decisions," he declared in the Lutheran World Federation quarterly.

Dr. Wolber said the findings showed that "a person's religious attitudes are connected to an extraordinary degree with the person who mediates the religion to him. To put it in somewhat exaggerated form, people judge God by their pastors."

Burma Government Limits Foreign Missionaries

The Burmese government has decreed that the number of foreign Protestant and Roman Catholic missionaries permitted to enter the country will be based on the pre-war total of close to 800. At present the staffs of many of the foreign missions are much below that level.

Wherever Burmese men and women are willing to perform the

duties of missionaries, they should be preferred, the government said, and no foreign missionaries "should be encouraged in outright evangelization work." (The government decree recognized that missionaries have played an important role in such humanitarian activities as running leper homes and hospitals, and caring for children and disabled persons.)

Sunday School Outing At Toronto

Toronto, Ont. — High Park in Toronto was the scene of a successful and physically refreshing picnic on Saturday, July 25, when the Sunday School of the Willowdale Christian Fellowship had their annual outing. Assistant Superintendent Jake Wiens was in charge of the games which provided fun and a change of pace for all who participated. The youngsters were well taken care of by the nursery teachers, and after some games, enjoyed a visit to the nearby zoo.

Later on in the afternoon, keen appetites were satisfied around the picnic tables, and after a hearty sing-song, spiritual food was provided in the form of a short devotional by Rev. Henry Voth.

CANADASCOPE

Federal Aid Issue in Newfoundland Election

A surprise election has been called by Premier Smallwood of Newfoundland, with the federal financial aid for Newfoundland under the Confederation terms of 1949 stated as the campaign issue.

In calling the election, Mr. Smallwood has carried a dispute with Prime Minister Diefenbaker directly to the people. The decision to do this was made when the Newfoundland government's resolution condemning Ottawa's rejection of Newfoundland demands was not carried unanimously by the legislature. The two Progressive Conservative members voted against the resolution.

National Meeting for Conservative Party

At least 1,000 delegates are expected to attend the first general meeting of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada in three years. The meeting will be held in the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa December 1 and 2.

There is no provision for a discussion of policy.

He Kept His Sorrow to Himself

Alec Lum, 37, kept silent as he paid homage to Queen Elizabeth in Winnipeg on July 24, but his heart was crying out to speak out for a royal favour.

Of all the Chinese-Canadians in

Winnipeg, Lum was picked to represent them in a march-past of ethnic family groups outside of the Manitoba legislative building. Yet the next day, unless special clemency was given, immigration officers were to arrest his wife's mother, Mrs. Chiu You Lai, and her 11-year-old daughter and deport them to China.

"I can't let them be sent back," Lum said. "There is nothing more I can do. I wanted so much to break away from the ceremony and rush to the Queen to ask her to intercede, but I knew that I would only be making a spectacle."

Less Surgery in Mental Treatments Now

At a joint meeting of the British and Canadian Medical associations in Edinburgh, Scotland, Professor Allan Walters of the University of Toronto reported that the number of brain operations dropped since the advent of tranquilizers and newer techniques. At a round-table discussion on the value of surgery in curing mental illness, the conclusion was that doctors are using the knife less than in the past to deal with psychiatric disorders.

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Returning Paxman Recounts Service

July 22 another MCC Paxman returned to Akron enroute to his home in Canada. With usual Pax enthusiasm, but with an expressly individual appreciative understanding of his participation in the Pax program, Peter Derksen (Taber, Alberta) reported on his work in Europe.

Derksen's Pax appointment began July 6, 1957. His two years in Europe took him to four assignments. Two months he spent in Enkenbach building refugee homes; in Krefeld Derksen labored five months helping construct a building with church offices, living quarters for a pastor and space for storage of material aid. Bad Duerkheim provided a variety of work for Derksen: his ten months there as maintenance man in the children's home made him, among other things, a gardener and a barber.

For the remainder of his two years Derksen worked in Austria helping seven Austrians, nine Brethren Service fellows and eight other Paxmen renovate a large Protestant school in Vienna. The project in Karlsschule was his most stimulating work, Derksen asserted. "Though this work was a bit slower and not as 'progressive', at least so it seems to many, as my other assignments," he said, "it gave me a great deal of satisfaction and for me definitely proved its worth."

Beginning Personnel

Pax—Five fellows who completed orientation school July 14-23 will soon begin their Pax assignments. Richard S. Boshart (Goshen, Ind.) Paul Harnish (Lancaster, Pa.) C. Kenneth Hershey (Bird-in-Hand, Pa.) and Daniel G. Rohrer (Ronks, Pa.), scheduled for European Pax work, are to arrive in Europe Aug. 1. Joseph Haines (West Milton, Ohio) will assist in the Hebron Mennonite Orphanage in Jordan; he is replacing Leron Peters.

Jordan—In addition to Paxman Joe Haines, Grace Bergey (Souderton, Pa.) and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Caskey (Sterling, Ohio) will serve as MCC workers in Jordan. Designated for material aid distribution work, Miss Bergey will be stationed in Jericho and the Caskeys in Ammon. The Middle East workers plan to arrive in Jordan Aug. 8.

Uruguay—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Epp (Winnipeg, Man.) stopped in Akron enroute to South America where he will serve as MCC director in Montevideo, Uruguay. The Epps are filling the vacancy left by the Alvin Beckers (Burrton, Kans.) who returned to the United

States July 2. Their work in Uruguay will be primarily in assisting the Mennonite colonies in their economic and religious concerns.

Haiti—Anna Eby, R.N. (Paradise, Pa.) and Esther Gehman, R.N. (Ephrata, Pa.) have begun terms of service as nurses in Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti.

Junior Village—Robert J. Carlson (San Anselmo, Calif.) is serving as chaplain at Junior Village Washington D.C., as well as area leader of the National Institutes of Health, Laurel Children's Center and Junior Village VS units. Previous to his assignment Carlson attended Messiah Junior College, Upland College and San Francisco Theological Seminary, from which he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree this spring.

Akron—Dennis Godo (Kouts, Ind.) has begun his 1-W term serving in the business office. Mr. and Mrs. Harlaigh Moyer (Telford, Pa.) recently arrived; Moyer will serve his 1-W assignment on the maintenance crew while his wife Jean will be working as a secretary. Another new secretary is Mary Lou Nussbaum (Dalton, Ohio). Ellen Miller, who taught at Hesston College the past nine years, is joining the Menno Travel Service staff and will spend a short time in the home office before leaving for an MTS assignment in Amsterdam.

News Briefs

Pax Reunion—A three day festivity is being planned for about 200 Paxmen. The nation-wide Pax reunion to be held at Camp Friedenswald in southern Michigan from August 14-17 is open to all ex-Paxmen. A variety of program events have been scheduled to help the Pax fellows, their wives and friends reminisce and catch up on recent Pax developments and to help them get re-acquainted with one another. Detailed information is available from LeMar E. Stauffer, 275 Redwood Drive, Lancaster, Pa.

VS Reunion at Espelkamp—Over 100 young people from seven different countries representing various Christian confessions have served in MCC-VS at Espelkamp, Germany, from 1949-1959. On June 20-21 a small group of former VS workers gathered at Espelkamp to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their service there. Representing the countries of Germany, Holland and the United States, eleven campers with their families attended a reunion held in the chapel and community building built by the Conservative Mennonite Mission and dedicated this year. For the Saturday evening program about 200 former refugees who settled in Espelkamp, many of whom were helped by MVS, joined the group to express their gratitude for the material and spiritual aid they received. Sunday the group was invited to worship with the German Mennonite congregation

where Pastor Albert Bartel led the service.

Halmahera—Efforts to help re-establish the church's economic stability in the Indonesian Island of Halmahera proved momentarily exciting and partially disastrous. Shortly after Easter, Maurice Hertzler (Mechanicsburg, Pa.) and Katzunu, a manager of the groves, purchased a few cattle. They believed that with cattle the value of the coconut groves could be increased. Since the Dutch had at one time sufficiently prospered by having large herds of cattle keep the grass in the groves cleaned up, Hertzler and Katzunu thought cattle a sound investment for the future.

They purchased five cows. With the luxurious grass in the grove the cows were fattened within a few weeks. Then, Katzunu decided to take the cattle to the sea for a salt bath. There the difficulty began. The cows apparently ate poison and two died. As one of the Indonesians reported it, "They departed for cowland."

Greece—Rains have saturated Greece. In spite of the heavy moisture which has cut many activities, Paxmen in Greece report productive gardens. With gardens at their peak, surplus cabbage, cucumbers, beets, peas, beans, turnips and carrots were taken to the MCC-sponsored cannery to be canned for the unit's use.

You and Your Car

"In terms of grief and suffering which he causes, the careless, indifferent or irresponsible motorist is as great a threat to this country as the most vicious criminal gunman." This statement was made by J. Edgar Hoover (FBI director) in an article "I Challenge Your Right to Drive."

An automobile in the hands of a lawless driver is just as dangerous as a weapon. When you and I take our cars on the road and disregard regulations we are potential highway killers. That doesn't sound right, does it? Conscientious objectors murderers? Yet that is exactly what we are if we ignore safety restrictions.

During World War II a traffic officer stopped a car of CPS men who drove through his town to work each day, usually at high speed, and said, "It is obvious that you men don't have a conscience against killing. It's just killing with a gun that you object to. Killing with the auto doesn't bother you."

Two of the men who have counselled and helped more pre-1-W men than anyone else I know said that there wasn't any charge as serious against a 1-O registrant, and which is so difficult to explain to Selective Service, as speeding.

A man in my acquaintance once said, "I can tell what kind of a

man you are by how you drive your car." Can the man behind you tell that you are a conscientious objector?

Edgar Stoesz in the 1-W Mirror.

Biographies of Outstanding Christians

The Valley and the World By Faith Coxie Bailey

This is the story of D. L. Moody written especially for teen-agers. 50¢

A Retrospect

This is Hudson Taylor's only autobiographical writing available today in print. In it he tells the story of his youth and early experiences as a missionary in China, ending when the establishment of the China Inland Mission in 1865 brought him to the threshold of his real life-work. 50¢

The Life and Diary of David Brainerd

By Jonathan Edwards

This is a condensation of the classic book by Jonathan Edwards, president of Princeton University in the 18th century. It is the story of an early missionary to the Indians who gave his life that they might hear the Gospel. 80¢

"Billy" Sunday

By Wm. T. Ellis

One of the most controversial evangelists of the present century has been "Billy" Sunday. This is a sympathetic treatment of his extensive work and methods. 50¢

William Carey

By Deaville Walker

Shoemaker by trade, but scholar, linguist and missionary statesman by God's training, William Carey looms large in missionary history. He, with a few contemporaries, were almost single-handed in conquering the prevailing indifference and hostility to missionary effort. In India, he developed almost every form of missionary agency. \$2.75

Malla Moe

By Maria Nilsen and Paul Sheetz

This is the story of a Norwegian girl who became a unique and tireless soulwinner in South Africa. Malla followed her Lord—in Norway, the United States, Canada, and South Africa—winning many here, some there, and one everywhere she went. \$3.00

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COLLEGES

Tabor College

Assumes Physics Position

The president's office at Tabor College announces the signing of an outstanding physicist and scientific writer, Dr. Harvey A. Zinszer of Hays, Kansas, as professor of physics effective September 1.

The appointment coincides with the expansion of Tabor's offerings in the natural sciences. Dr. Zinszer is emeritus professor of physics at Fort Hays Kansas State College, where he was head of the department of physics and astronomy from 1929 to 1958. He received his A.B. and A.M. degrees from Lehigh University and earned his Ph.D. degree at Indiana University.

His experience includes work in industry as well as in the classroom. He held positions with Western Union, American Steel and

Wire, American Marconi, and Consolidated Telephone and taught at Lehigh University, Indiana University, Mississippi State College for Women, Hanover College, and Fort Hays State before coming to Tabor.

Dr. Zinszer has served as both treasurer and president of the Kansas Academy of Science and holds membership in many national scientific groups. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Hays, where he served as Sunday school superintendent for ten years and has been an elder for more than twenty-five years.

The author of a number of books and articles in scientific journals, Dr. Zinszer is listed in American Men of Science, Who's Who in American Literature, Who's Who in American Engineering, and Who's Who in American Education. At Tabor, he will teach College Physics (201-202), Engineering Physics (211-212), Analytical Mechanics (402), and Astronomy (318).



BAPTISM IN PARAGUAY: This group of believers was baptized and received into the M.B. Church in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, on March 1. On the picture are also Rev. H. Friesen, extreme left, and Rev. G. Balzer, extreme right, the leading minister.

Speeches from Korea

Koreans want to learn English. To encourage Korean students in using good English, the Korean Mennonite Vocational School for orphan boys at Kyong San participates in a national speech contest. Students prepare and deliver their own speeches. Since only two entries are eligible from each school, the Mennonite Vocational School held a preliminary regional contest. The two winning contestants presented their speeches June 13, 1959, at the national contest. Here they won second and third prizes. Following are portions of the winning speeches submitted by Mrs. Leland Voth, MCC worker in Korea:

Love's Power by Cheh Sahng Yull

Ladies and Gentlemen, do you want peace, prosperity and right living? Of course you will say "yes." Do you know what can bring true peace to our country and ourselves? It is—love.

A family that does not have love cannot be a happy family. This is also true of our nation. If we do not love, we cannot have peace and prosperity. There are many things which prevent peace in our country—jealousy, dishonesty, lewd actions, selfishness and anger.

Many people who work in government offices, in commerce and business are only interested in getting more for themselves, so are deceiving others and dishonest in their dealings. Their motives are always selfish so they don't have peace in their lives.

I once heard a foreigner in this country say, "Korea is a wonderful and beautiful country with natural resources. People here are very intelligent and resourceful. Why doesn't Korea have peace? Why cannot Koreans raise their stand-

ards? It is because they lack love and so are selfish and dishonest; they lack peace in their lives and so are considered a backward country in comparison to other countries..."

With an unjust, selfish government we cannot maintain our country and go forward to a better life.

Napoleon was a powerful and influential leader in the world. When he failed to win the battle at Waterloo, however, he was banished to Santa Helena Island. Before he died there he said, "I failed to occupy all the world with great force, but the Jesus who was born in Bethlehem occupied all the world without a soldier or any armed force. He occupied this world only with love. Jesus proved that love is more powerful than force."

Love is like a flower. When it blossoms its beauty penetrates the mind, giving peace to our heart... If you want to reconstruct our country, love your neighbor as yourself. This love will build up instead of tear down, because its power is great. True love does not know dishonesty, selfishness and anger but only peace.

The True Road to Success by Ee Juhng Eel

As you know, when we set a high goal, there are always many barriers in the way to success. Does this mean that we should lower our standards? Of course not! Instead we must try even harder to bring forth better friends from our humble efforts.

But alas! Many of us students in Korea only talk about our ideas and do not actually accomplish anything. Many students are seen in the shadows—drinking, smoking, being dishonest or talking about other people's defects. It has been

reported on the French radio that we are thieves, gangsters and fornicators. Even though we deny their words, we must take a second look at their accusations and determine if there is some truth in them.

It is not too late to change our hearts to do good and concentrate on our objectives of improving our status and reputation and lead ourselves to a brighter future. Some people may ask, "But how can we change when our surroundings are evil?" Some encouragement to these people can perhaps be found in the example of Joseph Pulitzer who came from a garlic-growing town in Hungary. He was so poor that his first bed in America was a bench in the park. One cold winter night he tried to warm himself in a hotel lobby and was kicked out. Even in such distress he continued his efforts to succeed. Twenty years later he bought the same hotel for \$635,000.

Pulitzer not only became a remarkably successful publisher, but also one of the first persons to build a skyscraper... Did he try only with his mouth to succeed? No! He cherished a steady thought and followed it through with much effort in spite of his background and environment. Today many of us dream of a bright future, but this future can only be bought with the effort Mr. Pulitzer put forth. He practised what he preached.

Secondly, we must love each other. There are many kinds of love, but the kind I refer to is not only love between members of a family, but also for people who are not so lovable... The only true love is given by Christ and practised on the seemingly unlovable, even on beggars (groaning on the side of the road) looking for some food and money to allow them to exist a few more days. With love in our hearts, our hand will reach into our pocket for money or, if necessary, will take the coat off of our backs. True love is difficult to practice. It loves the unlovely, the hateful, the mean, the uncooperative and the rebellious. It

loves in spite of what others do or say...

This love is not impossible, even though we as humans are self-centered. The perfect example for us to follow is Christ. He loved even those who tortured Him and put Him on the cross. He told us to "Love our neighbors as ourselves." If we can strive towards this goal, we shall help our nation, our people and ourselves.

As patriotic citizens of our great country we owe Korea the best we can give. As we think about the future let us remember that success takes effort and concentration upon high goals. It means not only talking about, but practising what we say. The only way to real success for us and for our country is to pave the way with a spirit of true love. I hope you will always remember Joseph Pulitzer's steady thought and Christ's love.

The Bible and the Body

By Rowland V. Bingham

In this book the founder of the Sudan Interior Mission treats a subject avoided by many—healing. Thirty years ago W. H. Griffith Thomas wrote: "It is time we had a sane, Scriptural, and simple treatment of the whole subject, and Mr. Bingham's presentation, in my judgment, answers to these requirements." J. H. Hunter, editor of *The Evangelical Christian*, writes that the author has "presented an unanswerable argument on the subject from the Biblical standpoint."

Dr. Bingham first gives a brief sketch of the growth of the healing movement, showing its Scriptural weaknesses and excesses. Then he embarks on a study of bodily healing as the Bible teaches it. Finally, he answers a list of 31 questions publicly asked by a faith healer of his day.

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THEY STOPPED TO CHAT at the Canadian Conference of the M.B. Church, July 4 to 8. Held at Hepburn, Sask., the Conference attracted 317 delegates from across Canada. Seen from left are Henry Regehr, B.C., Youth Committee worker; Erwin Klassen, Linden, Alta.; Peter Isaak, youth leader of North Kildonan, Man., M.B. Church; Henry Dueek, Ontario youth leader; Peter Peters, chairman of Wednesday Night Young

Peoples' Committee in Elmwood M.B. Church; Rev. D. J. Pankratz, Conference moderator; Rev. J. P. Epp, Steinbach, Man.; Abram Penner Springstein, Man.; Rev. B. B. Fast, chairman of Manitoba Sunday School Committee; and at the desk Mr. Goossen, Hepburn, is registering Is. Voth and B. J. Dick of Coaldale, Alta.

Invitation to Sunday School Conference

Winnipeg, Man. — An invitation has been extended to all Sunday school workers of the M.B. churches in Manitoba to attend the annual Sunday School Conference, to be held at Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde, from July 31 to August 2.

The first service will be held Friday evening, July 31, at 8 p.m. (Central Daylight Time). Further sessions will be held on Saturday

and Sunday.

Rev. J. J. Toews, Kitchener, Ont., will serve as a guest speaker, speaking on the Conference theme "The Vision of the Sunday School Teacher" in respect to his commission, his lessons, his pupils, his Master and himself. The messages will all be in English.

Miss Nettie Kroeker will have two demonstration lessons with the new M.B. Primary material in order to introduce it.

gins at 10 a.m. in the Clayburn Pentecostal Camp auditorium, which is situated northeast of Abbotsford.

Also invited for this joint service are those who were able to leave Russia during those years by other escape routes.

change in a person. Thus the question is to what extent the person has grown in his spiritual life. The standard in this case is how much growth is possible.

According to Dr. Peters, two factors involved in spiritual development are the mental diet—what is read—and the language—what do you speak about, what is the witness in meaningful testimony and prayer.

Announcement for Saskatchewan Churches

Borden, Sask. — At the March 17 session of the delegates from Saskatchewan churches, held to discuss relief work, the committee for relief was instructed to seek more information about the construction of a home for mentally ill persons. The committee was then to call another session of representatives from churches.

This session of delegates with full voting privileges is to be held on August 4, 1959, at 10:30 a.m. (Daylight Time) in the M.B. church, 33rd Ave. at C North, Saskatoon, Sask. All churches are requested to send one delegate for 25 members.

Others interested in this project are also invited to attend the sessions of the delegates.

On the Horizon

July 29 to August 4. — Family Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes.

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

July 31 to August 3. — Gospel Light Bible Camp at Clear Lake has a youth camp, with Rev. and Mrs. Mark Gripp as guest speakers. The children's camp is from August 4 to 13.

August 5-14. — Ten-day mission children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes.

August 15-16. — Youth Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes.

Eastern Manitoba Youth Retreat

Steinbach, Man. — The young people of the eastern district of Manitoba M.B. churches held their annual Youth Retreat in Steinbach on July 19. About 100 young people from Steinbach, Niverville and Arnaud attended the retreat.

Rev. F. C. Peters, instructor at M.B. Bible College, served as the guest speaker. He posed the question: "How Can Spirituality Be Measured?" He pointed out that though there is an absolute spirituality, it is so far beyond anything that can be arrived at on earth that it is not a useful standard for purposes of comparison.

A more beneficial measure, Dr. Peters stated, was the amount of

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Festival of Thanksgiving at Abbotsford

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