

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2

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C. D. Toews Serves in Three Manitoba Areas

Winnipeg, Man. — Choirs in three districts of the M. B. Church in Manitoba received inspiration and training during the past month through the ministry of Rev. C. D. Toews, Abbotsford, B.C.

Rev. Toews is music director at the MEI, Clearbrook, and chairman of the Canadian M. B. Music Committee. He came to Manitoba at the invitation of the Manitoba M. B. Music Committee to conduct choir training sessions on a district-wide level. The purpose of such training, according to Rev. Toews, is to introduce new songs—as well as familiar music—in order to train the choir for more expressive singing. Rev. Toews said that the emphasis is not so much on the technical aspects of church music, but on the spiritual, the biblical content of it. For this reason great stress is also put on articulation and diction to aid in getting the message in the words across to the congregation.

In Two Centres in the West

Choir training in two centres in the western district culminated in a district-wide youth and song festival at Boissevain on July 26.

The Lena and Boissevain choirs joined for special choir practices from July 13 to 18, with Rev. Toews teaching new and old music. The following week the choirs from Alexander, Justice and Brandon met

in Brandon for similar training.

Rev. I. W. Redekopp of Elmwood M. B. Church served as guest speaker at the youth and song festival in the Boissevain curling rink. A combined district choir of about 65 singers under the direction of Rev. Toews sang. Attendance topped the 300 mark.

Practices Alternated

Practices alternated between Elm Creek and Springstein M. B. churches for the Central district choir courses, July 27 to August 2. The youth and song festival climaxing the week of choir training was held August 2 in the Elm Creek M. B. church, with about 70 singers participating. Rev. David Ewert, college teacher, served as guest speaker.

And There Was Darkness

A power failure at the choir festival in the Winkler M. B. church on August 9 helped to emphasize a song the choir sang. As the choir stated, "Hier auf Erden bin ich ein Pilger," the lights went off—and did not come back on again until 15 minutes later. A light-colored suit helped Rev. Toews direct the congregation in a song, while candles aided Rev. D. Ewert in delivering the message of the evening.

The choir festival ended a week of choir practices, which had alternated between Winkler and Morden M. B. churches.

Colonization Evangelism Project Planned in B.C.

Chilliwack, B.C. — At various occasions, in newspaper columns or at conference sessions, the idea of colonization evangelism has been discussed. The plan is that a number of couples move from an established Christian community to a strategic place elsewhere in the country to settle down there with the intention of forming a nucleus for a church. The objective of the group would be to win people in that community for Christ and the church.

Present indications are that possibly in the winter of 1959-60, and most probably in the summer of 1960, the first couples will transfer their residence from the Fraser

Valley to Dawson Creek, some 250 miles northeast of Prince George. There are about seven couples who are considering this move seriously at this time, and it is believed that once a start is made, many others will respond.

Henry Friesen, announcer on the Sunday evening "Lighthouse of Hope" program, has been asked to assume the responsibility for the group. At the present moment, he and another brother have gone to Dawson Creek to look over the possibilities of settlement.

We feel that by this venture a twofold goal will be achieved: the congestion in our churches at home

will be alleviated, while at the same time this project is a step of obedience to the Lord's command to scatter and witness in our Judea.

All correspondence relative to the project should be addressed to Henry Friesen, 5495 Slocan, Vancouver, B.C.

G. H. Sukkau Speaks at Elmwood

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. G. H. Sukkau, who has served as Bible school teacher and principal in South American schools during the past seven years, reported on the work there in the Elmwood M. B. church on Sunday evening, August 9.

Rev. Sukkau pointed out that he served under "Dienst am Evangelium" in South America. This service is given South American M. B. churches to provide spiritual inspiration and leadership. Such help is needed, for churches in South America did not have the spiritual stimulation which churches in North America have had from other denominations, nor did they get established Bible teachers in the groups that migrated to South

America during the past 30 years.

In his series of slides, Rev. Sukkau took the congregation on a tour of Mennonite settlements in South America.

Rev. Sukkau has now moved to Winnipeg, where he will be taking the position of assistant treasurer of the Canadian M. B. Conference. Rev. Gerhard Fast, who has held this position during the past several years, is moving to St. Catharines, Ont., this coming weekend to take a position as bookkeeper in a firm there.

Community Evangelism At Port Rowan

Port Rowan, Ont. — English evangelistic services designed to reach the community for Christ were held in the Community Centre here from July 19 to 23. Rev. J. J. Toews served as evangelist at the services sponsored by the local Mennonite Brethren Church.

Younger brethren in the M. B. Church served as chairmen at the services, while the choir served with songs. Testimonies were also a regular feature at the services.

The man who is good for excuses is seldom good for anything else.

All-Day Oral Examinations

By Mrs. Wilmer A. Quiring

Colombia, S.A. — July 10, 1959, will be an unforgettable day for 19 students and the teacher of Villa Hermosa School in Colombia. This was the day of oral examinations before their parents and friends. All day long the pupils answered questions based on their year's study in all subjects such as arithmetic, his-

tory, geography, language. This is a customary way of terminating the school year here in Colombia.

Three judges, this time two Colombian pastors and one parent, listened carefully to the answers given by the students and graded them accordingly. How many of our children in the homeland would appreciate a day of exams such as this?



LUCIA MONTROYA, teacher, and her pupils of the Villa Hermosa, an evangelical school in a mountainous area of Colombia, S.A.

EDITORIAL

An Individual Approach Needed

One of the most insidious temptations in public work is to think largely in terms of crowds, groups, classes, congregations. It makes teaching, preaching, and singing an approach to the masses. The individual is somehow blended into the whole, with the teacher instructing on the level of the average pupil, the preacher speaking for the average listener, and the choir or soloists singing for the "congregation."

The danger is so great because this approach is so much easier than the individual approach. The teacher need not try to discover the needs of Johnny, Susie and Henry. He need not make a file on their background, their expressed needs, their behaviour; and the characteristics that set them apart from others. He need not visit the homes to get behind the "Sunday best" behaviour of Susie to the environmental and inner causes of behaviour and needs. All he needs is a vaguely general knowledge of the psychology of the age group, the educational background of the class, and the needs of the social group from which the class comes. And then while teaching he need only outline the historical development of the lesson and point out some general principles and applications.

The best examples of the approach to the congregation as a whole are to be found in mass evangelism, where the visiting evangelist must use this method. He can impossibly speak to individual needs—except to everyone's need for salvation and cleansing from sin. Yet the pastor cannot remain on this general level. He is the shepherd of the flock, the dietitian, so to speak, the protector against enemies, the gardener trying to help "plants" to grow and mature. He must strive, by the grace of God, to satisfy the highly individualistic needs of every member of his congregation—and this cannot be done by a general approach. Be it through prayerfully prepared sermons growing out of a faithful visitation program, or through a visitation program that gives each member of his congregation an opportunity to reveal his inner needs, the pastor must consciously gear his program for individuals, not for the "church" merely. God instituted the church as a fellowship of individuals, so that the individual needs would be met, not merely to make mass evangelism, mass doctrinal teaching, and mass baptism possible.

A study of the master teacher and preacher, Jesus Christ, reveals that He used this individualistic approach. A glance through the Sermon on the Mount shows him covering a wide variety of subjects, each expressive of a very real need of different individuals in the crowd.

Thus when the church papers report that a certain speaker addressed a "mass rally" we must learn to think of the individuals in that great crowd, each with their soul's desires, their heart's needs. And when we report that a church had 24 baptismal candidates at a large baptismal service, we must think of the 24 believers who each testified to the grace of God in their life. Only when we do this, do we gain the divine perspective, which has the angels rejoicing over one sinner that repents.

The History of MCC Summer Service

(From Portage la Prairie Unit News)

Our unit is made up of young people from three different provinces. Those who have come from some distance to work here are often asked, "Why have you come so far? Are there no jobs where you come from? What made you choose this type of work for summer employment?"

Certainly the answers to these questions cannot be given in a single sentence. To understand something of our purpose in being here, I believe we must have at least some knowledge of the history and purpose of the MCC Summer Service program as a whole.

Summer Service, a sister of Voluntary Service, is still quite young. Its history dates back to 1944, when an ambitious group of 61 young women decided that they wished to offer themselves for a service of love in mental hospitals, just as the CPS men had done and were doing. As time went on the program grew, with girls serving both in mental hospitals and in community projects.

In 1947, MCC Summer Service began to function apart from CPS as an established church program, with both men and women taking part. Workers supplemented the Akron headquarters staff, served in mental hospitals and continued to

DEVOTIONAL

Peaceful Quietness

By H. A. Unruh

In Psalm 62:1 we read the remarkable words of a man who had many reasons to be the opposite of what he says: "Truly my soul waiteth upon the Lord," or translating directly from the German, "My soul is quiet."

In the turmoil and noise of this world, amid the mad rush for wealth, honor and pleasure, we are inclined to become spiritually fatigued. Our souls long for renewed contact with God. We yearn for moments when we can isolate ourselves from all the tumult about us. Simply speaking, we desire quietness.

Our Saviour and Master also looked for quiet places. After strenuous days, during which He had been surrounded by multitudes of people, he withdrew to places where he could be alone. Here He prayed, communed with His Father, and gathered strength for the next task before Him.

But the Psalmist shows us another aspect of quietness. He was not only in solitude, but his own soul was peaceful. We may be in a place where no one disturbs us, yet our souls may be dejected. Elijah was alone under the juniper tree, nevertheless, his soul was restless and he cried to God. The same may be true of us. One of the most important questions in our personal life is: "How can I become peacefully quiet?"

Our Master is a very appropriate example for us. We read of him in Matthew 26:63: "But Jesus held his peace." Christ remained calm amid the adverse circumstances. His intimate friends left Him. His cruel enemies spat on Him and smote Him. False witnesses were brought in against Him. In spite of all this

carry on community projects.

Since its insignificant beginning fifteen years ago, hundreds of young people have participated in Summer Service units. They have come from the various Mennonite Conferences and from other denominations. They have come with one common purpose: to serve Christ.

Certainly we cannot heal diseases with a touch. We cannot restore lost sight or repair maimed limbs as Jesus could and did. Yet we can follow the Master by loving the needy and by doing all we can to help them. The love Christ has shown to us compels us to love others and to provide for their happiness and salvation.

This then is the answer to the question, "Why have you come?" We have come to serve Him Who loves us, by serving those who are, at times, seemingly unloved by society.

Tom Dow

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our Saviour remained quiet. He did not lose His inner peace. We conclude that there were certain facts that helped Christ to maintain this inner quietude. Let us briefly look at a few.

Jesus lived in very close contact with God, and He knew that God had appointed all these sufferings for Him. We, as His followers will often find consolation in this very fact. The Bible clearly teaches that all those who will live godly in Christ Jesus must suffer persecution; therefore, we may infer that if we suffer for righteousness sake, we are in the perfect will of God and have no reason why we should lose our inner calmness in adverse circumstances.

In I Peter 2:23 we also read: "... when He suffered, He threatened not; but committed Himself to Him that judgeth righteously." In these severe trials Christ entrusted Himself to His Heavenly Father. He was definitely persuaded that God could see Him through and that He would uphold Him, although Satan used all His power to destroy Him.

Finally, Jesus did not seek His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him. In the dark hour in Gethsemane He very plainly told His Father, "Thy will be done." Christ did not alter God's will in His life. Many restless hours are spent by Christians because they try to change God's plan in their life. They would like to have things just a little different.

If we as Christians would always take this attitude towards God that Christ had, we would experience anew in all our trials and temptations peaceful quietness.

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Welcome Mission Pastor to Carman

Carman, Man. — The congregation at the Carman Gospel Light Mission gathered on Tuesday evening, August 4, to welcome into their midst Rev. and Mrs. A. Quiring, who have taken over the pastorate here.

Chairman for the evening's service was Mr. Clifford Friesen. Peter Enns conducted the congregational singing, and Belma Reimer served as pianist.

The message was given by Rev. A. Hyde of Kronsgart, who based his words of welcome on Colossians 1:1-18.

After the program those present were served lunch by the ladies of the church, following which Rev. A. Quiring expressed his gratitude for the kindness shown. He requested prayer support and stated that his desire was that "in all things Christ might have the pre-eminence" (Col. 1:18).

Mr. O. Larsen spoke the closing prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. A. Quiring and three children moved into their new home in Carman on July 21.

Missionary Couple Serves At Port Rowan

Port Rowan, Ont. — Rev. and Mrs. George Faul, M. B. missionaries on furlough from service in the Belgian Congo, served the Mennonite Brethren Church here on July 26.

Of special interest to the congregation were greetings from the John Esaus, also serving in the Congo. Mrs. Esau has her parents here.

At the morning service, Rev. Faul spoke on II Tim. 2:1-4 and 14-26. Reports from the field were given at the evening service.

Baptism at Marquette

Marquette, Man. — Two believers followed the Lord in baptism on August 9 and were received into the M. B. group here.

Rev. D. K. Duerksen served at the morning service and performed the baptism at the afternoon service. Received into the church after the baptismal service were Miss Agnes Thiessen and Miss Elfrieda Bock.

News Notes From Horndean

By C. Heinrichs

Horndean, Man. — Since the reporter has been absent for a few weeks, the news is somewhat late. During this time this reporter had the privilege of attending a service in the Gospel Chapel in Vanderhoof, B.C., where Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Buehler are serving.

Rev. Abe Quiring has been very busy during July organizing and dir-

ecting the summer Bible school work. In the midst of all this work, it was moving time for the family. Prior to their move, the congregation of the mission gathered for a fellowship lunch as well as a program of songs, messages, and words of appreciation.

It was with mingled feelings that we saw them leave, but the Lord led them to move to Carman. He has now brought to the mission

Rev. and Mrs. Martens and their family. We are looking forward to fellowship and work with the Martens in this district. The Martens moved into the parsonage on July 30.

Daily vacation Bible school started here on Monday morning, July 20, in the local school building. Teachers were: Ruth Klassen of Morden; Evelyn Janzen of Morden, and Irene Loewen of Newton Sid-

ing. At the close of the two weeks of classes, the pupils put on a program. The teachers capably directed the children in singing, in the lessons and in the handwork. The Mission Chapel was filled for the program.

To grow tall spiritually a man must first learn to kneel.

Character is what we are in the dark.

ECHOES OF EDEN CHILDREN'S CAMP

By Alfred Friesen *

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — A month of great blessings and wholesome enjoyment at the Eden Children's Camp has ended. During the past four weeks 283 youngsters have attended the camp on the campus of the Eden Christian College. This total enrollment was a considerable increase over last year's attendance.

The Lord wonderfully provided the necessary workers to help at the camp. There were sufficient counsellors, kitchen help, and teachers for each week. Among the workers were: Alice Pauls, Port Rowan; Edith Voth, Virgil; Melvin Toews, Kitchener; Anne Loewen, Virgil; Helen Durksen, St. Catharines; Alvina Kliewer, Virgil; Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Klassen, Kitchener; and Mrs. C. A. Friesen, Virgil. C. Alfred Friesen was the director, under the supervision of the Sunday School Committee of the Ontario M. B. churches, which sponsored the Eden Camp for the past seven years.

This year some innovations were pony-riding, crafts, an outdoor camp course, Bible quiz teams, and private morning devotions.

Two rented ponies were brought to camp for one afternoon each week. They provided fun for all ages, even though the ponies nearly buckled under the load of the "heavyweights."

For crafts, plastic lacing, woodwork, birch-bark and foam rubber provided hours of constructive handwork. Campers took home souvenirs such as key chains, brooches, wall plaques, bookmarks, and cor-sages.

The new Scripture Press one-week camp course was very appropriate and well-accepted by the staff and campers. Entitled, "Outdoors With Christ," it provided lessons which correlated nature study with Bible instruction. The outdoor set-



TOURING: Senior boys from the Eden Children's Camp are seen on the bus tour to the Welland Canal, part of the St. Lawrence Seaway. J. Klassen was the bus driver.

ting was especially conducive to good learning.

In the evening chapel programs, a highlight was the keen competition between the Bible quiz teams on the book of Genesis. Other features were chalktalks, science demonstrations, talent nights, and films.

Every morning the campers went alone to meet God before the activities of the day. A suggested Scripture portion was read, followed by meditation and prayer. We trust many will make it a habit early in their youth to have private morning devotions.

Although the children slept on the gym floor, they were divided into "cabins," with one of the campers acting as leader in each one. The evening cabin devotions were a closing benediction on the day's activities.

God blessed the efforts of those who were faithful in praying and assisting at camp. A number of children professed salvation and many young Christians were instructed in the Word to help them in their walk and spiritual growth.

* Director of the camp.



MELVIN TOEWS, one of the counsellors at Eden Children's Camp, leads a pony for a junior girl.

TEACHING AND PLAYING AT EDEN CHILDREN'S CAMP: At the left, below, Miss Edith Voth is teaching a class of junior boys in the open air. To the right, below, the kitchen staff is playing croquet in leisure time. From left to right are: Maggie Sawatzky, Elaine Voth, Marilyn Derksen and Evelyn Dyck.



Institute Reviews Mission Principles and Policies



PARTICIPATING IN THE MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AT HEPBURN, Sask., were these missionaries, Board members and secretaries: the men, left to right: J. B. Toews, general secretary; A. E. Janzen, treasurer; Ted Fast, India; Jake Friesen, India; J. H. Franz, Paraguay; J. P. Neufeld, Board member; J. A. Harder, Board chairman; I. H. Tlessen, Board member; John C. Ratzlaff, associate secretary; J. J. Dick, formerly India; Robert Kroeker, Belgian Congo; Henry Poetker, India; John A. Wiebe, India; Herman Lenzmann, Board member; Lando Hiebert, Board secretary; J. H.

Epp, Board member; Theodore Martens, Belgian Congo; Daniel Wirsche, Mexico.

Women, standing: Marylin Wiebe; Mrs. J. H. Franz, Paraguay; Esther Wiebe (Esther and Marilyn are daughters of the John A. Wiebes); Ruth Loewen, Colombia; Maria Schulz, Mexico; Mrs. Theodore Martens, Belgian Congo.

Women, sitting: Mrs. John A. Wiebe, India; Elsie Fischer, Belgian Congo; Miss Anne L. Ediger, India; Miss Dorothy Kopper, Belgian Congo; Mrs. Henry Poetker, India. The children in front are members of the Henry Poetker family.

Hillsboro, Kans. — The first missionary institute 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 worthwhile.

Principles and policies of mission operation which are undergoing

considerable change were reviewed. These changes are necessary to meet the new demands placed upon missions in the face of rapidly-increasing nationalism. Some areas of our mission fields are more affected by this trend than others. Demands and pressures arising from nationalism require a re-evaluation of our methods and operational principles so as to accomplish in the shortest time a shift of responsibility from the foreigner (the missionary) to the leadership of the national church. With the largest number of missionaries from India, sev-

eral sessions were devoted to a discussion of issues affecting that field.

Future plans are that missionary institutes will become an annual feature of the missionary program of the Mennonite Brethren Conference. The second institute is to be held in Hillsboro in February, 1960. Future institutes will also be occasions for spiritual fellowship and inspiration and include a united study of mission methods, policies and trends. Their central concern shall be to seek to meet the God-given charge of proclaiming the Gospel more effectively.

Camp Arnes Registers Record Attendance

By H. R. Baerg, Camp Director

Arnes, Man. — The attendance at a Christian Camp cannot be taken for granted. Each year those who are on the promotional end of camping wonder what the response to their announcements and advertising will be. The personnel at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp is glad to be able to report to the many friends that the registration at the camps, particularly the family camp, was in excess of what the facilities were able to accommodate. This places upon the board of directors

the responsibility of planning for enlarged facilities, particularly the kitchen and dining hall.

The last children's camp in operation was the ten-day mission children's camp. Seventy-nine were enrolled in the camp. Twelve counsellors, the kitchen staff, the nurse and the secretary ministered to the physical and spiritual needs of the campers. After four days of operation, some inquirers were already making their way to the counsellors, asking, "What must I do to be saved?" We trust that these boys and girls will receive new insight

into the life the Christian is expected to live and that a number will be saved.

The camp following this children's camp is the Manitoba-wide youth camp. This is a two-day, weekend camp scheduled for August 15 and 16. Rev. David Ewert will be the speaker. We believe that young people will do themselves a service if they will attend this camp. The youth camp will be the last camp scheduled for the season. However, the facilities of Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp are available for interested families or groups. Several

families are grouping together for a few days of fellowship and relaxation at Arnes for the weekend of August 23. If other families are interested they are urged to phone SP 5-4481 or write to Arnes, Man.

The first camp of the season, the camp for teenagers, July 1-5, was a time of blessing to the more than 50 fellows and girls who attended. It has been reported that this was one of the best camps for teenagers held thus far. Rev. Sam Epp, pastor of the Steinbach EMB Church, was the speaker. The two ten-day children's camps which followed had 101 and 107 registrations respectively. The weather was very favorable and the children enjoyed the Bible lessons, the play and the water. Swimming lessons conducted by a full-time swimming instructor, Mary Block, have been a welcomed and appreciated feature of all children's camps.

The week of family camp, July 29 through August 4, has probably been the highlight of the summer. Fifty-two families or a total of 234 individuals were registered. The messages by the Brethren Quiring and Peters were most suitable and practical for the parents. The play on the grounds, the swimming and boating, the water skiing and surf boarding were so enjoyable and relaxing that several families expressed the feeling that this had been their best vacation thus far.

The entire staff of Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp acknowledges that God has blessed and kept His hand over the camp. Praise and thanks is due His Name for the blessings, the protection and for the very fine weather throughout the camping season.

To Be Dietitian at Reedley

Winnipeg, Man. — Miss Lorraine Brown, teacher at the Glenwood School in St. Vital for the past two years, left July 31 for Reedley, Calif., where she will serve as dietitian at the King's View Hospital.

Miss Brown is entering the service program of the Mennonite Central Committee. She was gold medalist in the 1955 graduating class in home economics at the University of Manitoba.

A member of the Elmwood M. B. Church, Miss Brown is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brown of Winnipeg (formerly of Gretna and Winkler).

Four Baptized at Lindbrook Church

Lindbrook, Alta. — Four believers were baptized and received into the Lindbrook M. B. Church on July 26. They were Mr. and Mrs. Abe Wittenberg, Helmut Dueck and Alfred Riediger.

The guest speaker was Rev. Jacob Dueck from Coaldale, Alta., while Rev. P. J. Warkentin of Lindbrook performed the baptism.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

National Workers' Conference

National church workers from all of our Congo fields attended a national workers' conference at Lusenvu. National brethren and missionaries discussed church policies and problems which arise in the building of the national church. Similar meetings have been held before, but on no previous occasion was such personal participation manifested. It was most encouraging to note the growing alertness of the national church to its responsibilities. The meeting also revealed the tremendous adjustment necessary between mission and national church to face the new day in Africa.

Another Couple for Ecole Belle Vue

Brother and Sister Harold Harms are joining the staff of Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo under the Congo Inland Mission with whom our mission cooperatively operates Ecole Belle Vue. The Harmses are members of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren Church of Dallas, Oregon. He will serve as a teacher in the school and she will assist in the music department and the general administration of the boarding. Mrs. Harms is a registered nurse.

Congo Missionaries on Furlough

Sisters Arlene Gerdes and Sarah Peters were scheduled to leave the Congo by plane on August 7 for Belgium. From Belgium Sister Gerdes was to travel to her home at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, for an urgently-needed furlough. Pray that she may find needed physical recuperation and rest in the homeland. Sister Peters is joining Sister Helen Toews for specialized medical studies in Belgium during the coming year.

Prayer Needed

Gareth, eight-year-old son of Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld, submitted to a second operation in a Winnipeg hospital. The final result of this major surgery has not yet been predicted. His serious illness may prevent the planned return of his parents to Austria in September where their services are urgently needed. May we therefore pray earnestly for Gareth and for the Lord's guidance and direction in the return of Brother and Sister Neufeld to Austria. Mail will reach the Neufeld family at Steinbach, Manitoba.

Tent Campaign in Neuwied

A tent evangelistic campaign is to be held in Neuwied, Germany, from August 30 to September 13. Brother H. H. Janzen will be the evangelist; Brother Cornelis Balzer of Winnipeg, now studying in Detmold, Germany, will be the musical director, and Sister Balzer, pianist.

Let us remember these services in our intercession.

A baptism in the Neuwied Mennonite Brethren Church is scheduled for the middle of August. Vacation Bible school was to be conducted in four classes from July 28 to August 7. Among the students planning to attend were about a dozen children from Mennonite Brethren families scattered in northern Germany. Some of the food to board the children was provided by MCC.

A meeting of all Mennonite Brethren workers and students in Europe is to be held August 10 to 14 at Bienenberg in Switzerland. Invited are Congo missionaries studying in Belgium, regular workers in Austria and Germany and folks studying in Europe. The meeting will be held for purposes of Christian fellowship and consideration of mutual concerns.

Language Study in Brazil

The Brazil mission is looking forward to the coming of Brother and Sister John J. Klassen, who, the Lord willing, will leave New York on August 27 by plane and arrive in Brazil the next day. The Klasens will first enter language school at Campinas to acquire the Portuguese language before going into actual service. During the present year the Kenneth Gerbrandts are in language school and the Peter Hueberts in Bible school. The latter two couples will take up work at the mission this fall.

To Visit Colombia

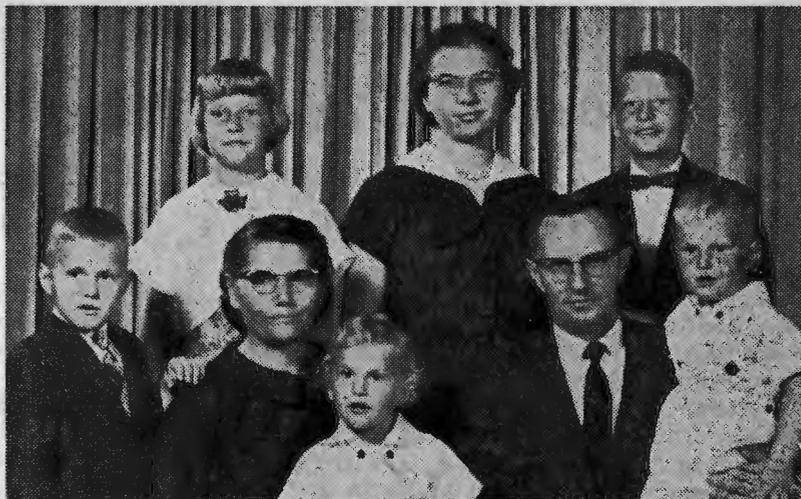
Brethren Jacob A. Loewen and David Wirsche will be completing their summer literacy work in Panama about mid-August. From Panama they plan to travel to Colombia, where they will spend about a week and then arrive in Hillsboro the last week in August.

HCJB Response Increasing

From HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, Sister Sally Schroeder writes: "Our mail response during the past year has increased steadily. We receive letters from a large number of countries which shows us that German-speaking folks live in all parts of the world. We have heard from Africa, Indonesia, Turkey, Iraq, Iran, Jerusalem, to mention a few of the stranger places. Most of the mail comes from Germany."

Visit Morro Homes

Brother and Sister H. K. Warkentin write of the blessings of the Lord in their work and visits among our churches and mission work in Paraguay. The films have been appreciated by the people and a good number have made decisions for the Lord. Their program in Paraguay included a visit to Morro Indian territory. Brother Warkentin took pictures of their way of living in



RETURNING TO PARAGUAY: Brother and Sister Jacob H. Franz and children, Ernest, 5, Eleanor, 9, Karen, 3, Esther, 16, Herman, 12, and Kenneth, 3, are returning to Paraguay for mission work among the Indians there. Esther is remaining in the homeland. The rest of the family was due to leave in early August for another six years in mission work.

huts, but no Morros were seen. The party of 10 Fernheim people and missionaries included Sister Kornelius Isaak. A service was held on the spot where Brother Isaak was wounded. Early in August the Warkentins planned to go on to Montevideo, Uruguay, and Bage, Brazil. Let us continue to pray for the Warkentins in their ministry of preparing missionary films and visiting and encouraging the churches and missions.



DORMITORY FOR GIRLS on Yalwe Sanga mission station, Paraguay. Houseparents and teachers supervise the children.

Dormitory facilities for the new school for Paraguayan children on Yalwe Sanga station are rather primitive. The boys occupy the little houses in which the Indian Christians formerly lived before they moved into a larger piece of ground. Pictured is a neatly-built dormitory for girl students. The children are all under close supervision by the houseparents and the teachers of the school.

Vacation Bible School in Mexico

From San Miguel, Mexico, Brother Alfredo Villarreal writes: "We are happy and give thanks to God for the way He has been saving souls during the last week of vacation Bible school. Some of the children were saved and also here at San Miguel two ladies and one man received Christ as Savior. Pray that these new converts may follow the Lord faithfully."

Native Pastor's Wife Dies

A cable from Brother Lim Khi Thin in Indonesia reported that Sister Lim Khi Thin went to be with the Lord on August 23. Sister Thin had been very ill for some time. In spite of three surgeries which the

doctors performed to remove the ailment from her body, the soul of Sister Lim Khi Thin finally slipped away into eternity. Her help will be greatly missed by her husband, and her service among the women and children not soon forgotten by the Chinese people of Indonesia. The Lord in His providence called her unto Himself. May He also comfort the heart of Brother Lim Khi Thin and the seven children of the family.

Shortly before her passing, Brother Paul Bartel of Hong Kong called on Sister Lim Khi Thin and her family while visiting a number of mission churches in Indonesia. In a letter to Sister Paulina Foote, Brother Bartel reported on his visit as follows: "Sister Lim Khi Thin was resigned and praised God for His goodness. Folks here (evidently the Christians of their work at Gentung) have been very kind and helpful to them, and she is getting good care in this hospital. I told her I had come to visit her in your behalf and she seemed so deeply grateful for the visit and prayer together. They have one son in the Bible college at Malang. The youngest is a son about 13 years. The older ones help in the work at Gentung."

Get Needed Rest

Most of the Japan missionaries are getting several weeks of needed rest in August from their strenuous duties. Working in Osaka's hot and humid climate, they find a period of relaxation at the mission camp at Karuizawa most profitable.

Several missions in Japan have expressed interest in cooperating in our Bible school program. Another meeting with interested missions will discuss the possibility further on September 10.

Extension Possibilities in Japan

A constant concern of our missionaries is to reach as many people for Christ in their areas as possible. Several new areas of work for our Japan mission have been suggested by Brother Kitano. One is at the end of one of the subway

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Little children can learn to trust the Lord Jesus while quite young. All of you can ask Jesus to help you whenever you have problems. The following story shows how a little girl trusted Jesus to make her well.

Marion was a sick little girl as her daddy went off to work in the morning. On the way to work, he called at the doctor's house and asked the doctor to come and examine Marion. When the doctor looked at Marion, he looked very grave. He told Marion's mother to keep her in bed, for her temperature was very high and he was afraid of what might happen.

Night came, but Marion could not sleep, for her little head ached, her throat was swollen—and she hated the medicine the doctor had left. She felt so sorry for herself that she started to cry. Just then a verse from the Bible flashed through her mind: "If ye shall ask anything in my Name, I will do it." In simple, childlike faith she prayed: "Please, Lord Jesus, make Thy little lamb better. Amen." In a few minutes she fell into a quiet, restful sleep.

Next day the doctor called again. He was quite surprised at the progress of his little patient. "Mrs. Brown," he said, "your daughter is much better today. Keep her in bed today and she will be able to get out of bed tomorrow."

When Marion heard this, she smiled to herself. When the doctor and her mother had left the room, she said softly, "Thank you, dear Lord, for making me better."

You, too, can take all your problems to the Lord Jesus. He will hear you when you pray. Now sometimes when we ask for something He will say no, but that will be only because He knows it will be better for us if we do not get what we want. And if we, for example, are sick for a longer period of time, Jesus may want to use us in a special way while we are ill.

Love, Aunt Selma.

The Story of Alban

About 300 years after the birth of Christ, there lived in the town of Verulamium, 25 miles from London, a wealthy Briton called Alban. He was a heathen, but was loved and trusted by all for his generosity and kindness. Throughout the Roman Empire a cruel persecution was being waged against the Christians. It even reached far away Britain where the Roman soldiers were ordered to arrest all the followers of Christ. At Verulamium dwelt an old Christian priest named Amphibalus. He fled to Alban for help.

"My master," pleaded the old man, "hide me and God will reward you; I have done no evil. I am a Christian, that is all."

"Come in," said Alban kindly, "for I have heard no ill of the Christians."

The soldiers did not think of looking for Amphibalus in the house of a heathen, so for some time the old man lived there in peace. Daily he talked with Alban telling him the story of Christ. But one day the soldiers came.

"Quick," said Alban to the aged Christian, "give me your garment." And, hastily removing his own beautiful robe, he threw it over the shoulders of Amphibalus. He thrust a purse of gold into his hand and

said, "Go quickly, my servant will show you a way out."

The soldiers rushed into the house, and seeing a figure wrapped in a priest's robe with a cowl over his head, they arrested him and took him to the Roman Governor. Great was the Governor's astonishment and anger when he discovered what had happened.

"Tell me where the Christian is hiding, and offer sacrifices to the gods to show your sorrow for what you have done," ordered the angry Governor.

"I cannot," replied Alban, "I have become a Christian. These gods teach men to be cruel and wicked. I would rather believe in the God of Amphibalus, who teaches people to love one another, and who sent His Son to save us from our sins and to give us a new life."

He was then beaten and tortured, but refused to deny Christ. "Take him away," cried the Governor, "let him be put to death."

The soldiers led Alban out of the town. With tears and sobs a great crowd of people followed him. On a grassy slope, where the children used to play in the sun, the captain of the guard ordered a soldier to carry out the execution. "I cannot," he exclaimed, throwing the great sword

on the ground. "This is a holy man, I cannot kill him, I would rather die." "Then you shall," replied the Roman captain, and drawing his own sword he slew them both.

So they died, these two brave Christian men. In later years the name of the town in which Alban lived was changed from Verulamium to St. Albans. A church was afterwards built on the place where he died. To it, for many centuries, came people to remember St. Alban. While some, no doubt, made this pilgrimage for wrong motives, to many must have come fresh strength and inspiration as they remembered the man who loved Christ above all else. On the ruins of the first Church a beautiful Abbey was built, which still commemorates the name of this first Christian martyr in Britain.

Bluebells

Paul liked flowers. He had his favourites among wild flowers and of them he loved bluebells best. His real home was in the country, but he lived part of the year in London with his father and mother. But it was the country he liked, the fields and woods. Perhaps one reason why he did not like London was because he heard of children living in crowded streets where no flowers grew, and then too there was a hospital near his home and he was sad when he thought of sick children in it, for he had been ill once and did not like it at all! So though Paul was only five he wanted to do something to please "some ill little boy."

One day something happened that gave him an idea. The postman handed in a parcel addressed to Paul himself. It was not very big and it did not weigh heavy. Paul felt very important as he sat on the floor and tried to open it. When at last he lifted the lid of the little box, what do you think he saw? Bluebells! It was filled with his own favourite bluebells. So Paul began to sort them out. He put some in little glasses and tied some up in bunches and put them in water "to keep them fresh" he said.

That afternoon when he went out for a walk with his furse he took some of his bunches of flowers with him, and then he asked her to go along the street where the hospital was. Just as they got near it, Paul left his nurse and ran up the steps of the hospital and began to speak to the porter at the door. As Nurse hurried after him the porter said, "All right, I'll look after him" and led Paul away.

He took him along a corridor to the door of a ward and spoke to a nurse there. "This little man has brought some flowers. He wants to give them himself to a little boy. I think you have one in here?"

"Yes," said she smiling, "and it's a funny thing, but one little boy was crying for some flowers just before he went to sleep."

She took Paul's hand and led him to the bed of a little boy not much older than himself, who lay fast asleep with one or two tears hardly dried on his cheeks. The nurse whispered, "He will be pleased when he wakes up. And the best of it is, it was bluebells he was crying for!" So Paul put four little bunches of bluebells on the bed, two at each side of the pillow, and went home a very happy little boy to tell his mother the story.

The Lord Jesus loved both these little boys and He knew just what each of them wanted. Wasn't it lovely that He sent Paul to give the ill little boy the very flowers he was crying for?

Exciting African Adventures

By Charles Ludwig

Each \$1.25

Chuma

This is a story for girls and concerns a little native girl in Africa whose father is a witch doctor. After much persecution she is allowed to go to the "Day of Rest" school.

Chuma Finds a Baby

This little African girl and her friend discover the tiny infant in an abandoned cooking pot out in the jungle. How they came to rescue it and keep it alive, and hidden from the witch doctor, makes an exciting story. For Junior-age girls.

Man-Eaters and Masai Spears

Missionary Green and the boys visit the Masai tribe, famous for its spears. A vicious witch doctor proves to be their worst obstacle, but the tribe hears the gospel.

Rogue Elephant

A "killer" elephant prevents natives from hearing Missionary Green and the gospel. Green and his boys track him down and are saved from the "cooking pot."

Man-Eaters Don't Knock

Simba (powerful man-eating lion) makes off with several full-grown men before Missionary Green and his native boys, Ndama and Ochella, go about the hunt. Even though tied by a malicious enemy, Ndama manages to spear the lion after getting free. He even forgives his enemy, who in turn provides the land for a new missionary station.

Man-Eaters Claw

A leopard is making off with the goats and other animals of people. Strangely enough, while the hunt is on for the leopard, money and other valuables disappear from the houses. It is also very strange that only the marks of one paw are visible at most of the places where the leopard was supposed to have gone. Only after some really exciting experiences was Ndama able to discover who the real culprit was.

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But Not Forsaken ☆

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(21st Installment)

"What was that like?" Hansie was sitting next to Franz, watching him with admiration.

Franz looked at Maria and decided not to go into detail. "Oh, it wasn't so very nice. I felt like a bird out of a cage, too, when I got out. But let's talk about something else. What class are you in at school, Hans?"

"Just the fifth," Hansie replied, studying his plate soberly. "If we hadn't had to stop school so often, I could be in the seventh."

"Yes, I know all about that," Franz said sympathetically. "My school days stopped long before they should have. But you just work hard, Hans, and you'll catch up."

"Now that I'm home," Maria heard herself say, "I can start helping Hansie more with his work, and Rosie, too. Camp life is far from normal, but just being with the children is so wonderful."

From there the conversation went to matters of interest to Rosie and Hans, subjects which Franz introduced and carried along with enthusiasm. He seemed to be enjoying himself, Maria mused, as she sat back resting and listening, trying to catch up with the activities and thoughts of her children. How fine it would be to have a man in Hansie's life!

She hated to interrupt, but the clatter of dishes in the neighboring rooms had ceased. Everywhere people were hurrying to the dishwashing room, each person washing his own or his family's dishes in the huge kettle of steaming water.

"Rosie and Hans, won't you go and wash the dishes as you did this noon?" Maria suggested gently.

"Oh, Mom, couldn't Rosie do it by herself? I went for the supper."

"No, I think you'd better do it together."

"But when we finally get our turn in the long line and get back, it will be time to go to bed," Hansie objected again.

"We'll see lots more of each other, fellow," Franz assured him. "I was wondering if you wouldn't take a hike with me tomorrow after school."

"I surely would!" Hansie's eyes gleamed as he and Rosie disappeared with the carefully stacked dishes.

Maria watched them go to be sure they were really gone, and then she closed the curtain and sat down across from Franz.

"Now, Franz, while the children are gone, I'll tell you a little about

us, and then I want to know what brought you here."

In a few words Maria summarized her story, describing briefly her trek, her reunion with and loss of Hans, Lenie's death, crossing the border, and the truck ride to safety at Gronau.

"And, Franz, I give God the glory for it all. Why didn't we share the fate of Tante Anni?" She shook her head. "God must have had a purpose, that's all I can figure out."

"But you, Franz, tell me your story, quickly, before the children come back."

"It's much the same as yours, Cousin Maria, up to the day Mother disappeared in Poland. Elizabeth and Mother and I stayed together as long as we could, but you know how it was. We always had too much food to die, but not really enough to live. Finally Elizabeth and I just had to look for work. She was twenty and I was sixteen at the time. That was while the Germans were still occupying Poland. We found jobs within fifty miles of Mother. Then one day when I came home from work, there was a letter for me. Report to the German Wehrmacht, or pay the death penalty. I reported.

"I kept in touch with Mother and Elizabeth even after we were forced back to Germany. But soon after the Russians came into Poland, Elizabeth went to visit Mother, and she was gone. She would not have gone off without giving us word, unless one thing had happened. Elizabeth searched for days, but there was no trace of her any place.

"Toward the end of the war the Germans got less choosy about age and experience requirements for their Secret Service men. One day, without asking any opinions from me, they gave me orders to transfer to the S.S. My commanding officer liked my looks; I was quite a bit huskier than I am now and they liked my big build."

Franz stopped and looked at Maria strangely. "I've got the S.S. blood type mark, Maria, on my arm. It might mean that I can't emigrate to Canada as a lot of the fellows are doing."

He whispered it, and Maria nodded understandingly. It was not something people liked to talk about.

"I guess your work in the S.S. was pretty unpleasant, wasn't it, Franz?" she asked.

"It seemed adventuresome to a lot of young men, but some of the things we had to do were hell on

earth, Maria. I'm sure you've seen enough horrors that I don't have to add to your collection.

"When the war ended in May of 1945, I was fortunately sent to an American prisoner-of-war camp. I say fortunately, because when I went through Berlin I saw a good many prisoners-of-war from Russia returning to their families, and I don't covet their experiences."

Maria knew what he meant, for she, too, had seen a few of them.

"I remember a man searching for his wife and two children in Berlin," Franz continued. "If he ever found her, she must have had a terrible shock because he went away from home strong and healthy and returned a physical and mental wreck. He needed two canes to hobble on; his trousers scarcely held together.

"I saw another one lying in a ditch. A group of people were standing watching him. Curiosity got the best of all of us and we stopped to look. His leg was bloody and he was a dreadful yellow color. The doctor said all he needed was rest and food, but that was more than he could give him.

"Right after the war, before the Americans had a chance to get their PW camps set up, I was in a temporary prisoner camp at Kreuznach. It was pretty rugged. But I wasn't in that camp long. Most of those who were left there were discharged after six months. But since I had been in the S.S., they transferred me to Regensburg for two or three years.

"That was when, Franz?"

"At the end of 1945," he replied, continuing hurriedly, as if to get his story over with as soon as possible.

"The morale in those camps is wretched, Maria. At Regensburg there was always enough to eat, but it was the terrible monotony that almost drove us crazy. If you think life is monotonous here, you ought to see what it's like in a P.W. camp."

"What were your living quarters like there, Franz?" Maria asked.

"They were barracks which the Germans had used for their own prisoners. They were much the same, when it comes to comfort, as any refugee camp is inside." He smiled briefly.

"As I was saying, Maria, the worst thing about it was the lack of spirit and morale. The young fellows, having lost their faith in Nazism, were left without anything. Life had no meaning. Might made right. Sometimes I wondered myself if there was a difference between right and wrong. People didn't care what they did or said because they didn't believe in anything and didn't have any hope in God at all. It was terrible."

He ran his fingers through his hair, gazing hard at the floor.

"Then one day the most amazing thing happened. I had come in from my work on the grounds and was

about to wash for supper when I met an American officer in the hall. He told me that someone had come to see me. He moved a little, and a young man stepped out from behind him. He wasn't much older than I. He grabbed my hand and talked to me in Platt. I couldn't believe my ears. I took him into my room, and he told me that he represented our brethren in the United States and Canada."

Franz paused for a moment, and Maria noticed that he blushed. "We talked for hours, and I guess I shed a few tears. When he left, he told me that he would pray for me and that the MCC would intercede to try to help me get an early release. Within six months, I got my papers. Naturally, I came right to Gronau."

"I guess the MCC has put in a word for several Mennonite boys in PW camps," Maria said to break Franz's awkward silence. She was glad the story was finished when the children pushed through the curtain, dutifully put the dishes back in their place on the end of the table, and sat down on both sides of Franz.

"Where do you live, Franz?" Rosie asked.

"Oh, I live in the bachelor's room," Franz laughed. "You know, that's up on the second floor."

"Why aren't you married, Franz?" This again from Rosie.

"Don't you think that's asking Cousin Franz a rather personal question?" Maria chuckled. She thought Hansie was unpredictable, but this from Rosie! Then she looked at Franz for his answer. After all, she was curious about it herself.

He grinned his carefree grin that lied to the world that he had no troubles.

"Who, me? Never. I'm a woman hater, that is, except for little Rosie here."

Luckily, Maria thought, Hansie didn't notice Rosie's sudden change of color.

"Me, too," Hansie announced firmly. "Girls, bah!"

This was too much for Rosie. "Maybe Franz is a woman hater," she declared, "but not you, Hansie. Just this afternoon I saw you and I'm—"

"Be quiet, will you?" Hansie was on his feet, pushing Rosie against the west wall. A scream on the other side of the blanket and a crash followed. Franz led them all in racing to the next room. Maria followed close on his heels, apologizing profusely to the old couple who were picking up a chair and some tin plates from the floor.

"It's all right," the old doctor laughed. "It scared Mom for a minute, but otherwise just broke the monotony of the evening."

They chatted merrily for a few more minutes, and Maria's family returned to their room.

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Relates Experiences in

The Establishment of a Native Church

By Nettie Berg

We gathered in our grass-bamboo church for the initial service of the Lusemvu bi-annual field conference here on the Congo field on Sunday morning, June 28. The red-earth floor had been freshly wetted down. Two vases of lovely flowers adorned the pulpit, just new out of the carpenter shop. James, our native leader, outfitted almost uncomfortably in his Sunday best, greeted the assembly with words of encouragement. He reminded his fellow Christians of the difference between such a gathering in brotherly love and the enmities and wars of their forefathers. Prayer followed for God's blessing upon the days to come.

Brother William Baerg then greeted the audience: "These days the call went out into the regions for the Christians to come in for a time of feeding on God's Word. But where are the Christians of the Lusemvu field? Our church is filled, but all those benches outside under the trees should be filled, too. Would to God that the Mupende tribe would awaken and arise out of its sleep of sin. When that day will come, our church will be crowded, and there will be a rumbling of approaching feet to fill the grounds round about. But today the Bapende are still asleep. Where are the Christians from Kiambu? One, two hands. From Kitobe? None. From Yongo? One. The villages are so close by; they can hear our drum inviting them, but their hearts are hard. May God give us fire during these days of conference." A solemn hush fell over the audience in the realization of the grim truth of this timely admonition.

Preacher Nominates Himself

This conference was a special one. It marked the formal beginning of the Lusemvu native church. The station is relatively young, and many stumbling blocks have been in the way. Even now, when looking up the register of Christians in the field, we find many names, but few remain who bear record of a clean life. Therefore, it is a step of real courage to begin with this small nucleus. In the business sessions, leaders were elected and others who had already been serving received a confirmation of office. When nominations for preachers were to be given, our brother Philemon wasted no time saying: "Write down my name." Such things are but growing pains which, the Lord willing, will disappear as maturity takes the place of childhood.

Several conversations overheard here and there: "What, do we worship (kusamba) again? Three times

a day?" "Yes, I am not tired of it, are you? These days we are eating good food." Another one: "Mama, sell me some sardines for we have nothing to give to the strangers in our house." (The Christians from the regions were to bring their food, but these that Laurent put up in his house had evidently found it more convenient to depend on their host's generosity than to carry a basket of food along to Lusemvu.)

40 Baptismal Candidates

God's Word was broken to us in abundance; each one received for himself what his Christian life required. We will not forget the message on the call from Nineveh and disobedient Jonah. Then we had the privilege to listen to the testimonies of about 40 baptismal candidates. The large majority were teen-agers and young people. How different the story of their childhood from that of our children at home. I wonder what you fathers and mothers at home would think if you could have heard our teen-age girls (just as precious a girl as your daughter) confessing not only lies and stealing, but adultery and drunkenness. God has spared your daughter such mire of sin; He wants to rescue these out of it.

Said Brother Baerg after we had heard the testimony of a 10-year-old girl: "Such a young girl, her parents are heathen. When she finishes school here on the mission, who will nurture her in the ways of the Lord? Are we all raising our hands just to have her baptized or are we willing to think of the good of this girl and of the church in the future?" An elder (still lacking a bit of elderly wisdom) responded: "I want to ask, when a school boy wants to eat his food, does he still need his father and mother to feed him, or can he eat by himself?" Another elder (with a bit more elderly wisdom) replied: "You put away your good-for-nothing parables. It doesn't hurt such a child to wait a year or two for baptism until we will see by the fruit if there is real life or not." That settled the question.

Fruit Needed

Another girl had beautifully presented her testimony. It sounded good to the ear, but then someone asked: "Does the Word of God not say, 'By their fruits ye shall know them'? When this girl has been invariably heading down the water path at 6 a.m. when the bell rang for service, does such fruit indicate new life?"

The chief of the Kanapumba village then told us the story of his conversion: "Tata Buschman put a

teacher in my village. The teacher often sang the song, 'Yesu Klisto futaka' ('Jesus Paid It All'). That touched my heart. I had two wives. I put one away because I read the Word of God. Although I am chief of the village, I need God to help me, and He does. When the bell rings for service, God knocks on my heart and says: 'Go to service!' I have shown two boys—Tricot and Minsadi—the way to Jesus. Even if you would say I am not a Christian, God Himself knows I have run away from Satan and have given myself to God."

Awakening Noticeable

On the whole we notice that the Christians are beginning to awaken to their responsibilities. There is also a noticeable desire to take hold of the "shovel" to clear away the debris of sin that has been festering in their lives for months or even years. One brother confessed: "I have fallen; I have sinned gravely before God and the Church. Please forgive me." They also show a growing desire to take hold of the "hammer" to build. When Brother Baerg asked: "Tomorrow is our last day; what if we will not get through with our work, will you all leave for the villages?"

"No," was the unanimous answer, "we will stay another day to finish the work."

Above all we have noticed how the Word of God is working. That is our hope for Lusemvu. And we will not be disappointed if you our friends at home will help to swing this hammer, the Word of God, through your prayers.

M. B. Mission Notes

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lines of southern Osaka. The other is a promising field where many large business dormitories and many apartment buildings are going up. Pray that it may be possible for us to expand our Gospel witness in Japan to reach others for Christ.

Visit Japan Churches

Brother Jonathan Bartel is visiting all of our churches in Japan before fully entering into the work in the Kasugade and Minato churches. These other churches are Amagasaki, Ishibashi, Nagase, and Hirano. Continuing to serve in the young people's work at Kasugade and Minato will be Sister Rubena Gunther. Her other work includes radio and literature work and high school Bible classes.

Summer Giving Needed

Praise is due unto the Lord for sending funds through His children in the churches to enable the foreign missions treasury to pay all salaries during June, July and August. May we pray that it may be possible to remit all the financial needs to the various fields and pay all missionary allowances during the balance of the year.

Work Among Russians In Hong Kong



Brother P. P. Pauls (right) is pictured with Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Egoroff, who entered Hong Kong late in 1958. A blind minister, Rev. Egoroff was pastor of a Russian Methodist Church in northern China. The Egoroffs hoped to immigrate to the United States, where he anticipated a ministry in a Russian church in San Francisco.

Brother P. P. Pauls has received support through the Board of Foreign Missions for a ministry among Russian refugees in Hong Kong. In his last report to the office, he expresses gratitude for this assistance with which it was possible to begin this work. "This labor among the Russians has not been in vain," he writes. "Although there is opposition in almost every hotel in which the immigrants live, I have had wonderful conversations with these Russian folks. Just recently a Jewess asked for a Bible. She couldn't get a copy in Tientsin. About two weeks ago an elderly Russian lady made her decision for Christ—the first since I am here. Two days later she departed for Australia."

Calling All Nurses

Yes, Doctor

By Merle Shepard Baird

Here is the rollicking, yet intensely moving story of Diane Gordon, student nurse. Enjoy with her the hilarious experience of living, laughing, studying—yes, and crying in the "sacred" halls of the student nurses' home and in the City Hospital. Watch and listen as "probie" nurse Diane gives her first patient a bath and observes her first operation.

Of greater importance, however, is the reassurance Diane Gordon finds in the fact that Christianity is both workable and practical in these surroundings.

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Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

3,000 Attend 11th YFC World Congress

Youth for Christ opened its 11th World Congress on August 2, with over 3,000 delegates and visitors crowding into one of Mexico City's largest Protestant churches, the "La Fe en Jesucristo." The delegates divided into teams following the rally and conducted 79 youth meetings across Mexico City in churches of various denominations. The teams will continue this program throughout one entire week and will then spread across the nation for post-Congress campaigns.

The Rev. Alejandro Portugal, Jr., led the meeting, assisted by various members of the local Youth for Christ Committee. Congress sessions were held daily in the Holy Trinity Methodist church and the Balderas Methodist church. Congress music was directed by Gene Jordan of radio station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, assisted by various members of the Youth for Christ organization.

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To Open Israel Institute of Biblical Studies

A party of 12 students and faculty members left New York for a six-month study at the Israel-American Institute of Biblical Studies in Jerusalem, Israel. The group was accompanied by the Director of the Institute, the Dean of Trinity Seminary in Chicago, Dr. G. Douglas Young and Mrs. Young and by another board member and the party photographer, Mr. Charles Woehrl. The Institute is an educational center in Israel where post-collegiate American theological students are given specialized training for given periods of six months by a combined American and Israeli faculty. The courses emphasize the geography, history and archaeology of the land where the Bible was given. The church history of the Holy Land and the development of Jewish thought under the influence of the rebirth of the State of Israel are also given prominence.

The beginning of classes at the Institute climaxes three years of work on the part of Dr. G. Douglas Young, Dean of Chicago's Trinity Seminary, and members of the Institute's board of directors. The idea to organize the inter-denominational educational center in the Bible lands was conceived in Jerusalem in 1956.

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Part of 'Rush to the Rockies' Centennial

Another large-scale sacred music production will be held August 21 under the stars at the world-famous Red Rocks amphitheatre at Den-

ver, Col. Last summer's premier presentation attracted an overflow crowd of 10,500 persons, the second largest in the 20-year history of the magnificent outdoor theater, and resulted in the sponsors being invited to return this year and repeat the performance as a feature attraction of the Colorado "Rush to the Rockies" centennial celebration.

"Music for America," sponsor of the event, announced that Ralph Carmichael will again direct the production with the Starlight concert orchestra under his baton. Vocal artists Bill Carle, Frank Boggs, Beth Farnam, J. T. Adams, and Evangeline Carmichael will sing. Pianists will be Charles Magnuson and Kurt Kaiser. A 200-voice choir directed by Jack Coleman and co-ordinated by Bob Ashton will be featured on the program, which will be produced by Cy Jackson.

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Father Ordains Son

"Like father, like son" proved to be true recently at the Evangelical Free Church in Coralville, Iowa, when Dr. William Culbertson, president of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, brought the charge to the candidate at the ordination of his son, the Rev. W. Robert Culbertson, into the Gospel ministry. The younger Culbertson is serving as pastor of the Evangelical Free Church of Coralville, a suburb of Iowa City. He is a graduate of Trinity Seminary and Bible College, Chicago, the training center of the Evangelical Free Church of America, and had a student-pastorate at Schiller Park, Illinois, while in seminary. Dr. Culbertson and wife worship at the Evangelical Free Church in Evanston, Illinois, where he teaches an adult Bible class.

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Lutheran Missionaries Opened 17 New Fields

Lutheran missionaries have been sent out to open new fields in 17 countries in the past decade, a Lutheran World Federation official reported recently. Eight of these fields were in Latin America, six in Asia and three in Africa.

Director Arne Sovik of the LWF Department of World Mission told its advisory commission at the opening of the commissions' tenth anniversary meeting in Nyborg, Denmark. "The number of overseas staff of all-Lutheran and largely Lutheran mission-sending agencies has risen from about 2,500 in 1950 to about 3,800 in 1958—a fifty per cent increase," he said. On the other side of the ledger, he said, the past decade has seen Lutheran mission-

aries cut off from their fields of labor in two countries: China in 1949 and Iraq in 1958.

The federation official reported that, although "growth (in foreign missionary figures) has been most pronounced in Germany," nearly all the European and North American Lutheran mission agencies have added to their manpower and budgets during the ten-year period. On the other hand, he pointed out that Lutherans in an Asian country—India—last year began contributing "both a man and some funds to new work begun in Tanganyika . . . besides carrying . . . an expanded program in an unreached area in India."

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Begins Unusual Ministry

Wilbur Nelson, director of the Morning Chapel Hour radio program, has resigned as pastor of the Grace Church, Huntington Park, California. He will continue his broadcast and at the same time engage in a unique evangelistic ministry. He will be ministering to churches that are temporarily without a pastor and who would like a guest preacher for two or three months. He will serve in any part of the United States or Canada. (Recently Nelson was named president of California Bible Broadcasters and Telecasters Association,

a newly organized fellowship of evangelical broadcasters who subscribe to a self-imposed code of ethics designed to strengthen their ministry.)

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China Hero Visits U.S.

Miss Gladys Aylward, acclaimed internationally for long years of heroic missionary service after her life story as "The Small Woman" was condensed by Reader's Digest and portrayed in a current Hollywood film, "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness," is midway through her first American speaking tour of churches and civic clubs.

Overflow crowds heard her speak during July in Washington and Oregon. In August and September she will speak at Protestant churches throughout the New York area, before journeying to Chicago on October 4 for an address at The Moody Church. She then will return to the East Coast for more engagements in several states.

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Trouble is only opportunity in work clothes.

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Speak Up On CBC!

The CBC board of directors has asked cities and municipalities across the country to form volunteer committees and report on whether they like what they hear and see on CBC—and why.

Each mayor and reeve receiving the letter was asked to form a committee of 15 viewers and listeners that would represent a cross-section of the community. They would be expected to report monthly.

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Fishermen Strike Ends

British Columbia's 5,000 salmon net fishermen returned to the fishing grounds Saturday after a two-week strike, while 4,000 workers in the industry will return to work as soon as they are called.

The United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union announced the return to work only a few weeks before the fishing season is due to pass its peak. The settlement calls for a two-year contract which gives slightly higher minimum prices than last year.

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Isolate Brain Chemical

Scientists at the Montreal Neurological Institute have isolated brain chemicals in a discovery that is heralded as more important than discoveries in the atomic field.

One of the chemicals, designated GABA, is created and used in the

brain cells themselves. It performs the job of slowing down activity in brain nerve cells and maintaining moderation of voluntary and involuntary activity.

Another chemical, called CEF, is obtained from a special rear part of the brain and is an excitatory factor. CEF and GABA seem to be related to each other much in the same way as are positive and negative charges of electricity.

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Medal for Springhill

Citizens of a town that refused to die despite three major disasters in two years, on Saturday were awarded the Royal Humane Association's Gold Medal for heroism.

Nova Scotia's Lieutenant-Governor E. C. Plow presented the medal to Springhill's Mayor Ralph Gilroy. It was the 52-year-old mayor's fighting words that rallied the townspeople through two mine disasters and a major fire.

The medal, the 19th presented by the association in 60 years, was in recognition of the town's heroism in last October's mine disaster, which took 75 lives.

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Weddings

Siemens—Janzen

Miss Erna Janzen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Janzen of Vancouver, B.C., and David Siemens, son of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Siemens of Gem, Alta., were married on August 1 in the Frasersview M. B. church, Vancouver, B.C. Rev. P. R. Toews officiated, with the groom's father also giving a message.

The groom's family motored to Vancouver for the wedding, while a sister of the bride came from Winnipeg.

During the past year the bride and groom both attended the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg.

Poggemiller—Siebert

Miss Esther Lena Siebert, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abram Siebert of Main Centre, Sask., and Helmuth Carl Poggemiller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Poggemiller of Luseland, Sask., were married on August 1 in the Herbert, Sask., M. B. church. Rev. Nick Willems of Woodrow officiated.

Both bride and groom will be teaching during the coming year.

Cohen—Martens

A marriage with an international flavour was solemnized in the Arnold Mennonite Brethren church, near Abbotsford, B.C., on July 11. Miss Margareta Martens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Martens, was united in marriage with Robert Thomas Cohen of South Africa.

Silver Wedding For Ontario Couple

Port Rowan, Ont. — Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Heinrichs, members of the M. B. Church here, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 25.

Present for the occasion were many relatives and friends from such places as St. Catharines, Hespeler, Kitchener and Chicago. Also present were the George Fauls, who recently returned from missionary service in the Congo.

Rev. Peter Reimer served as chairman and delivered the anniversary message. The choir served with several songs.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Traber, 107 Cambrian Drive, Calgary, a son, Dale James—a brother for Bernice.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Quapp, 1737—1st Ave. N.W., Calgary, a son, Daryl James—a brother for the twins, Karen and Garry.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hildebrandt, 825—23rd Ave. N.H., Calgary, a son, Weldon Roy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nightingale of Tofield, Alta., a son, Douglas Howard, on July 23, 1959.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Baerg of Tofield, a son, Wesley Paul, on July 24, 1959.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Martens of Main Centre, Sask., a boy, Douglas James, on July 24.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Wall of Main Centre, Sask., a boy, Garth Kelly, on July 24.

Obituaries

Mr. D. K. Froese

Mr. David K. Froese, 81, of Steinbach, Man., passed away on June 27 at the Steinbach Hospital after suffering a stroke on June 13. Funeral services were held from the Steinbach M. B. church on July 1. Rev. Jacob P. Epp delivered the message. Also taking part in the service were Rev. Wm. Schroeder and Rev. H. Regehr, pastor.

Mr. Froese was born August 25, 1877, in South Russia. In 1903 he

was married to Justina Kasper, a union that lasted 36 years. Eleven children entered this family, with five preceding him in death: three in infancy, Justina at the age of 18, and Mrs. John Olfert at the age of 36.

In 1911 the late Mr. Froese accepted Christ as Saviour and was received into the M. B. Church upon baptism. The family migrated to Canada in 1926, acquiring a farm at Sperling in 1927. The next move was to Gruenthal, where the family lived from 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Froese lived in Abbotsford, B.C., for a short time in the 1940's, but returned to Steinbach.

The first wife of the late Mr. Froese passed away in 1939. He was married again in 1940 to Elizabeth Pauls, a widow with one son, Henry Pauls of Yarrow, B.C.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and three daughters, 47 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives.

Mrs. Rita Wiebe

Mrs. Rita Wiebe of Abbotsford, B.C., passed away on Saturday, July 25, at the home of her son. Funeral services were held from the Clearbrook Mennonite Brethren church on July 30. Rev. Abram Konrad and Rev. J. Andres officiated.

1951, 41 teachers have taught a total of 54 school years in Newfoundland. They have taught in isolated, often inadequately equipped schools which would have remained closed or served by poorly qualified teachers.

Before leaving for their assignments August 11 the Newfoundland VSers are meeting in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., for a three-day stay in the vicinity. A farewell and commissioning service was planned for the group Sunday, August 9, at the First Mennonite Church, Kitchener. The farewell session, which was to point out the VS avenue of Christian service, was open to all area churches. Bishop J. B. Martin, moderator of the Ontario Mennonite Conference and MCC member, spoke and offered the commissioning prayer.

The following, identified with their designated communities, are enroute to their assigned schools: Alice Bartsch (Abbotsford, B.C., Mennonite Brethren), Doris Martin (Lancaster, Pa.)—Twillingate; Fern Cender (Gibson City, Ill.)—St. Anthony; Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Detweiler (Mio, Mich.)—Wild Cove; Marvin Friesen (Hillsboro, Kans.)—St. Anthony Bight; Harry Isaac (Meade, Kans.), Henry Kliever (Ulysses, Kans.)—Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Taylor (Bluffton, Ohio)—Wild Bight.

Nurses to join other MCC nurses and to assist with the medical service in Newfoundland are Carolyn

Swartzendruber (Minier, Ill.)—Twillingate, and Fannie Yoder (Charlottesville, Va.)—St. Anthony. Linda Yoder (Lancaster, Pa.) will begin her nursing service in January.

Haiti

Haiti appointments will have three more VSers serving in Hospital Albert Schweitzer and in community improvement work. Ronald C. Yoder (Kalona, Iowa) and James P. Schertz (Lowpoint, Ill.) will assist in a new Haitian agricultural development. Rev. Sirey, an experienced missionary, will supervise the project. Agnes Martens (Clearbrook, B.C., Mennonite Brethren) will serve as a nurse in Hospital Albert Schweitzer.

United States

Kings View Hospital, Reedley, Calif.—Mathilda Bergen (Drake, Sask.), Lorraine Brown (Winkler, Man., Mennonite Brethren), Wilma Loewen (Glenbush, Sask.). Children's Center, Laurel, Md.—Joyce Albrecht (Grabill, Ind.), Marguerite Schultz (Glendive, Mont.). Boys Village, Smithville, Ohio—Mr. and Mrs. John Thiessen (Vancouver, B.C., Mennonite Brethren). Brook Lane Farm, Hagerstown, Md.—Dorothy Delagrange (Woodburn, Ind.). Akron Staff—Rosalie Bartel (Hillsboro, Kans.), John Unruh (Freeman, S.D.), Peace Section.

Pax Leader Describes Progress

After several weeks in Greece, Pax Leader Larry Eisenbeis (Marion, S.D.) sends optimistic reports of the nation's development since 1955. Eisenbeis performed his Pax service in Tsakones, Greece, 1953-55.

"In Tsakones there are many changes since four years ago. A rash of building has occurred, including homes, barns and storage facilities for crops. Another evidence of prosperity is the many bicycles one sees about the village. Four years ago the bicycles in the village could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Virtually all the families have rabbits, whereas four years ago only two or three families kept them. Except for a few families who are at the bottom of the totem pole, the day when entire families have to work for hire to pay for the barest essentials is past.

"What I have seen of Greece seems to have progressed greatly. If the number of new gas stations is any indication of the increase in tractors, trucks and cars, it is not an over-statement to say that their number has tripled. In Salonika and Edessa modernization of stores and store-fronts, plus many new buildings, as well as an increase in variety of merchandise, goods and services is the trend."

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Executive Committee To Consider Calcutta, Hong Kong

MCC's role in helping far eastern refugees in Calcutta and Hong Kong will be high on the agenda for the executive committee meeting in Akron August 29. Executive Secretary William T. Snyder, just back from his 81-day visit to MCC overseas projects, will report observations of the needs of these two refugee concentrations as well as present other program recommendations growing out of his trip. Also scheduled during the August 29 meeting is discussion with representatives of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference concerning total MCC outreach and witness.

Twenty-Five VSers Begin Service

Twenty-five voluntary service persons who participated in orientation August 3-7 were assigned to various positions in seven locations. Newfoundland

To begin the 1959 school year in Newfoundland 10 teachers will work in six community schools. Since

The High Cost of Discrimination

(Second Installment)

Additionally, Ontario and Manitoba make illegal the inclusion of racial covenants in the renting or sale of properties within their respective boundaries. And the Ontario Labour Relations Act regards as not a collective agreement one which discriminates against persons because of race or creed.

Canada is a nation built on immigration and consequently is a melting pot in which is mixed the social and cultural distinctions of many countries. It is not necessary that minority groups should lose their cultural identity. Indeed Canada would be the poorer for such loss.

Most Canadians will agree that what we should seek is the harmonious integration of the various groups, ensuring them equal freedom to be different as long as they conform to certain common national values. One of the many advantages of this non-dogmatic outlook is that a society is able to maintain flexibility, to change as circumstances change.

It is supremely important that native-born Canadians come to appreciate the contributions made by immigrants to the growth, progress and vitality of our country and that they pass such knowledge and appreciation to their children.

Speaking on this very subject, some time ago, a U.S. citizen observed: "The Brotherhood of man is no longer a dream. It is a fact that is steadily being woven into the society of mankind." And he added: "An American mechanic, injured by a rusty nail, owes his life to the Japanese scientist, Kitasato, who isolated the germ of tetanus. A Russian general, saved by a blood transfusion, is indebted to Landsteiner, an Austrian. A German traveller is shielded from typhoid with the help of a Russian, Metchnikoff. A Dutch sailor is protected from malaria in the East Indies because of the experiments of an Italian, Grassi; while a British statesman escapes death from surgical bleeding because a Frenchman, Pasteur, and a German, Koch, elaborated a new technique."

And he might have added that millions of people are being saved from certain crippling or death because of the work of Dr. Jonas Salk, a Jewish scientist of the United States, and Canadian scientists Dr. Banting and Dr. Best.

Now, perhaps, it is time to inquire how we personally may further the cause of Brotherhood in Canada.

In the first place, we can do a great deal if we treat people as individuals, if we do not generalize about groups of people, or make scapegoats of races as answers to

the problems of our society. We can also do a great deal if we befriend those who belong to other religious, other nationalities. In this connection I should like to say a word of appreciation for the work of the devoted men and women who have welcomed immigrants to this country, have sought to help them with their problems, and to set them on the road to Canadian citizenship. It isn't easy for people to leave their homes and friends to start life afresh in a new land, but the pain of separation may be allayed by the warmth of the welcome received in a new country. If this greeting is followed by subsequent acceptance into social groups, newcomers will soon feel themselves part of the Canadian community instead of outsiders. As immigrants, or descendants of immigrants, we should be appreciative of the cultural and economic benefits which immigra-

tion has brought to this country.

In addition, if parents and teachers alike are careful never to cast aspersions on nations or races, children will not acquire the prejudices which lead to discrimination, will not regard differences in dress, in language or in culture as other than interesting characteristics of far regions of the world. Children absorb quickly the prejudices of their elders, and many a careless word, and unkind jest, has been translated into persecution on a school playground.

Of course one must not overlook the natural resilience of individuals, and their quickwittedness. I am reminded here of the arrogant native who boasted to his fellow passenger on a train that in the little village where he came from there wasn't a single Jew. His Hebrew neighbour replied quietly: "That's why it's a little village."

Many, however, haven't the wit

or, often, the language, with which to indulge in such repartee, and they suffer inwardly for the slights cast on their race, or against their appearance. What such suffering does to the personality of an individual our psychologists have pointed out from time to time. Frustration piled on slights, and neglect on unkindness, lead not only to poor work but also to poor health.

Finally, it is good policy, and only fair, too, to challenge prejudiced statements and unkind references to other people. Very seldom will such comment stand the searching light of scrutiny.

We may rejoice — and rightly so — that the moral and spiritual values that unite us are more precious than the things which divide us. But, let us at the same time be thankful for diversity — for the variety of nationalities, of cultures and of customs, which give colour and vitality to Canadian society.

MCC News

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International Youth Work Together

Mennonite Voluntary Service, a European workcamp organization supported by Mennonites of Germany, France, Holland, Switzerland and North America, is another service channel through which Pax makes a contribution. Taking part in this summer's 16 workcamps will be 300 volunteers from 25 different countries. Included in this number are 16 Paxmen. Work to be undertaken in the camps includes landscaping a new children's home, laying block for a new church and helping to build a new youth center.

From May 24 to June 27, young people from Sweden, America, Germany, Denmark, Holland, Spain and Finland stepped outside their usual roles as teachers, nurses and semi-professional laborers to spend five weeks of international fellowship. They constructed a home for retarded children at the Treffen, Austria, MVS workcamp.

Paxmen formed the backbone of the Treffen workcamp. A former Paxman, Dave Gingerich (Chappell, Neb.), writes:

"The administrator of the 'Evangelische Kinderheim' near Villach, Austria, handed over the tools, building plan and materials, along with his blessing and let the campers go ahead. The four Paxmen got things going, since no one else had the slightest idea how to go about building a house. In spite of the inexperienced workers, the house began to emerge.

"Progress, yes. Progress in international relations, human understanding and spiritual growth were

a part of our camp experience. We were a mixed group in many ways, but the diversities made little difference."

Beginning Personnel

Korea. — Harry Harms (Greendale, B.C.), who served in Pax in Taegu, Korea, 1954-1957, will return to Korea to direct the material aid distribution. He is scheduled to arrive in Korea August 26. Harms, who is replacing Joseph Smucker (Goshen, Ind.), will work with Jacob Klassen, MCC director in Korea.

Indonesia. — Having completed an orientation period at Akron MCC headquarters and at the Church World Service center in New York City, Melvin Schmidt (Newton, Kans.) has been assigned to a three-year term in Indonesia; he is scheduled to arrive in Djakarta, Indonesia, August 21.

Schmidt replaces Carl Hurst, who completed his term June 25. On loan to Indonesian Council of Churches, Schmidt's responsibilities include distribution of surplus foods and handling correspondence in behalf of the Indonesian Council of Churches. Schmidt attended Hesston College, Hesston, Kans., and is a 1959 graduate of Bethel College, North Newton, Kans.

Europe. — Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Hiebert and son Tim (Enid, Okla.) and Elsie Bechtel (Canton, Ohio) are designated to arrive in Europe August 15. They left the USA August 6 aboard the Maasdam.

Rev. Hiebert's duties as Pax pastor include visitations to European Pax units, counseling with individual Paxmen and making books available to the men through a lib-

rary service. He will also have opportunities to meet with European Mennonites. Miss Bechtel will serve as a matron at one of the Pax units.

MCC Summer Service

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Love for Patients Came Slowly

Mary Poetker, Lena, Man.

The familiar old expression, "first impressions last longest," does not always hold true. I experienced this during my first week at the Manitoba School at Portage la Prairie.

I was not totally prepared for the sights that greeted my eyes the first day that I spent in Ward M. The picture of the many helpless patients who couldn't walk or talk just made me shudder. How could I ever love these pitiful creatures, who need our love and understanding as much as anyone else?

At the end of the first day, I wondered how I would ever be able to carry on like this all summer. But I was determined that I would not give up. I prayed and asked God for courage and joy in my work. He certainly answered my prayer. My impression changed as I continued working. At the end of eight days on duty it was different. As I learned to know the patients by name, I got a greater understanding and love for them.

Many times while working with these unfortunate people I am reminded of how gracious God has been to me in giving me normal health. One day while working, the song "Count Your Blessings" came to me. The blessings that we daily receive are many, but one of the greatest is that of a sound mind.

Elmwood DVBS Has Capacity Attendance

Winnipeg, Man. — "If every child enrolled in our daily vacation Bible school would come on one evening we wouldn't know where to put them," said one of the superintendents of the Elmwood M. B. Church DVBS, held July 20 to 31. Total enrollment in the school was 268, while an average of 188 children attended the evening classes.

Fifty-five workers were active in the DVBS program of the Elmwood Church. Miss Kae Unruh served as

superintendent for the Beginner department, which had 70 children. There were 112 children in the Primary department, with Miss Nettie Kroeker and Miss Anne Voth supervising the teaching. John Boldt was superintendent of the Junior department, with 70 children enrolled, while Henry Unruh was superintendent and taught in the Intermediate department, with 16 pupils.

The committee organizing and directing the whole DVBS program included Ernie Isaac, Herman Doerksen, A. W. Schellenberg, and the pastor, Rev. I. W. Redekopp.

Several teachers from Elmwood M. B. Church also taught in the daily vacation Bible school program at Transcona earlier in July. This school was operated cooperatively by the Elmwood and North Kildonan M. B. churches.

served since returning from furlough, to the station where they served during their first term (Mat-ende, according to the *Missionary Album*). Their present address is: B.P.65, Kikwit, Congo Belge, Africa.

The annual Field Conference on the Congo field convened July 26 to August 2. Brother Dyck writes "The Lord blessed in the hours of deliberations, especially as we gathered around His Word and had fellowship in song."

Joint DVBS in Niverville

Niverville, Man. — The three Mennonite Churches of Niverville, the Chortitzer, the General Conference and the Mennonite Brethren, have promoted daily vacation Bible school jointly this year. This is the first time that this has been done here.

The sessions took place in the M. B. church from July 20 to July 31. The children could be divided into eight classes, since the enrollment was high and enough teachers were available.

A program on the last day culminated the school for this year. Rev. John Krahn from the Conference Mennonite Church spoke on the physical, mental and spiritual growth of a person. He tried to convince the parents of the fact that spiritual growth is the most neglected one nowadays. The parents were challenged to raise their children in a godly way.

The whole joint venture is reported to have been very successful. Hopes for another similar DVBS next year are high.

Kitchener Resident Wins Oratorical Contest

Kitchener, Ont. — Nickolas Kaethler, 19, a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church here, was awarded the first prize in the senior division of the Ontario public speaking contest.

Mr. Kaethler has been a consistent winner in public speaking contests. He will be attending the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg next winter.

Eight Received into Steinbach Church

Steinbach, Man. — Eight young people were baptized and received into the Steinbach M. B. Church on Sunday, August 9. Their testimonies reflected the words of the Psalmist: "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God" (Psalm 40:2). To everyone in church it was a revitalization of our first personal encounter with Christ.

The baptismal service was held outdoors near Ste. Anne. Rev. H. A. Regehr, pastor of the church, emphasized the aspect of discipleship in baptism, as well as a closer disciplined walk with Him throughout our life.

Those baptized were: Hildegard Thiessen; Ruth Giesbrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave D. Thiessen; Ruth Giesbrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jac. Giesbrecht; Elfrieda Bergmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete A. Bergmann; Tina and Mary Plett, daughters of Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Plett; Helmuth Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Klassen; Peter Engbrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob P. Engbrecht; and Mrs. Henry Goertzen.

Hold DVBS at Five Places

Winnipeg, Man. — The North Kildonan M. B. Church held daily vacation Bible school in five places during the past month.

Classes held in the church in North Kildonan had an average of about 150 students, with Mr. J. D. Friesen as superintendent. Three other schools had a total attendance of about 150. These were in the Maple Leaf School, with Hans Derksen as superintendent, in the Lord Kitchener School, with Sig. Wall as superintendent, and in the New Rosewell School, with John H. Unruh as superintendent. The church cooperated with the Elmwood M. B. Church to operate DVBS in Transcona.

On the Horizon

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

August 21 to 22—The Praesidium of the Mennonite World Conference is meeting to prepare for the Seventh Mennonite World Conference, which will be held at Kitchener, Ont., in 1962.

August 30. — Baptismal service at the St. Catharines M. B. church.

August 30—Dedication of the Christian Radio Centre, headquarters of the Mennonite Radio Mission, at Altona, Man.

September 6—A special thanksgiving festival will be held at the Clayburn Pentecostal Camp.

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Ernest Dycks Change Stations

Winnipeg, Man. — The Ernest Dycks have been placed back on the field of service in the Belgian Congo where they first served.

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