

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Golden Wedding

For Rev.  
and Mrs. H. P. Toews

Winnipeg, Man. — Many relatives and friends gathered in the Elmwood M.B. church on August 22 to share in the 50th wedding celebration of Rev. and Mrs. H. P. Toews.

Rev. I. W. Redekopp, chairman of the meeting, read Ps. 73:23-24 and led in the invocation. Rev. Jacob Epp of Steinbach presented a message based on Rom. 8:28. The following sermon was delivered by Rev. J. A. Toews, who spoke on Exodus 13:22-23. The main message was presented by Rev. D. D. Derksen of Boissevain, who had chosen Deuteronomy 8:2 as his text. A special prayer was offered by Rev. D. K. Duerksen in which he asked God to bless Brother and Sister Toews. Then the couple was asked by Rev. B. B. Fast to receive a gift from the Elmwood Church as a token of love and of appreciation for service done.

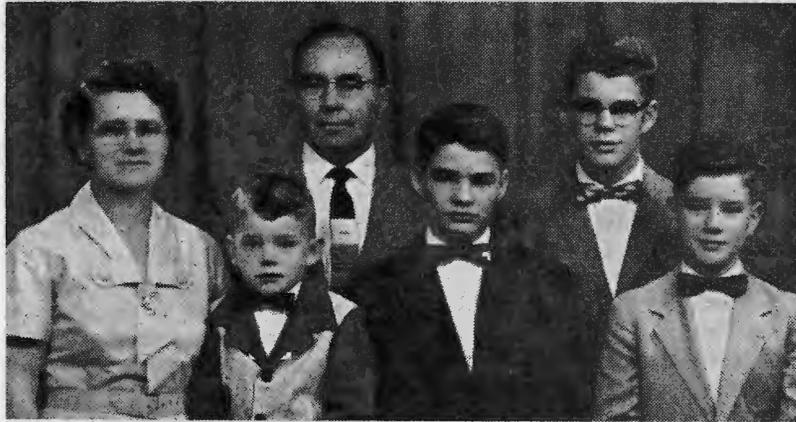
Three sons of the Toewses, Jacob (Clearbrook, B.C.), Henry and George with their families and their daughter Susan were present at this occasion. Mr. Jacob Toews who is teaching at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Clearbrook, read Psalm 18:24 and thanked his parents in behalf of the entire family. Then Rev. H. P. Toews made a retrospect of his life and gave glory to God for His gracious leading.

A reception followed after the main part of the service. Many guests congratulated Rev. and Mrs. Toews. Then Rev. Isaac Toews of Arnaud read a portion of God's Word and led in the closing prayer.

## Events at Yarrow

Yarrow, B.C. — Rev. David Neumann, principal of the Eden Christian College of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., served with messages for young and old on July 26. He also related his conversion experience, which had taken place in the Yarrow M.B. church. The late Rev. Abram Nachtigal had pointed him to the Savior.

On August 2, Rev. A. H. Unruh of Chilliwack preached a heart-searching sermon on the cleansing of God's children. Brother Rudi Kornelsen, missionary on furlough, reported on the work done in In-



Brother and Sister Daniel Wirsche and sons Donald 7, Wesley 14, Allen 16 and Peter 12. Missionaries to Texas and Mexico.

## Texas and Mexico

Brother and Sister Daniel Wirsche and family will leave Hillsboro towards the end of August for southern Texas where they will make their headquarters in the vicinity of Los Ebanos during the coming year. Brother Wirsche's

major responsibility will be evangelistic work in southern Texas and Mexico. During this time he will investigate the possibility of opening up a Bible institute in southern Texas to serve our churches in Texas and Mexico.

dia. A quartet from Vancouver served with a number of appropriate songs.

The Young People's Society had a farewell for the Hermann Lenzmans. As a token of appreciation for the work done by Rev. and Sister Lenzmann a wall motto was presented to them.

On August 9, Brother Jack Schmidt delivered a message. He has responded to a call from the Kelstern M.B. Church where he shall serve as pastor. In the evening service the missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Sam Krause related interesting experiences about their work in Japan.

The closing program of the DVBS took place in the evening of August 14. Thirteen teachers had served 149 children during five days of vacation Bible school.

August 16 was also an eventful day. Rev. Frank C. Peters delivered a message over the radio. Mr. Peters and his family were paying a visit to their parents here in B.C. In the regular morning service, sermons were presented by Rev. George Braun, pastor of the Saskatoon M.B. Church and Rev. Abram Neufeld, missionary to Austria on furlough. In the evening the Neufelds gave a challenging report on their work in Linz. Let us pray for them and especially for their sick child as they continue their service for the Lord.

## Lives Claimed in Accident

Sardis, B.C. — Death claimed the lives of three in a car crash Sunday morning, August 16. Victor Siemens, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Siemens, Sardis and Linda Simpson, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Simpson, Sardis were killed instantly.

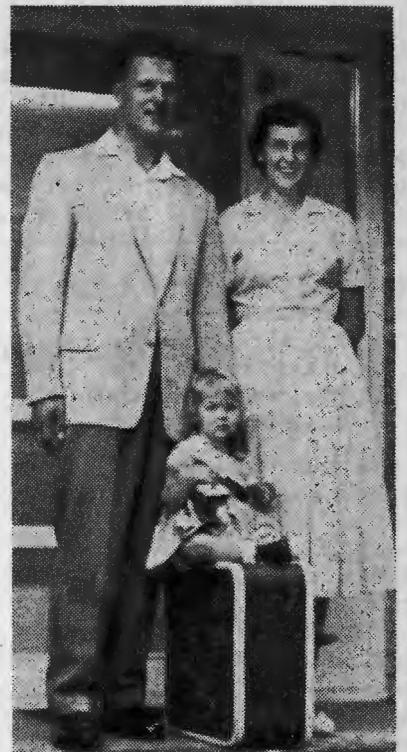
Dead, after spending four days in hospital is Howard Siemens, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Len Siemens, Sardis, B.C. Howard was found unconscious, under the brush in a ditch. The car in which he was riding hit a power pole and was completely demolished. He was rushed to Chilliwack hospital, where he was in a critical condition until the time of his death, on the evening of August 19. He had received seven head injuries in the accident, suffering from a broken jaw and fractured skull.

Still in hospital is Marion Harms, 16, of Chilliwack. Miss Harms is the sole surviving person of the car accident. She is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

Funeral services for Miss Simpson were held Wednesday, August 19, while the last rites for Victor Siemens were held August 21 in the Sardis M.B. church. Howard Siemens was buried Saturday Aug. 22, in Chilliwack, B.C.

## BRAZIL

Another missionary couple is going to Brazil to help meet the challenge confronting our conference in that vast land. Brazil is a land of great spiritual need and also great religious freedom for the proclamation of the Gospel. These new missionary appointees are Brother and Sister John Klassen of the Bethany Church, Fresno, California. They are scheduled to fly from New York City to Rio de Janeiro on August 27. The Klassens were ordained by the Bethany Church on June 7. During the past year Brother Klassen has served on the faculty of the Pacific Bible Institute and Junior College. Brother Klassen is originally from Matsqui, British Columbia, and Sister Klassen from Batavia, New York. The Klassens have a daughter Victoria Marie born on November 10, 1957. The work of the Klassens in Brazil will be in the area of training national workers. Their first year in Brazil will be spent in Portuguese language study. May we also include these folks in our intercession, particularly in their initial adjustments.



Brother and Sister John Klassen and daughter Vickie, 2. Missionaries to Brazil.

## EDITORIAL

### Mature Believers

No maturity is possible in the natural world unless there is growth. Similarly there can be no adulthood in the spiritual realm without development of the inner man. Parents are dismayed when they realize that their infant does not make any intellectual and physical progress. But they are pleased when they notice that their child advances towards maturity. Likewise our heavenly Father is grieved when His child does not grow or is tardy in its spiritual development.

A mature Christian firmly trusts in God. He does this in spite of unfavorable circumstances. The clouds of testings may be heavy and low, but he knows that there are "silver linings on God's side of the clouds." Abraham had received the definite promise that he was to become the father of a great missionary nation. There were no visible evidences that the promise would find its fulfillment. Yet he "staggered not at the promise of God though unbelief." (Rom. 4:20) Abraham was a mature believer and therefore he trusted in God without wavering.

Another evidence of maturity is a settled attitude of obedience to God. When Saul was on his way to Damascus, he experienced conversion. Jesus spoke to him from the glory of heaven and brought about a marvelous change in the life of the man who had severely persecuted the Christian Church. On that occasion Saul said, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" From that time on Saul (or rather Paul) was not concerned about his own will or that of the Jewish Sanhedrin, but rather about the will of the Lord. Paul had difficulties even after his regeneration, but as time went on he became more firm. He was determined to obey God at all cost. He was a mature Christian, and as such he was pleased to do the Lord's will.

Someone who is mature in his Christian life is known for his positive acceptance of life's responsibilities and duties. No one has ever been born again in order to be idle. Man experiences regeneration "to serve the living and true God" (I Thess. 1:9). The work which the Lord assigns to the believer is not to be done slothfully or reluctantly, but rather willingly and with a sense of responsibility. In Ecclesiastes 9:10 we read, " whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

For a while Jona was unwilling to assume his responsibility of preaching repentance to Nineveh. But when the Lord helped him to overcome his obstinacy, he became resolute and mature, willing to accept life's duties with a deep sense of responsibility toward God.

A mature believer can cooperate in an organization, and work under authority. Aaron and Miriam found this rather difficult when Satan succeeded in awakening in their hearts a spirit of discontentment and rebellion against their brother Moses and the organization which then existed in Israel. Having learned their lesson the hard way, they became more settled and mature in their attitude. The truth which a Christian striving for maturity should know, is that the one who refuses to submit to the authority of others cannot expect to become an authority to whom others will submit. Maturity then is a quality which characterizes many believers. Are we striving for it too?

## DEVOTIONAL

### Superficial Believers

By Rev. Paul Kenyon  
(Alliance Weekly)

Sometime the true history of the present church period will be written. It may not be until the hour when the records are opened in heaven that all the facts will be revealed.

That hour, of course, will divulge most clearly the state of things which prevailed in our own apostate generation. What comes to light could amaze even the saints in heaven. Most startling of all may be that some of the doctrines most vigorously proclaimed in the ranks

of the supposedly orthodox will be numbered among the most dangerous heresies ever to stain the pages of church history.

When error has been accepted as truth by the masses it is not too likely that it will be readily or easily eradicated. False doctrine creeps in unawares. It has always been so. The subtlety of error is that it appears so very close to the truth. Only the few who have lived with the Word of God and under the strict guidance of the Holy Spirit have ever detected wherein the error lies. To come

out boldly against these false but popular teachings, once they are established, is to bring oneself under condemnation. Often it means that one is branded as a fanatic. To all of this church history testifies most eloquently.

Let it now be made plain. I am not referring to the obviously heretical doctrines of the numerous modern cults. Neither am I alluding to the far departures from truth as found among the liberal theologians. I am speaking of a teaching which has had wide and enthusiastic acceptance in our own evangelical ranks, a teaching which is being confidently proclaimed as the message of the hour. In particular I refer to that most popular of doctrines which I shall term "superficial believism."

From the plain teachings of God's Word, there is no doubt that eternal souls pass from death unto life through a living faith in Jesus Christ. But ever and always this faith must be preceded by genuine repentance. Paul the apostle had but one message for Jews and Gentiles alike wherever he proclaimed the gospel of grace. That message he summed up completely before King Agrippa. Said Paul: "O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: but shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance" (Acts 26:19, 20).

This is the message which that God-appointed man preached in establishing all of the New Testament churches. And he boldly claimed that he received this message "by the revelation of Jesus Christ." He did not get it from men (Gal. 1:11-12). Repentance ever precedes faith in New Testament doctrine, and there is no faith born into hearts apart from a repentance which is genuine in the sight of God who knows all hearts. The Pauline teaching further demanded "works meet for repentance." This was an external evidence that the sorrow for sin and complete turning from sin were a factual inner reality. Here was the visible and public testimony to a transformed life.

True Biblical teaching on repentance has been practically abandoned in this day of superficial believism. It remains as a conviction only with the small minority. Not only has the doctrine come into disrepute, but the type of preaching which the Spirit of God could use to produce repentance is seldom heard from the modern pulpit. Hence in our modern orthodox ranks cold-hearted and dry-eyed sinners are sweetly exhorted to "accept Jesus as their Saviour," without so much as being told that they must thoroughly repent and completely forsake all known sin. They are but to "believe"; and what is meant by believing is enveloped in a thick

mist of theological obscurities.

What, then, are they to believe? Not long ago a preacher, lifted a New Testament passage neatly from its context, misapplied it and then cried out: "If you believe what this verse says you are saved right now; I say, you are saved right now." The verse was: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Rom. 10:9). This particular belief to which the listeners were exhorted was actually nothing more or less than an intellectual assent to historical fact. Such is schoolroom knowledge and not a living faith in God's Son. Such is the concept of faith in our generation.

This matter of believing on the Lord Jesus Christ is not so easy as it sounds. Take for instance the simple statement of the apostle John: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God" (1 John 5:1 A.S.V.). The word which is translated "believeth," as used here and in its various constructions throughout the New Testament, means "to believe a person to be true; to place trust in them, to rely on them; to commit oneself to them; cast oneself upon them; entrust oneself to them" (Souter's Lexicon).

It is a cry far from merely accepting with the intellect the historical fact—that Christ died for sinners and rose again for their justification—to this inborn reality of faith that produces the kind of believing here defined. Any other theory of faith can be dogmatically declared to be wholly superficial. Salvation comes to the sinning one when he under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit repents and forsakes sin. He then casts himself totally on Christ as his only hope. It is absolute committal. And such alone is true believing.

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## VBS at Ocean Falls

By J. E. Geddert

Ocean Falls, B.C. — The vacation Bible school during the last few weeks proved to be a blessing. We are grateful to God for the privilege of presenting the glorious Gospel to the children here at Ocean Falls. A few of the youngsters accepted Christ, while others, who were already true believers, were led into a deeper understanding of the Christian life.

The Junior lessons, "The Christian's Birth and Growth," were particularly effective. The film, "The Master's Face," which the students and a number of adults saw, was a real asset to the school because of its clear presentation of the way of salvation. Two of the teachers as well as the materials for the school were supplied by the WCCM.

Another item of praise is the recent conversion of a young man. He had been under conviction for some time. Several weeks ago he began attending our Sunday evening service. Through the messages from God's Word he came to realize that it was not enough to know about Christ; what he needed was to know Him. Thus we had the joy of seeing him receive Jesus Christ as his Savior. Please pray that he may grow in Christian experience, and that many others will come to know Christ too.

Pray with us also for a church building here. The Lord has definitely guided thus far but there are still difficulties to overcome before we can go ahead with the building. Let us therefore be fervent in prayer.

A fellowship lunch was offered to the visiting choir as well as the home church choir.

## Eleven Teachers at Aldergrove DVBS

Aldergrove, B.C. — Eleven teachers participated in the daily vacation Bible school held in the East Aldergrove M.B. church. Attendance at the two-week school totalled 139.

Mr. Dave Redekopp and Miss Elsie Warkentin served as superintendents.

After the closing program the visitors viewed the handwork projects of the children, which were displayed in the lower auditorium.

## Baptism at Carrot River

Carrot River, Sask. — The congregation of the M.B. Gospel Mission here gathered at the Carrot River for baptismal service on Sunday afternoon, August 2. A short river-side message was brought by Rev. V. Nickel, after which he baptized the following candidates: Eldonna Blenken, Gladys Dyck, Netha Loewen, Derrick Dyck and Theodore Skibinski.

In the evening a service was held in the church. Here the five candidates were received into the fellowship of the believers, after which the Lord's Supper was observed.

## Teachers at Norway House

Norway House, Man. — Miss Erna Janzen, Winnipeg and her friend Miss Marion Service are again going back to the north in order to teach in Indian public schools in the close proximity of Norway House. Miss Janzen expects to have about 50 youngsters in her classroom.

Both of these Christian sisters have a burden for the Indians and for those who are still in need of salvation. They teach in a Sunday school and thus are able to instruct the Indian children the truths of the Bible.

## Kronsgart DVBS Work

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into his harvest." This prayer for labourers has been answered through the willingness of young people who gave some of their time to serve the Lord at camp and by teaching daily vacation Bible school.

As in previous years, a number of young people from the Kronsgart M.B. Church volunteered for this service. To give them an opportunity to relate their experiences and to share the blessings which they received, the Youth Fellowship Committee had a program for this purpose. On Sunday night, August 23,

six young people spoke about their work, each one discussing a different aspect of it like personal work, leading a prayer group, singing, teaching and work in the kitchen.

The aim of the program was to encourage other young people to enter such service and also to acquaint the congregation with the work.

Of the 2 DVBS workers and the 9 who were at camp, 4 were unable to be present for this special program.

## Superficial Believers

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We repeat that such faith can never be inspired until repentance is complete. God is the one to be satisfied, and God knows our hearts. Invariably the act of believing is revealed in the New Testament as something we do which is consistent and continuous. The Greek tenses which are used to declare the believing process undeniably certify that this is so. We read literally in I John 5:5, "Who is he that keeps on overcoming the world, but he that keeps on believing that Jesus is the Son of God?" Such a life of constant faith naturally demands unflinching obedience to the will of God.

In such individuals the transforming work of the Holy Spirit is real and complete. They are truly begotten of God, and to this the Comforter witnesses. "And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth" (1 John 5:6). He is the One who alone has right to witness to the believing heart the fact of the miracle of the new birth. God has never delegated to any human being this divine prerogative. These Spirit-born Christians are overcoming the world, the flesh and the devil, not sometimes, by mere effort; but consistently by the indwelling power of Christ. The Spirit's witness is the abiding assurance within; the overcoming life is the evidence without.

It is nothing short of pitiful to witness the sincere ones among the adherents of modern superficial believism try in their own weakness to live the overcoming life. Vainly, and sometimes defiantly, they attempt to cling to what they have been told. "Just believe" was the instruction of the experts, so they struggle to believe that which somehow they know is not quite right. Neither God nor their own lives are witnesses to any supernatural transformation, so they struggle on or turn back to the old ways in hopeless frustration.

The end of the trail will reveal untold thousands of people who were the hapless victims of this erroneous teaching. They were so near to truth by the standards of a present-day perverted doctrine, yet so very far away from the plain teaching of the Word of God. These became the unfortunate victims of this doctrine of death.

## Baptism at Steinbach

Steinbach, Man. — Eight young people testified of God's saving grace. Upon the confession of their faith, they were baptized and received into the Steinbach M.B. Church on Sunday, August 9. The members of the church were revitalized and they remembered their own experience of regeneration.

came to a close after the fellowship of God's children at the Lord's Table.

### Work among the Indians.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cornelsen are supervising work among the Indians here in the Lake Okanagan area. They are assisted by a number of brethren and sisters, who like themselves feel burdened for the Indians.

### DVBS Work

The daily vacation Bible school work was made possible this year through the combined efforts of the local Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Brethren Church. Approximately 50 children attended. The teachers counted it a privilege to serve the children in such a way and they also experienced the blessings of God in this work.

## DVBS Early in August

Clearbrook, B.C. — Daily vacation Bible school was held in the Clearbrook M.B. church during the first two weeks in August, with attendance totalling over 200.

Of those attending, 75 were enrolled in the Beginner department, 58 in the Primary, 48 in the Junior, and 24 in the Intermediate department.

## Vancouver Choirs Meet

Vancouver, B.C. — The Vancouver M.B. Church Choir paid a visit to the Fraserview M.B. Church on Sunday, August 9. The songs the choir sang were divided under the following three headings: God Speaks to us through Nature; God Speaks to us through His Commandments; and God Speaks to us through His Promises.

Since Pastor, Rev. D. B. Wiens, was on vacation, testimonies by two members of the choir and a sermon by Rev. P. R. Toews constituted the program of the evening.

## Visited by Mission Sunday School

Aldergrove, B.C. — The pupils of the mission Sunday school at Brookwood visited the sponsoring church, East Aldergrove M. B. Church, recently. Rev. John Reimer, field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, served as speaker.

The Brookwood Hall is located about three miles south of Langley. Some time ago the young people and the church purchased a lot in a new subdivision on a good road in hopes of building a mission chapel there later. Now enough money has already been received to begin construction.

## Blessings at Kelowna

Kelowna, B.C. — Two candidates were baptized here upon the confession of their faith on Sunday August 9. Rev. A. Sawatsky baptized the two sisters, Mrs. H. Wittenberg and her daughter Linda.

On Sunday morning Rev. J. Kornalewsky, radio speaker, delivered an inspiring message from God's Word. In the afternoon at the baptismal service the two brethren A. Sawatsky and Schmuland preached sermons on the necessity of and the conditions for baptism. In the evening Brother George Pauls served with a sermonette. Rev. Nick Pauls and Rev. A. Sawatsky then accepted the two sisters into the church. The meeting

## Baptism at Beechy

Beechy, Sask. — Two candidates were baptized and received into the M.B. Church at Beechy on August 16. The two believers were Mrs. Frank Nickel and Miss Fay Cameron.

At the morning service Rev. John D. Goertzen of Main Centre spoke on the topic of "Discipleship". He stressed the meaning, the evidence, the cost and the rewards of discipleship.

At the baptism, which took place in the South Saskatchewan River, Rev. Alvin Penner, Lucky Lake, spoke on the "Necessity of Baptism." Rev. Goertzen performed the baptism and he also received the new members into the church.

## Lucky Lake and Beechy Choirs Meet

Beechy, Sask. — The Lucky Lake and Beechy choirs, under the direction of Mr. J. K. Schroeder of Hepburn, practised alternately in the churches from August 3 to 8 for the song festival held in each of the churches on Sunday August 9. The song festivals were well attended.

The purpose of the week of practice was to learn how to sing more effectively, and to appreciate both good music and tone production. Much emphasis was placed on the meaning of the songs we sing.

## Ruth Shuh Dies in Accident

London, Ont. — Seven-year old Ruth Shuh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shuh died on her way to the London hospital, after she was struck by a car on the highway near her home, Wednesday, August 12. A detailed report is to follow in the next issue.

## Centennial Session At Bluffton

Bluffton, Ohio. — The 100th anniversary session of the General Conference Mennonite Church, convening on the Bluffton College campus August 12-20 was attended by crowds averaging about 1,500 each day, but which exceeded the 3,000 mark for the impressive centennial pageant on Sunday, August 16.

The General Conference officially came into existence at West Point, Iowa on May 29, 1860.

The 100-year conference history was given appropriate perspective in three messages given in the opening days of the session — two by Dr. Franklin H. Littell, church history professor at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and the other the conference sermon by Dr. Erland Waltner, president of Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.

Sixteen churches, with combined membership of 1,445, were admitted into the General Conference Men-

nonite Church during one of the sessions.

This brings the total number of congregations in the conference to 286 and the aggregate membership to 53,433.

Total contributions for conference and related causes during the triennium exceeded four million dollars. This is a per capita average of about \$92.

## Toronto M. B. Mission



Toronto Missionaries Brother and Sister Swartz and daughters Heather and Beth.

Toronto, Ont. — Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swartz are the new workers at the Willowdale Christian Fellowship M.B. Mission in Toronto. Their girls are Heather and Beth.

Brother Swartz graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California in June of 1958. He also studied at Waterloo and Tabor College.

## Evangelistic Services at Glenbush

Glenbush, Sask. — Rev. Victor Nickel of Carrot River, Sask. served at the M.B. Church here from August 9 to 16. The services consisted of musical items, a continuous story of "Tip" for the children and a heart searching message every evening. Christians experienced a time of cleansing and some

souls accepted Christ as their personal Saviour.

During the day numerous house visitations were made.

Sunday August 16 brought the services to a climax when 9 young people followed the Lord in baptism. Rev. Nickel presented the message and Rev. Abe Pauls, pastor, performed the baptism.



BAPTISMAL SERVICE AT GLENBUSH. Left to right back row: Rev. Victor Nickel, Wilmer Loewen, Walter Isaak, Dan Harms, Rev. Abe Pauls. Front row: Rosella Klassen, Agatha Bergen, Shirley Loewen, Mary Kroeker, Gloria Pauls, and Linda Klassen.

## Are We Overemphasizing Missions?

By Rev. HARRY W. POST, in Alliance Witness

Those who labor to have missionary work advance at all costs are sometimes spoken of as lopsided. They are regarded as enthusiasts because they believe that "go ye into all the world" is a literal command and that it should have priority.

In an effort to prevent our becoming top-heavy on work abroad, some Christians warn us that the Church has a number of other jobs that are important too. They want to see missionary work done, but not at all costs. They want to see the gospel preached, but not everywhere; that is, not until other things have had their share of attention. They fear overemphasis on missions.

Surprisingly enough, these sentiments are heard on occasion in presumably missionary-minded churches. They are voiced not so much in criticism, but rather as a caution. Their proponents do not go so far as to say "We are lopsided," but "Let us be careful we do not get too lopsided." Following that, objectives of deserving importance are enumerated. Then comes the suggestion that we ought to cut down on missionary emphasis so that these other things will not be neglected.

What about this counsel? Is there real danger that other aims be forgotten? Should we listen to the subtle reasoning that missions are not supremely important, and therefore not imperative? Once abandon the conviction of the primacy of missions and it is not hard to foresee what will follow. The task of missions then becomes just one of many, merely part of a general program. In the end it is buried beneath that anemic epitaph "benevolence."

Real accomplishment in any field of reasonable magnitude is secured by radical dedication and devotion. It requires extraordinary single-mindedness. When you try to be balanced in the dispersal of your effort and energies, you may aim at a certain number of goals. But attention to any one will have to be limited so that each gets its share of attention. Without question there are many worthy aims to which the church can address itself. But do we want to limit the great goal of world evangelization? Do we want to whittle down our missionary effort so that we can better apply ourselves to a variety of aims?

As I stated previously, it is radical dedication and devotion that gets things done. We are radicals, we are extremists in this great work of missions. To be a missionary you must be a person of radical conviction! No one but an extremist would leave his homeland to preach the gospel in other parts of the globe. You've got to be lopsided in your emphasis to face and endure an array of conditions ranging from privation, hardship and isolation in the jungles or remote interior to the tense and uncertain atmosphere of crowded cities. Only a radical would accept separation from his children for several years or welcome rearing a family in a foreign land so that he might witness for Christ.

It is those of overwhelming conviction who support missions to the hilt, oftentimes giving out of proportion to their means. It is the radical preachers pulling for missionary giving with everything in them, keeping it a burning issue before their people, who make possible every advance on the mission field. It is the individual of radical conviction who eagerly devours missionary reports and who delights in missionary conventions. It is he of extreme earnestness who gives himself to a ministry of intercession for the gospel effort in foreign lands.

A large segment of the evangelical fellowship is keenly aware of the priority of the missionary effort. Individuals, churches and organizations have declared their chief calling to be to "get the gospel out as fast and as far as possible." They view all—their ministry, their resources—in relation to the progress of missions. Lopsided? Yes! Top-heavy? Surely! Asleep to other aims? No! But they believe with deep and radical conviction that their only excuse for existence lies in what they can do for the missionary task. Of such an overpowering conviction and burden was The Christian and Missionary Alliance born. Along with a select company of others

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## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

**Devarakonda.** — Sister Anna Suderman reports an enrollment of 185 students in the school's eight classes. She indicates that the school has a well-qualified staff, but financially it has a hard time. "We thought that taking government help for the school would be a financial help. But we are getting only a minimum grant of one-third of the teachers' salaries after deducting fees collected. The reports that must be sent in by our headmaster are staggering. This hampers our work considerably and is quite a burden on our hearts. How it will affect the spiritual emphasis is yet to be seen. We need the prayers of God's people so that we might find 'the way through the wilderness.'"

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**Nagarkurnool.** — Sister Katie Siemens writes that the school has again received extended recognition from the government. "We take this as a definite answer to prayer. Our enrollment this year has increased significantly. We have now (July 23) admitted 134 students. Others would still like to come, but we have had to send some away already for lack of sufficient space and facilities. Quite a number of new villages are represented this year in our student body. We pray that the influence of the teaching of the Gospel may go beyond the walls of school and hostels into these villages as well. The Lord is sending us early rains this year. We hope the many poor farmers will at last get a good crop again. They certainly need it."

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**Wanaparthy.** — A new hospital ward at Wanaparthy, India, was dedicated on July 23. These facilities will meet an urgent need on the Wanaparthy field. Before the rooms were completed, patients were waiting to use them. This six-room ward was made possible by women's missionary societies of Manitoba. The rooms have not yet been equipped, and any groups or individual wishing to provide such equipment as a project would make a much-needed contribution to the missionary program in India in this way. Interested parties should write to the Board of Foreign Missions Office.

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**Paraguay.** — Brother and Sister J. H. Franz and family were scheduled to arrive in Asuncion, Paraguay, on August 16 to begin their third term of missionary service among the Indian peoples of that land.

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The following statistics from a report by the Bible Society of India and Ceylon are submitted by Sister Anna Suderman: Andhra Pradesh (area in which our church works) has a population of 32,000,000 of whom 4,800,000 are literate.

Its Protestant Christians number 1,200,000 and its literate Christians number 150,000. In 1958 the following Scriptures were circulated: Bibles 14,800, New Testaments 7,500, and portions of the Bible 112,000.

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**Mexico.** — Several sessions of vacation Bible school have been conducted in the vicinity of San Miguel, Mexico and experienced the blessings of the Lord. At Venecia the enrollment was 47, and at Carrizal 21. Teachers included national workers Alfredo Villarreal and Yolando Villarreal. Fifteen individuals including a married lady made decisions for Christ through these efforts.

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**Colombia.** — Evangelistic services are to be conducted in Cali, Colombia, from August 23 to September 1 in connection with dedication of the newly-acquired church center. Coming to minister in these services are the following brethren from HCJB, Quito, Ecuador — Regino A. Loyola as the evangelist and Rogelio Mills as musical director. May we pray that many may be reached for Christ through these services and that these services may contribute greatly to the witness of the church in Cali.

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**Japan** has about 14 million radio sets which is about five listeners to each set. This means that about 80 per cent of the 91-million population can be reached by radio. A recent survey shows a listening audience of between five and six million to the programs of the Pacific Broadcasting Association of which Pastor Akira Hatori is chairman. In cooperation with many agencies these programs are aired on 57 of Japan's 88 radio stations. (Our mission in Japan is one of 35 which sponsors "The Light of the World" broadcast produced by the Pacific Broadcasting Company.) — EFMA Missionary News Service.

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**Bolivia.** — The South American Indian Mission reports that the translation of the book of Titus in the Ayoreo language of Bolivia has been completed. Translation of the Ten Commandments, Acts 5:1-12 and two passages from Matthew have been made in this language previously. (The Ayoreo Indians are considered to be related to the Moros of Paraguay.) — EFMA Missionary News Service.

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**Europe.** — Plans are that Brother Abr. J. Neufeld return to Austria about mid-September without his family. The condition of son Gareth requires that he remain near a medical center for further observation. Sister Neufeld and family will remain at Steinbach, Manitoba. The Lord willing, Brother Neufeld will spend four to six

months in Austria awaiting further developments in Gary's condition.

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A brief furlough has been authorized for Brother and Sister H. H. Janzen who serve in western Europe. Plans are that the Janzens have four months of furlough in the homeland from December, 1959, to April, 1960.

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**China.** — The last Christian bookstore in China has been confiscated by the Red government. — EFMA Missionary News Service.

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### Belgian Congo

Sister Sarah Peters has arrived in Belgium from the Congo. After a year's medical course, she is to return to the homeland for furlough. Sister Peters and Sister Helen Toews will be studying the same course together. Sister Peters has given her address as follows: Ecole d'Infirmieres, Hospital Universitaire Saint Pierre, 322 rue Haute, Bruxelles, Belgium.

Brother and Sister George Faul and family reported to the Hillsboro office on August 12 and 13. The Fauls returned home about a month earlier for furlough from the Congo. During the coming months they will reside in their home church community of Sawyer, North Dakota, during which time Brother Faul will do deputational work. After the new year, they will reside in Fresno, California, where he will attend the Biblical Seminary.

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Sister Arlene Gerdes arrived in her home community of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, on August 11. She has returned for furlough following her first term of service in the Congo.

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Sister Mary Toews, who has returned for furlough from the Belgian Congo, is with her parents at Clearbrook, British Columbia, for the present. She plans to enter school this fall to perfect her training as a teacher for further missionary service in the Congo.

## Four Types of Alternative Service

By Paul S. Gross  
(Christian Witness)

### Earning Service

The man going into earning service must himself seek employment among one of the 1700 Selective Service approved institutions in the U.S. for alternative assignments. Each man must provide his own transportation and maintenance. Some institutions provide facilities as part of the working arrangements.

Eighty-five percent of the I-W men employed are working in mental or general hospitals across the country. I-W's are working in almost every department of hospital work ranging from maintenance, laundry, kitchen and purchasing to work as bookkeepers, orderlies, engineers, nurses' aids, X-ray technicians, physical therapy assistants, operating room technicians and on farms in state hospitals.

MCC is not a recruiting office for I-W. men but assists those who request assistance in trying to find a I-W job. MCC has a list of certain institutions which request I-W workers.

The MCC I-W office strongly encourages men to go to locations where they can help in starting city churches. Several city churches have begun because of I-W men serving in the area. Some examples are: Denver, Colorado; Indianapolis, Indiana; and Topeka, Kansas.

### Voluntary Service

A second form of Alternative Service is Voluntary Service. The Mennonite Central Committee is the employer. V.S.ers get \$10 a month for the first year and \$20 a month for the second year for an allow-

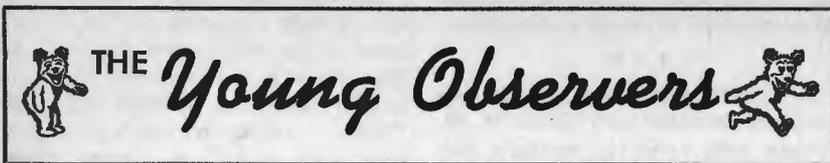
ance to buy incidentals. Room and board and transportation is furnished by MCC. In places where the institution is able to pay for the services rendered the volunteer gives his salary to MCC. This money is used to underwrite expenses involved in the V.S. program in institutions which cannot pay for the services the V.S. unit performs.

In V.S. units the volunteers live as a family and eat their meals together. V.S.ers meet for devotions (Continued on page 10-2)

## Men Wanted

The great want of this age is men: Men who are not for sale, Men who are honest, sound, true to the heart's core, Men who will condemn wrong in friend or foe, in themselves as well as others. Men whose consciences are steady as the needle to the pole. Men who will stand for the right if the heavens totter and the earth reels. Men who can tell the truth and look the truth. Men that neither brag nor run. Men in whom the current of everlasting life runs still and deep and strong. Men who know their message and tell it. Men who know their duty and do it. Men who know their place and fill it. Men who mind their own business well. Men who are not too lazy to work, nor too proud to be poor. Men who are willing to eat what they have earned, and wear what they have paid for.

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### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

I wish to write to you about something I know you have. It is not a dime, or even a penny, for it may be that my young reader does not possess either.

Is it the soul? No, though it is quite true that every boy and girl has a soul that must either be saved or lost. Then what is it? Well! It is **your birthday**.

Every man, woman and child has a birthday. And most children look forward to its anniversary every year, for then very often father and mother and friends give you presents, and you have some of your playmates in to tea for a birthday party.

Some of you, too, have birthday books, which have a space for every day in the year, and you get your friends to write their names in them. Well! I have sometimes looked at the different names in birthday books, and have found that some people not only put their names in the spaces belonging to the day of their birth, but write underneath, "**born again**" on another date, and thus they have two birthdays.

Have you had two birthdays? You may not be able to tell the exact date of your conversion, but I hope you are one of those who know that they have become one of God's children, because the Scripture says, "Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). So you see, if you have not a **second birthday**, you are not ready for heaven.

Perhaps you ask me, "How can anyone get a second birthday?" You will find the answer in John 1:12, where it tells us that it is those who receive the Lord Jesus Christ and believe on Him, who become God's children. The next verse tells us that **they are born of God**, and thus they have a **second birthday**. Have you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, and thus been brought into God's family, to know Him as your Father? If not, do not rest until you can truthfully say so.

Now, when we are born into this world, our names are written down in a book, where the names of everyone born in this country are kept; and in like manner the name of every person that is born into God's family is written in His book in heaven. So if you are one of God's children, your name is written there in the book called in the Bible, "the book of life." I do hope that your name is written there, for the time is quickly coming, of which we read in Rev. 20:15, when those whose names are not found written therein will be cast into the lake of fire. What an awful thing to happen, and all because they would not receive the Lord Jesus Christ! Then trust Him without further delay!

He is quite able to save you, for He bore the judgment against sin on the cruel cross, and He is willing to save you, because He says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

Love, Aunt Selma.

## Hidden Treasure

What wonderful pictures of adventure those words call to mind, and what interesting stories of search by sea and land we remember. There is no doubt that if we thought that treasure was hidden in our garden or in our house we should be seeking for it continually.

Well, that is just what actually happened to two children many years ago, whom we shall call John and Rose, aged fourteen and fifteen respectively.

They were living with their grandfather because both their parents were dead. He had two other grandchildren who were well provided for, and so he made a new will leaving nearly everything to John and Rose, whom he loved most dearly.

When grandpa died the new will could not be found. His lawyer knew there was another will but as it was not to be found the other children, who were much older, claimed everything in spite of what the lawyer told them was their grandfather's wish.

They insisted that John and Rose should leave their grandfather's house and be sent to a Boarding School in the north of England.

John told the lawyer that he knew the will was somewhere around for his grandfather had told him with a chuckle that it could not be found without a clue. He said that the day on which his grandfather had died he began to explain that the will was in the study but got no further than that

information.

Of course, the lawyer, John and Rose, searched every corner of the study, and all other rooms as well but they couldn't find the new will.

Then the day before John and Rose were to be turned out of the house John said to Rose, "I'm going to have another search in the study; come on, let's do it inch by inch."

"It's no good I'm afraid, John, we've done it all before," Rose replied.

"Well, I'm trying a different way this time. I'm going round on my hands and knees knocking every bit of the floor and panelling," John explained.

So they started off searching again and at last one small panel which John struck rolled back... and there was the will.

You can guess how delighted they were to find it and to know they were now saved from losing their inheritance. They felt rather annoyed with themselves because the proof of their inheritance was so

near to them all the time, as John said, "Close at hand and we never knew it."

This reminds us of another treasure, mine and yours, close at hand. It tells of the One through whom we obtain that inheritance. It is the Bible.

Do you know your Bible well?

Do you know Him, the Lord Jesus Christ, of Whose abounding love it tells?

Do you understand that to procure for us our heavenly inheritance He suffered and died for you and me.

Have you ever thanked Him for all that He has done for you? He is waiting today for you to go to Him and say, "Jesus, I believe that You died for me, and I will now show my belief by accepting You as my personal Saviour, and henceforth try to live as You would have me live, in accordance with Thy Holy Word."

Don't spurn your inheritance any longer; it is close at hand.

H. C. Taffs.

## Jessie's Rescue from the Pit

Stirring stories have been told of rescue work in coal mines, and it is not so long ago that we heard of one such, when one hundred and eighteen men were saved, but thirteen lost their lives in trying to save them. Here is a true story, but somewhat different to the usual ones, the incident occurring in Wales about fifty years ago.

One morning, Mrs. Jenkins asked Jessie, aged eight, to go into the cellar for some butter, which was kept there in the cool. Soon after, Jessie was faintly heard calling, "Oh! Mum, come quickly and help me."

Carefully descending the cellar stairs the mother was completely mystified because her young daughter seemed such a long way off. Then, to her horror, she found at the foot of the stairs a large hole through which Jessie must have fallen, the cellar floor having given way under her jump from one of the stairs. A candle was brought, and on looking into the hole, Jessie was seen to be suspended by her dress from an iron bracket fixed to the wall. Can you guess what had happened? All unknown to the occupants, the house had been built over the mouth of an old coal mine which for years had been forgotten.

"Keep as quiet as you can, darling," shouted Mrs. Jenkins to Jessie, "I'll go at once to get help," then ran into the street and stopped the first man she met. He ran to a nearby builder for a rope whilst she gathered some neighbours. With the rope fastened round his waist, the man was gently lowered down the hole, the women keeping a tight hold of the rope. After waiting in an agony of suspense, they heard the man cry out, "It's all right, I've got her. You can

now pull up." It was not long before Jessie was safe in her mother's arms, and you can imagine the joy of them both as they thanked the man for having descended into the pit and saved Jessie.

There is One who descended from above to rescue you from the pit of sin, and in rescuing you, gave His life so that you might be saved. Do you ask, "How can the rescue be effective for me?"

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). Believe that God in His infinite love gave His only begotten Son to die to save you, and that Jesus in His abounding love suffered on the Cross to have you live with Him for ever.

H. C. Taffs.

## Where is Jesus?

Where is the Lord Jesus?  
Asked teacher of Jim,  
Please sir, He's in Heaven,  
And I worship Him.

Where is the Lord Jesus,  
Will you answer, Clare?  
Yes, teacher, for I think —  
He's just everywhere.

Where is the Lord Jesus,  
Can you say, Rose Lee?  
He lives in my heart, sir,  
So is nearest to me!

E. M. Holmes.

The only Christ some people will ever know is the Christ they see in you.

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Some make good while others just make excuses.

## But Not Forsaken ☆

by Helen Good Brenneman

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In order to camouflage his reason for entering the suspicion-laden radius of the border itself, Hans chose to break his trip halfway between Berlin and the Russian-American zonal division. The train, a slow local, stopped at almost every station to let passengers off, city people who were out to buy a few chickens or potatoes from farmer friends or relatives. At every stop it seemed the train would never move again. Thus, it was midnight, four hours after Hans left Berlin, when he finally got off the train. There was no official check on the passengers during this first part of his journey.

Hans had talked for hours with people who had received letters from friends in the American and British Zones, acquaintances who had made it successfully across the border "black." He had planned his course of action well. Yet he was nervous about his venture into the unknown. Indeed, he had been told that only about 40 per cent of those refugees who attempted this feat arrived safely on the other side. One only needed to make one error of judgment, one slip of the tongue, one misstep along the way, to fall into a self-made grave along the road.

For the border line that divided the east and west zones was well fortified with towers from which East Zone soldiers could see for many kilometers. Moreover, soldiers on foot and trained watchdogs were ever on the alert for men, women, and children who were trying to sneak across to the other side. There was a legal way to cross the border, but there were few who had the proper papers to cross the "Red Sea" legitimately. The best solution seemed to be to find a man of confidence who had lived in the area all his life, who knew the paths to take, and who would, for a given fee, escort the traveler to safety. Hans had not been able to get the name of a specific man because of the necessary secrecy, but he knew that there were such men to be found. He was determined to take the risk.

### CHAPTER IX

It was on the second train, early the next morning, that Hans got his first clue. They were no longer close to any large city, and the compartment was not crowded. Hans even had a seat. Ever cautious about strangers, he ignored his seatmate, staring, bored and fidgety, through the dusty window.

His neighbor, however, soon proved himself to be the sociable type. So long as he did the talking, Hans accommodated him with an occasional nod or smile of agreement. He was a thin young fellow with keen eyes and a know-it-all smirk.

As they neared their destination, the inevitable happened. Making a routine stop, the train was suddenly boarded by East Zone soldiers, checking on passengers' tickets and their reasons for travelling into the guarded zone. Hans pulled his ticket from his pocket, set his face as non-challantly as he could, and reviewed the story in his mind, as he had been trying to do all the way from Hengstfeld.

"You, fellow!" the officer shouted to Hans. Hans's partner had just explained that he was returning to Rager from a necessary business trip to Berlin. Rager was his home town, and he had papers to prove it.

"You! Where are your papers?"

"I have none along, sir, but my residence is Hengstfeld and I am visiting my old uncle at his request."

The soldier lifted his eyebrows.

"And what, may I ask, is this uncle's name?"

"Arthur Baumann." So confidently did Hans answer that he would almost have believed his story himself.

But the soldier was not yet satisfied.

"What is his address in Rager?"

"Two thirty-two Hauptstrasse."

There was a "Mainstreet" in every town. That, too, Hans had carefully thought through.

The soldier's face registered a question mark. Just then another officer interrupted him. "I'll be back," he said, joining the other inspector in a loud argument with a passenger in the next coach.

Hans held his breath, but the soldier did not return for what must have been ten minutes, and when he did not come back he proceeded to the seat in front of Hans.

"Pretty good liar, aren't you?" Hans's chuckling seatmate chided, when the soldiers were out of earshot.

"What do you mean?" Hans demanded, resentful that the youngster could see through him so easily.

"Oh, nothing at all, except that I saw you get on the other train in Berlin."

Hans reddened. "You must be mistaken."

The mouth widened into another grin.

"Another thing, I happen to live

on Hauptstrasse in Rager. There's no 232. I live at the end of the street, and my number is 105."

The station in Rager came into view in the distance, and the heckler moved to get up.

"But never mind," he went on, seeing that Hans was taken aback. "Don't let it worry you."

He lowered his voice.

"If you need a name to help you across, I know a man who really knows the country. He's helped a lot of my friends. What'll you give me if I give you his card? I don't know what you've got in your sack, but I might be able to strike a bargain."

Hans thought fast. Was this young fellow telling the truth, or might he be taking advantage of him? Who knew but that he might even be a spy! He hesitated.

"Look, brother, I'm not fooling you. I'm being square about it. I told you my address. There's no catch to it."

"All right. You give me the card, and I'll slip you two kilo of potatoes into your sack. That's all I can spare. Is that all right?"

"It's a deal."

The stranger watched Hans count out the potatoes, judging the weight from his long experience in this type of bartering. The potatoes were large ones and both were satisfied that they weighed about two kilo. Then he gave Hans the proffered card and watched him scan its contents.

"Well, good luck, friend; you'll need it."

And he was gone, leaving Hans stupefied at the apparent luck that had come his way. I guess, he thought, smiling to himself, Maria would call this an answer to prayer!

### CHAPTER X

Uncertainty, however, clouded Hans's every thought as he got off the train in Rager. He had been lucky, so far, but the worst of his venture was yet to come. What was more, the questioning of the soldiers and the prying of the officious seatmate had left him a bit shaky.

Depositing the precious name card in his inside pocket, Hans strode quickly through the small station and out into the fresh air. It was important that he walk confidently, that he look as though he were going some place. Loitering aimlessly around might throw suspicion upon him; he couldn't be sure that he would not meet those soldiers again.

Rager apparently was small enough that it had been left intact during the war. It was not unlike any other little German city which he had seen, narrow cobblestone streets, an occasional church spire pin-pointing skyward above the chimneys, humble little houses closely lining the streets with windows thrown open and bedding hanging out to air. Pale-faced children played dreamily in the streets;

old men sat and watched their world pass by; young mothers hustled downtown to stand in bread lines or to the country to bargain and barter enough to feed their nestlings at home.

Adjusting his potato sack on his back, Hans limbered his stiff muscles in a quick walk down Bahnhofstrasse. The name on the card in his pocket indicated a shoe repair shop on Moerickestrasse. Probably the kind of a deal, Hans thought, that one would make in broad daylight under the pretense of ordinary business.

He paused long enough to examine his own shoes. Surely they were authentically in need of repair! He did not cherish memories of the past winter in Berlin, standing around on icy streets with frost-bitten toes. Only one fear haunted him as he sought out the little shop. Could he trust that stranger on the train? How could he be sure that this was not a diabolical trick? There were people low enough to play a game with human hearts and souls as forfeits.

Hans took his time in looking the town over, getting a good idea of the lay of the land, until he was sure that shops would be open. Thus it was midmorning of a sultry day when he set out for Moerickestrasse. Mopping beads of perspiration from his forehead, he was glad that Rager was not large and that the shop was not situated in the cluttered business section of the town. Instead, Moerickestrasse took him through a quiet park. Beneath spreading elms he found the shingle, "Reynold Bresher, Shoe Repair."

An enterprising shoe repairman, to be sure, he mused, resuming a casual nonchalance and showing his gait to the heat of the day.

"Herr Bresher?" he asked, hoping against hope that the man he sought was not this young apprentice who met him when he entered.

"To the back of the shop, sir," the boy motioned, picking up his tool again and whistling as he resumed his work.

Hans picked his way through the disorganized equipment and blinked in the semidarkness of the back room. When his eyes became accustomed to the dark, he saw a short, middle-aged man, sturdily built, shrewd in his glance. He waited patiently while Bresher finished an explanation about a shoe he had fixed.

"Sorry, but all we could do was to patch it. Did as neat a job as you could get anywhere. Should be good for another six months."

The customer shrugged his stooped shoulders and frowned. "If it's the best you can do, it will have to do, but six months from now I'll probably be going barefoot."

Bresher pretended not to hear the other man's dissatisfied grunts, abruptly turning to Hans with a "what-can-I-do-for-you" expression.

(To be continued)

# THE URGENCY FOR CHRISTIAN WITNESSING

By Evangelist Joseph T. Larson  
(Alliance Witness)

Jesus Christ set an example for faithful witnessing. "Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness" (Rev. 1:5). He revealed the will of God, giving forth God's truth faithfully even unto death on the cross. "I have given him for a witness to the people" (Isa. 55:4).

All God's children should follow His example of faithful witnessing. It may be by preaching, teaching or testimony; but it ought to be the work of the whole church.

**Those who should witness.** All Christians should bear testimony to Christ and to His truth. This does not mean merely preaching or teaching, but it means actually to give testimony to the truth. It means to give forth such truth that it bears witness to Jesus Christ, whose we are and whom we serve. "Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession" (1 Tim. 6:13).

Ministers of the gospel should witness for Christ, not merely giving good sermon discourses but witnessing to individuals as well. Evangelists and missionaries should bear testimony unto Christ. This should be done on both home and foreign fields. Deacons, elders, Sunday school teachers and all who would be soulwinners should witness for Jesus Christ and His saving gospel.

The witness should be against sin and evil, but positively for the righteousness of God in Christ and for the holy standard which Jesus Christ has once for all set for His own people. We are to be faithful in witnessing in churches, Sunday schools, on trains and buses, as well as on the street or in homes of the ungodly.

## The substance of our witnessing.

The substance of our witnessing should be the Word of God. It should be the gospel of our salvation—how we may be justified as guilty sinners through our Lord Jesus Christ. We should bear testimony to what Christ has done for us in personal salvation, giving us eternal life. A true witness must have experienced the new birth and have taken seriously the great commission of Christ (Matt. 28:18-20). We should witness concerning Jesus Christ's death and bodily resurrection, which was the God-given method in the Book of the Acts. Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus, "For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard" (Acts 22:15).

Every Christian of mature growth should have a definite experience with Christ, a revelation of Christ to his heart and soul, and he should consecrate himself for service to Christ. This means experience, revelation and service. Note that this was what happened to Paul—he had

experience and revelation, followed by consecrated service. In all our testimony, soulwinning and edifying of the Body of Christ should be paramount. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor. 4:5).

Christians need to witness to the sufferings of Christ and the glory that shall follow (1 Pet. 5:1). As we witness we will experience both acceptance and rejection. It was so in the life of Christ in His earthly ministry, and in the life of the apostles. Paul was not afraid to bear testimony against some evil and idolatrous things, and did not fail to discuss the truth with those who misunderstood or who would gainsay the truth.

In our witnessing for Christ we shall see fruit only if we do it by the power of the Spirit of God and for God's glory. We should expect God to work even as He promised.

**Preparation for witnessing.** The utmost care should be taken to prepare for proper Christian witnessing. God has given such preparation through the centuries to His chosen vessels. Important as an education is, yet the school of Christ teaches us humility, obedience, love for souls, steadfastness, patience and endurance, with a will to sacrifice all for Him.

The preparation of each one should be in prayer, in waiting God's time and place. We should pray for persons and communities for weeks and even months before attempting to estimate God's methods of preparation for such service, even if it takes us through the furnace of affliction or other physical or mental suffering. Paul spent considerable time in the deserts of Arabia where he received definite revelation of God's will for himself and the church.

Momsen and one other missionary went to Java and in about thirty years there were 30,000 believers there. Adoniram Judson sat in jail for some years and it was six years before he won a single convert for Christ in Burma. There are thousands of believers there now!

God knows how to prepare a Christian for sincere and capable witnessing. No secular education, no matter how wise, can do this for a Christian. It takes our Father Himself to guide us into all truth by the Holy Spirit. He will take a Christian into the school of daily experience and from that school send him forth to tell what he has seen and heard. This does not mean that we go into an undue seclusion. We must live among men so that we may see their dire need. As someone has said, "Let us plead with God for men, and go forth to plead with men for God!"

**The cost of witnessing.** Jesus Christ as a faithful witness gave His life and shed His blood for the

witness He bore, yea, and for the sins of all the world. It cost Him His life.

All the apostles died the death of a martyr except John the beloved apostle and Judas who betrayed Christ. Paul gave his life finally for his witness to Christ. Our gospel is worth living for and worth dying for. Millions of Christians by refusing to recant from their positions as believers in Christ have died as martyrs. They chose the way of death rather than fail the Lord.

Hebrews 11 is ample proof of the price that some paid for their faith (and faithfulness): "Others were tortured... others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented" (verses 35-37).

**The divine power for true witnessing.** There is a lamentable lack of power in the lives of many Christians. Fear—fear of man, of persecution or of relatives—many times hinders Christians from witnessing. Any witnessing must be performed in the power of the Holy

Spirit. He can give courage to those who are weak and power to the fainthearted. The results will be that men and women will be won for Christ, conviction will come to sinners and God will be glorified. It takes patience, loving concern and enduring qualities to witness for Christ. We should visit homes of the unsaved or call on them wherever they may be.

God is no respecter of persons nor should a Christian witness be. We should take every opportunity given to us to witness, and we dare not neglect one. Let us leave the results with God. All seed properly planted and watered by God will in time bear fruit.

The time would fail me to tell of exploits of thousands of missionaries who in many lands have wrought righteousness, dethroned sin and wrong, changed lives, healed the sick, and led multitudes of persons into the faith in Christ. All this was done for the glory of God, and for the furtherance of His cause. In such workers dwelt God's Spirit who will continue to move them to further soulwinning. May God give continued strength faith and grace thus to witness until He shall come and say, "It is enough, come up higher!"

## "Don't Be Left Behind"

Mr. M. was a man who liked to be in good time, so it generally happened that he arrived at the bus stop with a few minutes to spare. But he had one strange habit: having made sure of being there in time, he would get interested in other things around him, and sometimes he would nearly miss the bus after all.

He used to travel on one route regularly, from the town to a village, and back again. He knew the time-table exactly, and that if he missed one bus he would have to wait an hour for the next. At the country stop there was usually plenty of room, and there would be no need to form a queue. He would have a chat with anyone else who might be nearby. Often he would still be talking when the other passengers had stepped on board, and the conductor would ring the bell for the bus to go on; then someone would give a frantic yell, "Get on the bus! Don't be left behind!"

At the town end, several bus services started from the same covered stand, but he knew the spot at which to queue, the bus number required, and the time it was due to leave. He knew, too, that if he missed the bus, he could not get another in time to be present at the meeting in the country which he purposed attending.

One day, as usual, he arrived at the stand in good time. The bus had

not yet come in, and when it did would wait for a few minutes. Mr. M. thought he would fill in the time by looking at the posters. Only—he was so engrossed that he did not hear the bus come in, and when at last a noise attracted his attention, he was just in time to see the bus departing along the road, and there was no hope of catching it! Did you say, "How silly"? I am wondering whether you are doing something much more foolish.

Most of you go to Sunday school, and want to go to heaven. Your teachers tell you that Jesus said, "I am the Way," and you have learnt the text in Acts 16 which says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Going to Sunday school is like going to the bus stop. You are at the right place, and you know what to do to get to heaven. But then—you get so interested in all sorts of things around you, that even if you think seriously about receiving the Lord Jesus as your own Saviour, you put it off until another time. And if you put it off any more, your opportunity may be gone, and you may never reach heaven at all. His coming can take place at any time, and if you do not belong to Him, He will leave you behind for judgment.

Make sure of salvation by receiving Him now, and then you won't be left behind.



## Round-Up of

# World-Wide

## RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### Communists Ask for Change In Theology

Representatives of East Germany's Communist regime recently demanded that candidates for the Lutheran ministry alter papers on the theology of St. Paul to make the Apostle's teaching "harmonize" with current Soviet Zone policies. This was disclosed at a conference of the East German Lutheran Bishops presided over by Bishop Otto Dibelius. Conference speakers cited this censorship as one of the latest examples of the Reds' "increasing and systematic interference with Church literature."

### Bibles in East Germany

A record number of Bibles and Scripture portions were printed in the Soviet Zone of Germany last year, thanks to foreign church bodies who donated large amounts of paper for that purpose. Produced in the Soviet Zone were 73,858 complete Bibles, 78,804 New Testaments and 387,191 Scripture portions, for a total of 529,853 pieces. This compares with 842,000 volumes of Scripture printed in West Germany last year.

### Unusual Pastoral Care

An unusual account of effective native pastoral care has been reported by Mrs. E. Heimback, a missionary in North Thailand. The story: "Doong Ye, Jia Gun and Cho Su of Palm Leaf have all broken with opium. For Doong Ye especially it was a desperate struggle and entailed much prayer and watching on the part of the missionaries. During the worst time one night, one of the others, Jia Gun, though in severe pain sought to encourage Doong Ye, saying, 'Just hold out until the cocks crow and you will be better.' And so it was. During this time, Jia Gun lost his house in a fire, but the family were all saved. On the Sunday following Ying spoke on the passage: 'The trial of your faith . . . more precious than of gold . . . though tried with fire' and Jia Gun, a silversmith, well understood the illustrations. Now all three men are well on the way to recovery, with hearts rejoicing."

### Keswick Feature

A new feature was added to the program of the world-renowned Keswick Bible conference in England this summer with such evident success that it will probably be continued in the future. The new feature utilized the radio relay system, similar to that used in the Billy Graham Crusade a few years ago, which brought actual convention

programs to Christians assembled in their own church or other meeting place. Next year, it is now believed, scores of applications will be made for this service and the influence and blessing of Keswick will be greatly enhanced.

### Ask for CO Program

French Protestants have asked President Charles de Gaulle for a program to provide for conscientious objectors. Marc Doegner, representing the French Protestant council, called for support for a law now under consideration that would provide alternative service for young men who have conscientious scruples against military duty. Since 1940, Doegner and the churches have asked at least ten French heads of government or ministers of war for such legislation.

### Speaks to all of Dominican Republic

Recently Dr. B. H. Pearson, president of World Gospel Crusades, Inc., spoke on a nationwide television hook-up which reached every town and village on the little island kingdom of the Dominican Republic. This was part of "Operation West Indies" in which some 40 American Free Methodist youth leaders took part. The opening meeting of the Santiago Crusade was held in the ultra-modern Santiago ball stadium, with an attendance of 4,000—probably the largest Protestant gathering ever held here. The Free Methodist Church sponsors a radio broadcast here patterned after the "Light and Life Hour." The half-hour program "La Luz del Mundo" is released weekly over HIRZ Santiago, which can be heard throughout the island.

## CANADASCOPE

### Varying Views on Mackenzie King

Political experts participating in a recent panel discussion in Sackville, N.B., on the life and work of the late Prime Minister Mackenzie King expressed somewhat varying views.

Dr. Eugene Forsey, Canadian Labour Congress research director, said, "The prime minister believed that the good of his country was inseparable from his continuance in office as prime minister." Dr. Forsey claimed that King "never understood parliamentary government."

The Hon. J. W. Pickersgill, Liberal Commons member who has served under the former leader, replied that King was a "thrifty man who sought to control expenses and

advocated that the government should be as economical as possible and as free from restraints as possible." He maintained that a man who was in Parliament from 1908 to 1911 and from 1919 to 1948 must know what Parliament is.

Pickersgill said, "Parliament means what Parliament is, and not some idea conjured up in the ivory towers of the Canadian Labor Congress."

### Advice and Health Rules

The Department of National Health and Welfare of Ottawa gives advice to the citizens of Canada. Some of them are the following:

If caught outdoors during a thunderstorm, don't shelter under a tree or in an exposed isolated small building. Keep away from wire fences, herds of animals and crowds of people.

When a child begins school for the first time, he should be the best possible condition. He should have a thorough checkup of eyes, teeth and general health, as well as having immunization against polio, diphtheria, whooping cough and smallpox.

Canada's Food Rules provide a list of the five groups of foods necessary to good health through a balanced diet. These groups, which should be represented in the daily diet, include milk, vegetables, fruits, cereals and meat, fish or eggs.

An efficient babysitter's job entails responsibilities. The sitter should have the phone number where the parents may be reached. She should be given the telephone numbers of police and fire departments, the children's doctor, and a friendly neighbor, just in case of emergency.

Immunization Week is held this year from September 20 to 26, as a reminder to have children immunized against whooping cough, smallpox, diphtheria and polio.

A well-stocked first aid kit should be part of the equipment of home, office, cottage, car and plant. A first aider on the staff should have charge of the kit, where there is no organized medical unit. It is a good idea to have someone trained in the St. John Ambulance first aid course.

### Care and More Care, Farmers

The toll of lives is heavy, according to Dr. F. J. Greaney, director of L. E. Farm Service.

On the average about 200 Canadians lose their lives each year as a result of farm accidents. Many, many more are seriously injured and not a few are crippled for life. In Alberta and Saskatchewan alone, in 1958, no less than 272 farm residents lost their lives through accidents. Of these, farm tractors, the most murderous of all farm implements, were responsible for 37 deaths. In the province of Saskatchewan alone in 1958, no less

than 6,500 farm people suffered injuries which necessitated hospital treatment.

### Accidents Reported

The Board of Transport commissioners in Ottawa has issued the latest accident statistics. According to the report, in the last five years, 952 persons have been killed and 3,524 others injured in 2,661 railroad crossing accidents across Canada. About 23 percent of these accidents occurred at crossings "protected" — as the railways call it — by gates or automatic signals.

### Polio Cases in Manitoba

Hon. George Johnson, minister of health reported five polio cases all of which are from points in rural Manitoba. He said, "Polio is unpredictable, it is impossible to forecast in advance where and when it will occur." He also stated that young adults, 18-40, are especially susceptible to the disease. He recommended that Manitobans in this age group start polio immunization without delay.

Vaccination of pre-school and school age children may be obtained at public health clinics.

### Dedication Service At Kildonan

North Kildonan, Man. — The newly purchased school building of the Mennonite Educational Society, located at 343 Edison Ave., North Kildonan, is to be dedicated to the Lord and to be given to the Mennonite Educational Institute on Sunday, August 30 at 7 p.m.

The directors of the board are extending an invitation to the public to attend the dedication service.

The building was formerly the church home of the North Kildonan M.B. Church.

### Pacific Bible Institute

Rev. Waldo D. Hiebert of Hillsboro, Kansas, will join the faculties of the Pacific Bible Institute and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno at the beginning of the school year in September.

His appointment was announced by Rev. B. J. Braun, president of both schools.

Rev. Hiebert, a pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Hillsboro for the past 10 years will teach practical theology including church administration and the work of the pastor. He will also teach Christian education. His work will be primarily with the Seminary.

The new instructor has had eight years teaching experience and 13 years in pastoral ministry. Two of his teaching years were spent in Paraguay in the South American Mennonite High School.

## Weddings

### Block—Andres

Miss Orla Andres, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Andres of Hepburn, Sask., and Mr. Clarence Block, son of Mrs. Henry Block of Borden, were married in the Hepburn M.B. church on July 24. Rev. Jacob Bergen officiated, with Rev. Jacob H. Epp also giving a message.

The young couple is residing on a farm in the Borden area.

### Dyck—Klassen

Miss Audrey Klassen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klassen of Carman, Man., and Alfred Dyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Dyck of Winkler, were married on July 25 in the Carman Mennonite church. Rev. Henry Funk of Winnipeg officiated.

The George B. Dyck family, Dalmeny, Sask., was also present at the wedding. Rev. Dyck is a brother of the groom.

The couple is employed in Winnipeg.

### Heinrichs—Friesen

Miss Verna Friesen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Friesen of Hepburn, Sask., and John Heinrichs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Heinrichs of Glenbush, were married on July 31 in the Hepburn M. B. church. Rev. Jacob Bergen officiated.

The young couple is residing in Saskatoon. They will be moving to Winnipeg in fall where Brother Heinrichs will be attending the M.B. Bible College.

### Thiessen—Loewen

Miss Lena Loewen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Loewen of Petaigen, Sask., and Peter Thiessen, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Thiessen of Saskatoon, were married on August 8 in the Carrot River Mennonite Brethren Mission. Rev. Victor Nickel officiated.

After the wedding trip to Banff the young couple settled in Saskatoon, where Mr. Thiessen is employed at a service station and Mrs. Thiessen at the University Hospital, where she is assisting in the laboratory.

### Braun—Lenzmann

Miss Mary Lenzmann, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hermann Lenzmann of Yarrow, B.C., and John Braun, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Braun of Hepburn, Sask., were married on August 14 in the Yarrow M.B. church. Rev. H. Lenzmann officiated, with the groom's brother also giving a message.

The groom's parents and some other members of the family had come for the wedding. A sister of

the bride played the piano. Miss Holda Reimer served with two solos and she also joined her father in the singing of a duet.

### Ratzlaff—Doerksen

The wedding of Viola Doerksen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Doerksen, Cleabrook, B.C., and Harold Ratzlaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ratzlaff, Vancouver, was solemnized in the Clearbrook M.B. church on August 8. Officiating was Rev. P. R. Toews.

Rev. Toews and Rev. H. H. Nikkel served with appropriate messages. Brother John Pauls and Sister Holda Reimer sang a duet.

### Ratzlaff—Wiens

Miss Gertrude Wiens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Wiens of Sardis, B.C., and Mr. Philip A. Ratzlaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ratzlaff of South Abbotsford, B.C., were married on August 16 in the Sardis M.B. church. Rev. Rudy Janzen officiated, with the bride's brother also giving a message.

The brother of the groom sang a solo, "I'll walk with the Lord."

### Alternative Service

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once or twice a week as a group. They go to church and they go to picnics and lunches together. Backgrounds of various denominations and communities are brought into focus. Much is gained by an experience like this and the individual himself profits most. The V.S. director endeavors to keep in close contact with the unit and its individual members as well as the administration under whom they work.

At the present time there are 18 MCC-VS units including summer service units. Geographically they range from the northern coast of Newfoundland to the little island of Haiti, which is located 700 miles south of Florida; from eastern New York to southwestern California.

V.S.ers are serving as recreation leaders in delinquent institutions, as school teachers, aids in mental hospitals, farm workers, cooks, housekeepers, truck drivers, normal controls in medical research, secretaries, office workers, nurses and doctors.

### Pax Services

A third form of Alternative Service is Pax which is an overseas program. Pax is the Latin word for "peace." There are 105 fellows in Pax at the present time. Most of these men are I-Ws. However, a few of those who go across, go for their second term or are Canadians who do not have Selective Service requirements. Most Pax men are in construction work either building houses for refugees in Europe or roads in South America. Paxmen serve in areas of unrest

and strife. By living and working with people of these communities, they share the burdens of these people who live in insecurity and need. All Pax men have to have a \$75 a month support from either home, church or conference. Some support themselves.

### I-W Missions

I-W Missions is a fourth form of Alternative Service. Not many fellows have gone under this arrangement even though it is a challenging arrangement. MCC acts as an employee of the hospital; but because MCC is a non-profit or-

ganization it does not have any money deducted for income tax. MCC in turn provides the man with room and board plus \$25 a month for allowance. The additional money received from the paycheck goes for a designated project. The project is selected by the I-W himself on the basis of what he thinks the greatest need is. In one year a single I-W contributed \$1,815 for a needy project. In this way a person has a chance to make a double contribution and witness—one at his job while working and another by giving money to some needy place.

## Trip to the Holy Land

By Rev. J. S. Mendel  
(Christian Witness)

For many years I longed to visit Palestine—to see and walk where Jesus walked. A few years later I shared that dream with some of my fellow ministers, which increased that longing. I began to bring this desire to the Lord in prayer.

Now I can "Praise the Lord" that He opened the way that on April 28, 1959 Brother J. J. Kleinsasser and myself (J. S. Mendel) boarded the plane in Chicago for New York, and from New York by jet (less than 7 hours) to London, on our way to the Holy Land via Nigeria, Belgian Congo, Kenya, Egypt and Palestine.

Just a few words about the jet flight. Some ask, "How does it feel to fly at an altitude of 39,000 feet and at a speed of 600 m.p.h.?" Really there is very little difference between ordinary and jet flying after you get going—but it is just too fast. You really have not enough time to enjoy it because you get there too soon.

As for me—visiting the Foreign Mission Fields was the high-light of our tour. It has been requested that I confine my report to the Holy Land, so I will do just that.

Before coming to Jerusalem we stopped at Cairo, Egypt, where we saw the pyramids, the Nile River, the very spot where Moses was found was pointed out to us, the Land of Goshen, Egyptian museum—treasures found in the tombs uncovered in Memphis, the oldest Christian church and the cave where Joseph, Mary and the Baby Jesus lived while hiding from Pharaoh. We also found that Egypt has only two classes of people, rich or poor; no middle class.

We arrived in Jerusalem Jordan May 24. I would like to say at this time that some of the things we found beyond expectation while others were a great disappointment. Many of the Biblical historic places of great importance and interest to us as Christians there is very little or nothing to see because a church building or some other memorial is placed on the very spot and commercialized to present to the tourist and very often loses its sacred-

ness and importance. We visited Hebron about 45 miles from Jerusalem where the Patriarchs are buried (we were asked to take off our shoes when entering there), Bethlehem about 14 miles from Jerusalem to see the birth place of Jesus (the Church of Nativity is built on the place where Jesus was born), also the place where the shepherds were camping when the angels from heaven brought the news of the Saviour's birth to them as well as the place where Boaz met Ruth. The Oak Tree where Abraham met the three angels was pointed out to us. All this was of great interest and importance.

We went on the Jerico Road to Jericho about 25 miles on a real hot afternoon, from there to the Jordan River where Jesus was baptized and Joshua crossed into the Promised Land, also to the Dead Sea, the mountain with caves where the Dead Sea Scrolls were uncovered, the Samaritan Inn, etc. After seeing all the above named places it makes a person read his Bible with greater interest.

However the center of attraction in the Holy Land is Jerusalem in Jordan. The walls of Jerusalem are still there. The main entrance is the Damascus Gate. I am sure Brother Kleinsasser will never forget that gate because he paid a visit to a dentist who has his office over the Damascus Gate and the dentist extracted a tooth for him. That really calmed the brother for the rest of the day. But it was worth the experience I am sure. Places of interest in Jerusalem are the Golden Gate where Jesus entered on Palm Sunday, the Stephen Gate where Stephen was stoned just outside that gate, the pool of Bethesda, the road of the cross, the empty tomb, Mount Zion, Mount Olivet, etc.

I omitted one important place intentionally because I want to dwell somewhat on it and that is Gethsemane. Gethsemane, a garden in the neighborhood of Jerusalem, memorable as the scene of the last suffering of our Lord. The traditional site of this garden places it on the east side of the city, a

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# Bringing Men to Christ

By Rev. Hamilton P. Rankin  
(Alliance Weekly)

**"Andrew first findeth his own brother Simon, . . . and he brought him to Jesus."**

Andrew, the first disciple to come into contact with Jesus, was a disciple of John the Baptist, Christ's forerunner. John had created no small stir in the neighborhood of Bethabara, a town on the east bank of the river Jordan, about the year A.D. 27. The appearance of this man of rugged character and forthright speech had awakened great interest among all classes of people. His dress, a garment made of camel's hair and fastened with a leathern girdle, suggested that he was a prophet. His burning message left no doubt about it. The man had caused a sensation in Judaea and there were many rumors concerning him.

People came from all quarters to hear John. Taxgatherers, soldiers, the religious extremists of the day and the common people were among his audiences. He had a message for them all. The man spoke with power, his words were full of fire and his message was vital. He spoke plainly so that the simplest men could understand. He talked of sin and repentance, of heaven and hell. He knew no compromise where sin was concerned. Men must repent, he declared, and show the sincerity of their contrition by a definite change in their mode of life. The transformed life was to be the preparation for the One who was coming after Him to set up the kingdom of God upon earth.

Many believed John's words and were baptized. He became very popular, yet he claimed no honor for himself. He declared himself to be merely a "voice . . . in the wilderness." He spoke of a greater One who should come after him. In spite of his plain speech he displayed a sublime humility, and his words summed up the whole of the Bible teaching concerning humbleness of mind: "He must increase, but I must decrease." His one purpose was to bring men to Jesus Christ. He spoke of a new order, a subject that always holds attraction for young people.

Andrew, then a young man, a fisherman from Bethsaida near the Sea of Galilee, was among those who heard John. He was quickly captured by the personality and message of the man and became his disciple. To know John was to be led to Jesus. Andrew and a friend were among those who were with John when Jesus made His first public appearance at the beginning of His ministry. As Jesus approached the waiting group John cried, "Behold the Lamb of God!" Andrew "heard him speak, and . . . followed Jesus." This was the utmost purpose of John's life as it should be the purpose of the life of

every man of God—to lead men from themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ. Andrew immediately acknowledged Christ as Master and, with his friend, accompanied Jesus to the place where He dwelt. The meeting made such an impression on the minds of these two young men that many years later they were able to record the exact time: two hours before midnight. Where did Jesus take His first disciples that night? In *Paradise Regained* Milton suggests that Jesus lived the out-of-door life:

... whether on the hill  
Sometimes, anon in shady vale,  
each night  
Under the cover of some ancient oak,  
Or cedar, to defend Him from  
the dew,  
Or harbored in one cave . . .

No one knows where that fateful night was spent. But we do know that those hours in the company of the Master affected the whole of their lives. Andrew could never be the same man again. He went back to the Sea of Galilee, there to await the call to follow Jesus fully, a call which came a short time later. In that night interview in the place "where he dwelt" secrets were shared, as secrets are always shared when man meets his Saviour. Loyalties were established that were never to be broken. An allegiance was sworn that was to last throughout their lives. With the memory of that night still deeply impressed on his mind Andrew needed little persuasion when some time later he heard Jesus say "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." His response to the call of service was as immediate as his response to the call to conversion.

From that day Andrew quietly filled an important place in the circle of Christ's disciples, and although he was overshadowed by the dominant personality of his brother Simon Peter, he was expert in the greatest of all arts, that of personal soul-winning. The day he was converted he began to win others for Christ, and he began at home. "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found . . . the Christ." Andrew had come into possession of the soul-winning secret. He had a passionate desire to link men to Jesus Christ, and he quickly revealed that he had all the qualities of successful soul-winning.

The three outstanding references to Andrew in the Scriptures show him introducing men to Christ. Each one is significant:

In the Gospel of John he is shown working for Christ in the family circle. Witnessing for Christ in the home is not an easy matter but Andrew's success in winning Peter, who in turn was to win thousands for Christ, should be an inspiration and encouragement to all soulwin-

ners. The Church of Jesus Christ must win souls at home before she will ever be able to win the lost across the seas.

In the well-known story of the feeding of the five thousand Andrew brought a boy to Jesus. The great wilderness meeting had been long in progress when it was realized that the people were hungry and weary. Andrew saw the boy with five loaves and two fishes and quickly brought him to Christ. The boy's yielded gift, blessed by the Lord Jesus, satisfied the needs of the multitude and the act became forever symbolic. Our gifts, when offered to Jesus, are never too small to bring great blessing to others.

The third reference to Andrew in the New Testament introduces the first international touch to the gospel story. A group of Greeks sought to see Jesus, and it was Andrew again who brought them to Him. Their cry, "Sir, we would see Jesus," was answered by one of Christ's most striking revelations to men. In His speaking of the grain of wheat which must die before it can spring up and reproduce its kind, Jesus laid down the principle that the way of life is through death, the way to honor through death, the way to honor through service, a truth which He perfectly illustrated by His own death.

This principle of life through death, so seemingly paradoxical and so faintly grasped by even the best of men, was revealed to those Greeks through the ministry of Andrew. Andrew is said to have later carried the gospel to the Greeks.

Andrew's story shows a progression in soul-winning which might well be followed by others in our day. Beginning at home, he reached out to the children and finally encompassed the whole world. Like Andrew, we are responsible for the souls of men who pass our way. Too many Christian workers are concerned about the souls of lost men outside the home and are not concerned about those of their own household. We are to do all within our power, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to give all men a chance to hear the true testimony of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

## COLLEGES

### Tabor College

#### Gift by Women's Group

A designated gift to the Tabor College home economics department this past year is currently being put to use in providing needed facilities in the home economics laboratories in the administration building.

The gift is \$1000 presented by the Women's Missionary Service of the Mennonite Brethren Southern District. Proceeds are being used to build cabinets, shelving, and

storage for the fields of home management, home nursing, clothing and textiles, and to purchase equipment in these areas.

The project is a continuation of last summer's work in the department which saw the installation of three completely furnished teaching units in the foods and nutrition laboratory. These additions are all useful and necessary for the home economics teaching program. The College two years ago set up a curriculum leading to a minor in this field for graduation.

A sinful occupation may bring you in dollars and cents, but the Keeper at the Pearly Gates can never be bought out. Heaven needs no money.

### Trip to the Holy Land

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very little beyond the Kedron, near the base of Mt. Olivet. It contains some very old olive trees, piously regarded as having stood there in the time of our Lord. But even there we found that they cultivated flowers to present to the tourists that visit the Holy Land. But I saw beyond the tradition and flowers. I felt I was walking on holy ground. I visualized that this is the place where Jesus withdrew from His disciples and knelt down to pray. It was the place where the angel from heaven came and strengthened Him. It was the place where Jesus was in such agony that His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. It was the place where He found His disciples sleeping. It was the place where Judas came and gave Him the kiss that betrayed the Son of Man.

That is the picture every Christian sees with his spiritual eyes when visiting Gethsemane.

The blood acre which was bought with the money returned by Judas after realizing what he had done was also pointed out to us, which is on the other side of Jerusalem now called New Jerusalem in Israel.

From Jerusalem we went to Athens, Corinth, Rome, and on to Geneva, Switzerland which ended our transportation by air. Then we traveled by car through Switzerland, Austria, Belgium and Holland. We left the car in Rotterdam, Holland to be shipped to Los Angeles, California and we went to England by boat. June 25 we boarded the S.S. United States for New York. While on board we learned that Rev. Billy Graham was on the boat with us. Sunday morning we attended the service with Billy Graham as messenger preacher on John 3:16.

We thank and praise the Lord for His guidance and protection through all these many miles of travel. The entire trip was 17 countries, and over 25,000 miles (17,500 miles by air; 3,500 miles by car, 3,500 miles by boat and 1,000 miles by rail).

# Costa Rica

Brother and Sister Walter Pastre and their eight-month-old son Stephen left Hillsboro on August 10 for Costa Rica in Central America where they expected to arrive a day or two later. The Pastres are returning to Latin America for an evangelistic ministry under the national church in cooperation and with the assistance of the Board of Foreign Missions. As the Lord leads, Brother Pastre will do evangelistic and Bible school work in various countries of Latin America in which our conference has missionary work. Sister Pastre is originally from Costa Rica where they



Brother and Sister Walter Pastre, missionaries to Costa Rica in Central America.

will be residing until Brother Pastre obtains citizenship papers. During the past two years the Pastres have studied at Tabor College in Hillsboro and the Biblical Seminary in Fresno in further preparation for missionary service with our conference. May we pray that the Pastres have grace to minister effectively to the Latin American people after being away from that culture for several years. May the Lord use Brother Pastre in a special way for it appears that the Lord has chosen and prepared him for a particular ministry among people of a Latin American culture and background. The Pastres came to the States from Mexico where they studied in our Bible school at Nuevo Ideal for one year.

## AMHS Invites High School Students

Coaldale, Alta. — A warm invitation to high school students to obtain their education under the influence of the Christian teachers at

the Alberta Mennonite High School has been extended by the school board of AMHS.

Instruction at AMHS will again be given in grades seven to twelve. Classes will begin on September 14.

School catalogues may be obtained upon request from Mr. D. Matthies, Box 185, Coaldale, Alta. Application should be sent to Mr. Matthies or to the principal of the school, Mr. Peter Loewen, AMHS, Coaldale, Alta.

## Are We Overemphasizing Missions?

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This Society holds the calling out of a people for His name to be God's supreme purpose for this age.

If anyone asks, "Have we been wrong in being so wholly committed to missions? Have we erred in placing missions first, even to the neglect of other things quite essential?" we reply "No!" China today is closed to the gospel. Had it not been for lopsided, radical dedication to missionary effort, the preaching of the Word would not have gotten as far in that land as it did. Suppose a so-called proper balance had been sought in those groups labeled "lopsided." It is plain there would have been fewer missionaries and fewer converts.

China is but one instance. There are other areas where gospel work was begun before the war. Had it been delayed until after the war, even though doors were wider open, the problems and difficulties would have been much greater. It was this lopsided dedication to pioneering, this radical emphasis on missions, that effected the gospel advance in places now closed or hard to enter.

Of course, the main concern is that we be scriptural in our fervor and intensity of dedication. The testimony of the Word is clear enough on this point. And let me say reverently, the most radical event ever recorded is the departure from glory of the Son of God to become the Saviour of men. He "emptied himself"—what extremism! He was "obedient unto death, even the death of the cross"—the ultimate in sacrifice and singleness of purpose.

"He... spared not his own Son"—was God lopsided? "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses... unto the ut-

termost part of the earth." What fanaticism! God coming upon man to energize him, so that he might evangelize.

No need to remind ourselves that we live in a time of fast-changing conditions. Deserving and worthy purposes will always seek our attention. But let's keep this clear—the winning of men to Christ, the world-wide proclamation of His salvation, is the first and chief job of the Church. To do that will require of us as individuals continued radical and emphatic self-denial and sacrifice. It also will demand of us collectively that we keep that purpose pre-eminent and foremost, even to the deliberate subordination and perhaps sacrifice of other aims.

"This one thing I do," cried the apostle. Later not even the shadow of the executioner's sword could darken the triumph of his departure. With singleness of purpose, dominated by one blazing passion, the salvation of the Gentiles, he "finished (his) course." What magnificent imbalance! There is a lopsidedness which is sublime.

## On the Horizon

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.

September 13 to 17. — Evangelistic meetings will be conducted in the Regina M. B. Church by Rev. H. H. Epp, Blaine, Washington, Conference evangelist.

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