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

I Cor. 2:2

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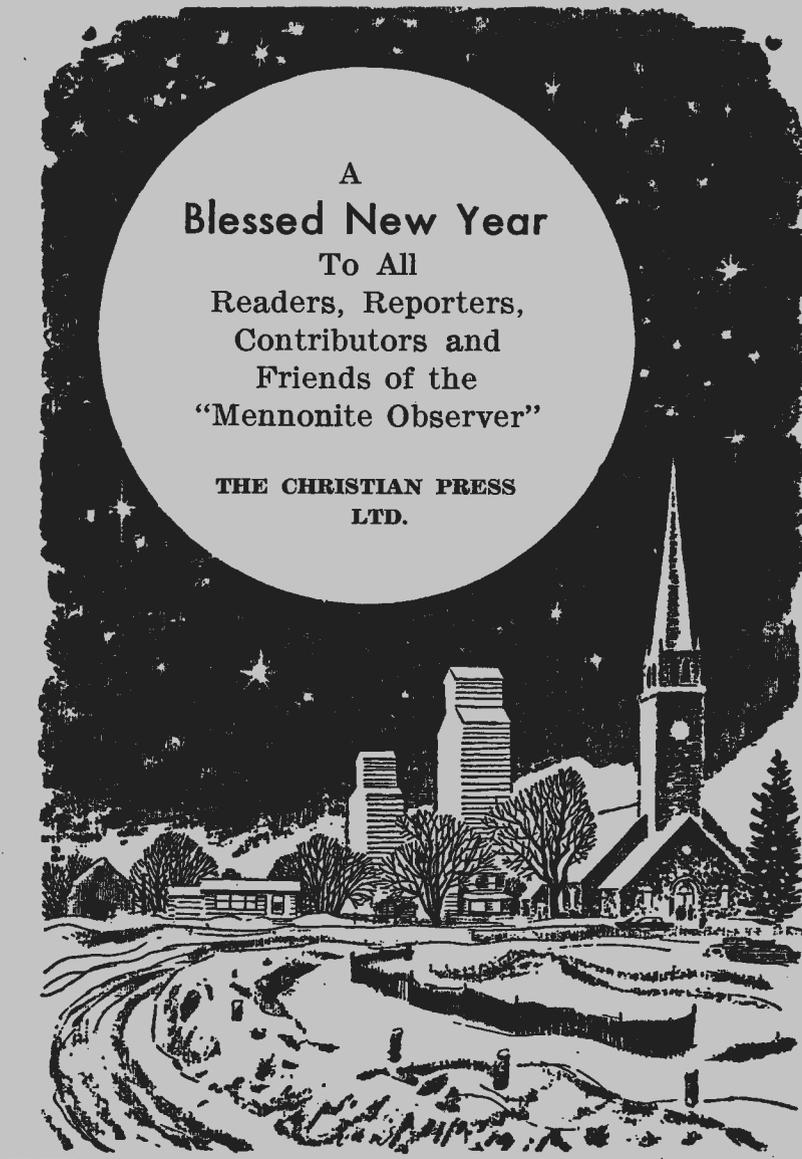
Ontario M.B. Bible School

Kitchener, Ont. — On November 28 the Board of the Mennonite Brethren Bible School of Ontario met in the Kitchener M. B. Church. The work of the Bible School during the past year was reviewed. In view of renewed interest in the constituency for the Bible School, plans were laid down for the next school year. Rev. Wilmer Kornelson will continue as principal. Detailed announcements covering various aspects of the work are to be released shortly. Serving as executive of the Board are Rev. William Schmidt, chairman; David Wiens, secretary; William Baerg, treasurer.

The faculty and students played host to the alumni of the school on the evening of December 4. In the devotional section of the program the school choir under the direction of Mr. Henry Esau rendered a number of musical selections. Rev. Walter Wiebe spoke on the topic, "Going onward With God." A highlight of the business session was the decision on the part of the alumni and school to schedule an annual Homecoming Day. Classes on that day shall be open to visiting alumni, there shall be a period of study and fellowship in the afternoon, and an official business session of the alumni organization.

The Bible school presented the first Christmas program of the season in the Kitchener M. B. church on the evening of Sunday, December 13. A program of musical selections and readings presented the sacred story of our redemption. The principal, Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, presented a Christmas message.

After a week of Christmas examinations the school family gathered for the annual Christmas banquet. The senior class presented a picturesque story of Christmas. Mr. David Wiens, member of the executive, spoke on the topic, "God's Fulness of Time." Instead of a Christmas gift exchange, the students and faculty had gathered funds for the library of a mission Bible school in Cali, Colombia. In a brief formal ceremony Henry Klassen, student president, presented a cheque covering the amount gathered to the Rev. William Schmidt who received it on behalf of the M. B. Board of Foreign Mis-



sions, to be forwarded to the Bible school on the Mission field.

Classes for the winter term of the school begin on January 4. The spring term will begin on March 14 and end on May 29.

W. Wiebe.

Ordination of George Konrad

Matsqui, B.C. — The Matsqui M.B. Church was the setting on Sunday, December 27, 1959, for the ordination of George Konrad to the Gospel ministry of the Mennonite Brethren Church. He is at present the principal of the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, Clearbrook, a school which has enrolled 79 students this year. Rev. Konrad was, prior to his ordination, not only a Bible school teacher, but a lay worker in charge of the Otter

Road Gospel Chapel until this station was supplied with a full-time worker by the West Coast Children's Mission. At the same time he served as the vice-chairman of the committee of this mission for two years. He is a 1953 graduate of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

The Matsqui Church decided in the late fall of 1959 to ordain not only George Konrad but also Abe Klassen, a former high school teacher and now a student at Goshen College. But the Klassens were unable to return home for the Christmas vacation and therefore the ordination of the Klassens has been postponed until early summer, 1960.

Under the chairmanship of H. H. Neufeld, the leading minister of the Matsqui Church, the ordination

service included two Bible-based messages; appropriate selections by the church choir under the direction of Jake Wall, as well as one number by the radio choir of the M.B.B.I., conducted by H. P. Neufeldt; and many quotations of select Bible verses by other attending ministers as sources of encouragement for the Konrads in their ministry. H. H. Nikkel, Rev. Konrad's colleague and pastor of the McCallum Road M.B. Church, directed his message, based on II Tim. 4:1-8, to the Konrads, while Herman Voth, the present moderator of the B.C. Conference and pastor of the E. Aldergrove Church, told the assembled congregation of their responsibilities to the one upon whom hands were to be laid.

The laying on of hands and prayers over George Konrad by the ministers H. H. Nikkel, Herman Voth and H. H. Neufeld signified for all participants in the service the end of a long process involving the Lord's call to the young brother. But the 'end the long process' only marks the beginning of a great responsibility to preach the Word of God within the framework of a denomination dedicated to the proclamation of the Word for sound conversions and a consistent Christian life. And since these aims are not always achieved, I suppose it is not superfluous to say that some people in the M.B. Church are still looking for more men who will preach the Word so that congregations will "know that a prophet has been among them."

Peter Penner.

Rev. George Konrad, son of G. A. Konrad, is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College of Winnipeg. He has served one year under the Jewish Mission in Winnipeg and has taught one year in the Elim Bible School at Yarrow. Rev. Konrad is teaching for the third year in the M.B. Bible Institute at Clearbrook, B.C. where he is principal. Jake Wall.

Rev. Neufeld Died

Rev. Herman Neufeld, 69, editor of the "Mennonitische Rundschau" until 1945, died in Vancouver, B. C., on December 27, 1959. Funeral services were held from the South End M. B. Church of Winnipeg at 3 p.m. on January 2, 1960.

EDITORIAL

New Year Meditations

The new year is a good time for meditations. It seems natural for us to reflect over the events of the year that is past and to think about what the future may have in store for us. It is also a good time for us to look into our own hearts and lives to see how we "square up" to what we would like to be and what we ought to be; to measure ourselves, not in comparison with others, but according to the standards of the Word of God.

We recall many things that we have enjoyed during the past year, and in doing so thank God for each experience. But there are many other things of the past that we do well to forget. Our past sins, if they have been repented of and washed away in the blood of Christ, should be forgotten.

Then there are the things of evil that may have crept into our lives and which need to be guarded against lest they again make inroads into our thoughts and actions and stain the record of the coming year. In order to forget these we need to lay the destroying scourge upon them. Newell Dwight Hillis has said: "Gather up all the evil of your life—all envy and hatred, all selfishness and greed, all appetite and passion, and as the husbandman burns the thistles and weeds, destroy the evil from your life. Let nothing wicked in thought or purpose escape the destroying hand. Look upon your soul as a mansion, and if there are dark rooms in the cellar, light a torch and search out every corner, and drag from its hiding place the evil that crawls like vermin through the secret places of the soul."

But it is not enough to cast out and forget the old that has been a hindrance to us and has kept us from being and doing our best. We need to put in its place the good, the just, the beautiful, and the true. We need to plant and nurture well the seeds of faith, love, hope, and virtue. What a barren world this is to those who have lost their faith in God and in their fellow men! It has caused many a man (or woman) to jump from the bridge or fire a pistol into his forehead. Faith is the great thing that gives meaning, stability, and zest to life. We need to press into the new year in the spirit of faith.

We need also to enter the new year with the spirit of love. It is the great thing the world needs. The seeds of hate and bitterness that have swept over the world because of wars need to be uprooted and love planted in their stead. Let us go forth with love in our hearts for all men, the needy of the world, our friends and neighbours, our own families, and even our enemies. A demonstration of this spirit of love and faith in the home, the church, and through our outreach into the world, will assure us a happy new year.

Guest Editorial: M. Swartzentruber, Gospel Herald.

DEVOTIONAL

An Important Journey

On the basis of Luke 8:22-25 we shall, at the beginning of this new year 1960, dwell on the subject, "An Important Journey". We shall compare the journey across the sea of Galilee made by the Lord Jesus and His disciples with our life's journey and the various experiences which we have as we continue to live in this world, which is but our temporal home.

There are three things which are of special importance about this journey, the Beginning of the Journey, the Journey itself and the End of the Journey.

The Beginning of the Journey

It is of utmost importance to observe, that the disciples began their journey with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Moses was determined not to

continue life's journey without the Lord. He said to God, Who had always been so faithful to him: "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence" (Ex. 33:15). King Abijah of Juda was in a great dilemma, but under those adverse and critical circumstances he found consolation in God's presence. He said; "Behold, God himself is with us for our captain" (II Chron. 13:12).

Joshua, who was Moses' successor, was filled with fear, when he thought of his great task and of the immediate future.

We are at the threshold of a new year. Let us not begin it without the Lord Jesus. If someone does not have Christ in his heart, we would urge him sincerely to follow the example of Zachaeus of whom it is said: "And he re-

ceived him joyfully" (Luke 19:6).

At the beginning of their journey the disciples could also have found consolation in the words of Christ when He said: "Let us go over unto the other side of the lake" (Luke 8:22). Christ's words, if taken face value, gave the assurance of reaching the other shore. It was a promise which should have created optimism in the hearts of the disciples.

Believing friends, it has been reported, that the Bible contains approximately 33,000 promises. By God's grace and in view of such a vast number of divine commitments, should we not be able to reach the other shore of eternal bliss and happiness? Let us firmly trust in the Lord and in His precious Word, and He will never fail us.

The Journey Itself

The journey was connected with considerable difficulty. In verse 23 we read: "And there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy." The disciples were sore afraid and they came to Jesus, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Master, carest thou not, that we perish?"

Yes, there are times of perplexity, even in the life of a child of God. John the Baptist had a time of severe trials, when he was behind prison bars. In his spiritual battles he said: "Lord, art thou the Messiah, or shall we wait for another?" — Another man who had to endure severe trials was Job. After he was deprived of his material wealth, of his many friends, of his family and of his own health, he cursed the day of his birth.

David was constantly persecuted by King Saul. Humanly speaking, he was in danger of being slain by the king, and he feared that, even though God had protected him in the past, he would yet some day fall into the hands of his superior who, in the course of time, had formed an attitude of bitterness against him.

All of these men had their times of difficulty, but finally they were victorious and able to overcome the vicious attacks of the enemy of their souls. The disciples had their adversities, their storms and their waves. Likewise we must contend with and be prepared for the difficulties of life.

Another point of intense interest in connection with this journey is, that Jesus manifested His wonder-working power. "He rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm."

For a while the disciples had the impression of the Lord Jesus, that He did not care. They said: "Carest thou not that we perish?" Are we likewise some-time of the opinion that Jesus is not interested in us? that He is indifferent, that He

pays no attention to our trying experiences of life?

Note carefully our text. Here it says, "Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm". As Jesus calmed the raging winds and the waves of the sea, so He can give perfect serenity, peace of mind and an unsurpassable rest of the soul to every one who puts his trust unreservedly in Him. Yes, Jesus cares for us and He manifests His wonder-working power in our own lives, by giving us peace of heart which passes all human understanding.

The End of the Journey

The text clearly indicates that the destination set before them was reached, and that the disciples were put to shame, seeing that they had not taken the words of Christ face value, when He had said: "Let us go over unto the other side of the lake." They had feared, that they would go down into the lake; Jesus however had said: "Let us go over." Somehow they had not paid close attention to the words of Christ and that is why they experienced an inward turmoil. Even in our own lives, many fierce battles could be prevented, if we would but cling to the words and promises of God.

As the disciples reached the end of their journey, their minds were solely preoccupied with the person of the Lord Jesus. They said, "What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water and they obey him." By way of application and conclusion, will you permit the Lord Jesus to occupy your soul, your mind and your whole being? Will you humbly bow before Him and let Him take full possession of your heart and life? May God help you to make this very vital decision right at the beginning of this New Year!

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Sermon and Song Program

Abbotsford, B.C. — The congregation at the South Abbotsford M. B. Church on December 20 heard a sermon that continued intermittently throughout a music and carol program.

The Youth Committee of the church had prepared a program that featured 5 choirs and the pastor, Rev. W. Neufeld, who delivered the message at intervals between the singing of the choirs.

Participating in the program were the church choir, under Rev. C. D. Toews, the ladies' choir, led by Martha Thiessen, the male voice choir, led by John Ratzlaff, the children's choir, led by Hilda Janzen, and a special senior choir of older members led by A. A. Nickel. Soloists for the church choir were John Koslowsky and Rita Stobbe. A string quartet provided instrumental music. Ruth Klassen was at the organ.

The South Abbotsford M. B. Church Choir and the ladies' choir participated in the annual Carol Festival in the Abbotsford Junior High auditorium. The December 12 program, the second night of a two-night festival, also included the Bethel Choir, led by Menno Neufeld, the Valley String Orchestra, led by Walter Neufeld, the MEI Concert Choir, the East Aldergrove M.B. Church Choir, the Abbotsford Senior High girls' choir, led by J. Wittenberg, and the Valley String Quartet.

Dedication at Matsqui

Matsqui, B.C. — A great day has come and gone for our church. The day was November 29 and the occasion the dedication of our new church building. Ever since January 4 of this year, when we watched our former church slowly burn to the ground, we yearned for a place of worship. The members of our congregation were unanimous in its decision to rebuild. After much prayer, planning, working and waiting, we are again assembling in our own place of worship. God answered and dealt graciously with us.

Sunday morning on November 29 was sunny. The congregation, together with visitors from far and near, gathered in front of the church. The contractor, Brother H. Hiebert of Hub Construction handed over the keys to our pastor Rev. H. Neufeld. Rev. Neufeld read Lev. 26:11-13, prayed and officially opened the doors. The choir greeted the incoming congregation with: "Wie süß tönt Sabbathglockenklang" and "Oh come, let us worship."

The service was opened by Rev. Neufeld with the words of Psalm 116:12-19 and with a call for prayer and thanksgiving.

The first guest speaker was Rev.

H. Epp, our newly appointed conference evangelist. His subject was, "Dedication" based on I Cor. 8:1-9. Rev. Epp pointed out that this place of worship should be dedicated for the purpose of glorifying Christ, edifying Christians, giving forth the gospel and for prayer.

The second speaker Rev. Jacob Thiessen of Vancouver read Rev. 3:7-13. The subject was, "Eine kleine Kraft" (A little strength). Using examples of the Old Testament, Rev. Thiessen showed what might be accomplished by Christians who are humble before the Lord. Thus the forenoon came to

a close and the congregation had dinner in the basement.

In the afternoon session we heard a report by the contractor and a report by the chairman of the building committee. The afternoon speaker was Rev. I. Thiessen, pastor of Chilliwack M.B. Church. His sermon on "The spiritual House" was based on I Pet. 2:1-10. He stated that its foundation was Christ, its material were precious stones and its builder was Christ together with Christian co-workers. May our church truly be dedicated to the worship of God, our Lord and Saviour.

Jake Wall.

Willowdale Christian Fellowship

Toronto, Ont. — The Lord's blessing has been evident in the past months through His direct guidance in the plans and progress of the Willowdale Christian Fellowship. During the past year it was felt that the mission outreach would be greatly enlarged by relocating in a district with more Sunday School potential, and in a building better equipped to manage a growing Sunday School. In October of this past year we were enabled, therefore, to commence Sunday School and morning worship services in the Baycrest Avenue Public School. Since this school is located in Toronto proper, the mission is now known as the Toronto Christian Fellowship. The Sunday school commences at 9:45 a.m. and the worship service at 11:00. The facilities and location are excellent and we praise God for the open door He has placed before us.

Our pastor, Brother Herb Swartz, assisted by a number of enthusiastic members, are conducting a canvass of the neighboring district in order to recruit new members for our Sunday school. This special effort has been very rewarding and already the attendance has more than doubled. Through the services of willing members, such as the Sunday school superintendent, Jake Koop, a staff of dedicated teachers, and others who assist with transportation of children, we feel that the Lord will honor this phase of His work with His abundant blessing.

On December 19 the members of the Fellowship gathered at the parsonage for a Christmas banquet. The Social Committee, in charge of arrangements, were highly successful in making the turkey dinner, as well as the evening's Christmas-centered activities, a high-light of the year's gatherings for all who participated.

Sunday morning, December 20 was the date of the Sunday School Christmas program. This took place in the auditorium of the Baycrest School, where our worship services are held. Each class, un-

der the supervision of its teacher, presented songs and recitations in a capable way, drawing our attention away from the material aspects now so prevalent in Christmas celebrations, and centering our thought around the Christ who came to bring peace and good-will to men. The program was interspersed with carol-singing, and also included a film portraying the Christmas story very effectively, not only for the boys and girls, but also for a large number of parents who were able to attend this special program.

In the evening of December 20 the Toronto Christian Fellowship group joined in a Christmas service of worship with the Banfield Memorial United Missionary Church. Several of our members assisted in the choir, which sang excerpts from the cantata entitled, "Immanuel Forever". Vocal selections contributed by the group were a baritone solo by Jake Koop, a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Doell, a male quartette by Jake Wiens, Dave Goertzen, Rudy Dick and Jake Koop, and a soprano solo by Mrs. Artrude Doell.

Our pastor brought the message, using as his text, Luke 2:14. From this passage he outlined the purpose of Christ's coming to earth, namely to effect peace. He drew our attention to the three areas in which this peace was to be effected: between God and man, with man in his inner self, and between man and man. We pray that God will give us, now at the beginning of a new year, a deep sense of His peace pervading our hearts, overflowing in love toward Him and toward those with whom we come in contact from day to day.

Mrs. Artrude Doell.

Bethel Bible Institute

Abbotsford, B.C. — "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." Mat. 28:19. These words, spoken by Jesus, are referring to everyone who claims to be a Christian.

During the last month the topic of missions was greatly enlarged

upon, here at the school through programs which we brought at local churches. During the week ending on the fifth of December, we were honored by having Rev. Earl Roth, a missionary from the Belgian Congo, in our midst. His message in word and picture was an incentive for us to go and teach all nations. Rev. Roth stressed the fact that missions start in the home, first through believing God's Word, then secondly by giving materially and prayerfully, and lastly, by going.

On Saturday evening the twelfth of December a boys quartet went to the Union Gospel Mission in Vancouver's slum district and brought a program in song and word. The message was brought by Dave Letkeman, one of the members of the group.

On December 18 we had our Christmas program.

Mennonite Aid at Honduras

Chicago, Illinois. — The MCC British Honduras program, which was accepted by the Executive Committee at the Akron, Aug. 29 meeting, is moving ahead. In addition to the recommendations which were accepted by the Aug. 29 Executive Committee the Mennonite Aid Section agreed to Orie O. Miller's suggestions, growing out of his Nov. 15-26 trip to Honduras, that a nurse be appointed for a two year term and that someone be selected to help the colonies organize.

To fulfill the program structure the Committee passed the recommendations that 1) Susan Hiebert (Chortitz, Man.) be appointed to a two year term in a nursing clinic service with an assistant nurse helping from Orange Walk base; 2) that Adam Martin, a Mennonite business man from Maugansville, Md., be commissioned to help colonies organize as well as assisting them in receiving available needed credit.

In early 1958 Mennonite colonists from Mexico began settling in British Honduras. They seem to have established good rapport with government and people. Over 360 families totaling 1627 persons (775 are children under 14) are primarily settled in three locations: one group on a 115,000 acre jungle land purchase in the extreme northwest corner known as Blue Creek settlement, a smaller group on an 18,000 acre purchase about 50 miles west of Belize and a scattered group (perhaps one-fourth of the total) on farms around Orange Walk, 60 miles north of Belize. The latter group is planning to settle on a 17,000 acre purchase at Shipyard, nine miles south of Orange Walk.

Wasted minutes explain spoiled hours.



Colombia Pastors Meet for Retreat

By Ernest H. Friesen

"Building the Church of Jesus Christ" was the theme of a pastors' retreat conducted from November 17 through 20 in the Cali Mennonite Brethren Church in Colombia. Seven pastors representing the churches in the Choco and the Valle together with three missionary brethren enjoyed many blessings and hours of wonderful fellowship in the study of the Word.

The guest speaker for the retreat was Dr. William R. Estep from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, where he is professor of church history. Dr. Estep is in Colombia on a year's leave from Southwestern, teaching in the Southern Baptist Seminary in Cali. He has spent the last several years in doing research on the history of the Anabaptists. His lectures were based on the Anabaptists of the 16th century, giving the life history of several of the outstanding leaders and their doctrinal beliefs and position that brought about the Anabaptist movement. The brethren deeply appreciated receiving this historical background of the Anabaptists.

Other study papers were prepared and presented by the pastors and missionary brethren through previous assignments and proved to be a great blessing. The themes on which the studies and discussions were centred were: "The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Apostolic Church," "The Biblical Requirements for a Pastor," "The Principle Purpose of the Pulpit," "The Biblical Responsibilities of a Pastor," "The Biblical Requirements and Responsibilities of a Church Member" and "The Or-

dinances and the Organization of the Local Church." In the evening services a detailed study with the aid of film-strips was presented on the tabernacle of the Old Testament.

Before leaving the brethren unanimously agreed that another retreat should be arranged for a whole week in 1960. We rejoice for the wonderful blessings and fellowship enjoyed during these days and give God the glory. Pray for our pastors as they hold forth the Word of Life.



Attending the retreat were the following brethren, from left to right: Juan Gutierrez, Noanama, Choco; Reinaldo Mosquera, Andagoya, Choco; Wilmer Quiring, Cali; Daniel Dunque, Cali; Ernest Friesen, Cali; Juan Perea, San Jose, Valle; Vernon Reimer, Istmina, Choco; Carlos Osorio, La Cumbre, Valle; Gildardo Cardona, Jigulaes, Valle; and Miguel Coy, Ciceros, Valle.

MY NEW-YEAR PRAYER

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring;
I do not pray for happiness
Or any earthly thing:
I do not ask to understand
The way Thou leadest me,
But this I ask: "Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth Thee."
A quiet lot in life is mine,
Made up of little things;
Teach me to do as unto Thee
The duties each day brings,
Faithful in that which is the least,
Dear Master, I would be,
Thus making all my daily work
"The thing that pleaseth Thee."
I want to please Thee through the year
In every word I say:
Dear Master, take these lips of mine
And keep them day by day
From foolish talking, angry words,
And evil-speaking free:
Teach me, that I may ever speak
"The thing that pleaseth Thee."
Not only what to do and say
Would I be daily taught;
I ask Thee so to cleanse my heart
And purify each thought
That every thought and every wish
May pure and holy be:
I want in everything to be
"The thing that pleaseth Thee."
I want to know Thy guiding voice,
To walk with Thee each day;
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey;
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be,
If I am seeking just to do
"The thing that pleaseth Thee."

Award to Harold Dyck

Vancouver, B.C. — A Vancouver student has been awarded a \$5,000 research assistantship at California's Stanford University.

The assistantship in school administration will enable Harold J. Dyck to work toward his doctorate of philosophy.

Dyck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob A. Dyck, of 5608 Manson, will work with Dr. H. T. James, professor of education at Stanford, in a study of school finance sponsored by the U.S. Office of Education.

Dyck is a University of B.C. graduate and taught in Yarrow from 1955 to 1957.

Fehr Triplets Born

Vancouver, B.C. — Sixteen brothers and sisters, including newborn triplets who went to hospital in a banana crate when their mother lost a race to hospital with the stork, had a special visit from Santa Claus.

Santa's sleigh took the form of a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane and his helpers.

The triplets were born Dec. 10 and 11 to Mr. and Mrs. John R. W. Fehr. The first was born in a car that was speeding Mrs. Fehr to hospital; the next two at home

after the car gave up the race.

The triplets and their thirteen brothers and sisters live at isolated and remote Takysic Lake, 375 miles northwest of Vancouver.

Their pioneer-style home stands on one of the last of Canada's frontiers. It has no electricity, is 10 miles from the nearest telephone and there is no school for the children. Lessons are taken by correspondence.

The family asked for no help and were willing, as before, to accept Christmas with few frills.

But the story of the triplets, and of the family, reached here and was followed by the first of many calls by the staff of the Vancouver Province.

It went to a department store. The response was good. Two more were called. They'd be delighted to help—how old were the children?

A reporter called Dr. Trevor Thompson, who lives in the Fehr's district.

Dr. Thompson, who officiated at the arrival of the two of the triplets—the third made it with her father and neighbors to assist—gave names, ages and sexes of the children. He added a footnote that there wasn't a finer family around.

In a two-hour rush the gifts were packed and Canadian Pacific Airlines said they'd be glad to freight the presents to Prince Rupert, B.C.

From there a chartered plane took over and landed on the lake beside the Fehr's home.

The gifts are many and varied—including layettes for the newcomers.

They're labelled: To Mr. and Mrs. Fehr, and Andrew, Benny, Cornelius, Johnny, Margaret, Peter, Jacob, Martin, Diedrich, Anna, Eva, Mary, Erdman, and the three little ones—Christina, Katherina, and Helena—a Merry Christmas from Vancouver.

Man Dies After Street Fight

Mowbray, Man. — A 39-year-old man from Mowbray died Saturday in Manitou Hospital after being injured during a street fight at Winkler, Man. Friday night.

Bernard Enns, of Mowbray, Man., fought with a man identified by RCMP as George Friesen, of Winkler, at about 11 p.m. Friday. RCMP said Mr. Enns fell and hit his head on the edge of a cement step. He got up immediately and refused medical assistance. While driving home with his wife, he lost consciousness near Mowbray and his car went into a ditch. Mrs. Enns got help from a nearby farm and Mr. Enns was taken to Manitou Hospital. He died about 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

A preliminary inquest was held at Pilot Mound Saturday and was adjourned to an indefinite date. Police said charges, if any, would not be laid until after the inquest.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Choco Believers Meet for First Conference

By Annie E. Dyck

The first regional convention in the Choco area of Colombia was conducted at Noanama from October 19 to 22. The two mission launches left at about 9 a.m. from Istmina, Choco mission headquarters, and took the guest speaker and delegates down river to this convention. By the time we reached our destination the passengers numbered between 26 to 30.

These were delegates representing the various small congregations along the river who were waiting to be taken to the convention. Since this was a four-day affair, each one had his bundle of bedding besides other bare necessities. So our launches were heavily-laden with happy people, instruments and baggage.

God gave favorable traveling weather. There was no "aguacero" (tropical downpour) which is quite unusual and for which we always have to be prepared. After all the formality of greeting was finished, we gathered around a table and partook of a delicious meal. Our appetites were good after the four-hour ride on the water.

The native pastor and his wife had worked hard for days in advance, buying up rice, plantains (sometimes scarce), eggs and bananas. In the lean-to kitchen with its open fire-place, the Christian ladies took turns preparing appetizing food for some 30 people three times a day.

The daily program began at 6 a.m. with a one-hour prayer meeting. Many participated and God was present. There were rich studies on Romans 4 to 8 three times a day including the evening sessions. These truths were ably presented and became precious to us again. Comments were heard in discussions during recess by our national Christians of how wonderful salvation really is. Our normal Christian life is a victorious one because He was victorious and has thus made this possible for us. We again decided in our hearts to live by faith just as the well-chosen motto in gold letters indicated: "The just shall live by faith."

The reports and business sessions told of advancement in spite of difficulties. The newly-elected committee will work in accordance with new plans to build and extend God's Kingdom.

To finish off this spiritual retreat we saw two dear sisters follow the Lord in baptism. What a joy to gather around the Lord's table with these born-again believers reminding ourselves of His soon return. Then, too, a young couple dedicated their three little

ones to the Lord — a solemn act and testimony before God and man. Thus ended this glorious time in His presence with His people.

Japan

The centennial year of Protestant missions in Japan has brought genuine inspiration and strength to the Church in Japan, Sister Rubena Gunther reports. "Among the services were the Osaka Christian Crusade with Dr. Bob Pierce, the Japan Protestant Centennial Conferences with Dr. Oswald Smith and other speakers, and the local church evangelistic campaigns. We also praise the Lord for the four church buildings we were able to put up during this centennial year. A number of 'precious stones' have been added to the 'building'. More of the leadership of the churches has been entrusted to the national believers. The radio ministry is completing its sixth year of Gospel broadcasting with a total of more than 5,000 first-time letter responses. A total of 972 Bible correspondence courses have been completed. Forty-eight persons have been graduated from all of our five courses. After this last semester the Bible school will graduate its first six students. Yes, 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us.' Great has been His faithfulness!"

India

Wanaparthi, India, had the privilege of a visit from Prime Minister Nehru one Sunday this past October. Our missionaries helped the Christians put up an arch across the road opposite the mission compound as is the custom when Indian governmental officials call. Some of the children held out garlands as the official party passed by. The official of the Wanaparthi district who is also a member of Parliament stopped the car and Mr. Nehru put out his hand for the garlands. "This was a great moment for the Christians," Sister Margaret Willems writes, "and gave them much respect in the eyes of the Hindus. They all agreed that we had the best arch. On top we had put in large letters 'God bless our Prime Minister.'"

India's Evangelicals Demonstrate Fellowship in Action. More than 1,000 evangelicals and 50 churches and mission organizations have discovered a spiritual enrichment and received a new impetus through their association which the Evangelical Fellowship of India. Delegates from every province of India are expected to travel to EFT's 10th anniversary conference to be held January 13-17 at Deolali near Bombay. Preceding the main conference, executives of churches and missions will meet to discuss important matters of policy and emphasis over the next 10 years. The swing of India from the gravitating pull of Communism, the rapid

progress of industry through the five-year plans, and the widespread hunger for the Word of God provide an unprecedented atmosphere of expectancy.

Brother and Sister Jake Friesen will sail for India on the SS Steel Recorder from New York on January 15, the Lord willing. The Friesens will be stationed at Jaderla medical center. This is the place where Brother and Sister G. J. Froese are also serving. Because the medical work is heavy at this center, an Indian doctor has been invited to work along with Doctor Friesen and Froese. This is especially advisable so that more of the nationals may be drawn into the medical program and so the work load may be distributed when one of the other doctors is on furlough.

Brother and Sister Paul Hiebert are to sail for India from New York on January 25 on the SS Mississippi Lloyd. The Hieberts will devote some time to language study and then be drawn into the Bible training program in which future Indian workers are prepared.

Our India missionaries will assemble for the annual meeting of fellowship and discussion of the work at the turn of the year. The work as a whole will be discussed and recommendations made through the Administrative Committee to the home board. Herewith we commit them to the intercession of God's people.

Paraguay

In the Chulupie Indian village near Filadelfia in Paraguay a new church building was dedicated on November 29. A good share of the building was done by the Indians themselves.

The mission school for Paraguayan children in the Chaco is receiving applications from Paraguayan parents for admission to next year's student body. The Lord is blessing this school enterprise. To meet Paraguayan government school requirements, all 30 pupils were examined by three examiners sent to the school by the state. Out of 30 students, 25 passed the examination, and only five will be required to take their work over. The staff for next year is now being hired. Classroom building and quarters for the teachers are urgently needed. The school merits earnest prayer support for the aim is also to teach every child the way to eternal life.

The people of Paraguay are bilingual. While Spanish is the official language, most Paraguayans prefer to speak Guarani, which is their mother tongue. Although technically, all open-air meetings are forbidden to Protestants, the government has granted one board permission to hold evangelistic services from a launch traveling northward on the Paraguay River from the capital, Asuncion, to the

borders of Brazil. The demand for Scriptures has been without precedent, despite threats.

Brazil

The Kenneth Gerbrandts, who have been studying the Portuguese language at Campinas during the past school year, are back at Curitiba, Brazil, where they are now fully occupied in the work of the mission. Brother and Sister Gerbrandt are especially charged with the responsibility of supervising the industrial angle of the orphanage, of teaching the children the dignity of work and training them for some occupation that will enable them to make a worthwhile living in the Brazilian economy. The Gerbrandts are also seeking to nurture the spiritual life of the children for it is the aim of the mission that every child leaving the orphanage after the age of 18 will be an effective witness for the Lord. Pray to that end.

Belgian Congo

Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo has received the title for ground for its campus. This is a significant development in the legal work of our mission program in the Congo.

Construction of the hospital building at Kajiji in the Belgian Congo is under way. A ram is being ordered from Germany to pump water for the hospital.

Brother and Sister Henry Derksen had the misfortune of losing their residence at Panzi, Belgian Congo, and a good number of their belongings through fire on December 6. The grass roof caught fire while the Derksens were in the church for the morning worship service. When they came to put out the fire, it had already spread too far and so they began removing things. The Derksens report that more than half of their effects were saved, but that their kitchen and dining room equipment was all destroyed by fire. Fortunately there were no injuries to their sons who were in the house at the time, but got out without difficulty. For the present the Derksens are living in the guest house on the Panzi station while a new house is under construction. Fellow missionaries have made supplies available to the Derksens. Meanwhile, efforts are being made to replace items which they lost.

Variety of Mission News

A meeting was held in Hillsboro December 15 to consider the procedure for the organization of our southern Texas churches into a Latin American Conference and the transfer of the responsibility for assistance to these churches from the Southern District Conference Board of Home Missions to the Board of Foreign Missions.

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THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls,

Again the snow had fallen thick and fast and covered garden and fields with masses of its soft downy flakes. How very inviting it looked to the three boys at the kitchen window!

"Just the morning for tracking!" called Tommy, the youngest in the family. "I know the place to go to, too."

"Mill Creek?" queried the other two, for that little brook was their favorite both winter and summer.

"You guessed it," answered Tommy, and was off already to get into his clothes to be the first to start off the track.

To be a good tracker you had to have a clear, straight track all the way. That was their rule.

What fun it was to feel the soft swish, swish of the snow at their feet! With laughter and talk they hit out for Mill Creek.

"The winner can have double turns sleigh-riding when we get back", said Bob, the the oldest, feeling quite sure that his would be the straightest and the clearest track!

But that morning the boys were not the only trackers. Several jackrabbits and weasels had tried to get through the snow already. Even one deer track could be seen heading out to the distant bush! Gerald and Bob had their eyes wide open and not one of these tracks escaped their attention and lively comment. They kept on though, trying to walk as straight as possible. Only little Tommy made little conversation. He kept his head up and right forward.

"Are you seeing anything this morning?" called Bob over to his young brother in a good-natured tease.

"Sure! The tree!" And with that the boys reached their destination, Mill Creek.

"Now let's see who is the winner?" They all turned excitedly to check for the straightest and the clearest track through the snow.

For a few minutes the boys just eyed the tracks carefully. Whose was the straightest? Not Gerald's. For he had turned several times to see where the deer track continued. Not Bob's. Bob had stumbled twice. He had tripped when he had called Gerald to see the weasel tracks.

"Tommy, you win!" said the brothers. "How did you manage to cut such a straight track?" They looked admiringly at the six-year-old.

"I aimed at the tree here," he answered smilingly. And that is just what he had done. He had taken the big oak on the banks of Mill Creek for his aim and had just struck out for it all the way down. He had the fun of the sleigh rides later!

Well, boys and girls, your New Year lies before you, like a path of driven snow, be careful where you head for, for every step will show. God is giving us another year, 1960. What will your "track" in the New Year be like? Hebrews 12:1-2 teaches us, "Let us run carefully the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus." Again I say, settle for nothing less than the best. Look into Jesus, and aim to live a straight and clear life throughout 1960! God will bless you for it! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Love, Aunt Anne.

Rex Harding's "Precious"

Rex Harding was a railroad engineer in Nova Scotia. He slowed up and blew the whistle of his engine when he came to a certain curve; not because of any particular danger at this spot, but because of its being to him the most interesting landmark that he passed during his travels.

Rex Harding's dark eyes were ever intent for danger signals. But when he neared this curve, the dark, danger look faded, and a light shone with tender love in the eyes that pierced the landscape, for a white cottage nestled among a

bower of birch trees.

Rex Harding had named this sacred spot "The Birches" when eight years before he had taken his pretty bride there to be queen of their first home. A garden patch on one side of "The Birches" faced the railway. Hollyhocks, dahlias, and sunflowers grew high against a whitewashed fence surrounding the garden.

There was an all-important break in this regular and very white fence where a picket was missing! It may seem of very little import to you that a picket

was missing, whether by accident or design; but to Rex Harding it was a matter of lasting consequence.

A tiny white hand never failed to wave to him through that hollow gap, and Rex Harding always experienced the same glad thrill upon seeing that frail hand waving to daddy.

The proud father's whole soul seemed to bound through that empty place in the white fence to his goldenlocked "Precious" hidden among the hollyhocks and dahlias on the other side. One day after the Ocean Limited had gone thundering over the rails past "The Birches," a stranger walking the tracks had witnessed the pretty sight, and stopping at the siding he called up cheerily, "What is your name, dear little fairy child?"

"Muriel Precious!" answered the little one promptly.

"Precious?" questioned the stranger. "That's an odd name, isn't it?"

"My daddy calls me his Precious," answered the child, with a stress laid upon the pet name, indicating its great value.

"Precious!" said the old stranger removing his hat and gazing into the blue sky above the child's head; and then he added as though communing with an unseen friend, "Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious."

"Do you mean Jesus?" called a sweet childish voice.

"Yes, little one; don't ever forget that He is your precious Savior." The old man went upon his way, while the child stood thinking. Then standing upon her tiny tiptoes, that she might see a line of blue upon the far side of the garden fence where the sky touched the ocean, she peered thoughtfully outward, then upward. Her eyes glowed with a new emotion.

"My precious Savior," she murmured softly; "wonder if daddy calls Him 'Precious Savior'?"

The day was fading into golden rays of sunset hues when Rex Harding took the curve at lightning speed, thundering over the rails beneath the gap in his picket fence. He looked up with the glad anticipation of seeing the never-failing little hand waving to her daddy. Fearfully, the love-light faded from his face and a troubled look that seemed to predict danger ahead brooded in his piercing dark eyes; and his great heart stopped a beat as with fearful forboding he realized that Precious had failed him. There was no tiny beckoning hand in the gap in the picket fence today!

When off duty the engine-driver hurried anxiously to his home, there to find his bitterest fears were only too real. "Precious," like a fragrant withered rosebud, lay cradled in her mother's arms, with the light of Heaven shining on her brow.

"Hush, Rex, dear love!" whisper-



ed his wife. Don't try to make her speak; her tiny feet are nearly through the dark river! The Good Shepherd is going to gather His Lamb in His arms and carry her in His bosom."

"Give her to me!" he cried with a dull heavy sob. "I can't let her go—she is mine—mine!"

He had seized the beautiful, fragile casement of the soul that fluttered upon this side of the palaces.

"Speak to me, my Precious!" he cried.

Her large blue eyes slowly opened and fixed their full gaze upon his face.

"Daddy!" she breathed contentedly; "I'll be waving—for—you—through—the picket—fence of Heaven!"

Then she tried to raise her tiny hand to illustrate her words, but the hand fell limp on the arm that pressed her to his heart. The tender eyes of blue slowly closed. Still her lips moved in a last message this side the gates—

"Jesus — pull — picket — off fence — I'll — be — waving — for you, Daddy!"

Rex Harding nears the crossing and blows the whistle within sight of "The Birches" on the hillside by the railway. Ten years have passed, in which time he has learned the value of trusting a precious Savior. He knows the truth of the verse, "Unto you therefore which believe, He is precious."

Other little hands wave to him since; but Rex Harding always looks above the gap in his picket fence.

"I'm coming!" he breathes assuredly. "Not because I'm worthy; but because I believe in Him who is precious."

"Who plucked that flower?"

"I," said the Master;

And the gardener was silent!"

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." —John 3:16.

Gwendoline A. Lear.

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(2nd Installment)

Kit's voice, calling from the other room, aroused her. She put the letter in her desk and decided to say nothing to Jim until she had had the interview that Mr. Lansing had requested for Friday morning. That was only two days away. Then when her contract was all signed she would spring her grand surprise. She hurried to Kit, who was sitting propped against her pillow sobbing over her letter.

"Oh, Ginny! You were so long coming! Ginny, do you think Mother and Daddy will ever come home? She says he doesn't know her yet."

Virginia took the letter, brushed back the tangle of hair and bathed the hot little face with a cool cloth.

"Now, Kitty-pus, if you cry every time a letter comes, we can't let you have them any more. Of course they'll be home. Mr. Hudson is expected back tonight and he will probably have good news for us. He took another doctor down and things are going to be O.K. You just wait and see."

"Do you really think so?"

"I really do. And Dr. Sawyer is coming tonight with the reports on your X-rays and all those other tests. You must hurry and get well so that when Mother and Dad get back you will be as good as new."

Kit was comforted and Virginia left her with a puzzle to solve while she did the neglected ironing. Her heart was filled with joyful anticipation of the time when Kit would be well, Mother and Dad would be home again, and she, Virginia Martin, would be head of the English department of Claremont High School.

"There'd better be a clear track on the sands of time," she said with a giggle. "Virginia Martin is getting ready to make some lasting footprints, but you can't make permanent impressions on sand, so I'll take the sharp tool of my wits and carve my name in the marble corridors of time!"

There were unlimited possibilities. The position would broaden her entire life. Perhaps she could go to England with the group of teachers who were planning such a trip for next year. She thought about her bitter disappointment when she had been forced to relinquish her plans for a trip to the Pacific Northwest this summer because she had to keep house for Kit and the boys while Mother went to be with Dad. If she had gone, she might never have had this chance, for she remembered now that last week when she had attended a concert with Mr. Willis, the young assistant

principal of Claremont, he had questioned her rather closely about her plans for her career, and had expressed surprise when she had told him that she expected to teach English all her life.

"What!" he had teased. "No matrimonial plans?"

"Not one."

"That's strange. Mr. Lansing says he hates to hire good-looking young women because they are teaching only to earn money for a trousseau."

"Well, I'm not that kind! I teach because I want to and like it. Even if I got married, I'd want to keep on teaching. It's a—a—calling to me!"

He had laughed at her intensity, but she remembered now that he had gone on to question her at length about her training and her ideas. This appointment could well be the result of that conversation. And she might have missed it had she gone West with the girls.

Oh, but it was going to be fun to tell Mother and Dad about this, to show them that Ginny as well as Jimmy could win laurels. It had been hard at times to be nothing but Jim Martin's sister—not pretty nor plain, neither clever nor dull, just ordinary Virginia Martin. Being ordinary would not have been so bad if the rest of the family had been ordinary also, but Jim had always been a leader and the family had grown accustomed to his successes. Kurt, though just ready for college, was showing the same qualities that had made Jim stand out from the crowd. As for Kit—well, she combined all the charms of both. Jim, Kurt and Kit all had what Dad called "the Tarleton look," and the charm of manner and air of gracious friendliness that made Mother admired by all of her friends. Virginia and Dad were different. As a child she had been painfully shy, and had grown up believing herself to be a sad misfit in the family. But as maturity came, she realized her likeness to her father, and because she loved him devotedly, she had set out to develop those qualities in herself that were admirable in him. She was a true Martin—quiet, unable to show her feelings easily, strong with the strength of character that was a heritage from generations of plain, God-fearing ancestors. To the family she was just Ginny, the dependable elder daughter on whom they all leaned.

Two months ago when Dad had been injured and Mother had hurried to him, it had not occurred to any of them, nor to Virginia herself, that there was anything to do

except for her to relinquish her plans for the long-anticipated trip and stay at home to manage the household, and fill Mother's place as best she could. There had been nothing else to do, and Virginia had accepted the fact calmly. But alone in her room at night, she had endured dark hours of near-rebellion, especially when cards and letters came from the vacationists. Not even Jim had known how bad she had felt, though he had tried in every way he could to make the situation easier for her. Kurt, too, had helped as much as possible, and they had all stood together like soldiers when Kit had been injured. But it had been a hard summer and her disappointment had not lessened even though she had kept it hidden.

But now it was gone entirely. What a tragedy it would have been if she had gone with the girls, if she had never had that talk with Howard Willis, if this wonderful thing had not happened to her! How foolish to grieve when frustrations came. How shameful that Christians should doubt when they could walk calmly with their Lord and trust Him to give to them every good and perfect gift. Never again would she doubt!

Perhaps, too, this was the opportunity about which she had been dreaming, the chance to leave some permanent record of her life here when she herself had passed on. Could there be a better place in which to leave such a memorial than the hearts and minds of youth? To teach them to know and love the good and beautiful in the literature of all ages—to help to open their souls to the beneficent influences of fellowship with the great men and women who had left their own memorial behind them in literature which would live as long as civilization remained—that was a high purpose indeed. If she could prove herself worthy of this place, might she not expect to go on some day to a full professorship in a college or university?

CHAPTER II

The doctor had gone. Out in the driveway his car door slammed, and the two in the living room heard the engine start. The glare from the headlights swept across the window in an arc as he backed out of the driveway into the street. Then the sound of that one car mingled with the others that were passing to and fro. It was only when they knew he was far down the street that the silence inside was broken. As usual, it was Jim who spoke first. In this closely-knit brother-and-sister two-some he almost always led out.

"Well, that's that. Where do we go from here?"

"That's the sixty-four-dollar question. Where do we go?"

The two looked at each other, not in expectation of a solution to their

mutual problem, but more as if for the reassurance that always came to them from each other's presence. Then Virginia spoke again.

"They don't sound so explosive when taken separately. Just a dog and a boy and a bicycle and a fat little girl on roller skates. But combined they have surely spelled catastrophe. Eight hundred dollars' worth so far!"

"And that's only the beginning of sorrows," said Jim soberly. "Did you ever see anything more placidly smug than Doc's face when he told us what lies ahead for Kit? It's just one more interesting bone study for him. 'Byrnes from Denver is the best man in the country for that kind of surgery. He'll come on when we decide we need him. He is reasonable, too. Will do it for a thousand dollars, I am sure.' Just like that!"

Virginia groaned. "Jimmie, why should a mess like this have to happen when we are holding the bag? Who was the fellow in mythology who had a mountain piled on him? That's me!"

"It was Pelion—no, it was Ossa. But he wasn't a fellow. He was another mountain. Your mythology is as rotten as your grammar. For a teacher you sure have your weak spots."

"I don't teach mythology nor yet grammar. I teach English literature, and there's a vast difference. Anyway, it was Atlas I was talking about. He had the world on his shoulders, didn't he? Well, so that's me—and I mean me, not I."

"Wow! You're vicious! Why don't you go out and split an infinitive and be real tough?"

Virginia laughed at his nonsense, but her face sobered again at the thought of the problem facing them. There was no denying the size nor the seriousness of that problem, and they must face it alone and at once.

Two months ago life had been smooth and satisfying to these young Martins. Jim was doing well in the research laboratories of the firm which Dad had served for thirty years, Virginia was teaching in the local high school, and Kurt was ready to enter college. For the last few years, since Dad had been put in charge of the Foreign Department there had been money enough to enable them to live prosperously and graciously in this pleasant suburb of the great city. Before that there had been other years that had not been so easy, but the memory of them had faded. The present had been too all-absorbing to allow thoughts of a time less happy. That the assured current of their lives might become suddenly disturbed did not occur to them.

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When you think you are at the end of your rope, it may just be the beginning.

Mission News

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These considerations stem from a proposal submitted to the Southern Texas Conference which has now been ratified by the churches of the district. This new arrangement is to become effective on March 1, 1960. Attending this meeting were missionaries Eugene Janzen of Los Ebanos, Texas, and Daniel Wirsche currently of McAllen, Texas; A. W. Epp and Loyal A. Funk representing the Board of Home Missions; Lando Hiebert and J. P. Kliever representing the Board of Foreign Missions and A. E. Janzen, John C. Ratzlaff and J. B. Toews representing the Board of Foreign Missions administrative secretariat.

Brethren Janzen and Wirsche and the brethren of the Board of Foreign Missions secretariat later counseled together and discussed further possibilities for the establishment of a Bible school for our Latin American churches. The school is to provide Bible training opportunities for members of our churches in Mexico and southern Texas. Considered in these discussions were the preliminary findings of Brother Wirsche who had been assigned to investigate the possibilities of such a Bible school program.

To help effect this transfer, it was agreed that it would be well for brethren of the Board of Foreign Missions secretariat to visit southern Texas. Such a visit is visualized for the first week in January, 1960.

Brother J. B. Toews met with secretaries of the mission board of the North American Baptist General Conference (German Baptists) in Chicago on December 18. The matter of possible cooperation in the training of Christian workers in Japan was considered further.

Gary Neufeld's surgery has revealed a condition which offers some encouragement in his case. May we pray that Gary may be restored sufficiently so that his parents, Brother and Sister Abr. J. Neufeld, may be able to return to the work in Europe where they are so urgently needed.

Brother J. B. Toews and B. J. Braun have been asked by our General Conference Board of Reference and Counsel to visit and assist our churches in Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay. In response to this request, the Board of Foreign Missions is releasing Brother Toews for this assignment during the coming weeks. The brethren plan to leave from Wichita on December 27 and hope to return on February 8. The plan is that they will consult with the leadership of all our churches in these countries and also consider with them the matter of a seminary program for our churches in South America. Near the end of the visit the brethren will attend the South American District Conference at Curitiba,

Brazil, January 30 to February 3. The prayers of the brotherhood are solicited for this ministry of these brethren.

Evangelical Literature Overseas Meets — Speaking to the opening session of the eighth annual conference of Evangelical Literature Overseas on November 30, Dr. Clyde W. Taylor challenged the delegates to produce literature, the all-purpose tool, place it in the hands of consecrated workers and press on to evangelize the world in this generation. In speaking of the Communist threat, Dr. Taylor reminded the conference that during 1957 Russia published 29,301,400 books in 701 titles. In addition an even greater volume was produced by 700 Communist publishers in 58 other countries. For 1958 the Communists were aiming at a 300 per cent increase in the production of literature. The delegates, all of whom were vitally interested in some phase of Gospel Literature, heard Dr. Taylor warn that "while presenting the facts and basic errors of Communism, our literature must be a positive, dynamic presentation of the Gospel, emphasizing those points that particularly answer and meet the longings of the human heart to which Communism might appeal." While in a broad sense there is no limit to the possible development of the field of Gospel literature, on the practical level there are two main limiting factors: lack of trained personnel and the lack of adequate resources. If these two needs are met, literature can become an increasingly useful tool.

"Dienst am Evangelium"

Some brethren of the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations met in Chicago December 17 and 18 to consider various matters needing attention before the full Board meeting in February. These brethren were Waldo D. Hiebert, C. J. Rempel, M. A. Kroeker, C. A. DeFehr, Raymond C. Schlichting and Marion W. Kliever.

The major concerns were assistance to our South America churches and Bible schools and our own conference 1-W alternative service program. Plans were made to utilize and support various brethren whose services are urgently needed in various churches and schools. The appointment of new workers will be announced later. Several more students are to be supported in their preparation for service in the churches. Bible schools are to be conducted in Fernheim, Friesland and Bage during 1960. Additional financial assistance is to be extended to Bage for the operation of the Bible school because of limited income caused by crop failure.

The 1-W program review was considered. The brethren felt that greater efforts should be made to

integrate 1-W service into our conference program and that we should be more active in preparing and calling our youth into 1-W, service related to our conference outreach. Definite steps are to be taken by the Board after the MCC annual meeting takes final action on the 1-W program review.

Members of the K.M.B. Peace and Welfare Committee will be invited to the annual meeting of the Board of General Welfare as part of the merging of the relief and service interests of the two conferences. The annual Board meeting was tentatively set for February 22 and 23 in Hillsboro.

Our brethren also attended various MCC sectional meetings December 18 and 19. Raymond Schlichting, our conference representative to the MCC Mennonite Aid Section, attended that meeting. C. A. DeFehr and Waldo Hiebert participated in an MCC membership study committee of which they are members. Waldo Hiebert and M. A. Kroeker attended the MCC Executive Committee meeting. Brother DeFehr also attended a meeting of the Mennonite Economic Development Associates which considered the needs of Volendam Colony.

From Blumenau, Brazil, Brother Hans Kasdorf sends words of thanks for German Sunday School quarterlies and books sent to the Mennonite Brethren Church during the past year. The books were sent by Brother O. B. Reimer, Reedley, California, and Brother Kasdorf indicates that a good number of them are circulating among church members and outsiders. The German Sunday School quarterlies are sent by the Board office. Brother Kasdorf also reports that the adult Sunday School department is slowly progressing and growing.

In other developments in the Blumenau Church, a ladies organization has been effected. A baptism was planned for December 13. The Sunday School is growing and needs teachers and room. In October Brother Kasdorf spent 10 days in Curitiba in Sunday School conference and evangelistic work in the Villa Guaira Church.

Brother Henry C. Born planned to be in Uruguay from December 30 to January 3 for the annual conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

The Guarituba Mennonite Brethren Church of Curitiba, Brazil, is building a dining hall on its grounds in preparation for entertaining the South America District Conference in February 1960.

Brother Frank J. Wiens of the Reedley, California, Mennonite Brethren Church serving as MCC director in South America in Asuncion, Paraguay, shares several interesting developments in their work. Among other things he mentions that after being in the southern hemisphere for nearly 10 years, they as a family are becoming accustomed to Christmas com-

ing in midsummer. Their two oldest children Glenn and Rebecca have just finished the fourth and second grades. They attended an English Daily Vacation Bible School which the Wienses helped organize for the English-speaking people of Asuncion. About 75 children were enrolled. They came from homes of foreign diplomats, Point 4 and United Nations technicians, private businessmen and missionaries.

Christmas bundles were also recently distributed to underprivileged children of the Paraguayan capital city. Asuncion is a city of about 250,000 persons with the masses in the poorer class. A good number of bundles went to children of the mothers who operate concessions stands in the market. No men operate concessions. This is a woman's job in Paraguay. Market opens at 4 in the morning and runs through until nearly 11. These women come to town from their little farms on busses and many on donkeys, bringing their produce in baskets, carrying their babies in their arms. Older children simply stay at home or go to school. Some of the local women conduct a nursery to care for children of the market women who came in from the country as far as 30 miles. They provide shelter, food, entertainment and health facilities during the long hours. It was these youngsters who received bundles as well as children in schools of the poorer sections of the city.

German Language Paper Boosted

Frankfurt, Germany. — More than 22,000 copies of *Der Mennonit*, an MCC-initiated German language paper, were mailed between Nov. 30, 1958 and Dec. 1, 1959. During November, December and January, free copies are being sent to 160 Swiss Mennonites, in an effort to stimulate more interest in *Der Mennonit*. "*Der Mennonit* in every Mennonite home" is the goal of the paper's sponsors.

Originally intended for Mennonite refugees and new settlers, the 16 pages of *Der Mennonit* have become the one international German language paper uniting all German-speaking Mennonites.

It is edited by Gerhard Hein (Berlin), printed by Gerhard Schneider (Mennonite printer at Karlsruhe) and published by a small committee headed by European MCC Director Peter Dyck. Distribution in Germany is handled in the Frankfurt post office, and circulation to other countries is processed at the Frankfurt MCC office.

Thanksgiving is the natural result of thanksgiving.

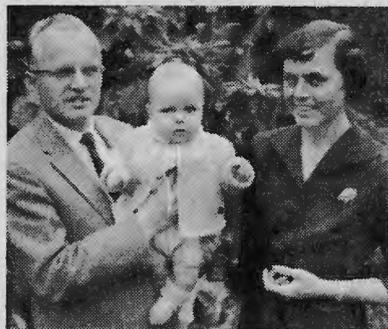
Far too often a man's train of thought carries no freight.

Greetings From India

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm

Bruton, Kodalkanal, India. — We greet you with 1 John 3:1, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us!"

Sadly, here in India a festival received its emphasis. It is Deepavali or Diwali, the festival of lights. The Hindus, representing about 85 per cent of India's almost 400,000,000 people (of which 10% are Muslim and only 2.3% Christian), have about seventy festivals, the most popular of which is Diwali. On this occasion homecoming is celebrated of Rama, the hero



Peter, Betty and Richard Hamm

of the epic "Ramayana", after he had defeated the demon king Ravana. A few days before the festival, houses are whitewashed, rubbish is disposed of, and furniture renovated. On Diwali morning everybody is up early to take a bath and put on new clothes. Since Ravana had forbidden people to take baths and to walk on the streets, Indians now pay special attention to do those very things on Diwali. Many visits are exchanged between friends and relatives, and gifts taken and given. Our gardener, who is a Hindu, recently asked for a whole month's salary in advance in order to buy clothes for himself and his family for this festival. In the evening rows of lights (earthen lamps containing oil and wicks) are lit on every house-front and roof-top. The family then gathers in the best room of the house, frequently the only room, and performs the Diwali "puja" (worship), when prayers for prosperity and success are offered Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth.

In the Kodai School we had our Christmas celebrations in October. You may wonder why we have them so early. First of all, the weather is then most favorable. Secondly, school is closing for long vacation, and the students are in a celebrating mood. Furthermore, the students have much better opportunity here at school for observing Christmas in the traditional western way.

Academically, a semester has been completed, after twenty-two weeks of continuous instruction, and examinations are administered. The relief enjoyed after weeks of preparations for programs and exams and the anticipation of a two-

and one-half month vacation is a good reason for being jolly.

Possibly the greatest reason for joy for Kodai-ites is the eager anticipation of family reunions. Children in the formative years of six to eighteen have now been away from Mommie and Dad for five months or more. The parents long to see their children and the children need the affection and care of their parents! Just a few days ago I witnessed a typical reunion. A ten-year old girl was informed that her mother had just arrived to get a party of children home. Being told that her mother was coming, she dashed through the traffic, fell on mother's neck, weeping and shouting, "Mommie, Mommie, Mommie!" Let us not forget, one of the greatest sacrifices for the missionaries is the separation of the parents from their children.

Since January our boarding has been open continuously to children or to missionaries during hill season. Betty takes care of Rickie, plans and supervises the preparation of meals, attends to the wash-

ing and mending of the children's clothes, and in a motherly fashion takes care of the children. I was preparing and correcting lessons. My teaching subjects have been Christian Beliefs, American History, Geometry, World's History, and Social Studies. We are trying to make Bruton a homy atmosphere for the children. During the first part of our coming vacation we will be going to Calcutta, India's largest city, and north to Darjeeling, from where we hope to get a glimpse of Mount Everest. On our return to Kodai we will stop at our mission field for a short while. The latter part of our "holiday" we will spend at Bruton here getting things prepared to open boarding again in January.

Our own son, born in March of this year, is growing healthy and strong. He successfully overcame a serious illness and we are grateful to God for sparing his life. It is such a joy to observe his muscular, social, and intellectual development.

We sincerely wish each of you God's best for the new year. We heartily thank you for your prayers. They are a source of strength and encouragement for us.

TAKE TIME

*Take time to think, it is the source of power;
Take time to play, it is the secret of perpetual youth;
Take time to read, it is the fountain of wisdom;
Take time to love and be loved, it is a God-given privilege;
Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness;
Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul;
Take time to give, it is too short a day to be selfish;
Take time to work, it is the price of success.*

Congo Votes

Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. — Polling began calmly throughout the Congo Sunday — despite a boycott by the most powerful Congolese party—for urban councils meant as the first step toward independence for the territory.

Strong forces of police and Belgian-led troops stood by to maintain order.

Heavy polling was reported here from European quarters of the city and by natives who do not belong to the large Bakongo tribes.

The Bakongo support the Abako political party headed by Joseph Kasavubu. He ordered a boycott of the election but called on his followers to remain calm during the voting period, which is to last several days.

After the creation of the urban and territorial councils from this election, provincial councils will be elected next spring for the six Congo provinces.

By the end of 1960, two legislative assemblies are to be provided for the whole area—an Upper and Lower House. This would pro-

vide a central government, presided over by a Belgian governor-general.

Crop Relief Plan

Edmonton. — The federal government has accepted Alberta's formula for farm relief, Agriculture Minister Halmrast announced Monday.

Under the scheme, Alberta farmers who have harvested 50 per cent or less of their grain crops would be entitled to payments up to \$3 an acre to a maximum of \$600 a farmer. Alberta is the third prairie province to take advantage of the cost-sharing relief plan, proposed originally by Ottawa.

If you are in the furnace, dress is burning out.

The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is no want when the mind is satisfied.

Every time you give to another a "piece of your mind," remember you add to your own vacuum.

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A Thank You from Korea

by Sung Kuin Kim

The following is adapted from an article prepared by Sung Kuin Kim. Kim, a student at Eastern Mennonite College, was closely associated with some MCC workers in Korea.

Korea, a peninsula of about 30 million people, became widely known to people around the world because of the dreadful war which began in 1950. Three years of conflict between Communist and non-Communist forces left a devastated Korea in need of much help. At first refugees were a big problem. But the many refugees which needed care—food, clothing and medical assistance—immediately after the war have decreased. Instead, what is now required is assistance which will help the war victims get back on their feet. In spite of the many terrible marks left by the war, the 1½ million Christians in Korea remained faithful. There are more Christians in Korea than in China and Japan combined. I am happy that there are so many Christians and that they try to live strong Christian lives.

The first group of MCC workers came to Korea in January, 1953, just before the signing of the truce in July. Their reason for coming to Korea is very simple: the Mennonite Central Committee wanted to help needy people. It wanted to serve those who were hungry, sick, and left homeless by the war.

Korea still needs help although the war ended nearly six years ago. Korea is thankful to God that MCC came to Korea. I, too, would like to express my sincere gratitude to all those who support MCC projects in Korea.

An important service of MCC workers in Korea is to distribute food and clothing. At a feeding station, thousands of hungry people can get hot meals and milk daily. Beside the distribution of supplies, MCC is sponsoring an orphan school and the widow's vocational sewing project.

The orphan school is a Mennonite vocational school which has more than 200 orphan children from ages 10 to 20. The school provides an excellent place of vocational training for boys and also gives them good Christian guidance. The sewing project helps to brighten the future for many Korean war widows. Teaching widows how to sew, it helps them support themselves and their children. After about a year in the project, the women leave with a sewing machine of their own, so that the sewing work can be carried on. Their finished products are sold at city markets.

The main MCC project is in the southern part of Korea, near Taegu and Pusan. We need many nurses in Korea and we are grateful that MCC has sent nurses.

Korea has hospitals, but does not have the well-trained nurses that America, for instance, does. MCC nurses have helped some hospitals improve considerably. Many MCC nurses work at orphans' hospitals.

The Mennonite Central Committee seeks to act promptly. In the past, whenever Korea has had a natural disaster such as a flood or typhoon, MCC has given some sort of assistance. Just the past summer Korea had horrible typhoon. Many people were killed, many lost their homes; MCC helped out effectively, seeking to ease many of the difficult circumstances which surrounded the typhoon incident.

I regard MCC's work in Korea as a fine positive Christian service. MCC, in the past six years, has accomplished many things in Korea. Surely, Christian love has been proved and it has received more than a welcome from the Korean people; gratitude will long remain in Korean hearts for service given them by MCC.

Gospel Light Mission

Horndean, Man. — The 'good tidings of great joy' are echoed in churches, schools, and by airwaves. The Sunday School students of the Gospel Light Mission in Horndean also sang out the good news on Sunday night at the annual Christmas program. Mr. Henry Neufeld, superintendent, was the chairman for the evening. Christmas acrostics, dialogues, Scripture readings, and a male quartet, were the items on the program. Hardy Kehler directed the singing of the Sunday school group. Rev. P. Martens spoke briefly on the words, "who being rich, for our sakes became poor that He might bring us to God", his subject being "The Gift of God." After the message the gifts were distributed, and the closing was made by Rev. Martens.

Many of the parents and friends of the children came for the program.

The annual business meetings of the Mission were held on December 7, 8, and 15. Reports were heard from all the committees, and after each report, the work of the committee was discussed, which was then followed by the election.

The Spiritual Life committee consists of the pastor, the assistant leader, the deacon, the Sunday school superintendent, the secretary treasurer and one elected by the congregation. Election then followed for a Sunday school superintendent. Mr. Henry Neufeld was re-elected. The choir directors are Mr. I. H. Voth, and Mr. Pete Heide as the assistant. Three music committee members were elected, namely: Mr. Hardy Kehler, Mr. Pete Heide and Miss Cleo. Heinrichs. The Committee for Christian Endeavour Night is made up of Beryl Stoesz, Cleo. Heinrichs, Henry Neufeld and Irvin Penner. The members of the Maintenance

Committee were elected by acclamation. They are: J. J. Heinrichs, H. H. Stoesz, and P. M. Thiessen. Mr. Ben Siemens and Mr. H. H. Stoesz were elected as ushers.

Two new committees were added to the list. They are: the Serving Committee, and the Library Committee. Mrs. P. Martens, Mrs. C. C. Wiebe and Mrs. H. Neufeld were elected as members of the former and Mrs. I. Penner, Cleo. Heinrichs and George Hildebrand of the latter.

Mr. C. C. Wiebe, by acclamation, continues to look after the prayer sessions on Sunday mornings.

Rev. Martens was chairman for the, three evenings, and Irvin Penner and I. H. Voth were the secretaries.

When should a Child Start to Learn a Second Language?

By D. K. Duerksen

To answer this question, I quote from the September issue of the Reader's Digest, page 227, "The field is full of explorers. At Hicksville, N.Y., for example, the courses begin in first grade and extend almost through high school... Other schools are experimenting in other ways. Out of all trials and errors have come a few firm conclusions: (1) The earlier language study starts, the better: ideally it should begin in first grade or even in Kindergarten. (2) Frequent short classes are better than less frequent longer ones. (3) No matter how early or late language study starts, it should continue — preferably every school day — for at least five years."

In southern Manitoba this advice is carried out. More than 100 Mennonite public schools are doing this work for years and it is now proceeding with more zeal and determination than in previous years. These schools teach German for eight years — in Grades I to VIII. There will certainly be success in this effort because of the favorable attitude of the teachers, pupils, parents, and churches toward the teaching of a second language.

In other provinces similar work could be done. Time approaches rapidly, when the teaching of a second language in public school will be compulsory. The Royal Commission of Manitoba gave the following recommendation to the provincial government: "Teach conversational French and German from Grade I." (Winnipeg Free Press, Dec. 1, 1959) It will be beneficial for Mennonite schools that have taught German for years, when that time comes.

In many areas the German church schools fill the place of the public schools. It is especially noticeable this year, that German church schools grow in size and in number. If German instruction in these schools lasts for 7 — 8

months, 2 hours weekly, much can be accomplished.

The earlier we begin to teach German, the more successful we shall be. The best foundation for the second language will be laid on mother's lap. — Let us make the best use of all the opportunities we have in this field. The time will come, when our children will be grateful to us that we have taught them the second language.

Be Christians Behind Wheel

Toronto (CP.) — Highway safety is more a problem of personal morality and practical religion than of horsepower or road construction, says Rt. Rev. Angus J. MacQueen, moderator of the United Church of Canada.

"The Christian should obey Christ's law of love. This is quite different from liking everyone or getting sentimental over people in general. It implies certain practical virtues—courtesy, patience, kindness, thoughtfulness of others, good temper.

"These are the opposites of rudeness, irritation, showing off, selfishness and anger. The one type of behavior makes for safety and well-being; the other, for danger and death."

At the Red Sea

Have you come to the Red Sea place
in your life,
Where, in spite of all you can do,
There is no way out,
There is no way back,
There is no other way but through?

Then wait on the Lord,
With a trust serene,
Till the night of your fears is gone;
He will send the winds,
He will heap the floods,
When He says to your soul, "Go on!"

And his hand shall lead you
through, clear through,
Ere the waterly walls roll down;
No wave can touch you,
No foe can smite,
No mightiest sea can drown.

The tossing billows may rear their
crests,
Their foam at your feet may break,
But over their bed you shall walk
dry-shod
In the path that your Lord shall
make.

In the morning watch,
'Neath the lifted cloud,
You shall see but the Lord alone,
When He leads you forth from the
place of the sea,
To a land that you have not known;

And your fears shall pass
As your foes have passed,
You shall no more be afraid;
You shall sing His praise in a better
place,
In a place that His hand has made.

Annie Johnson Flint

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

Alberta Mennonite High School

Coaldale, Alberta. — Christmas, with all its preparations for our annual Christmas program kept the members of the A.M.H.S. busy and we trust that it has been a blessing to all those that were present.

On Friday afternoon, December 18, we were again made to realize how fortunate we are of having Christian homes and parents and of knowing the true meaning of Christmas. Each student donated one dollar to provide Christmas Cheer for some of the district's needy homes. Provision was made to supply seven poor families with groceries to relieve their material poverty.

Our annual Christmas banquet which was held December 19 proved to be an enjoyable occasion for all. After a delicious chicken dinner a program of songs, skits, a monologue and a play was presented. After the banquet the grade twelve students went carolling for several hours, proclaiming the Christmas message in song.

Throughout the busy week of preparation, we were reminded that the Christmas season holds a much deeper meaning than banquets, trees, and gifts. We are celebrating the birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who was truly the greatest Gift ever bestowed upon mankind.

Trudy Dyck and
Elsie Bensler.

Tabor College

Anniversary Observance at Tabor on January 6

Wednesday, January 6, will be observed as a special Centennial Day on the Tabor College campus in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Two special services will highlight the events of the day. A forenoon convocation at 9:30 will be devoted to the historic significance of the church's early years. Guest speaker will be Dr. G. W. Peters, pastor of the M. B. Church of Buhler, Kansas.

An evening service will emphasize contributions which the Mennonite Brethren Church has made in various areas of endeavor, with both faculty and students participating in presenting papers.

Awards two Essay Scholarships

Two \$100.00 scholarships for essays in the field of Mennonite history and medicine were presented to Tabor College by Dr. Daniel H. Hiebert of Provincetown, Massachusetts, on November 30.



Here are the Wise Men from the East, students of astronomy, who came after Christmas to worship Christ, the King.

The prizes will go to students who write the best papers on the subjects "History, Contributions, and Influence of Mennonite Teaching in the United States" and "Free Enterprise as Related to Health and Medicine."

Dr. Hiebert, a 1914 graduate of Tabor, is a leading physician in the Cape Cod area of Massachusetts, and has taken a continuing interest in the College. Three years ago he offered a similar prize for the best history of Tabor College written during the school's fiftieth anniversary year.

Mennonite Educational Institute

Presents Carol Festival

Clearbrook, B.C. — A capacity audience in the MEI auditorium heard the choirs of the Mennonite Educational Institute present a carol festival on Monday evening, December 21.

The band played several songs before the program opened. After students had entered, they sang "Freue dich Welt" to inaugurate the program. The audience heard the Concert Choir sing "And the Glory" from Handel's "Messiah," accompanied by a string ensemble, and "Come All Ye Shepherds" and "Hosannah in Excelsis." The students from grades 11 to 13 formed a choir to sing "Ehre, Ehre," "Der große Stern," and "Oh, Wonderful Day." Other choirs participating were the grade 7 choir singing "Infant So Gentle" and "Angels We Have Heard on High," the grade 8 choir singing "Shepherds, Oh Say" and the Huron Carol, the grade 9 girls singing "Lo, How a Rose," and the grade 10 girls singing "Babe of Bethlehem" and "Schlaf, Kindlein, schlaf." A male group sang "The Lord of Glory."

The program had Scripture responses interspersed throughout, while three poems and a reading added to the message of the evening. To conclude the program, an enlarged choir and string ensemble joined in the mighty "Halleluja Chorus" from the "Messiah."

Oneness of Home, Church, and School

Where division, if not already a mark of piety, is certainly the order of the day among our people, it is well that we remind ourselves that according to the prayer of Jesus in John 17 the prerequisite for success in the Kingdom is oneness. Too frequently a mere difference of opinion on a peripheral matter seems sufficient cause for separation. We need to realize that it is not hypocrisy or unfaithfulness to the truth when we support a man or work whose methods do not agree with ours in every detail.

This is true in Christian education as well. There must be a oneness not only in the school itself, but also a oneness of home, church and school.

1. It is not merely an outward oneness that we seek, nor an artificial unity, nor an agreement under pressure. The oneness for which we strive is a oneness of nature, as is that of the Father and the Son. According to the words of Jesus we are born into this divine union and thus become one with the Godhead and one with everyone who is partaker of this same nature. Such oneness goes beyond simply working side by side, beyond a coincidental agreement, beyond peaceful relations in a combined effort. This is a sameness in very essence since each is partaker of the nature of God. Spiritual fruit must surely come where there is such oneness in Christ.

2. A oneness in nature will produce a oneness of goals. The pattern here again is the supreme example: "Thou hast sent me," and "I have declared thy name." Jesus is here concerned about giving us the goals as well as the pattern for unity in those goals. The goals are these: "That the world may believe," and "that the world may know" (vs. 21, 23). Here is the essence of the Christian ministry, and here is the goal upon which the home, the church and the school must be agreed. What we must do is bring men to a living faith in Christ and then cause them to grow in the knowledge of Christ. Though it is unwarranted to delegate strict areas of responsibility to each of the three institutions, it may yet be stated that the home is responsible for the forming of attitudes that will make it easy for the child to accept the teaching of the church and the school later. The church bears definite responsibility in the field of evangelism, and the Christian school is to lead the convert to greater depth of spiritual understanding. This is not to say, however, that the school and the home are not to evangelize, nor that the church and the home are not to teach. The suggested pattern is not to encourage limitation, but rather emphasis.

In speaking of goals it may be well to suggest that we strive not only for a oneness in goals but also for a singleness of goal. Multi-eyed educators must of necessity lose themselves in the multitudinous and shifting values of the educational whirl of our day. May God bring us back to a singleness and a oneness of purpose.

3. When we consider the practical implementation of this oneness we speak of love as the medium. Though ideally it may be possible for home, church and school to achieve a oneness of nature and of goals, it is inconceivable that this will ever be possible in method. In fact it is doubtful that this would be desirable. There are bound to be differences of opinion on matters of procedure and method. And so it should be. This is where love takes up its task.

The love of which the Bible speaks is a love which is positive in nature and centrifugal in operation. It is the giving of oneself to another because one sees value in the other. It is not a momentarily overwhelming passion that seeks satisfaction through receiving. The love of Christ was a love that gave itself to the point of supreme sacrifice. Where the love of the home for the church and the school, in fact, of each of these institutions for each of the others, is love like this, there must surely be fruit.

Such love will cover a multitude of sins. No Christian teacher claims to be flawless. Each humbly admits that our sinful nature expresses itself all too readily. And yet we dare plead with parents that they be loving and not Pharisical. Nothing is more effective in shattering the relationship between the School and child than a well-aimed criticism from parents. And in regard to the Church we would urge that we must avoid arguments as to whether it is more important that a child attend the mid-week service or do his school work. It is surely not a matter of "either...or". A good student will be a good church worker, and a lazy student will permit the church to be the means of establishing him in his indolence and lack of grit. The loyalty of a young person to the Church is not measured primarily by his enthusiasm for a gathering together, but by a whole-hearted effort to make the principles of the Church his own.

May the Lord grant us this Oneness of nature, this Oneness of goals, and this wonderful Oneness through love, so that the labour of our Christian Schools might be spiritually fruitful.

John Regehr.

We are not judged by men's opinions but by God's Word.

Announcement for Choir Directors

The Music Committee of the Canadian M.B. Conference would like to announce that the Conductors' Conference which is to be held every other year during the Easter Week, will be held this spring from Tuesday, April 19 to Friday, April 22 at the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg.

Guest speaker for the conference will be Dr. Paul Wohlgenuth, director of Music at Biola College, Los Angeles California. Included in the packed program will be the analysis of one of the major choral works in sacred music. Lectures in conducting will be given, with separate classes in elementary and advanced conducting. There will be lectures on hymnology, debates or discussions on topics of current interest, and evening recitals of choral and solo works.

Plan now to attend! All choir conductors, all prospective conductors whether of church choirs, Sunday School choirs, or congregational singing, will find valuable information and inspiration. Make arrangements to take time off during this coming Easter week.



Mrs. Frank Wiens (right) distributing Christmas bundles to needy Paraguayan children; Paraguayan nurses standing in the background. (See report on "Dienst am Evangelium" page 8)

Invitation to Ontario Students

Toronto, Ont. — The Toronto A.M.U.S. (Association of Mennonite University Students) extends an invitation to all grade twelve and grade thirteen high school students of our Ontario Mennonite high schools to visit the University of Toronto on Saturday, January 30, 1960. In the forenoon and afternoon the University grounds and

buildings will be toured and the academic organization of the University, which includes the various faculties of arts and sciences, will be explained. A banquet is being planned for 5 p.m. which will feature a guest speaker and brief talks by graduates of the various faculties.

The purpose of the day's program is to give the high school stu-

dents the opportunity to meet students, graduates, and faculty members of the University so that they can informally discuss the problems and benefits associated with the acquisition of a university degree. How to finance a university education, what the prerequisites for the various courses are, what is involved in the different specialized professional careers, are only a few of the questions which will be discussed.

Those students interested may contact either the principal of their local Mennonite high school, or may write to Mr. Werner Heinrichs, 29 Standish Ave., Toronto, Ont. Frances Klassen.

Man Guilty of Theft

A 22-year-old man who left his wife and five-month-old baby sitting in their car while he broke into several garages in southern Manitoba was sent to penitentiary for two years Wednesday.

John Enns, whose address was listed as 468 Burrows Ave., Suite 7, pleaded guilty before Magistrate D. C. M. Kyle in provincial police court to 15 charges involving breaking, entering and theft between Nov. 10 and Nov. 20.

Court was told Enns took trips at night to country points in his car and on several occasions took his wife and child along for the ride. W. A. Troughton, crown counsel, said Enns' 17-year-old wife was unaware of his activity. She was led to believe calls were being made on friends at different points

while she and the baby waited in the car.

Biggest haul was made at a store in Teulon, Man., where Enns was reported to have obtained \$146 in cash and cheques. Other thefts occurred at Fannystelle, Ste. Anne, St. Adolphe, New Bothwell, Ile des Chenes and St. Vital. In many cases hub caps, car ornaments and tools were taken along with what cash could be found on the premises. Police said a lot of the articles were recovered after Enns' arrest.

Mr. Troughton said Enns had a record dating back to 1956 for similar offences in Manitoba and Ontario.

"Your record indicates you are definitely anti-social with an utter disregard for the rest of the community," Magistrate Kyle said.

Announcements

Rev. A. A. Wiebe of 8945 — 135 A Street, R.R. 7, North Surrey, B.C. has been appointed pastor of the M.B. Church at Strawberry Hill, B.C. All correspondence to the church should be directed to him.

In the name of the Church Council, J. H. Friesen.

Brother N. J. Dick of Elm Creek, Manitoba was elected leader of the Elm Creek M.B. Church. All correspondence is to be addressed to him.

On the Horizon

January 10. — Centennial Sunday of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

January 3-9. — Prayer Week in our churches.

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