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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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India Missionary Fellowship Meets



Miss Anna Suderman, India

January 26 marks India's Republic Day. While schools were having holidays and sports, missionaries on six different mission stations were busily preparing for a trip—this time to Deverakonda on the extreme eastern side of our mission area.

By 6 p.m. 18 missionaries had arrived and were put up in the mission bungalows—the families with the Kaspers and the single ladies with the Suderman sisters. Two sisters were not able to be present. Miss Marie Riediger was not quite well and so Miss Helen Harder stayed with her in Shamshabad. Including the Deverakonda staff, we were 22 missionaries and seven young children assembled around three tables for noodle soup, brown bread and lemon pie that evening. Four children had already left for school in the mountains after their Christmas holidays. It was a happy meeting for all privileged to attend.

The first session was opened by Brother A. A. Unruh, the chairman, who read I-Cor. 1:23-31 and reminded us that God, not man, has chosen those who serve Him. Brother J. J. Kasper, as host, welcomed all co-workers to Deverakonda and led in prayer. The recently-returned missionaries, the Ted Fasts and Regina Suderman, were officially welcomed back into our fellowship and into the work. "Our Need" was the devotional topic chosen for the conference.

In line with the evening's message, the ladies trio sang, "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?" This was followed by the message, "Prayer, Our

Greatest Need," by Brother Ted Fast. The speaker pointed out that effective prayer is based on the realization of our own utter helplessness and on a living faith in the ability of God. A season of prayer followed in which the Lord's help was sought for decisions to be made at this strategic time, in the work of India.

Recognized as the greatest need for effective work in all phases, prayer was emphasized in all the succeeding topics:—"Revival in the India Church," "Need of National workers," "Need of Qualified Missionaries" and "Financial Means."

The second message, "Revival of the National Church," by Brother

A. A. Unruh was based on Habakkuk 2:3 and Psalms 85:6-13. "Oh Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years." The need is, first, for a living church. Only the living can be revived. Revival will bring deeper life to the regenerated, conversion of some unregenerate members and conversion of some from outside. It comes only by the teaching and the study of the Word of God. Those who would be used of God in revival must be willing to be separate and to give up popularity. They must have a high standard of spirituality, a great love for sinners and be willing to confess their own faults and failures. Are we willing to meet the conditions?

"The Need for Qualified Missionaries" was effectively presented by (Continued on page 9-2)

Indigenizing Indian Mission Schools

Institutions are usually part and parcel of an extended church program, both at home and abroad. In India this is also the case in our work as a mission. As the Indian Church is becoming indigenous, these institutions must also gradually be absorbed. At present the schools are undergoing a period of transition, and responsibility is gradually shifted from the mission to the Indian constituency. Our Indian brethren have for the greater part been reluctant to accept a turnover of our middle schools to them. We, who are in this work, have in turn, until recently, not pushed very hard. However, we are in the midst of it now. Consider



Miss Anne Edlger, India

with me a few of the aspects involved.

The middle school needs strong leadership with spiritual and professional qualifications. The headmaster must direct and inspire the rest of the staff, the school, and also the constituency in some measure. Until quite recently it has been difficult to find Christian men and women qualified academically. And often when the secular requirements could be met, the spiritual prerequisites were lacking. Frequently a promising worker, who seemed to do well for a while, disqualified himself by falling into sin. The need for qualified Christian staff strikes at the heart of the school. Therefore "pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers" for each of the schools.

Our Indian brethren have shied away from the financial obligations involved in taking over these schools. The work has been carried on largely among the poverty-stricken people who still struggle for existence. How could they take on financial responsibility for a mission school? Many other missions who had experience along this line, warned us against taking government grants in this area. Thus we hesitated. It is significant that at this time the government has adopted a policy offering scholarship money to worthy Christian

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Little Things



Miss Nettie Berg, Belgian Congo

The life of a Christian, yours and mine, is largely made up of little things. It is not hard to be faithful in the big things, the things that gleam before the eyes of man, but Jesus said, "Because thou hast been faithful in a very little . . ."

Little Things

"... a little kindness" (Acts 28:2)

On this quiet afternoon I lay on my bed listening to the birds and the insects singing their ceaseless songs. Wondering if my fever would be gone by tomorrow so that I could go back to work, I suddenly heard a "Ko, ko, ko" at the door (the native substitute for knocking).

"Who is there?"

"We are here," a trio of youngsters' voices answered.

In response to my "Come in," they tip-toed in. In the semi-dusk I could just distinguish my evening visitors—Kutwama, her little brother and Mahata—, three of my Sunday school pupils.

"What have you come for?" I asked to help them overcome their shyness.

"We heard you were sick, so we have come to see you." Another long silence followed while curiosity led their eyes around the room.

"Did you want to sing a song for me, too?" They did, and soon three clear voices rang out: "Jesus loves me, this I know." Of course, I had always known that Jesus loved me, but now I was doubly sure of it. Three bright smiles on three round black faces was the last I saw of them as they vanished through the door as quietly as they had come.

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EDITORIAL

5 1/2 Million Motorists Drove Safely in 1959

"Success should be its own reward" is a slogan that could be aimed at the 5,500,000 motorists in Canada, who, in 1959, had neither accident nor brush with the law in traffic.

Slight recognition is given these drivers, who, through their own efforts or good fortune, escaped mishap or police action. Organizations and individuals devoted to reducing the number of accidents on the nation's streets and roads must give almost their entire attention to drivers who were involved in accidents or were guilty of infractions of traffic regulations. There were some half a million of them in Canada last year.

The highway's good drivers went through the year with little recognition. Some communities honoured them during safety campaigns by naming "Mr. Safe-Driver," giving medals or shopping orders on local stores and interviews on radio or television. But the great majority of the five and a half million accident-free and infraction-free motorists sailed along their honourable way, unsung and unglorified.

Their reward was great. It included freedom from the high cost of repairs, litigation, medical and hospital bills, pain, suffering and anguish. They had the uncomfortable security of watching their half a million colleagues of the pavement writhing in the bitter fruits of the consequences of disaster whether it lasted 30 seconds or a lifetime.

Drivers of commercial vehicles, whether they be trucks, buses or taxicabs, are honored by their employers and organizations if they pile up handsome records of safety at the wheel. Communities with outstanding records of road safety are cited each year by the Canadian Highway Safety Council. But the man who drove his private car through the menacing maze of modern motorized machinery went on his way with nothing much in the way of thanks. In fact, often he was the target of abuse from the motorist who tried to sneak around the laws of man and nature and found his way successfully blocked by the driver who was doing what he knew he should do.

So the Canadian Highway Safety Council, joined, it is certain, by provincial, community, industrial and government safety officials, expresses appreciation to the safe driver for his care, consideration and attention. He saved his country countless millions of dollars, and his fellow Canadians many hours of suffering.

Guest Editorial by Canadian Highway Safety Council

DEVOTIONAL

Effectual Fervent Prayer

By John Boldt

In James 5:16 we read: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth for the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

In these words we have a wonderful encouragement for our prayers. There are times in the life of the Christian when he becomes slack in prayer, either because he becomes self-sufficient or because he thinks that his prayers are not accomplishing what he thinks they should. At such times it is good to be reminded of the above passage. We notice that James here places emphasis on the person of the one who prays. Who should pray to God? The sinner? The saint? We read: "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Surely

the righteousness that is meant here is the righteousness of Christ which is imputed to us when we trust Him. It cannot mean our own righteousness, for then we could have no ground for prayer. It is precious to know that the great condition for effective, prevailing prayer is the covering of the robe of the spotless righteousness of Christ, which is free and immediately available for the blackest sinner. If you are covered by this robe, you can and should pray. Of course, this means also that we must let His righteousness be worked out practically in your life from day to day, and that you do not tolerate sin. So then if you are righteous in Christ you may pray and expect an answer from God.

Does this mean that the sinner should not pray? Many of us remember that in the last war airmen who were shot down over the ocean would drift about in their rafts and lift their hearts to God in

prayer. Many of them had not prayed much before. Did God hear their prayers? Yes, He did, and he sent them food and water so that their time of grace might be lengthened. Not all of them were converted through their experiences, and yet God had heard their prayers to this end. In the book of Acts we read of an unconverted man who prayed and was heard by God. Cornelius was a religious man, but he did not know Christ. In answer to his prayers and good deeds God sent Peter to him with the gospel, and Cornelius was converted. Yes, the sinner should pray, and God will answer by increasing his opportunities to be saved.

We need not be great men of God in order to pray effectively. Someone has said that the devil trembles when the weakest saint gets on his knees. In our Scripture passage, James speaks of the great Old Testament prophet Elijah, who called forth drought and rain by his prayer. Perhaps some of us will feel like saying, "Yes, a man of God like Elijah certainly had power in prayer, but I am insignificant and not very gifted. I am only an ordinary Christian. How can I expect to accomplish things in prayer?" Here is a wonderful, encouraging word for all of us: "Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are." He too had his moments of weakness when his trust in God wavered. We remember him as he sat under the juniper tree on his flight from Jezebel. Physical exhaustion, disappointment, and defeat combined to cause Elijah to lapse into a situation of weakness which did not honor God. And so we, too, are often tempted to cease praying because we feel weak and discouraged. Let us remember that great men of God also had these experiences, but still God heard their prayers. It is not our position that makes our prayers effective. In the world things are different. Very often it is the influential, wealthy man whose demands are listened to and respected, while the poor man goes unheard. In God's kingdom it is not so. The weakest saint may come and receive as much audience at the throne of the Ruler of the universe as the greatest preacher or teacher.

A really remarkable prayer warrior was Holy Anne Preston, who lived in Ireland and then in Canada. She was noted for the way in which she was able to receive answers to large and small requests in prayer, even to the extent of finding lost household articles. Yet she could not read, although the Lord in a remarkable way helped her to read the Bible. So let us pray when we are in great need, or when our path seems to be clear; in great decisions or in smaller ones. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." This does not mean that God will answer in the very way we expect Him to, or that we can command God in every

matter which we think of when we pray. God remains sovereign in His will and purpose. And yet we can accomplish much in prayer. God has promised to work as we pray.

The Ministry of Prayer

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3.

There's a holy high vocation
Needing workers everywhere;
'Tis the highest form of service
'Tis the ministry of prayer.

No one need stand idly longing
For a place in which to share
Active service for the Master:
There is always room in prayer.

In these days of tribulation,
Wickedness pervades the air,
And the battles we engage in
Must be won through fervent prayer.

There's no weapon half so mighty
As the intercessors bear,
Nor a broader field of service
Than the ministry of prayer.

Do you long to see the millions
Who are perishing today,
Snatched as brands plucked from
the burning?

Do you long, yet seldom pray?

Are you longing for revivals
In the good old-fashioned way?
We must use old-fashioned methods—

Which have always been—to pray.

Do you long to meet the Saviour
And your loved ones in the air?
You may hasten Christ's returning
By effectual fervent prayer.

Join us in the plea that Jesus
Quickly will His bride prepare;
May His coming find us faithful
In the ministry of prayer.

Come and join the intercessors!
Laurels, then, some day you'll wear,
For there is no higher service
Than the ministry of prayer.

Annie L. Woodworth

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Days of Blessing at Dalmeny

Dalmeny, Sask. — The annual Bible Study Conference of the North Saskatchewan district convened this year at Dalmeny on March 2, 3, 4. Brother H. G. Classen of the M. B. City Mission, Vancouver, spoke in the morning sessions and Brother D. B. Wiens, also of Vancouver, in the afternoons and evenings.

Many of God's people here had been praying for these meetings. The Lord answered by giving to us fairly cold but clear and sunny weather and open roads. Thus the attendance was gratifying indeed. The Lord also answered by granting to His servants spiritual power and grace for their ministry.

After a brief word of greeting, the leader, Brother Henry Baerg, Dalmeny, called upon Brother H. S. Rempel to open the sessions with a short devotional service. Brother Rempel based his remarks on the words of Christ in John 15:11. He pointed out how our Lord was concerned that His joy might ever fill the hearts of His followers. This experience, however, is possible only if we abide in Him and His Word abides in us.

The Lord lead us into some of the wonderful truths concerning the Holy Spirit through three messages by Brother Classen. He pointed out the Scripture teaching on: The Baptism of the Believer with the Holy Spirit, The Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and The Infilling of the Holy Spirit.

Our hearts were stirred afresh by the wonderful fact that the Lord has given His Holy Spirit to every born-again believer. The Holy Spirit now works in the believer by leading him into all truths of the Word, by giving him assurance of salvation, by producing spiritual growth in him, by giving him spiritual discernment and by preparing him as a bride without spot or wrinkle to meet his heavenly Bridegroom.

While the believer is here on earth, the Lord has given to him gifts of the Spirit as He wills. Many of the gifts given to the early church were later withdrawn (I Cor. 12; Eph. 4). Now the Lord warns His own to be sober lest they be deceived by the halucinations of false spirits.

Now if the Lord is to accomplish in and through His own that which He desires and if they are to be kept from falsehood, they must be filled with the Holy Spirit. The anointing with the Holy Spirit is a once-for-all experience of the believer at the time of conversion, but the Scriptures clearly teach a repeated infilling of the Holy Spirit. The description of a Spirit-filled life, as shown in the Word, led the congregation to sincere heart-searching.

In the study of I Thess., chapters 1 to 3, Brother Wiens brought to our attention the "Ideal Church." It is indeed a wonderful picture.

Here we find first of all a descrip-

tion of the members of the ideal church. What a wonderful position the Lord has given to these members! In Him we now are standing in the position of grace and peace. We have become His followers in tribulation, in service and in waiting for His return from heaven.

Then the Lord shows how He opened the door for his servants into the church. Their entrance into the church had not been in vain, because they had not come with impure motives, but in holy love and genuine concern for the church and its members. The Lord had blessed this entrance and given much joy and liberty to His servants.

We further find a description of the wonderful relationship between the servants of the Lord and the members of the church. It is a relationship of a deep longing for each other, a genuine concern for one another and a joyful thanksgiving and intercession for each other. May the Lord make our churches ideal churches!

The evening services were devoted to a study of "The Ways of God," according to Psalm 103:7. Moses got to know the ways of God, whereas the children of Israel only saw the individual acts of God. He who gets to know God in His ways may rest in Him regardless of world affairs, knowing that God rules in

the heavens and will accomplish His plans and purposes.

The Lord does not only have His way in world affairs, but also in the life of each of His children. He has a way of training His child and putting him into His service. He has a way to subdue the rebellious, disobedient child; He has a way to strengthen the weak and to fit him for His service; He has a way to comfort and encourage the discouraged one, and He has a way to deliver the homesick one in His time.

God also has a way with the sinner (Luke 15:11ff). He permits the stubborn sinner to have his own way in wasting his goods. He has a way of bringing him to the end of himself and back to his senses. He has a way of receiving the degraded but penitent sinner back into His own family and fellowship. God has a way, do we know it?

In view of these wonderful truths we cannot help but join in the words of Paul when he says in Romans 11:33-36: "O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His ways past finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? Or who hath been His counselor? Or who hath first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed unto Him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." F. F. Froese

Dr. A. H. Unruh Speaks

Matsqui, B.C. — The Matsqui M. B. Church was privileged to obtain Dr. A. H. Unruh for a series of lectures on the Book of Revelation. The opening prayer by Dr. Unruh was for open eyes to behold the wonders of His Word. God answered that prayer. We have seen the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour, Who walks among the churches, observing all things, correcting, protecting and guiding His children in an evil world. Even though it seems that Satan controls the children of this world, everyone will eventually help to bring God's plan into fulfillment. Dr. Unruh asked us to continually praise God for salvation because that would be the theme of our song in eternity.

Sunday evening, February 28, our Young People's Endeavor had Brother John Boldt as guest speaker. He is well-known as a soloist and former instructor of the Winkler Bible School. The subject for the evening was, "The Witness of the Believer." We were given some very practical pointers on how we might improve our witness to the world. May God help us to live worthily of our high calling.

Jake Wall

Highlights at Port Rowan

Port Rowan, Ont. — During the first two months of 1960 the Port Rowan M. B. Church was blessed

with numerous services presenting God's Word.

Rev. H. H. Epp, our conference evangelist, stirred all our hearts with messages from God's Word on January 1-10. We felt that the Lord was working miraculously in the hearts of Christians as well as the unsaved. We rejoiced to see many young people make decisions to follow Christ.

The Sunday school courses were also of interest. Miss Nettie Kroeker was in our midst January 26 and 27, and Mr. Wilmer Kornelson of the Kitchener Bible School served us on January 29 and 30. These sessions in particular gave the Sunday school workers a new desire to work with more fervor in this field of service.

Bible discussions were held on February 13 and 14. The text chosen for the discussion was I Peter 1. We were pleased to have ministers from the other M. B. churches attend. Rev. P. J. Dick of St. Catherines spoke on verses 13-19 on Sunday morning.

On February 17 to 22, Rev. A. J. Block of St. Catharines held special services, speaking to us from the second book of Thessalonians. Truths were revealed from this book and our hearts were blessed through Rev. Block's ministry.

Our prayer is that God might continue to bless as He already has done during the past two months.

Mrs. Jake Penner

Rev. and Mrs. Gripp Speak and Sing at Grossweide

Grossweide, Man. — The days of February 28 to March 6 were days of special blessings for us at the Grossweide M. B. church. We were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Mark Gripp with us, who have worked under the Gospel Missionary Union in the Sudan.

They presented to us the work in the form of pictures. One night they showed some pictures of the Berber people of Morocco. These Berbers, who number several million, had the gospel several hundred years ago, but they died spiritually because they lacked missionary vision. What a tremendous challenge to us who have the gospel. May God help us never to lose the vision of Christian missions, but to go to all nations, thus heeding and fulfilling the missionary commission of Christ.

In his messages, Rev. Gripp spoke on the Epistle to the Ephesians. The Holy Spirit used the messages and the songs to speak to saved and unsaved alike. May God grant that we might have Christ as our foundation, remember who we were without Christ and keep the unity of the Spirit in our practical Christian life. Jake G. Neufeld

Dr. Dick Reports on Congo Missions

Coaldale, Alta. — Dr. A. A. Dick of Saskatoon spoke to a near capacity audience in the Coaldale Mennonite Brethren Church on Friday, February 19. He gave a first-hand report of conditions on the M. B. Conference's Congo mission fields. Dr. Dick presented a very informative account of medical work on the field and illustrated his talk with slides he had taken personally. He stressed the need on the mission field and showed what improvements can be made over the present system with more personnel which enable a missionary doctor to be more effective in his medical and gospel work.

Dr. Dick's report was given in connection with a series of lectures on courtship, marriage problems and special problems of young people. The lecture series started on Saturday afternoon with a lecture on problems of married couples. In this lecture, held in the Bible school chapel, Dr. Dick stressed the frank and understanding discussion of problems between man and wife. The series continued on Saturday evening with a special meeting for boys, dealing with sex problems, and another for girls. These meetings were held in the Alberta Mennonite High School chapel. The concluding meeting was a banquet for young people in the church basement. Dr. Dick's topic on this occasion was "Pitfalls for Youth." After the banquet, Dr. Dick returned to his medical practice in Saskatoon. J. B. Hubert

Dave Redekop Visiting Many Countries

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. Dave E. Redekop, member of the Christian Business Men's Committee International left for an extensive 6-week tour on Sunday, March 13.

Mr. Redekop and a number of members of the said committee were asked to make this trip for the purpose of spreading the gospel to business men, of visiting existing Christian business men's committees, of helping to organize new committees, and generally of making a good-will tour.

The brethren representing the CBMCI do not know what to expect in the countries they intend to visit, but it is their intention to learn to understand both the people and their problems better, so that they might be of more help to them. Approximately 50 meetings have been arranged and others will take place as time will permit and as need arises.

The group of these Christian business men intends to visit the following countries: Scotland, Ireland, Wales, England, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Jordan, Israel, Spain and Portugal. The brethren who are making this tour trust that the Christians at home will pray for them.

Indigenizing India Schools

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students. In the light of this event our Indian brethren are taking courage; carrying the financial load now does not look impossible. I believe the Lord has His hand in it. However, handling government funds involves scores of reports, much bookkeeping, auditing, clerical help. Pray that we may not become immersed in technicalities for the sake of money.

The trend toward secularization is becoming increasingly stronger the world over. In India many fine school buildings stand as monuments to an earlier evangelical outreach. Today the curriculum is entirely secular and the school is Christian in name only. "Will our schools fall prey to the same work of Satan?" is our burning question. Will the increased striving for education with accompanying status and prestige, eventually render the schools worthless as channels for evangelism? Pray that the Bible, the living Word of God, may retain its rightful place in these schools.

An indigenous school must run its own affairs. The constituency must decide upon staff, salaries and other administrative matters. The headmaster and staff must in turn be responsible to the constituency. The missionary, who was known as principal up to this time, will stand by, not as an administrator, but in an advisory capacity, working be-

hind the scene. The principals of some of our schools are assuming this role as of June 1. When a child learns to walk, it stumbles often and gets hurt. The missionary will frequently see this young child stumble and fall. It will be his duty and privilege to assist and advise in season. Pray for wisdom to take a back seat graciously and to advise wisely.

Facing the situation squarely, we rejoice as we see progress also in the indigenization of the schools. We tremble in view of all our shortcomings and limitations. But we have confidence in God Who is "able to do exceeding abundantly." Please add these schools as a special item to your prayer list, that they may also in the future hold forth the Word of God and that much youth may here learn to know Christ, and then go forth to make Him known to others.

Anne Ediger

Little Things

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Just a little kindness, but it can do so much.

"... a little moment" (Isaiah 26:20)

They had brought her in that morning, in a blanket tied on a pole and carried by two men on their shoulders. So thin, so sick, and coughing—the kind of cough that betrays the enemy tuberculosis within. She had been given a card, an injection to fortify the tired body, and a mat to sleep on. Then patient upon patient followed in line to have their ailments diagnosed and the respective treatment administered. It was a race with time to get them all through and still have time for the morning service. Ten minutes after 12 noon I hurried off, knowing that Anna would be waiting for dinner. There our new patient lay on her mat. I stopped long enough to give her a smile and a friendly word and to make a mental note that I must be back in the afternoon to tell her about the Lord Jesus. It might well be that she would not live many more days. But at 2 o'clock Leo the nurse came to my door and simply announced that the new patient had just died. A little moment I could have had to tell her about the Saviour: now it was a wasted moment.

"... a little strength" (Rev. 3:8)

That evening at Kafumba we had been listening to the testimonies of several baptismal candidates. One of them was Mobi, quite an elderly woman. Her testimony had been given in the tribal language which I could not understand, but the expression on her face told more than words ever could. An older missionary explained later: Many years ago when Mrs. Ernestina Janzen was still living, she had dealt with Mobi who was then a young girl. Several days before her death Mrs. Janzen had once more called Mobi to her bedside and had pleaded with her to accept the Lord. Mobi had

not done so at that time, but that admonition had remained with her. After Mrs. Janzen's death she did accept the Lord and will now be baptized. A little strength was all that Mrs. Janzen had, but she used it to bring a soul to the Lord.

"... a little maid" (II Kings 5:12)

We were traveling over the red hills nearing the Ngongo ferry, over roads well noted for their slipperiness and their treacherous washouts. If only it wouldn't rain, but already heavy clouds were towering just in the direction of those hills and as we came closer, it did rain. The truck soon began to groan in low gear, trying its utmost to make the slippery curves and bumpy washouts. Little six-year-old Wilma was watching the road rather fearfully while at the same time holding on in preparation for an especially nasty-looking corner. Suddenly a thought came to her: "Mommy, shall I pray?" Mommy nodded and reassured her little daughter with a smile. And Wilma prayed. We could not hear her prayer above the roar of the motor trying to make the grade, but evidently God in heaven heard, for we made that corner and every one that followed. A little maid the Lord can use, and He does.

Nettie Berg

Lectures for Sunday School Teachers

Vineland, Ont. — A course of instruction for Sunday school teachers can have a two-fold effect on the teacher. First of all he may become discouraged in view of the noble and high-sounding ideals of which he is made aware, realizing that he himself is not capable of putting them into practice anyway. Then again, he sees it as his work from the Lord and is grateful to God to be able to have a part in it. We trust that this latter attitude has remained with us, who attended the course given in our M. B. church on March 5 and 6 by Rev. Wilmer Kornelson of Kitchener. We thank Rev. Kornelson for his interesting, informative and practical lectures. Throughout the meetings a spirit of informality prevailed, and ample room was given to the discussion of problems. We all felt it had been worth our while to attend.

A total of six lectures was presented in three meetings. The first lecture in each case dealt with some vital phase of teaching, such as "The Teacher's Life Behind the Scene" or "Preparation of the Lesson," and the second lecture dealt with child psychology. In order to teach effectively, we were told, it is necessary to understand the pupil. The age groups from Cradle Roll to Intermediate were discussed.

The thoughts presented to us in the very first lecture will remain with us a long time. Under the sub-heading "Prerequisites of a Teacher," three main thoughts were underlined. Love to the Lord is para-

mount, for it is love that motivates us; a desire for the Word of God must be present, for God's Word equips us; the teacher must be convinced of the power of prayer, for prayer strengthens us.

As we left for home at the close of the course of studies, we breathed a prayer to our master Teacher Himself: "Lord, teach us to teach."

Martha Janzen

Concert Choir and String Orchestra Visit Arnold M. B. Church

Clearbrook, B.C. — The Mennonite Educational Institute concert choir and string orchestra visited the Arnold M. B. Church recently. The 55-voice choir was under the direction of Rev. C. D. Toews. The string orchestra accompanied the choir in some items and played several selections.

Also on the program were: a solo, duet, recitation and testimonies by some students. Rev. Abe Goerz gave a message from God's Word. Mr. William A. Wiebe led the program.

After the program the Arnold M. B. young people served the guests a light lunch in the church basement.

D. Ruth Schmidt

Recommendations for Newfoundland Program

Newfoundland (MCC). Following a visit to Newfoundland's 27 MCC teachers and nurses, and projects in general, Harvey Taves (Canada MCC Director) has reported that except for shifts in several areas the program needs for teachers and medical assistance in 1960-1961 continues much as it has been for the past two years. At Twillingate, where five teachers are instructing in primary schools, two to four secondary teachers will enter a regional high school which is to begin operation. St. Anthony, Wild Bright and Woodstock programs will remain similar to this year's. The unit at Baie Verte will close out in 1960 as was first planned when beginning there.

Plans for northern Newfoundland call for a "fanning out." Taves recommends that teachers be placed in several one or two room school houses in the three small fishing villages of Noddy Bay, Quirpon and Medea. Also, Taves reported that MCC has been formally requested to supply a principal and house-mother at the Cartwright-Grenfell school. With assignment terminations and shifts in personnel, approximately 12 new teachers are needed in the educational program; six nurses plus a dentist are needed for the 1960-1961 medical program.

The most difficult victory to win is victory over self.

Dedication of the Columbia Valley Gospel Chapel

Greendale, B.C. — The Gospel Chapel at Columbia Valley was formally dedicated to God for the proclamation of the crucified Christ on Sunday, February 21, 1960.

This building has been used for this purpose since June, 1954, when, through a survey of Columbia Valley residents, a marked interest was found in having a Sunday school conducted in the locality. At that time approximately 35 children were enrolled in the Sunday school.

During these past years several families have moved away from the valley and a few have moved in. Some families, we are sorry, have lost their initial interest in attending Sunday school and evening services. We miss them.

Approximately 15 teachers have taught in the Sunday school in these 5½ years, and approximately as many preachers have proclaimed God's Word at the regular monthly evening services and other occasions such as Easter, Christmas, and Thanksgiving services, and closing programs of hobby clubs and daily vacation Bible school.

Presently the three class Sunday school is being served by Brother Elvin McMann, Brother George Friesen and Brother and Sister Ernest Dyck. Brother Rudy Janzen, pastor of the Greendale M. B. Church, is the speaker at the evening services.

The building in which this work has been conducted has been the same throughout these 5½ years. Before some Christians of the Greendale M. B. Church bought the building in 1957, it changed hands three times, but this, praise God, never interfered with the work as permission for its use was always granted. Since the building was purchased by the Christians of the Greendale M. B. Church, electricity has been installed, a concrete foundation has been put under the building, a new chimney has been erected, and other extensive renovating and painting has been done.

Although it was known to all concerned that this building was purchased solely for the purpose of proclaiming Christ crucified, it was deemed wise to have a formal dedication of the building that all in attendance be challenged to also dedicate their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. In this way, it was hoped, the light of the gospel would shine more brightly from this place of worship.

For the formal dedication service two groups of singers from the Greendale M. B. Church united in a pre-cessional, "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ Our Lord." These two groups, a girls' octet and a mixed quartet, also served in singing several other suitable songs throughout the evening. Brother George Reimer, who was in charge of the final renovating,

presented the key to the building to Brother Ernest Dyck, who received it on behalf of those who assemble regularly for worship in the chapel. This key was received as a challenge from God to be faithful in giving and receiving God's Word in this hallowed place. With this presentation, dedicatory prayers were offered by the Rev. Rudy Janzen and Brother Ernest Dyck. Brother Elvin McMann read a brief history of the progress to date. This history was followed by the united

singing of the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," in memory of the late Mrs. P. S. McMann, who was such a faithful supporter of the work of the Lord until her passing into glory in January of this year. Brother Rudy Janzen then presented a gospel message, challenging us to be true to Jesus and to continue in the way of faith and victory.

Dear reader, will you trust God with us at the Columbia Valley Gospel Chapel for further fruitfulness and growth in His service?

Brother and Sister Ernest Dyck (Sent in by Helen Penner, R.R. 1, Sardis, B.C., on March 7, 1960.)

Missionary Conference

Winnipeg, Man. — Once more the Lord graciously blessed us at the South End M. B. church in Winnipeg as we held our missionary conference on March 13 and 14. We counted it a special privilege to have Brother H. H. Janzen with us, who expounded God's unfailing Word and will to all attending this very memorable conference.

We saw our Lord and Saviour, how He, according to St. Luke 4:14-21, returned home "in the power of the Spirit" and how in His native synagogue He developed His missionary program, which was entirely different from the election platforms of our modern party candidates at the time of election, unequaled in aim and purpose. He wanted to fulfill His Father's commission in proclaiming God's grace through His own sacrifice. We were challenged to study the methods of our Lord and apply them in our endeavours to point the unsaved to the Saviour.

In his second message on Sunday morning, Rev. Janzen dwelt on our responsibility as congregation to send missionaries into the foreign fields. He noted the grave dangers of complacency and egocentricity which are prone to lull us into indolence toward the lost. The Lord needs us without reservation on our side. No Christian is exempt from spreading the gospel, for some may proclaim His Word to the unbelievers, many are in a position to serve by supporting the missionary endeavour, and all may and should stand behind the cause of missions in prayer.

The Scripture passage for the last message of Brother Janzen was Gen. 22:1-12. He stressed Abraham's obedience, faith, temptations and final reward, culminating in the new covenant and God's blessing. Missionaries should learn from Abraham to obey, believe blindly in God's promises, and be willing to sacrifice what is dear to them. God cannot bless us if we are unwilling to submit wholly unto Him.

Brother and Sister F. Pauls have been accepted by the M. B. Foreign Mission Board for medical missionary service in Africa. They, both

told us of their motives for going into this work and praised God's love and mercy to them and all mankind.

Our Manitoba M. B. Conference fieldman, Rev. J. J. Neufeld, gave us an insight into the missionary activities in our province, giving glory to God for everything wrought in His name. He further spoke about the radio mission in four languages, three of which now encompass the globe, and urged us to support this work by prayer and donations.

Many of the listeners humbled themselves in the light of the Word of God and decided to be more faithful to the Lord in the responsibility of supporting the work of the Lord.

May God bless Rev. and Mrs. Janzen as well as Dr. and Mrs. Pauls as they go to the place of God's appointment for them.

H. Wiebe

Second Gospel Light Mission in Brandon

Brandon, Man. — About 100 people gathered in the basement of the East End Mission on the afternoon of March 13 to witness the official opening of the new building which constitutes a significant extension of gospel ministry in the city of Brandon. Rev. J. J. Neufeld, field director for Home Missions in Manitoba, presented the message.

The Opening Service

Rev. L. D. Warkentin read Psalm 84 and remarked that this building was erected for the children of the east end. A junior choir from the South End Gospel Light Church, under the direction of Miss Tina Funk, sang several songs. The audience also heard fine music by the Lepp children, a violin duet with piano accompaniment.

A Pointed Message

Rev. Neufeld chose an appropriate topic based on Acts 27:29. He pointed out that when a ship puts out to sea, it may encounter storms and unless it is properly piloted may suffer shipwreck. In times of storm, it is the anchor that holds the ship. The four-fold anchor the ship must

have consists of faith, prayer, love, and optimism. The words of the Apostle Paul: "Unless these abide in the ship, they will all perish," seem to suggest the need of teaching and instructing these children that they may abide in their Christian experience.

Man's Willingness

The completed basement of the church was an other example of how God blesses the united efforts of His children. When Rev. L. D. Warkentin first mentioned the possibility of this project, it appeared too ambitious to many. The Mission Board, however, had vision, and with their approval and financial aid, Rev. Warkentin and Peter Stobbe directed the work, which began in early fall. The cold weather interrupted the work, but Rev. Warkentin never gave up and inspired others to renewed effort.

God's Direction

A series of events had pointed to the eventual realization of hopes for this new mission. It all began when a brother donated two lots in the east end for the project. This was followed by \$5000 from the Conference, \$700 by local contributors and 350 hours of voluntary labour from young men in Brandon and surrounding area. The top structure is finished in rough and the basement is complete with benches, tables and piano. The total debt is only \$466.

Present Workers

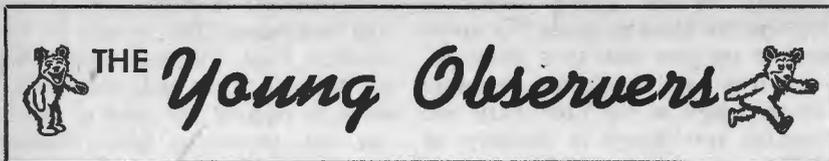
Miss Martha Stobbe is a full-time worker in this mission, engaged in hobby work and Sunday school. Brother Bill Peters, an instructor in Brandon College, has accepted the responsibility of directing the Sunday school work on Sunday. Miss Tina Funk and Miss Betty Driediger are two other workers who assist. For the spring and summer, Miss Stobbe will be engaged in teaching Kindergarten and summer vacation Bible school in addition to her other responsibilities.

Otto Funk



Things That Harmed Me

I was not harmed by
 Giving too much to the Lord,
 Smiling on an enemy,
 Sharing my clothes with the needy,
 Dividing my meal with a beggar.
 But I was injured by
 The gossip I told needlessly,
 The frown that discouraged somebody,
 The time I failed to help a child,
 The old clothes that cluttered my closet,
 The food I ate that someone else needed more than I did.



Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls,

Are you ever wondering what story your face tells about yourself? Yes, your face tells what kind of a girl or boy you are. Did you ever look into the mirror in the morning when you had to get up but felt like going on sleeping just a bit longer? Or did you ever think what your Mother saw in your face when you didn't like the food she was setting before you? Do you know what your teacher reads in your face when she asks you to do your lessons? If you did peek at your face once in a while, you might get a surprise! It tells a story all right!

Dorothy's face was certainly not a happy sight. The twinkle had gone from her eyes; the smile could not be seen any more; and if you looked closely, you wondered if perhaps Dorothy was angry. Her face just told an awful story! It just said what was in her heart, for Dorothy grumbled about her food. She wasn't a bit thankful that she was so lucky as to have enough to eat day after day. She grumbled at being sent to bed and in the morning she was too tired to be happy. She was too tired to do her lessons. In fact, she was **JUST TOO TIRED** and **TOO GRUMPY!**

Dorothy heard of the many people all over the world who never have enough to eat. She realized how grumpy and unkind she had been to her mother. She knew her teacher would not tolerate her "pokiness" at school much longer. And deep in her heart Dorothy was not happy about the little girl she was. She just wanted to be happy again.

Guess what happened. Yes, the little girl went to bed when she was asked to go. She thanked God for the food she could have. She learned to be kind and willing again. And lo and behold, it wasn't long until one day you heard this: "Why, Dorothy, it is wonderful to see your happy face. It is just like the lovely sunshine!" Yes, Dorothy's face now told a different story, for a happy face comes from a happy heart.

'Bye, boys and girls, and keep happy, will you?

Love, Aunt Anne

The Shiny Dime

Bobby and Billy were twins. They looked so much alike that people always looked twice to see which was Bobby and which was Billy. But when mother gave them each an apple, they didn't act a bit like twins. Billy always crowded in and took the larger one.

Although mother had tried hard to break Billy of this selfish habit, nothing seemed to do him any good. As for Bobby, he never seemed to mind having the smaller share of things, and would always let his brother have anything he wanted.

As their father watched the boys, he felt very sorry to see Billy becoming so selfish. He tried to think of a way to teach him a lesson he would never forget.

Then one day he found the very thing he wanted. He was looking over his coin collection and came upon an old dime. He called the twins in from their play and said, "I wonder if there are two little boys who will clean up the basement for daddy."

"Oh Daddy, I don't want to clean it up! I'm making a kite, and it's almost done," said Billy.

"Oh, let's go ahead and do it," said Bobby. "We can finish our kites tonight anyway."

"I'll give each of you a dime

when the basement is cleaned," promised Daddy, and he went to see a neighbor about some cabbage plants.

When he came back, the basement was spick and span, and the twins were waiting for their dimes.

"Here they are," said Daddy, as he held out the dimes. One was the old one that he had taken from his coin collection and the other was shiny and new. Billy pounced on the shiny dime, and of course the old one was left for Bobby.

"What are you going to do with your dimes, boys? Put them into your banks?" asked Daddy.

"I'm going to buy two striped peppermint canes with mine," answered Billy promptly.

"I like canes, too—but—I think I'll get mother a new rug for the parlor with mine," said Bobby. "Today she said she needed a new rug, the old one is wearing out."

"Huh!" said Billy, "it would take hundreds of dimes to get a good rug for the parlor."

"Would it, Daddy?" asked Bobby wistfully, "I did want to buy mother a new rug. There is such a pretty one in the store window."

"And so you shall," said Daddy. "I'll tell you a secret. Bring your dimes here, both of you." The twins

brought him their dimes, and Daddy went on. "Bobby's dime is old, but yours, Billy, is brand new. Because Bobby's is old, and so many of that kind are lost, this one is worth fifty dollars. You see men make collections of coins, and a great many want this particular dime. I think that will buy a nice rug for mother and maybe some candy canes besides." And Daddy smiled "behind his face"—as the twins called it—when he looked sober, but the corners of his mouth twitched a little and his eyes twinkled.

"Ah, Daddy, my dime is hardly worth anything," complained Billy. "I don't think it's a bit fair for him to get such a good dime, one that's worth so much more than mine."

"Billy," said Daddy, "I gave you your choice of the dimes on purpose. Didn't you choose first, and take the shiny one and leave the old one for your brother, when I offered them to you?"

"Yes, I did, Daddy," said Billy, looking very much ashamed of himself.

"Don't you think this ought to help you to remember not to always take the best of everything for yourself, and leave the poorest of everything for Bobby?" he asked.

"Yes, I do," said Billy slowly. "I will try, Daddy."

That very afternoon Billy went down to the store and bought two candy canes. When he came back, he shyly held out one of them to Bobby.

"What shall I do with it?" asked Bobby.

"Eat it," said Billy. "You see," he explained, "we're going to be twins in everything after this—apples and dimes and candy canes and all!"

This and a number of other stories are contained in the booklet "Fire-side Tales," which can be purchased for 50¢ from

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"And That's the Way to Heaven, Sir"

When we know the Lord has saved us, we want to bring others to Him. By and by, when we get home, the Lord will call to remembrance every thing that has been done for Him, and in His name, and He will reward everyone according to his service. What a priceless pleasure there is in serving Him so that we do not work for reward, but for Him; but then, He is not forgetful of the work of faith and labor of love.

It is astonishing what we can do when we try.

"Can you tell me the way to Waterloo Station, my little man?" inquired a gentleman of a little boy who was walking along with a book under his arm.

"Yes, sir," was the ready answer; "and I can tell you the way to heaven, too, sir."

"Can you, my little fellow?" said

the gentleman with a look of pleasant surprise on his face; "I should like to know both ways, then."

"Well, sir, if you'll keep straight on—no turnings—that will bring you to Waterloo Station; and Jesus said (the boy looked up with a smile into the gentleman's face), 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'—And that's the way to heaven, sir."

"Is it indeed so simple as that? Where did you learn the way to heaven so clearly?"

"At Sunday school, sir, out of this book" (pointing to the Bible under his arm).

As they were going the same way, they got into a conversation, and the gentleman found the little fellow had got hold of the gospel, or God's way of saving sinners, so well, repeating several texts, that he was more than interested. After bidding his little guide to the station and to heaven good-bye, he told him he hoped he should see him again.

While on the train, the mind of the gentleman turned again to the answer of the little boy, who immediately thought of heaven and was not ashamed to speak of it. God used the little boy's words to convert the man. When he went to read his Bible, he found—as all must find who search it with a prayerful spirit—that God's way of salvation is a straight way, straight on through the door opened by Christ Himself. He found there was nothing to do, for Christ has done it all. God's Word says, "To him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly" (Rom. 4:5).

Was not that gracious of God, dear little readers, to use a little Sunday school boy to convert a gentleman who thought he had something to do before he could be saved, and found that a child knew the secret and could point the way to heaven in such a simple manner. That way is through the open door, as Jesus says, "I am the door; by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved."

The little boy could speak on the authority of what Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And that's the way to heaven, sir.

A beautiful sight by the roadside, a little boy and a tall gentleman talking about heaven and the way to get there.

It is so precious to have the mind and heart and memory stored with the Word of God for our peace and joy, and to be able to tell the unconverted what Jesus says.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Romans 1:16).

God tries our faith that we might trust His faithfulness.

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People often do odd things to get even.

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Some people fall for everything and stand for nothing.

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(13th Installment)

She told him of the consecration service in the home church, of the pledge she had made that night, and how difficult it was to accept the leading given her. He listened intently, then spoke abruptly.

"I must see Sherry on business for a few minutes. Then I'll ask her to keep an eye on Kit, and you and I will go for a ride. It's just the night for the open road. O.K.?"

"O.K."

"Is that coat warm enough? Do you want a hat? Can Sherry give me one?"

"The coat is very warm and I have a scarf in my pocket. Tell Sherry to leave the bedroom door open so that she can hear Kit."

"I'll be back in a few minutes and then we'll head for the hard road and I'll show you what this antique bus can do."

At first, as they rode along the moonlit roads they did not talk. Virginia was tired that she wanted only to relax and breathe deeply of the tangy autumn air. Mile after mile sped past, and the night with its mystery of scents and sounds began to have its effect on her. The load rolled off her shoulders and she felt renewed in faith and courage. Life was good in spite of the hard things. Kit was better, definitely so, and Dad would soon be in New York where the world's best surgeons could find his trouble and correct it. She did not even think of Claremont High School. Tomorrow that pain might return, but for tonight it had been forgotten. She drew a long breath of rested enjoyment. At her side Steve spoke at last.

"Well, that sounds better. Nerves all relaxed and unknotted? There's nothing like the outdoors to do it, is there?"

"You're right. This is just what I needed. I was all tied in knots, I guess. This job I have now isn't the easiest one in the world and by night I'm really tired. The bad news about Dad tonight just about finished me."

"I'm sorry about that. But we're going to pray and believe that it's going to be all right."

"It's so comforting to have a Christian friend. I don't know what I'd do without you and the little church. I wish Sherry were interested in going occasionally. We could take turns, and it would help her. I don't think she's very happy."

"No pagans are happy, and Sherry is a complete pagan."

"What a terrible thing to say! What do you mean?"

"Exactly what I said. She is a heathen. Isn't a heathen an uncivilized person who does not believe in God? Well, that's Sherry. She is both uncivilized and irreligious."

"But why? She is so nice in most ways. Kit and I love her."

"I'm ashamed to confess that I have a soft spot in my heart for her. There's something about her that—oh, it just gets you! But I heartily disapprove of her."

"I can't understand why—"

"No one understands any of the whys about Sherry Carlson. If I knew the reasons for her quirks of character I'd try to do something about them. She has made me more trouble than all my other clients put together, even counting the elusive Allie May Martin! I feel guilty at having wished her onto you, but I didn't know what else to do. But I'm afraid she'll have a bad effect on Kit. When she gets angry she's a terror, and if she decides to throw a real temper, you'd better call for me. I can take care of her."

"I'm glad that she has a cousin like you to take care of her. It's hard for a young girl to be so alone in the world."

"Alone? My eye! She isn't alone. She has a perfectly good family and home if she would only behave herself and go back to them. Did she tell you she was alone in the world?"

"Why—I can't remember. Maybe I just inferred it. She said that no one except you cared what she did—and I supposed she was an orphan."

Steve waited to answer until Virginia began to wonder if her curiosity had offended him. At last he spoke slowly.

"I can't tell you just what Sherry's trouble is. I don't know it all myself. I only know that she had a violent quarrel with her folks and came here looking for some place to stay. I took her in because I thought it better that she be here where I could keep an eye on her. I've been trying to patch it up but I haven't succeeded. I can't even find out what it's all about. I went up to her home last week, but it was no use. They don't know that she's here, but I told them she kept in touch with me. And I promised them I'd let them know if she needed anything. She doesn't—except for a sound spanking. You can't know how relieved I am to have her with someone like you. But I do feel ashamed to burden you. If she becomes a nuisance, you'll let me know, won't you? I'll send for Uncle Carl and Don and they can take her home in handcuffs."

"Oh, don't do that. When she goes she must go of her own volition. That all explains why she is so unhappy. I don't mean that she is gloomy or irritable. She isn't, a bit. She's lots of fun. When Kit gets fractious she can calm her and

there's a sort of desperate look in her eyes that makes me sick. Then she puts on her wraps and goes off toward the woods. She will be gone several hours, but she always comes back in a good humor. I have known that something was troubling her, but when she was so secretive I could do nothing to help."

"I hope that it is her conscience that is troubled. The folks wouldn't talk about it, but anyone could see that they are a heart-sick trio. If they weren't all so devoted to her, they couldn't be so deeply hurt as they are. It's a mess, but don't let her worry you."

"She doesn't worry me. But I couldn't understand why she resented my reference to my faith."

"I can't answer that. Uncle Carl and Aunt Hulda are staunch Christians. I don't know much about Don and Sherry. I hadn't seen any of them since I was a very small boy, until I went up when Don was in college. Uncle Carl is my mother's brother, but she died when I was six and I never knew much about her people. Perhaps the kids picked up some queer ideas in college. Aunt Hulda wouldn't have any patience with any liberal tendencies they might develop. Perhaps that's the trouble. Sherry isn't blessed with an overdose of patience herself. They're both stubborn, and just can't live together."

"Well, I hope she'll stay with us as long as she won't go home. I really mean that. She's lovable, and we like her. Perhaps some day she'll tell me what makes her so unhappy and I can help her."

"I doubt if anyone can help her until she's willing to admit her faults and say 'I'm sorry' to those whom she's hurt."

"That's another thing to pray about. You pray for my family and I'll pray for yours. Do you know that verse that says something about 'helping together by prayer'? I think it's in the first chapter of II Corinthians. I found it the other day after you had promised to pray with me. I marked it in my Bible so I'd remember it."

"I never noticed that verse. I must find it and mark it also."

On through the quiet night they drove. Overhead the moon played hide-and-seek with the clouds, reminding Virginia of evenings on the porch deck at home and bringing back the homesickness of the earlier part of the evening. Steve, sensing her change of mood drove in silence, letting the beauty of the night do for her what his words could not accomplish. She recalled the Psalm which was her pastor's favorite:

When I consider thy heavens,
The work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which thou hast ordained,
What is man,
That thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man,
That thou visitest him?

Steve was singing under his breath:

Abide with me:
Fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail,
And comforts flee,
Help of the helpless,
Abide with me!

Swift to its close
Ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim,
Its glories pass away;
Change and decay
In all around I see:
O Thou who changest not,
Abide with me!

"Oh, Thou who changest not!" That was what she needed: someone who did not change; someone who never failed; someone so all-powerful, so all-loving, so ever-present that she could simply let go and rest in Him. She joined Steve:

I need thy presence
Ev'ry passing hour:
What but Thy grace
Can foil the tempter's pow'er?
Who like Thyself
My guide and stay can be?
Thro' cloud and sunshine,
Oh, abide with me!

When they had finished Steve said, "Nothing like the old hymns, is there?" and started another:

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

The car was turning into the lane when Virginia spoke at last. "You can't know what you've done for me tonight. I was in the depths when you came. Now everything is all right. I won't get so low again. I know that."

"Good! I want to thank you, too. This is the first time I ever took a young lady for a ride and had it turn into a hymn sing. But I liked it more than any ride I ever had. You're sure you won't gloom any more?"

Virginia laughed. "No. You've driven the glooms away. I feel wonderfully rested. I'll go to bed and pray awhile and go to sleep. I know I will."

"Good! I'll go home and do the same. And while I'm praying I'll thank God for my new friend—a girl who loves the Lord and wants His will for her life."

(To be continued)

With the appearance of a twelfth edition this month (500,000 copies now in print), Zondervan's **Amplified New Testament** emerged as one of the most successful evangelical publishing ventures in modern times. The publisher hopes to issue the first section of an Old Testament counterpart in 1962 and the remainder in 1964.



Martin's Interesting Diary on British Honduras

Adam Martin, a businessman from Maugansville, Md., spent several weeks among Mennonite settlers in British Honduras. He writes the following in the form of a diary:

February 4. — After arriving in Belize, I met John Friesen, Peter Reimer and John B. Barkman, who represent the Kleine Gemeinde Colony (located near Cayo) to discuss colony problems. Their most urgent problems are development of capital and marketing.

Five more families have settled in this colony since November. Some poor families are being discouraged from coming because of shaky economic conditions in the colony. Approximately one-half of the Mexico Kleine Gemeinde Colony are now in British Honduras.

The British Honduras egg and poultry market is glutted; the colony, therefore, must keep both in cold storage. This colony is interested in importing cattle on a five year loan basis because not enough milk is produced by the cattle they have.

February 6. — I conferred with the Belize city council and spoke to the town clerk. I also visited with the manager of Royal Canadian Bank. He pointed out that a number of colonists have made short term loans and that he is willing to extend loans if reductions are made. He said that business with Mennonites is satisfactory, and that Mennonites were welcomed to British Honduras in hopes of bringing food prices down. Prices will never be decreased through old market channels, he explained. I visited with Dr. Griffith, who is in charge of British Honduras health program. He encouraged us to go through with our clinic development plans.

February 9. — I called on the inspector at the immigration office for an up-to-date Mennonite census, but no recent information was available. The officer said the Mennonite settlers are peaceful people. Old Colony people, I was told, are running boats to Chatamal, Mexico, selling produce. Many Old Colony Mennonites are showing up at the Shipyard and Blue Creek Colonies.

February 10. — I spent most of the day at the hotel discussing problems of the colonies. Peter Wiebe reported a rumor is afloat that the Mexican government is passing a compulsory military training law, giving three years for objectors to find another country. He indicated that this will increase immigration intensity.

Blue Creek has paid for its 115,

000 acres. There is a move in Blue Creek Colony to band together in groups in an effort to make development loans. Susan Hiebert (MCC nurse in charge of the clinic program) informed them of our clinic plans.

February 13. — I visited downtown stores. There are five wholesale stores in Belize handling foodstuffs, hardware, dry goods, etc. I met more Mennonites and discussed some of their problems. Henry Loewen said: "The colony is getting poorer every day. In two or three years, things will be bad for us if something cannot be done to supplement our present income. If we had a market for the eggs, poultry and vegetables we could produce, the solution would be better. The morale of some of these people is at a low ebb."

February 15. — I met with Mr. Moody and Polack of the Marketing Board. Colony marketing problems will not be easy to solve. Polack said, "Production must be controlled or costs reduced enough to stimulate demand and meet market competition." Again I called on the manager of Royal Canadian Bank to discuss settlers, health, marketing and development fund problems. He emphasized the Mennonites' honesty, integrity and industry.

In a meeting with the Colonial Secretary and now acting governor, Mr. T. D. Vickers, I pointed out in my presentation of the Mennonite situation there, that the settlers had found the cost of getting land ready for production was much higher than expected, that loans were needed for the colonies to survive and that the Mennonites could be relied upon to repay their loans. He affirmed that the government was anxious to help the Mennonite communities in every way it could and the government would be reluctant to see them leave British Honduras and return to Mexico. The government, he said, recognized their complete honesty, their hard work and their contribution to the local food production and the resulting lowering of the cost of living. One of the recommendations in the recent Economic Survey of British Honduras was for the establishment of a Development Bank with capital of four million dollars in order to provide lending facilities for peasant farmers. In making loans to the Mennonite settlers, however, the government would also have to take into account the needs of its own British Honduras-born farmers. He concluded: "I hope that there will be sufficient money available to meet the needs of both."

Assistance Sought for Mennonite Settlers in British Honduras

Mennonites from Mexico began settling in British Honduras in 1958. By June, 1959, more than 360 fam-

ilies, totalling 1627 persons, were living in three areas: one group on a 115,000-acre jungle land purchase known as Blue Creek settlement; a small group, the Spanish Lookout Colony, 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. Since the June census a portion of Orange Walk group has moved to a 17,000-acre purchase at Shipyard.

After visiting British Honduras in the summer of 1958, MCC Associate Secretary, Orie O. Miller, reported that he was favorably impressed with the good soil, the progress in land clearing, the mechanized pioneering, and the sturdily-built, screened living quarters at the Kleine Gemeinde Spanish Lookout colony. He observed, however, that British Honduras as a whole is underdeveloped, the people are very poor by US standards, and government resources are limited, although the government is pushing development plans and encouraging rural immigration.

Clara Nikkel Serving under MCC

The Mennonite Central Committee is the relief and service agency for Mennonites of North America. As volunteers, nearly 500 men and women of all ages are serving "In the name of Christ" in the US, Canada and 27 countries abroad, assisting in numerous areas of human need.

They are serving under four sections of MCC's organization: Foreign Relief and Services—millions of persons in 26 countries have been clothed and fed since MCC's organization in 1920; Voluntary Service—138 persons, mostly young people, are serving in children's work as teachers, nurses, in research as normal control patients, in community development projects in the United States, Canada, Haiti and Newfoundland; Mennonite Mental Health Services in three MCC-sponsored mental hospitals in Newton, Kans., Reedley, Calif., Hagerstown, Md., and a fourth being planned in Elkhart, Ind.; Peace Section—emphasizing and interpreting the role of the nonresistant Christian in areas of war, peace and militarism and race.

Miss Nikkel is a member of the Calgary Highland Mennonite Brethren Church. She was a stenographer at the Calgary General Hospital. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Nikkel, live at Coaldale. Miss Nikkel began a one-year term of voluntary service on September 7, 1959, at Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, New York, under the auspices of the Mennonite Central Committee. Wiltwyck School for Boys is a home for delinquent boys from New York City. Miss Nikkel will terminate September 7, 1960.

Ont. Amish Community Conducts Blood Clinic

Tavistock, Ont. — The East Zorra Amish Mennonite Church near Tavistock, Ont., was the scene of a new experiment as far as Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics in Ontario are concerned. 210 church members from the community contributed their blood to the Red Cross Blood Bank in the morning and afternoon clinic.

This was the first clinic sponsored by the Mennonite Disaster Service of Ontario and will be repeated in several other Mennonite communities during the coming year.

The three congregations in the Tavistock area combined their efforts for this clinic day and the Mennonite Disaster Service officials as well as the Red Cross personnel were pleased with the results and particularly with the spirit which prevailed throughout the clinic.

In Ontario all blood transfusions are given free of charge to the patients, with the Red Cross Society taking the responsibility for the collecting of blood for their blood banks and replenishing the weekly needs of the various hospitals. Professional Red Cross teams visit the various areas and then transfer the blood to several strategic collection centers.

The bishops and ministers of the churches in the area gave their whole-hearted support to this program, and their enthusiasm and co-operation made a deep impression upon the Red Cross helpers, who had never experienced such a clinic. It is hoped that similar clinics will be held in the St. Jacobs, Elmira and Poole areas at a later date.

C. J. Rempel

The International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) plans to launch a 10-year denominational expansion program July 1. The Disciples' goal is 1,500 new congregations in the United States. They now have about 8,000.

Pentecostalist movements are growing rapidly in the Netherlands and are making inroads into congregations of the major Protestant churches, according to a report of the Dutch Ecumenical Council of Churches.

MCC has informed the Frankfurt office—responsible for the program in Europe and North Africa—that funds and supplies will be available for victims of the shattering earthquake in Agadir, Morocco. It is being planned that representatives of EIRENE visit extensively destroyed Agadir, a city of 40,000, to report conditions and to determine needs of the earthquake victims. Four Paxmen are serving in EIRENE.

Nuclear Weapons For Sweden?

Whether Sweden should attempt to procure nuclear weapons or not is, according to a report in *The Lutheran*, a question now much discussed in political life as well as in church life. Last fall a committee appointed by the Swedish council of churches published its report in the book *Karnvapen?* (Nuclear Weapons?). The majority of the committee, among them Dr. Gunnar Hillerdal, assistant professor of theology at Lund, argued that Christian ethics cannot see any difference between nuclear and conventional weapons. In this sinful world we are forced to accept military force and we cannot stop at a certain point of the development of techniques. One member, leader in the free Covenant Church, represented the pacifist attitude, rejecting every kind of military force. The report has received much criticism, and the bishops have discussed the possibilities of gathering more material in the study of the problem. There are for instance many who make a radical distinction between nuclear weapons and the conventional ones, willing to accept the use of the latter but not the use of the former. This standpoint is not represented in the report, according to correspondent Sten Rodhe.

Future Subscribers

Donnie, Ricky and Barry Funk announce the arrival of twin brothers Timothy John and Walter David on Thursday, February 25. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Otto D. Funk, Brandon.

Facts of Interest

Costa Rica Seminary

The Latin American Bible Seminary in San Jose, Costa Rica, dedicated a new building last month. The seminary was established in 1924.

Japanese Students

More than three times as many students are receiving higher education in Japan now compared with pre-war years.

Tractor Fuel

A single tractor with 150 horsepower consumes an average of 8.5 gallons of petroleum fuel for every hour it is in operation.

Volcano Count

There are about 40 active volcano cones in Alaska and Hawaii.

Indian Population

In two of Arizona's 14 counties, Apache and Navajo, the Indian populations are approximately equal to the total of the white population.

Black Widow

The black widow spider's venom is six times as deadly as the cobra snake's and 15 times as deadly as the rattlesnake's.

Missionary Fellowship

(Continued from page 1-3)

Brother P. V. Balzer. According to Ephesians 4:11, God gave some apostles, some prophets and evangelists, pastors and teachers. So today it is God who gives missionaries. Different fields require different qualifications, educationally, physically, etc. But of primary importance are the spiritual qualifications, first, the new birth by faith in Jesus Christ; second a call of God, definite and sure. Other qualifications are: love for Christ, love for souls, yieldedness to God and to one another, great in holiness, love and faith, willing to stand up for the truth and righteousness in the face of persecution. Without a clear call of God, the speaker pointed out, the heavy trials that come are too great and may result in missionary casualties.

"The Need for National Leaders" was presented by Brother Henry Krahn. According to Matthew 9:35-38, Christ was moved with compassion by the needs of the people, by their physical needs, but much more by the spiritual. The Jews had much ritual and form of worship, but in religion there was confusion. He asked the disciples to pray for laborers. God has never left Himself without a witness, Brother Krahn pointed out. Elijah thought he was alone, but there were seven thousand others. We must look in the right places for the workers. We need to pray for guidance in this matter.

The quartet sang, "It will be worth it all when we see Jesus."

In the last evening session Brother G. J. Froese brought to our attention a few matters regarding "Financial Means." After reading Luke 12:13-34, he asked the question, What are our needs? In I Timothy 6:8 we are admonished to be content with food and raiment. In Philipians 4:19 the promise is given that God will supply all our needs. He does supply our needs, but in making plans it is necessary to count the cost. Jesus Christ while on earth preached to the poor and healed them. But we do not read of His giving them financial help. We thank God that He does supply all our needs. He has again supplied.

Friday morning it was a great privilege to hear a program on tape from the Reedley Church harvest festival. The message by Brother Waldo Hiebert was a benediction.

Farewell meetings are not happy occasions, but without farewells there can be no welcome. Four more missionaries, the Dr. Froese family and the Sisters Rosella

Toews and Katie Siemens, were commended to the grace of God for their journeys to the homeland within the next few months. We trust that we shall have the privilege of welcoming them back again soon.

We praise God for the two families who were on the way to India during our sessions and look forward to welcoming them into our midst in the near future. (At the time of this writing the Friesens have already arrived safely. Praise God!) The Friesens will again take up the work at the Jadcherla medical center, thus releasing the Dr.

Froeses for a much-needed furlough. The Paul Hieberts will be going into language study soon after arrival, the Lord willing. We praise God for new recruits and for experienced workers returning.

And don't forget to pray for revival in India. With revival will come needed leaders and also financial means. Educated people are here and finances are here. If these will first of all consecrate themselves and then their means, the work can go forward under the hand of God, in the spirit of Christ and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit!
Anna Suderman

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With Billy Graham in Africa

By Tom McMahan, Religion Editor

Nairobi, Kenya. — At Moshi, Tanganyika, the most spectacular meeting of Graham's African tour attracted thirty-five thousand people to the sports field near the foot of Mount Kilimanjaro. As the small planes of the Graham party neared Moshi early Sunday they could see the towering snow-capped peak of Africa's highest mountain sparkling in the sun. Clouds gathered later but the mountaintop was visible until midpoint in the morning service.

Acres of people jammed together everywhere on the broad expanses and environs. They stood on hillsides, climbed trees and clustered atop buses. One tree alone contained ten modern Zaccuses.

When Graham asked those who desired to accept Christ to raise their hands, thousands responded. He tried three times to sift out first-time decisions from the others who apparently were ready for a mass demonstration of their fidelity

to Christ. Inquirers were not asked to come forward but were told they could remain behind if they wished to register a genuine commitment to Christ after counting the cost. Over five thousand stayed.

When Billy Graham arrived at Usumbura, he found the paratroopers encamped beside the airport and Africans demonstrating with banners and signs. The United Nations commission had arrived a few minutes before and the African Nationalists were parading and displaying signs asking for freedom. This tense situation almost brought a cancellation of the services which were moved from the stadium in the city to a mission compound several miles away.

The new king of Ruanda, an intelligent-looking man of twenty-five who stands six feet, seven inches tall, sat on the platform at the meeting. After the meeting his followers crowded around him so

tightly that Graham started wading through the throng to rescue him. Just then the king reached his car. But it could not move, so he came into the missionary's home to await the departure of the multitude.

Two days earlier Graham had preached several hundred miles away at the head of Lake Victoria, the second largest lake in the world. This service at Kisumu, rail and port center, was relayed to another crowd hundreds of miles away. Many Indians and Pakistanis mingled with Africans and Europeans in the crowd. Two interpreters relayed Graham's message. Signs directed inquirers to areas where counsellors could talk with them in the following languages: Luo, Luragoli, Kalenjen, Swahili and English.

Many cripples crawled to the meetings on their hands and knees. One of the ushers had great holes in his ears where he used to wear ornaments. Missionaries drove to the meetings from great distances. Mr. Graham lunched with some of them at a tent encampment in the highlands. Among them was a college classmate who knew Mr. Graham's wife. He is now the administrator of a large leprosarium.

As Mr. Graham flew from Nairobi to Kiumu he passed over an extinct volcano where the Mau Mau's used to hide. He was told the thrilling stories of African Christians who refused to take "The Devil's Oath" and paid with their own blood.

On his return flight an informal press conference was turned into a Bible class as Graham answered a newsman's question by reading and explaining Jesus' story about the four types of hearers when the gospel is preached. The pilot came back to see why the plane had tilted upward and slowed down, and he found most of the passengers clustered around Graham in the rear of the plane. Among them were representatives of Life, Time and Associated Press.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. — Evangelist Billy Graham flew to the ancient empire of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on Monday to close his "Safari for Souls," which has taken him to a dozen countries in Africa in eight weeks.

Deeply etched in his memory was a little drama which highlighted his meetings in Nairobi, Kenya. As he closed a simple sermon on man's sin and God's love, he invited people to come and receive Christ, but nobody moved for a few minutes. Then a grey-bearded Sikh carrying a cane strode purposefully from the bleachers behind the platform. On reaching the platform he looked up and said, "Mr. Graham. I am here. I have come to take Christ."

Mr. Graham leaned over the pulpit and murmured, "God bless you."

That evening the Sikh's phone started ringing. His Indian friends wanted to know if he had gone crazy. "Sure I have gone crazy, but I have peace in my heart for the first time in my life," he replied.

Soon after arriving at Addis Ababa, Mr. Graham called on the patriarch Ethiopian head of the Coptic Church.

Early in the evening Mr. Graham became ill and was attended by two doctors. His illness, a stomach upset and fever, responded to treatment overnight. Meanwhile, scores of Christians gathered in little groups and prayed much of the night for his recovery.

Mr. Graham was unable to attend the dinner for the campaign leaders and governmental figures on Monday night but was able to preach on Tuesday morning to a crowd of twelve thousand. He is in Ethiopia by personal invitation of His Imperial Highness, Haile Selassie. The Emperor let school out Tuesday to permit the students to attend the meeting. Hundreds of young people joined many adults in staying after the meeting to register decisions for Christ.

People came to Addis Ababa from all over the country for the meetings. Many cheerfully slept on floors of churches and schools. The night before leaving Nairobi, Mr. Graham preached in the Anglican cathedral. The service was broadcast over the radio in Kenya. Twenty-six professed faith in Christ at the close of the meeting, bringing the total decisions in the Kenia campaign to nearly five thousand. With only one meeting left in the African campaign, attendance has passed the half-million mark and decisions have totaled nearly thirty-five thousand. Mr. Graham's one night siege of illness may cause him to forego the possibility of a one-week tour of the Holy Land. He was going primarily to see Biblical sites. After leaving Ethiopia he planned to spend a few days in Cairo, seeing monuments of Egyptian civilization, meeting missionaries and addressing one evangelistic service.

The African tour has exceeded all of his expectations, he told newspapermen recently. Associate Evangelist, Mr. Joe Blinco, speaking for Mr. Graham at a dinner here, said the team has sensed a great hunger for God in Africa. He believes that what has taken place can only be called an act of God, challenging the people in a special way and calling many unto Himself. Mr. Blinco expressed the warm regard with which the Ethiopian Emperor is held in the Western world.

An Ethiopian layman, who is the chairman of the campaign said that the Graham team members were not invited to come there as men but as instruments in God's hands "that our people shall meet God."

Southern Baptists now claim the largest Sunday school enrollment of any Protestant denomination. Their record total for 1959 as released by the Baptist Sunday School Board was 7,276,502, which ranks above the Methodist Church for the first time. Southern Baptists also reported a record total of baptisms, 429,063.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. John Pauls

Osborne, Man. — Our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Pauls, nee Martens, passed away March 4, 1960, at 6:30 a.m. She has gone to be with the Lord after a life of joy and happiness, but also of disappointments and illness. For the last three years she was bedridden, growing steadily weaker. Today she experiences Proverbs 10:28, where we read, "The hope of the righteous shall be gladness."

Our mother reached the age of 89 years, 5 months and 8 days. She was born September 25, 1870, in Blumenau, South Russia.

She was baptized in 1885 and joined the Mennonite Brethren Church of Wiesenfeld.

May 7, 1895, she was united in marriage with John Pauls of Alexanderthal. God gave our parents a family of 5 sons and 4 daughters. Two sons and 2 daughters died in childhood. Her daughter, Mrs. Frieda Janzen, went to be with the Lord in 1951. Mother's husband, our father, passed away at the age of 50 in the year 1920. Our mother has thus lived with our father for only 25 years and has been a widow for 40 years.

She is survived by three sons, John, Jacob and Aron, and their wives, and one daughter, Mary, with her husband, D. K. Duerksen, her son-in-law, John J. Janzen, and his wife, 20 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

In the year 1925, mother and all her children came to Canada. For a short time they all resided in Krons-gart, Man. April 1, 1926 the family moved to Osborne. Our mother

stayed with her son, Jacob, and his family most of the time. Here she was faithfully cared for when she gradually became helpless. During the last 19 months she was nursed in the home of her oldest son, John, and it was here that she passed away on March 4.

Now she is with Christ according to John 14:3, and we have the assurance that we shall see her when the Lord calls us home.

The funeral was held from the Domain M. B. Church. Rev. Philip Wiebe led in the invocation. Brother John Wiens spoke on "The Longing of a Child of God," based on II Cor. 5:1. The concluding message was presented by Brother D. K. Duerksen. His theme was, "The Way of all the Earth," texts being I Kings 2:1,2 and John 14:1-3. The following four thoughts were stressed in the sermon: 1) the way of death is for young and old; 2) it is a way where there is no class distinction; 3) it is a way for the healthy and for the ill, and 4) it is the way which leads home.

The bereaved children
and grandchildren.

Clouds and Glory

What care I if my life has clouds
Overcast upon its sky,
Or if the storms rip my frail bark
As I go sailing by.

When sunset comes, the clouds o'er-
spread

Their lines across the sky;
They mirror in the water's depth
The glory from on high.

Others may have joys and wealth,
Bright sunshine on life's way;
May I but have enough dark clouds
For sunset gold some day.

Schools and Colleges

Eden's Many Activities

Virgil, Ont. — The Eden Christian College has been the scene of much activity in these past few months.

The special Senior Choir presented a program at the Hamilton Christian Fellowship Chapel on February 28. This program, which was well attended, consisted of songs by the choir and grade 12 trio, testimonies, report about the school, and message by Rev. Neumann.

A similar program had been planned for presentation at the Leamington M. B. church on February 28, but unfortunately this had to be postponed because of bad weather.

A literary featuring the singing of the cantata, "The Building of the Ship," by the junior choir, had to be postponed until March 28 because of a severe snow storm. One of the snow storms, however, was appreciated by the students and probably also by the teachers, since it made cancelling of classes on February 19 necessary and gave us a welcome holiday.

The girls' and boys' basketball teams have also not been idle. A tournament in which the teams of four Christian high schools participate, has been organized. They are Lorne Park, Great Lakes, Niagara and Eden. Out of the six games played, the girls won four and lost two, the boys won five and lost one. In addition, the boys have played several games against the ISCF teams of neighbouring schools and won all of them.

Again the end of another term has arrived and with it examinations. That means frantic last-minute studying for most of us, and all are entertaining high hopes for a successful week.

This, in brief, has been life at Eden this past term. The Lord has blessed us richly and it is our prayer that He will continue to do so in the final term.

Anna Wiebe

Bethany Bible Institute

Hepburn, Sask. — During the last few weeks the Lord has become more real to us through the study of His Word in classes as well as through the interesting talks by visiting speakers.

The chalk talk evangelist, Mr. Peter Penner from Manitoba, gave us an illustrated speech on "The Greatness of God." He challenged us with the thought, "How great is your God?"

Mr. Schnell of the British and Foreign Bible Society showed us the film, "The Bible—How It Came To Us." This film is very closely related to a course some of the students are taking and therefore was greatly appreciated.

Mr. Stuart Dennen, representative of the Worldwide Evangelical

Crusade, confronted us with a challenge dealing with the subject, "Determination to Obey God." He showed us that 1) we must be at a place of no return from our abandonment to God; 2) we should be living such a life that God can reveal His will to us; 3) we should be prepared to take plunges of faith.

The school choir, under the direction of M.r J. K. Schroeder, together with some of the teachers, have visited some of the churches in southern Saskatchewan during this past weekend. We enjoyed fellowship with those who constantly remember the school and its efforts in their prayers. Our prayer is that the seed of the Word of God that has been planted might produce eternal fruit.

Lois Berg

Rockway High School Dedicates New Addition

Kitchener, Ont. — An impressive dedication service was held at the Rockway Mennonite High School in Kitchener, Ont., on Sunday, March 6, when the new addition comprising four rooms was dedicated to the Lord.

Under the general direction of Rev. Edgar Mtezler, vice-chairman of the school board, the principal, Ross T. Bender, led in the invocation with the main address being delivered by Newton L. Gingerich, chairman of the Educational Cabinet of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario. The dedicatory ceremony was led by John W. Snider, secretary of the school board.

The senior chorus of the school under the direction of Glen Rudy, brought appropriate messages in song with the dedicatory prayer being offered by J. B. Martin, moderator of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario.

The new modern rooms bring to Rockway additional excellent facilities to add to the four former classrooms. The new science lab is now one of the best that can be found anywhere. It is well lighted and contains ample space for work and students. The library and home economics rooms bring to Rockway additional features and modern equipment which will enable the teachers to use the best equipment in teaching their subjects. The fourth new room is for general purposes and will be used for teaching English and Social Studies. The central corridor has the same indirect lighting effect which was a new approach when the first four rooms were built a number of years ago.

The school has a present enrollment of 174, 161 last year. The students come from 15 different denominations. The principal, Ross T. Bender, has eight additional teachers, some with many years of experience. The school has enjoyed a steady growth from year to year.

The new addition was erected at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00.

One-third of this amount has been collected and it is hoped to retire the balance of the debt within three years.

Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute

Clearbrook, B.C. — The MBBI is planning an annual missionary conference for March 20-21. The main speakers will be Rev. A. E. Janzen, member of the Foreign Mission Board; Rev. Abe Neufeldt, missionary worker of Linz, Austria; and Rev. David Nachtigal, missionary of HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. There will be an afternoon and evening session on Sunday, and morning and evening sessions on Monday and Tuesday. All evening services will be held in the MEI auditorium and other services in the Clearbrook M. B. church. There will also be closed services for the student body Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Everyone is welcome to share the blessings and challenges of this conference.

Recent visiting speakers to our school have left us with many challenges. Rev. John Reimer of the WCCM placed the summer DVBS work before us. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Penner, former student of MBBI, now living in Prince George, visited the school and told of the openings up north. Representing the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hide told of their mission work and showed slides. Rev. Frank Peters also gave a brief talk.

The student body is visiting the supporting churches with school programs. To date we have visited six churches and will in the future bring several more programs. These evenings give an insight into the work of the Bible school and encourage prospective students to attend. A dialogue, "The Hidden Motto," and a message make up the main part of the program.

This week the radio quartet of the school travelled to northern B.C. with Rev. John Reimer. They are visiting the various mission stations there. Members of the quartet are Neil Toews, John Suderman, John Klassen and Ernie Schmidt.

Betty Dahl

Tabor College

Forensics Team Wins Trophy

Hillsboro, Kans. — Members of a 13-student Tabor forensics team placed high in individual speech events and swept to second place in the St. John's College Speech Tournament at Winfield, Kans., on Friday, March 4.

Fifteen colleges from two states were represented, with participation limited to freshmen and sophomores. The second place award brought with it another trophy for the Tabor chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary speech group on the campus.

A Tabor debate squad—Waldo Neufeldt of Yarrow, B.C., and Mer-

vin Dick of Mountain Lake, Minn.—defeated a field of 22 debate teams from all colleges represented to take the championship in that event. Dick also won first place in impromptu speaking.

Eugene Friesen of Mountain Lake won second place in Bible reading, while Waldo Neufeldt placed third in newscasting. Another Tabor entrant who won first place in her division and then advanced into the finals was Shirlee Thomas of Isabella, Okla., in the divisions of Bible reading and poetry reading.

The Tabor speech team is coached by Dr. Lando Hiebert, chairman of the speech department, and Miss Malinda Penner, assistant professor of English and speech.

Bluffton College Marriage Course

Bluffton, Ohio. — The Bluffton College Student Christian Association is again sponsoring a marriage course which is open to all students. The course deals with the following topics: dating and engagement, the wedding and honeymoon, sex adjustment in marriage, economic factors in marriage, achieving compatibility in marriage, and the home and children.

Speakers for the respective topics will be: Dr. Donald S. Longworth, professor of sociology, Bowling Green University; Rev. William Eddy, pastor of Lima Church of God; Dr. H. Clair Amstutz, Goshen, Ind.; Paul Stauffer, Bluffton; a panel of married couples moderated by Dr. Arden Slotter, Bluffton; and Dr. David Markle, professor of sociology, Ohio Northern University.

Twenty-two Bluffton College students have been elected to the Exempt List for the 1959-1960 second semester. The Exempt List is approved by vote of the faculty and includes those juniors and seniors who for the previous two semesters have met the following qualifications: a B average each semester, not more than three hours of C each semester, no grades below C, and a good record of campus citizenship. These students are excused from compulsory class attendance.

New York City's interdenominational Riverside Church launched a bilingual ministry this month with a weekly worship service in Spanish.

The A. J. Holman Company releases the first of three volumes of an international and interdenominational exposition of the English Bible March 1. Titled **The Biblical Expositor**, the new work represents combined efforts of 65 evangelical scholars from three continents. Consulting editor is Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Editor of Christianity Today. The publisher reported that of the first printing of 6,750 sets, 3,352 were sold a month before publication.

PROGRAM

for the Canadian M. B. Conductors' Conference to be held at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, April 19-22

Tuesday Morning, April 19

Lecture: "The Spiritual Ministry of Music in the Church." Dr. Paul W. Wohlgemuth, Biola College, California.

Background Lecture in History. Br. Peter Klassen, Pilot Mound, Man.

Tuesday Afternoon

Introduction to Brahms' "The German Requiem." Dr. Wohlgemuth.

Lecture in Hymnology. Br. Henry Voth, Herbert, Sask.

Conducting: Elementary. Br. Peter Dick, St. Catharines, Ont.
Advanced. Br. Victor Martens, Winnipeg, Man.

Choir Repertoire. Dr. Paul Wohlgemuth.

Tuesday Evening

Song Recital. Br. William Reimer, Vancouver, B.C.

Wednesday Morning, April 20

Lecture: "The Personal Qualities Needed for Effective Musical Leadership." Dr. Wohlgemuth.

Conducting: (Same as in Tuesday)
Lecture in History of Music. Br. Peter Klassen

Wednesday Afternoon

Introduction to "The Requiem." Dr. Wohlgemuth

Lecture in Hymnology. Br. Henry Voth

Choir Repertoire. Br. V. Martens

Wednesday Evening

Presentation of Songs by Manitoba choirs

Thursday Morning, April 21

Lecture (Optional Topic). Dr. Wohlgemuth

Conducting: (Same as before)

Thursday Afternoon

Introduction to "The Requiem." Dr. Wohlgemuth

Panel Discussion: "To What Extent Do We Encourage Music-Making in the Church?"

Choir Repertoire. Dr. Wohlgemuth

Thursday Evening

"St. John's Passion" by J. S. Bach. Presented by College Oratorio Choir

Friday Morning, April 22

Lecture: "Music for the Total Church Program." Dr. Wohlgemuth

Friday Afternoon

Conducting: (As before)

Panel Discussion: "How Can We Prepare Our Young People for Participation in Church Choir Activities?"

Sunday School Repertoire, with illustrations by local S.S. choirs.

We are happy to announce that the M. B. College A Cappella Choir will be present to assist in the introduction of new repertoire so that the conductors will have an idea what the songs sound like. We are trying to plan the program so that everyone will benefit. May we encourage all conductors planning to attend to register as soon as possible. The address for registration:

John M. Thiessen
316 Johnson Ave.
Winnipeg 5, Man.

The Program Committee

Peace Conference

A joint Peace and Nonresistance Conference of the Mennonite and the Mennonite Brethren churches of Manitoba is to be held in the evening of April 8 and in the afternoon and evening of April 9 at Winkler. On April 10 in the afternoon and evening the meetings are to take place in Winnipeg.

The two speakers are Dr. Erland Waltner, Elkhart, Ind., and Dr. F. C. Peters, Winnipeg, Man. More detailed information about the conference will be published later.

Joint Committee of the Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren Churches

Evangelistic Services at South End

Evangelistic meetings will be held in the South End M. B. church, Corner of William and Juno, Winnipeg, on Sunday, March 27, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, April 2, at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The speaker will be Rev. J. J. Toews, who will include a special message for the children each evening.

J. P. Neufeld

ON THE HORIZON

March 20-27. — Evangelistic services to be held in the Fort Rouge M. B. church, 760 McMillan Ave., Winnipeg 9, Man. The evangelist is Rev. Art Martens, Saskatoon, field director of the Mennonite Brethren Mission of Saskatchewan.

March 25 and 26. — The drama, "The Carpenter" will be presented by the students of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in the large new auditorium, 172 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man., at 7:30 p.m.

March 25-27. — Annual Mennonite youth conference at Swift Current, Sask.

March 27-April 3. — Evangelistic services in the South End M. B. church, corner of William and Juno, Winnipeg. Rev. J. J. Toews will conduct the meetings.

April 19-22. — Canadian M. B. Conductors' Conference to be held at the M. B. Bible College, 77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

April 22-24. — Canadian M. B. Sunday School Convention in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg.

May 22. — Centennial services of the Manitoba M. B. churches to be held in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WEDDINGS

Spent-Rempel **

Miss Anee Rempel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Rempel, Arnold, B.C., and Mr. Hans Spent, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Spent, Clearbrook, B.C., were married in the Arnold M. B. church on March 12, 1960.

Rev. William I. Neufeld officiated and was assisted by Rev. Gustav Ratzlaff.

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ALUMNI INVITATION

The Winkler Bible School Alumni Association announces a banquet to be held in the Winkler Bible School at 5:30 p.m. on April 10, 1960, following the Graduation.

Every graduate (4th or 5th class) and his or spouse is invited. The cost is \$1.25 per plate. Those planning to attend should notify Mr. Henry Funk, Roland, Man., by April 1, 1960.

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