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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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Preparing for the M. B. Centennial Conference



Rev. Dan Friesen, pastor
of the Reedley M.B. Church.

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Reedley, Calif. expects 6000 people to share in the centennial services of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of North and South America on Nov. 13. Simultaneous services will be held in three places; one of these will be a German service.

The church has erected four temporary buildings to assist in taking care of the crowd that is expected to take part in the four-day conference. A 90 by 70 feet building has been erected to serve as a kitchen and dining facilities. Besides these there is a conference office and several other buildings.

In the Sunday morning German

service Dr. A. H. Unruh will be the special speaker. Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary of Fresno as well as Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College of Winnipeg, will be among the speakers of the day. Choirs from the Reedley, Fresno, Dinuba churches will serve with special music as well as the Pacific College from Fresno.

Rev. Dan Friesen, pastor of the host church, is also moderator of the Conference. Rev. David Pankrat of Coldale, Alberta is the assistant moderator. Rev. Friesen



Rev. Henry Janzen assistant pastor
of the Reedley M.B. Church.

has been pastor of the Reedley Church for the last 6 years. Before this time he served the M. B. Church of Fresno, Calif. and the M. B. Church of Mountain Lake, Minnesota. The main auditorium of the Reedley M.B. Church has a seating capacity of about 2,400. Though there will only be about 900 official delegates, the building is expected to be filled with visitors during the conference sessions.

Most of the delegates and visitors will be housed in private homes. Neighboring churches are also sharing in this phase of the work.

All delegates and guests are asked to register as soon as they arrive in Reedley. The conference office will be open Friday and Saturday. No meals will be served at the church on Sunday. Guests will be entertained in the homes. Rev. Henry Janzen is the assistant pastor in the Reedley Church.

Elim Bible School

Fernheim, Paraguay. — On Sunday morning, October 9, our Bible school held its commencement exercises with a congregation of about 1000 participating. The presence of so many people was a renewed proof to everyone that the school is a vital element in the life of the churches of the Chaco. A well disciplined choir, under the direction of Rev. Hans Wiens performed excellently, ushering hearts and spirits into the Lord's presence. Five students were graduated from the fourth class, who will return to their homes or fields of service, and some to make arrangements for further studies. The valedictorian was Henry Wiebe, a student from Curitiba, Brazil, who has several years of missionary experience among the Brazilian Indians. Commencement speaker was the principal of the school, H. C. Born.

This service marked the close of another successful school term. Thirty-one students had taken part in the instruction, which is geared to equip them for Sunday school work and prepare them for other services in the churches. Illness interrupted the studies of two of the students for a while, but in both cases the Lord over-ruled so that they were able to complete the term. A highlight of the school year

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Toronto Association of Mennonite University Students

The Toronto Association of Mennonite University Students met on Tuesday evening, October 4, at Menno House, 479 Palmerston Blvd., for their first meeting this school year. Several hymns were sung in opening, followed by devotional exercises led by Frank Friesen. President George Weber outlined some of the plans for the coming year and introduced the other members of the executive: John Dick, vice-president; Frances Klassen, secretary; Alice Frey, treasurer; Vern Heinrichs, advisor.

The topic of the evening was: How can individual AMUS members and AMUS as a group make the most worthwhile contribution to the church and most effectively witness on campus and in the community? Guest speakers were five city pastors and a university professor.

Bill Dick, pastor of the United Mennonite Church, challenged the group to be revolutionary in their

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Three M.B. District Conferences Convene

Hillsboro, Kan. — The three U. S. districts of the Mennonite Brethren church were holding conferences during October in Minnesota, Oklahoma and California.

First to convene was the Central district, meeting at Mt. Lake, Minn., from Oct. 8-11, with Rev. J. S. Froese, pastor of the local church, as chairman. Representatives from Krimmer Mennonite Brethren churches in the district also attended.

The Southern district met from Oct. 15-18 at Fairview, Okla., where a special feature of the session was an historical review of the denomination, now in its centennial year. Rev. Loyal Funk is pastor of the host church.

The Pacific district conference meets Oct. 29 to Nov. 1 at Dinuba, Calif., with Rev. H. R. Wiens, conference chairman presiding. Some of the sessions are held in the large Reedley church.

Bethany's Opening

Hepburn, Sask. — On October 12, the Bethany Bible Institute began its thirty-fourth school year. One hundred and thirteen students are registered in the various courses offered this year. Because our new administration building is not yet completed, our facilities are crowded beyond capacity.

On Sunday, October 16, the official opening program was presented here in Hepburn. A large congregation of parents and friends attended. Brother Jacob Schroeder

led the students in some suitable choir selections. Students representing the various classes gave interesting and challenging testimonies. Br. Sam Willems, chairman of the school board, introduced the 1960-61 faculty. The brethren J. H. Epp, G. G. Geddert, C. Braun and J. K. Schroeder will continue to serve as full-time instructors, while Miriam Jantzen will continue as part-time music instructor. Since Brother R. Heidebrecht left last spring, Brother Paul Fast, St. Cath-

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EDITORIAL

Religion and Our Schools

In certain parts of Canada there is today a growing body of opinion opposed to the teaching of religion in the public schools. It is argued that if neutrality is thus maintained in regard to religion, at some later date children will be able to make their own free choice.

This argument overlooks two facts. For one thing, unless a young person has some factual knowledge about what religion is, no intelligent choice is possible. And in the second place, to omit religion from the curriculum of the public schools does not result in neutrality. Rather when God is never mentioned the inference is either that He does not exist, or that He does not matter. As Sir Walter Moberley has said, "It is a fallacy to suppose that by omitting a subject you teach nothing about it. On the contrary, you teach that it is to be omitted and that it is therefore a matter of secondary importance."

The result of separating religion and the schools has become apparent in areas where this has been done. It produces young people who know how to make a living, but who do not know what things are worth living for, young people who are only too typical of a world that "has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience."

An American university professor has observed that during 25 years of college teaching many senior students have said to him something like this in summing up their educational experience: "I am not the same person I was when I came here as a freshman. I have had terrific intellectual experiences so that I understand what 'liberal' education means. But now that I am ready to graduate I find that in spite of being a different person intellectually, nowhere in college have I been given values and purposes worth living for, ideals around which to organize my life."

Such an impoverishment of youth must always follow when religious instruction is withdrawn from the curriculum of the schools. Years ago the late Principal Grant of Queen's University said, "A nation is saved by ideas, by formative and inspiring ideas." Certainly an individual can only be saved by ideas, inspiring ideas about the world in which we live, formative ideas about the role we are called to play in it. These ideas save youth from cynicism, from flippancy, from despair. And all such ideas depend ultimately on the factor of religious faith.

G. K. Chesterton was profoundly right when he described religion as the longest and strangest of all telescopes, by means of which a man looks at the stars and sees the ground at his feet. Directing attention to eternal things, it thereby shows the meaning and importance of temporal things. And without this, no significant living is possible.

Guest editorial by Edward Cragg.
Reprinted from "United Church Observer."

DEVOTIONAL

If the Blood Had Not Been Shed

In these extremely modern days, when the doctrine of redemption by blood is unblushingly called a "gospel of gore" and a "doctrine of the shambles," it behooves every interested person to ask the important question, "What difference would it make if the precious blood of Christ had not been shed on Calvary?"

Bringing this vital question to the inspired Word of God, we learn at once that if the blood had not been shed, there would be no possibility of the enjoyment of the remission of our sins; for Divine justice has decreed that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22).

Sin is a terrible reality to every honest soul; and the fruit of that evil root is so manifest in the life of every awakened person that he is ready to cry with Peter: "I am a sinful man, O Lord."

The Scriptures further reveal that if the blood had not been shed, there would be no atonement, no redemption, for "it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11). If there is no possibility of redemption apart from the blood—and if the precious blood has not been shed, then man is still a slave in the slave market. He is still held secure by the devil; he is still powerless to live

anything but a vain and fruitless life. He is not fulfilling his chief aim, "to glorify God and enjoy Him forever." He is the hopelessly shackled menial of the arch enemy of God and man. He is a pitiable wretch! No blood—no redemption!

Again the Word assures us that if the blood had not been shed, there would be no such thing as peace, for peace has only been made "by the blood of the cross" (Col. 1:20). And if there is no peace, then there is perpetual hatred, strife, turmoil and war. What a wretched heritage for the human soul which was originally endowed with highest capabilities. No blood—no peace!

Again the Word makes it plain that if the blood had not been shed, there would be no access to God; for liberty to enter the holiest is only obtained through "the blood of Jesus" (Heb. 10:19). How tragic is the sight of a soul without the possibility of approaching God! His prayers are unheard and unanswered! The soul is forever severed from the source of Light, Life and Love. The deepest yearnings of the spirit in man are mocked. No blood—no approach to God!

The Holy Word also reveals that if the blood had not been shed, there would be no song of worship; no overflowing heart of gratitude and adoration. For if the blood has not been shed, there is no possibility of singing: "Unto Him Who loved us and loosed us from our sins by His blood" (Rev. 1:5 R.V.). Where there is no song, worship is a travesty. No blood—no worship!

Finally it is apparent from the Word that if the blood had not been shed, there would be no victory, for the devil can only be overcome by "the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 12:11). A man deprived of the possibility of victory is a forelorn failure. He has been defeated in life and will be defeated in death. He may imagine that he is a captain, but in reality he is a captive; he may dream of success but he is a failure; and he may talk of victory but he has experienced nothing but ignominious defeat. No blood—no victory!

Let us enumerate this series of negatives: No blood—no remission; no atonement, no peace, no access to God, no worship, no victory!

But are we compelled to believe the modernist and be given over to black despair for time and eternity? No, we are not, praise God! We turn to the sure Word of God and read with delight that the blood has been shed. Harken to the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself: "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28).

Because the precious blood of Christ has been shed, atonement has been made, redemption has been accomplished. The grand message is: "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and

gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world but was manifest in these last times for you" (I Peter 1:18-20). And again, "We have redemption through His blood" (Eph. 1:7).

And there is peace because the blood has been shed. "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5). And, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

Is there liberty to approach God? Yes, we have it now. "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (Heb. 10:19-22). We need no longer remain far off. We were in the place of distance at one time, "but now in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Eph. 2:13). And now on the ground of the blood we "have access by one spirit unto the father" (Eph. 2:18). Wonder-working blood—it cleanseth us. "The blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7), and brings us nigh to God.

And is there a song for worshippers to sing? Yes, there is, for we read: "They sang a new song saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with Thy blood men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they shall reign upon the earth" (Rev. 5:9,10 R.V.). Hallelujah!

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CHURCH NEWS

Missionary Conference of Manitoba M.B. Ladies' Aids

Winnipeg, Man. — On the evening of October 20, the 7th annual Missionary Conference of the Ladies' Aids of the M. B. churches of Manitoba took place in the Elmwood M.B. church.

After the ladies had gathered the whole congregation joined heartily in the hymn: "God Is Love." Rev. I. W. Redekopp welcomed all visitors present and opened the meeting with prayer. The missionary prayer group of Elmwood sang "The Praise of God."

Then Rev. Redekopp welcomed our guest speaker, Rev. J. B. Toews, in the name of all present and turned the service over to him. On behalf of the mission board, Rev. Toews extended a hearty greeting to all sisters and expressed his gratitude for the privilege of speaking for the seventh time at their annual missionary meeting.

Rev. Toews based his message on Mark 14:6-9. His theme, "The Service of Love to Our Lord Jesus Christ," became very real to us. The motivation of Mary's act—the anointing of Christ's feet—expressed her relationship with her Lord and Saviour. Although misunderstood by some, she did this deed because she truly loved Jesus. The Lord never asks more than we are able to do. Brother Toews specially stressed the words, "She has done what she could" (Mark 14:8).

The task of the church is to proclaim the Word. Our time is limited. The missionaries are willing to leave their families and go back to the mission field. Are we also willing to do our part? The various services of the ladies' aids can only be a blessing if the love of Christ constrains them.

Complete and final victory over the devil is to be had by the blood, for the Word says: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death" (Rev. 12:11). Thus, everything necessary for the believer in time and eternity is traced to the precious blood of Christ. It is no marvel therefore that the enemy seeks severely to attack the value of the blood. But since we know through the Word that the blood of Christ is of such inestimable worth in the sight of God and through it we receive such stores of blessings, let us continue to do all we can to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and His matchless victory on the cross of Calvary!

Evangelical Tract Distributors

We were encouraged to hear that the work in the past year had not been unfruitful. All the gift parcels arrived at their destination.

Then Rev. Toews showed us the main projects of the various countries for the coming year: Brazil, Colombia, Congo, Europe, India, Japan and Paraguay. The Board is trusting that the needed money will come from the churches and ladies' aids, that each would do according to its ability.

As Brother Toews had to leave on the 9 o'clock train, he was not able to stay for the close of the meeting. Wishing all the ladies' aids God's richest blessing for the coming year, he left the assembly.

Then Mrs. Victor Martens sang the appropriate song, "O dass doch bald dein Feuer brennte." An offering was taken and designated for Europe, where two of the missionaries are in great need of recording equipment. The offering totalled \$920.00. The missionary prayer group sang "In Christ there is no East or West."

In his closing remarks, Rev. Redekopp wished that we could continue in the spirit which prevailed that night. The hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," sung by the whole congregation, was a suitable closing to a blessed evening.

Helene Martens
Helen Enns

Activities in the Herbert M.B. Church

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name". Fall is the time for thanksgiving. On September 18, our church observed its annual thanksgiving day. The Lord blessed and spoke to us through His servants. We were fortunate to have sisters Katie Penner and Daisy Martens, both from Africa, with us.

On September 25, was Promotion day for the Sunday School. It is a day of retrospect for both teachers and students, and also a day on which we resolve afresh to be more faithful in our work. We want to take the Lord at His Word and expect great things of Him in the coming year.

October 15 and 16 was Sunday School Convention for the Southern District. The main speaker at these meetings was Rev. A. P. Regier of Calgary, the central theme being, "He that winneth souls is wise." The lectures were followed by work shops. All those that attended these meetings received a blessing and resolved to be more

faithful in teaching the Word of God in the Sunday School.

October 19 was the semi-annual meeting of the M.B.M.A. of South Sask. Approximately 95 ladies met at the Woodrow church for a time of fellowship and business. The Lord richly blessed and spoke to us through His Word. The theme was "Prayer". We were challenged to spend more time in prayer not only for our own needs, but for those of our missionaries, especially for the native Christians of the Congo at this crucial time.

For two weeks, beginning October 16 to October 30, evangelistic meetings are being held in the M.B. auditorium here. The main speaker is Rev. H. Unruh of Caronport, Sask. These meetings are sponsored by inter-church evangelistic fellowship of Herbert and district. God's Word is still powerful today. He has promised that it shall not return unto Him void. If we will be faithful in intercession, God will bless, souls will be saved and God's children will grow spiritually.

Hertha M. Falk.

Farewell for Miss Mary Stobbe



Boissevain, Man. — "I would say that going out the second time is harder than the first time", said Miss Mary Stobbe, missionary to Nigeria, "because one realizes more fully the difficulties and temptations one will be encountering."

So it was with mixed feelings that we said goodbye on the evening of October 16. Many friends had assembled for a short farewell program in the M.B. church at Boissevain.

Mr. Frank Dyck spoke on Phil. 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." We had the pleasure of having in our midst Mr. Germaine, field representative of the Sudan Interior Mission. He told of the beginning of the mission and some of its work. He used Phil. 1:3-6 for a brief word.

Rev. A. J. Froese based his message on Psalm 27 and gave this Psalm to Mary on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Peter Stobbe, a brother to Mary, spoke on behalf of the family. Many friends offered word of encouragement and challenge from the Scriptures and several selections by the choir and a duet completed the program. The evening was concluded with a lunch served in the lower auditorium.

We were challenged to consider more seriously the ministry of intercessory prayer for those who have left family and friends in response to Christ's words, "Go ye..."

Mrs. Peter Stobbe.

Mennonites Take Interest in Politics

Harrisonburg, Pa. — The Religious News Service reports that its surveys indicate there is a marked interest in politics this year among Mennonites and Amish in the older settlements of Pennsylvania.

The trend is quite new here, as these groups have traditionally abstained from political participation. A considerable number are registering to vote in this year's presidential election.

Religious News Service quotes Rev. David M. Thomas, Lancaster Mennonite Conference secretary, as saying, "We feel that folks should not be influenced by the pressure of religious differences." Church members were urged not to place too much stress on the religious issue in the election.

Special Visitors on Thanksgivingday

The Gospel Light Mission at Winnipegosis celebrated its annual Thanksgiving and Missions Festival on Sunday, October 9. The guests for the occasion were six students from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, namely: Dave Froese, George Wiens, Allen Guenther, Abe Lowen, Sig Polle and Allen Andres.

On Sunday morning we held our Thanksgiving service at 10:30 a.m. The chapel was appropriately decorated with the fruits of the harvest. The program featured songs of praise by the quartet, a story for the children, and a message by Allen Andres. The exhortation to be grateful was based on Psalm 107, with emphasis on verse 8; "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness."

In the afternoon we gathered at 2 p.m. to hear a challenge on our responsibility to those outside of Christ. The quartet rendered inspiring musical selections on the call for reapers in the ripened harvest fields of the world. The boys and girls enjoyed a short talk on God's recipe, learned a chorus, and heard a song arranged for them. One of the students, Sig Polle, related how the Lord had led him to Bible College following his university training, to prepare for a more effective Christian witness. Allen Guenther read a poem entitled "The Master's Question" which began thus, "Have you looked for my sheep in the desert?" Dave Froese brought the missionary message based on Acts 9:6; "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Is it praying, giving or going?

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PROGRAM

for the Centennial
Conference of the
Mennonite Brethren
Church of N. America

November 12-16, 1960

Reedley, Calif.

A. Committee Meetings

1. Joint sessions of all the Boards and Committees of the Conference will be held on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. (old church building)
2. Separate sessions of the various Boards and Committees will meet on Saturday night
3. Boards and Committees will meet in rooms assigned by the host church

B. Conference Worship and Devotional Services

1. Sunday Services (see separate program)
2. Conference Address (Monday morning), Rev. Dan Friesen
3. Other Devotional and Worship Services

Monday 1:30 Devotional—Rev. Loyal Funk
7:30 Foreign Missions Service
(Simultaneous English and German Services)

Tuesday Morning Communion and Memorial Service,—Rev. H. R. Wiens in charge

Communion Message—Rev. J. H. Quiring

Afternoon Devotional—Rev. John G. Baerg

Evening Message (German Service)—Rev. D. J. Pankratz

English Service—Rev. D. E. Hiebert
Wednesday Morning Message—Rev. Waldo Wiebe

Afternoon Devotional—Rev. J. A. Froese

C. Conference Business Sessions Monday, 9:00 a.m., November 14

1. Opening of Conference Sessions
Rev. D. J. Pankratz, Vice-Chairman

a) Invocation and Welcome by the host church

b) Roll call and seating of Conference Guests

2. Conference Message—Rev. Dan Friesen, Chairman

3. Presentation of parliamentary rules and regulations

4. Merger Ceremony of M. B. and K. M. B. Conferences

5. Appointments and Organization

- a) Assistant Secretaries
- b) Ballot Committee
- c) Committee on Credentials
- d) Committee on Resolutions
- e) Press Committee

5. Appointments and Organizations

7. Adopting of Time Schedule

- a) Sunday Services:
 - i. Morning—10:00
 - ii. Afternoon—2:00
 - iii. Evening—7:30

- b) Conference Sessions:
 - i. Morning—10:00
 - ii. Afternoon—2:00-4:30
 - iii. Evening—7:30

- c) Time of Communion and Memorial Services

8. Presentation of Conference Program

9. Confirmation of the offering designations:

- a) Sunday: Morning, Afternoon, Evening

- b) Conference Session Nights: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

10. Unforeseen Business

11. Constitution Committee: Presentation and adoption of revised Constitution

12. Board of Reference and Counsel

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Secretary's Report
- c) Recommendations

- d) Recommendations on submitted questions

13. Election of Conference Officers

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice-Chairman
- c) Secretary

d) Election of three members to the Board of Reference and Counsel: B. J. Braun, 1960; J. B. Toews, 1960; J. A. Toews, 1960; R. M. Baerg, 1963; J. H. Quiring, 1963; H. R. Wiens, 1963.

14. The Board of Trustees

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Secretary's Report
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Recommendations

e) Election of four Board Members (2 from Canada; 2 from U.S.; 1 at large): C. N. Hiebert, 1960; Abraham Hoope, 1960; B. F. Redekop, 1960; C. C. Warkentin, 1960; Cornelius Hiebert,* 1960; E. W. Flaming, 1963; Herman J. Dick,* 1963; H. R. Martens, 1963; A. Neumann, 1963 (*Resigned. Positions to be filled)

15. Board of Foreign Missions

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Reports:

- i. Recording Secretary
- ii. Executive Secretariat
- iii. Mission Fields

- c) Recommendations
 - i. Budget
 - ii. General

- d) Current Questions

e) Election of five members (2 from Canada; 2 from U.S.; 1 at large): J. A. Harder, 1960; J. P. Kliewer, 1960; J. H. Epp, 1960; G. W. Peters, 1960; Herman Lenzmann, 1960; Lando Hiebert, 1963; J. P. Neufeld, 1963; I. H. Tiessen, 1963; H. K. Warkentin, 1963.

16. Committee of Home Missions

- a) Introduction by the Chairman
- b) Reports:

- i. From Recording Secretary
- ii. Statistical

- c) Recommendations
- d) Election of a Statistician
A. A. Schroeter, 1960

17. Board of Publications

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Reports:
 - i. From the Secretary
 - ii. From the Manager of the Publishing House

c) Recommendations
d) Election of four Board Members and 1 at large: H. F. Klassen, 1960; Marion Kliewer, 1960; Dan S. Penner, 1960; Sam Wiens, 1960; L. J. Franz, 1963; D. C. Eitzen, 1963; Walter Wiebe, 1960.

18. Conference Education (Area Reports)

- a) Tabor College
- b) Winnipeg Bible College
- c) M. B. Biblical Seminary
- d) Pacific College

19. The Committee of Church Schools

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Reports:

- i. From the Secretary
- ii. From the Treasurer

- c) Recommendations
- d) Election of one member

20. Youth Committee

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Secretary's Report

21. Auditing Committee

- a) Introduction by Chairman
- b) Secretary's Report
- c) Recommendations
- d) Election of three Committee Members

22. The Program Committee: Election of two members—the one receiving the highest number of votes for two terms, the other one for one term

23. Unforeseen Business

24. Invitation for the next Conference Sessions

25. Reports of the Committee on Resolutions

26. Close of Conference

Dan Friesen, host pastor, Chairman
D. J. Pankratz, Vice-Chairman
Joel A. Wiebe, Secretary

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All of us, including many friends and relatives, who attended the services, realized to a greater extent our obligation to give our best to the Master in return for His bountiful mercies to us day by day. We also appreciated the services of the visiting group and wished them God's blessing as they returned to their studies.

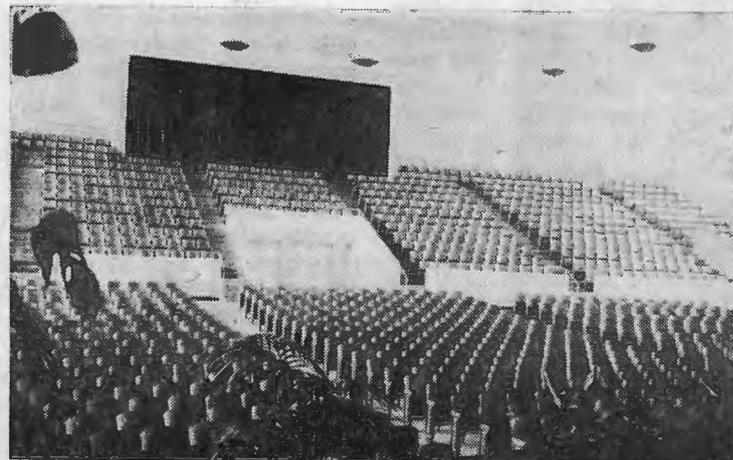
Mr. John A. Neufeld, 76, of St. Catharines, Ontario, visiting Winnipeg, had a stroke in the Eaton's store, was taken to the General Hospital and there he died, in the evening of October 26.

News from Here and There

Recently three funerals were held in the Leamington Mennonite church within two weeks. Those buried were: David Peters, 49; Agatha Wiens, 83, and Maria Fieguth.

Mr. Gerhard Dueck, 61, of Oak Bluff, Manitoba has suffered a stroke in April and since that time he is speechless and paralyzed.

The Kresge Foundation is making a \$25,000 grant to the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico to be applied to construction of a new men's dormitory.



The inside of the Reedley M. B. Church seen from the back of the auditorium.

Mission Executives Retreat

The ninth annual mission executives retreat meeting October 3-6 at Winona Lake, Indiana, took as one of its discussion topics the urbanization of the world's population. (Attending the retreat were J. B. Toews and John C. Ratzlaff.) The great shift from rural to urban living was presented in a report by the Rev. Louis L. King, foreign secretary of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Mr. King pointed out that between 1900 and 1950 there was an increase of 255 per cent in the urban population of the world (in cities of 100,000 or more). The most rapid growth of cities is to be seen in Asia where there was an increase of 444 per cent in the 1900-1950 period. Africa has been slower to start the big move to the city, but a rising tide of urbanization indicates that the shift is well under way. Leopoldville, for instance, has increased from 126,000 in 1950 to 370,490 in 1960. The retreat delegates were told that "the strategic importance of the big cities is without parallel. This is where the social, technological and political revolutions are taking place. Those who migrate to the city are an uprooted and overwhelmed people..." Such conditions certainly present a challenge to the evangelical missionary. — Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

General Information

The Board of Foreign Missions office has been making extensive preparations for several presentations at the General Conference in Reedley November 12 to 16. A triennial report on the status of the work will be presented to the conference. Several recommendations will also be presented for consideration by the delegates. These include new principles and policies to govern the operation of the conference mission program, plans for expanding our mission outreach during the coming three years and the financing of the foreign missions program during the coming triennium. An extensive display will be set up in the old church building. Its theme is: "Build and Work With the National Church to Evangelize the Work."

The Monday evening service of the conference is to be presented by the Foreign Missions staff. Two services will be held in two locations. The services will include an illustrated review of our mission's history, a presentation by missionaries depicting the hopelessness of heathendom, testimonies by representatives from several mission fields and a concluding missionary challenge.

A "congress on world missions"



The Cause of Foreign Missions

to be held in the Moody church in Chicago December 4 to 9 will be attended by representation from our Board of Foreign Missions office. Sponsored by the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, the meeting will bring together representatives from missions over the world. Major subjects to be considered include: present-day missionary responsibility, unoccupied mission areas of the world, missionary strategy, missionary qualifications and principles of support.

India

Wanaparth hospital in India has up to 105 patients a day, but only a supply of 100 sheets with which to make beds or use for covers for that many patients. The hospital is therefore in great need of additional sheets and blankets. These sheets and blankets can be purchased in India at less than half of the cost that would be required to send them to India from America. Contributions of some \$300 to buy a supply of sheets, blankets, mattress covers, pillows and towels would be most helpful.

Africa

Henry Brucks (Yarrow, B.C.) planned to leave Congo on October 12 for North America.

Our men missionaries in the Congo — Henry Derksen (Boissevain, Man.), George Faul (Sawyer, North Dakota), Bob Kroeker (Reedley Calif.) Arnold Prieb (Inman, Kan.) Ernest Schmidt (Saskatoon, Sask.) Vernon Vogt (Paxton, Nebr.) and Orville Wiebe (Paxton, Nebr.) — are continuing to seek to be of service to the church and the Congolese people. Their work is not easy and they encounter many problems. Let us continue to pray for them, our Congo churches and settled political conditions in the country.

The Congo Protestant Relief Agency had its organizational meeting in New York on September 26. Lotus E. Troyer represented the General Conference Mennonite Church as well as the Congo Inland Mission Board of which he is the chairman. Others from the CIM were Vernon J. Sprunger, Arthur Jantz, and Reuben Short. Orie O. Miller represented the Mennonite Central Committee. Seven agencies were represented at this meeting. The meeting was called to plan for

"Operation Doctor" in the Congo. It is expected that there will be a great need in the medical field when the Red Cross medical team leaves in about two months. Dr. Tuttle of the CPRA estimates that it will

be 1977 before the Congolese medical staff will be self-sufficient. Various drug companies have contributed over \$30,000 worth of drugs. Church World Service has made available \$25,000 and MCC, \$5,000 for immediate expenses. An estimated \$500,000 will be needed for the two areas of the program: "Operation Doctor" and "Operation Bakwanga," the latter being a relief program. This program may be needed for five years. — General Conference Mennonite Church News Service

Christ Builds His Church

From July 11 to 17 we had the joy of having Brother Tsuchiya as evangelist for a one-week campaign here in the Amagasaki church in Japan. The church members went from house to house passing out tracts and invitations to the meetings. They made placards which were lined up at the busy intersection to attract those who passed by, and the believers invited them to come every evening.

Our average nightly attendance was 73. Many came forward to make decisions to follow Jesus Christ. Among those who clearly received Jesus as Lord and Savior were some who have been attending church from one to four years off and on. Two of them began coming about the time our meetings began.

Since the evangelistic meetings, we have had instruction classes for baptism candidates every Friday evening. On September 23, Mr. Makoto Ishiga and Miss Kimiko Kuytma were baptized. Then on October 2, Mt. Mitsuyoshi Ueda, Miss Asako Oyama, Miss Junko Kinoshita and Miss Hisako Kinoshita were baptized. These young people have presented their bodies as living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God.

Including the eight brothers and sisters who were baptized on July 10, the Lord so far this year has added 14 new members to the Amagasaki Mennonite Brethren Church. This brings our present

membership to 54, which is a 35 percent increase so far this year.

During this past week the Lord has been using the witnessing of some of our married men to contact the husbands of women who have accepted Christ as Savior. Three of these men accepted Christ this last week. It was the testimonies of these Japanese brethren, who have been transformed by Jesus Christ dwelling in them, that helped these new men to decide to give Jesus a chance to work in their hearts and make new creatures out of them. This brings to four the number of married men whom I will have the joy of instructing in the fundamentals of the Christian life and preparing them and their wives for baptism. Their ages range from 40 to 55. Three of these families already have one or two children who are members of our church; hence it is a real joy for our young brothers and sisters to see their parents saved and join them in the church.

We rejoice that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior said: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He is continuing to build His church in Amagasaki. The Lord willing, we plan to have our next baptismal service on November 13 out at camp. On this day the whole Japan Mennonite Brethren Conference will be celebrating thanksgiving-harvest festival at the camp. — Roland M. Wiens, Reedley, California.



Baptized and received into the Amagasaki Church in Japan on September 23 were the two believers in the center — Mr. Makoto Ishiga and Miss Kimiko Kuyama — pictured with missionaries Brother and Sister Roland M. Wiens of Reedley, California.



THE Young Observers

Hello, Girls and Boys

Another week has passed quickly. And it is time for our Observer again. I hope you read all the children's stories carefully.

Halloween is here again! Some people think it is a day when they can do all the tricks they know of. Some boys and girls are mean and destructive. That certainly does not please the Lord.

Today, I would like to tell you about Uncle Willy who had two Jack-o-Lanterns in his window. One had a smiling mouth and was called Happy Harry. The other one had a pouting mouth and was called Sad Sam. When the children came to call "Hallowien Apples", he showed them his two pumpkins and told this story.

"All right. Let's begin with Sad Sam. Do you know whom he looks like? He looks like I did when I was a sad, sinful boy. I had tried the devils "tricks". He told me I would be happy, but he was only fooling me. Maybe he is still fooling some of you?"

"Now, do you want to hear about Happy Harry, my other Halloween pumpkin?" he asked. "Well, when I learned from my Sunday School teacher that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son to die on the cross for me, I took Jesus into my heart. And he washed it white as snow. Don't I look happy?"

Yes, Uncle Willy looked happy. God changed him from a Sad Sam to a Happy Harry. And used Halloween as a chance to have boys and girls come into his home so he could speak to them about the Lord.

Are you a Happy Harry too?

Love, Aunt Helen.

That Wich is Gone

Clate Polen blinked up in the darkness as a strong hand pulled back his blanket. He shut off the portable radio he had taken to bed with him, but it was too late. His older brother already knew.

"Clate, you promised to go to bed and sleep," Ralph said in a voice that was more hurt than angry. "We are going on our hike tomorrow morning, and we're getting up earlier than usual."

"Ah, Ralph," muttered Clate, snuggling under the blanket. "It was such a good story about flying saucers and the little people in them. I didn't want to miss it."

"A story like that isn't worth breaking a promise for," said Ralph. "And that's all it was—a story. Scientists have looked into these so-called saucers. The saucers people have thought they saw have only been skyhook balloons used for research, illusions from planes, mirages, flying birds, or reflection of light on clouds. I know a real Book with real facts. And a quote from that Book too: "That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform" (Deut. 23:22).

"You're talking just like Mom and Dad!" Clate reached under the blanket and thumped the radio on the floor. "Now I suppose you're

going to tell on me so's I can't go on the hike tomorrow."

"I won't tell," said Ralph. He picked up the radio to place it back on the shelf. "But just so long as you keep on breaking promises, you're not growing up. You're not being the faithful steward that the Bible tells us about."

"Sunday school stuff," Clate muttered.

"Well, you do go to Sunday school, and you ought to know what a promise means. Good night, Clate."

Ralph walked into the hall. Clate made a face after him. Ralph was three years older than he, but just because he was older he didn't need to be so "goody-goody." Tonight, for instance, while Mom and Dad were at a church meeting, he and Ralph could have stayed up a whole two hours later and no one would have known the difference. But Ralph, Clate decided, was worse than any old-maid baby-sitter. He had promised Dad and Mom they'd go to sleep early—and here he was making them do it, too.

Suddenly Clate laughed to himself. Well, for once, he had really put something over on old Ralph! It was 'way past his bedtime now and Ralph, who had been studying his lessons, had been so busy that

he had not heard the radio under the bedclothes.

Clate felt sleepy now, so he mumbled a drowsy prayer and closed his eyes.

The next moment it seemed Ralph was shaking him and saying, "Get up, Clate. It's time to dress and have our breakfast. The hike, remember?"

Clate wanted to roll over and sleep some more. But he would show Ralph it hadn't hurt him one bit to stay up and listen to the story of the little men in the flying saucer.

First of all he put his shoes on the wrong feet and had to put them on again. Then he pulled his sweater on wrong side out and needed more time to correct that.

Clate wasn't especially hungry for breakfast either, and he flushed guiltily when his Dad read from Samuel, "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." He had neither obeyed nor hearkened, yet Ralph had not squealed on him. They were still going on that hike.

Fifteen minutes later Mom had their lunches packed and the two brothers walked out into the bright sunshine. What a day for a hike! Blue skies. New green everywhere. A gentle breeze.

"Thanks a lot for not telling on me," Clate said to Ralph.

"Well, you know what you did. That's punishment enough," his brother answered.

Clate smiled smugly. He wasn't being punished at all. He was having fun. He had even more fun when they joined the twelve other boys at the church and started their walk to the state park.

The familiar road seemed longer somehow and Clate began wishing the other boys wouldn't walk so fast. Even the cheerful songs they were singing failed to rouse Clate from his weariness.

They reached the park and sat at a long table for their picnic lunch. They laughed and joked at each other across the table. Clate's eyes grew heavy. He was silent. Eating had made him sleepier.

"Let's play some games," Dick Thomas proposed.

The boys cleared away the litter from their picnic, popping it into a rubbish container.

Then they took their places for a game of "Indian Chief." Clate, his eyes half closed, was out of the game in no time at all. The boys played "Whistle Training" and "Arrowhead," but again Clate was dropped because he fumbled. He kept getting sleepier and sleepier, until he just had to go somewhere and take a nap.

Ever so softly he tiptoed away from the boys. He crept behind a clump of bushes and lay down. The boys wouldn't miss him for a while and if they did they still would not find him. He'd just close his eyes for about five minutes.

When Clate awoke he blinked

up into the warm sunlight and blue sky. Lazily he watched a bluejay screaming from a tree. Then he sat up and stared. A silver saucer was flying in the sky above the trees! Then there was another, and still another, exactly like in the radio story last night.

Panic seized Clate. He scrambled to his feet. Where were the boys, anyway? Aware that he was quite alone, his panic increased. In the radio story last night, the flying saucers had had little men in them with eyes like diamonds, wings and six feet. Suppose he met one of them!

Clate began to run. "Ralph!" he screamed. "Ralph!"

He ran faster, his breath nearly choking him. Over the grass, past the trees, down the hill.

Then he saw the fellows. They were sitting at the picnic table, drinking lemonade. He gasped:

"I saw them! Flying saucers! Honest, I did—I did!"

After a moment's surprised silence, all the boys began laughing. "Sure, you saw them, Clate," said Ralph laughing with the others. "We found you asleep behind the bushes. What's the matter? Did you just wake up?"

"But—but I didn't just dream about them! I didn't—I didn't—" Clate was sobbing. "I saw them—plain as anything!"

Big Dick Thomas patted Clate's shoulder. He pointed to a stack of shiny tins on the table, the kind the bakery bakes pies in. "It was a game we were playing," Dick explained. "We made a cardboard circle that was supposed to be Mars. The pie-pans were our flying saucers and we each took turns at getting our saucers on Mars. Your brother Ralph won the game. He's as good at throwing saucers as he is at darts. I guess that's because he sticks to the rules of training."

Clate wiped his eyes. Time to go home, and he'd missed all the fun of the games. What's more he had cried like a "bawl-baby" and let all the fellows know how scared he was over nothing more than flying pie plates! He trudged soberly beside Ralph on the long walk home.

"Still sleepy?" Ralph asked.

Clate shook his head. "Nope. But just the same I'm going to sleep when I promise tonight. Sunday school's tomorrow morning."

Ralph smiled. "I thought you were not interested in Sunday school and preferred science-fiction stuff."

"Science-fiction is for kids," Clate answered scornfully. "I'm for the real things—like Dad reads about from the Bible and what we learn in Sunday school."

"Bible-living takes rules," Ralph reminded him kindly.

"That's for sure," Clate answered. "And here's one fellow who's obeying them from here on."

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Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(9th Installment)

Trevor Warne's face wore a thoughtful frown as he steered the car through the quiet streets. It was evident that his mind was not fully occupied with his driving, so it was fortunate that there was not much traffic on the road. They were on their way home after the fellowship at the manse, and Trevor could talk of nothing else.

"I've never heard you sing like that before, Nancy!" he declared. "I'm wondering whether it was the cup of tea that did it or the manse—or Mr. Brandon!" he added with rather unnecessary emphasis.

But Nancy did not appear to notice the little thrust. "I don't think it was any of those things, Trevor," she said slowly. "I just sang as I felt, that was all."

"H'm." Trevor drove on in silence for a little way, then slowing down at an intersection he turned and darted a quick look at his companion. "You meant what you sang, then?" he asked pointedly.

"Oh, yes, Trevor!" Nancy drew a deep breath. "Every word of it!"

Trevor's frown deepened. "You know, Nancy," he said, after a pause, "I don't know what to make of you sometimes."

Nancy smiled again. "I think you'll understand, Trevor, when I tell you what's happened to me today. I've had the most wonderful experience! You might not believe it, but I feel a different person altogether!"

Trevor laughed. "If you ask me, Nance, you've been a bit queer all day. You didn't seem yourself after the church service this morning, then you turned me down on the motor racing this afternoon and went off to Bible Class instead, and now—this!"

"Well, Trevor, I'll tell you the whole story."

Then Nancy told him, as best she could, how it all happened, told him of the challenge she had felt in the sermon that morning, how miserable and unhappy she had been when she went to Bible Class in the afternoon, and of the new joy and peace that had come into her heart when she had really found Jesus Christ as her Saviour and Friend. It was a long story, and by the time she had finished it they were both in Burnside Avenue.

Trevor pulled up the car under one of the big trees almost opposite the Norwood's home, switched off the engine and the headlights, and settled back comfortably in his seat. Apparently he had no immediate intention of getting out of the car, and Nancy sat back against the door waiting for him to speak.

"Do you want to know what I really think, Nance?" he said, presently.

"Yes, of course, Trevor," she said quickly, turning towards him with an eager smile.

"Well, I think Mr. Brandon has 'got you in' properly." He sounded very positive.

She sighed. "That's what mum and dad seem to think."

"There you are!" he burst out triumphantly. "It's as clear as daylight."

Nancy shook her head. "I wish I could make you understand that it has nothing to do with Mr. Brandon."

"Of course it has! Look here, Nancy, you were just a normal, sensible girl until he came here with all his pious platitudes. He's turned your head."

"No, Trevor. It's not my head, it's my heart," the girl corrected him quietly. "I've given my heart to Jesus Christ—that's what it is."

"Well, whatever it is, you're going to make a fool of yourself, Nancy, if you don't watch out!" And in the dim glow of the dashboard light his face wore a somewhat cynical smile.

Nancy was not perturbed. "I'm not worried about that, Trevor," she assured him.

"But you don't see the point, Nancy!" Eager to convince her, he grew more and more emphatic. "There's no need to go on like this at all! We live a decent sort of life, don't we? We belong to the church. We do our duty to God on Sunday and we don't do anything to be ashamed of during the week, isn't that enough?"

Nancy shook her head. "I've always felt that there should be something more in life than that, Trevor, only I never knew where to find it until today."

Trevor did not reply at once, and when he did he spoke in a quieter, more restrained tone, for there was something in her voice that seemed to steady him.

"What do you mean, Nance?" he said at last.

She was silent for a moment while she lifted her heart in an unspoken prayer, the whisper of the wind in the trees the only sound that broke the stillness of the night.

"Trevor," she said earnestly, "haven't you ever felt that religion should be more than a Sunday affair, that it really should be part of your life?"

Trevor shook his head. "No, Nance, that's taking it too far, I think. Religion is religion, and life is life. You can't mix them, that's what dad says, anyway, and I believe he's right."

"But I don't suppose your father knows much about religion. He doesn't even go to church!"

"No, but he's very successful in his business. And when he says that business and religion don't go together, he ought to know what he's talking about."

Nancy looked thoughtful. "You're going into the business with him, aren't you, Trevor?"

"Well—" He shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know so much about that. Dad wants to take me in as a partner eventually, but law does not appeal to me, to tell you the truth."

"Why?" she asked with curiosity.

"Why?" he echoed. "It's too slow, for one thing. You must take up years and years of study before he can start. I want something that takes you to the top quickly."

Nancy smiled. "You intend to get to the top then, Trevor?"

"I'll say I do!" He turned to her with assumed dignity, the fire of ambition in his eyes. "I'm going to make my way in the world, Nancy, you just wait and see! Trevor Warne will be a 'big noise' one day."

"But what are you going to do?" Nancy could not hide her incredulity.

Trevor threw back his shoulders. "It's practically settled."

"Well, what is it?"

"Journalism, I think. I've always had a bit of a flair for that sort of thing."

"You mean being a reporter and gathering news?"

"Oh no!" He flipped his fingers airily. "You only start that way! I'm going to be a big newspaper magnate with all the power of the press behind me. It's power I want, Nancy—power!"

As he spoke he gripped the steering wheel with sudden force, as though the mechanical power in his control could be taken as the symbol of the ambition he so fondly cherished.

It was several moments before Nancy replied. There was something ominous in his words. It sounded as though his goal might be power at any price.

"Power can be dangerous, Trevor," she warned, "unless it is dedicated to God."

He came out of his reverie with a jerk. "Now, look here, Nancy, that sort of religious talk doesn't go down with me. I say you've got to work out your own destiny if you want to get on in the world—and God doesn't come into it!"

"Oh, Trevor!" Nancy was shocked.

"Listen, Nance—" Afraid that he might have created an unfavourable impression, Trevor put a reassuring hand on her shoulder as he moved closer to her side. "I believe in God the same as you do. What I mean is that you can't be tied hand and foot by your religion. You must get things into proportion."

"Yes, Trevor," she agreed sober-

ly. "But it's got to be the right proportion."

"Of course!" he reiterated with more confidence. "That is exactly what I've been trying to say, and it applies just the same to your future, Nancy. Now you've got a wonderful voice, but how far will you get with it if you never sing anywhere else but at church services and prayer meetings and old ladies' bed-sides?"

Nancy's face was thoughtful as she looked out into the night, fixing her eyes on a patch of stars.

"That may be just as far as I want to go, if I were using my voice in the Lord's service," she said quietly.

Trevor laughed.

"Nonsense!" he declared breezily. "You'll be the queen of the musical world one day, Nancy, and I'll give you such a write-up in my paper that everybody will flock to hear you sing!"

While he was speaking, the arm that had rested on her shoulder slipped unobtrusively around her neck, and she felt the warmth of his breath against her cheek.

"No, Trevor, no!"

Surprised, he sat back. "Why, Nance, what's wrong?" he asked anxiously. "I haven't offended you, have I?"

"No, it's not that," she assured him quickly. Her heart beat so loudly that she felt sure he must be able to hear it.

"Good!" He smiled again as he took her hand and held it in his. "You really had me worried for a moment, Nance."

"Did I?"

She tried to pull her hand away, but he would not let go. "I thought," he whispered caressingly, "that I was going to miss out on my good-night kiss!"

Freeing her hand, she sat erect and faced him. "And so you are, Trevor."

Her attitude took him by surprise and he looked at her uncertainly.

"Oh, come on, Nance!" he coaxed. "You don't really mean that."

"But I do, Trevor, I'm serious."

And she certainly was, as the young man began to realize and stared at her in complete bewilderment.

"But, Nancy, what's the idea?" he demanded impatiently. "We're friends, aren't we?"

She gave him a steady look. "I hope so."

"Well, then—?" He looked at her questioningly.

"Trevor—" She paused. "Trevor, can't we be friends and leave it at that?"

The young man shook his head and sighed. "I don't know what you're driving at, Nancy. I've always understood that we're only friends."

"Yes, Trevor." She looked him steadily in the face. "But you'd never think so—sometimes, would you?"

(To be continued)



From Asuncion, Paraguay, to Newton, Kansas, by Car

(This is the ninth of a series of reports from John Schmidt, M.D., and his family who travelled from Asuncion, Paraguay, to Newton, Kans., by car. Dr. Schmidt is founder and director of the MCC Paraguay Leprosy Mission near Asuncion.)

Going through the rest of Central America looked very simple after crossing the rivers without bridges. After San Jose, everyone told us the roads were wonderful, there was nothing more to be concerned about. And so it was! But still we could not go through without concern, because we crossed into a new country almost every day. We had to plan our schedule so we would not get to the customs house too late in the day, for customs closed at 5:00 p.m. every day as well as Saturday afternoon and Sunday. We had to get our visas to enter a country before we got to the country and had to change enough but not too much money after we got into the country. The scenery was beautiful, from huge volcanic mountains of majestic snow-capped heights to lovely green rolling countryside. Much of our travel continued to be over mountains. We passed through Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala in that order. Everywhere we found the people unusually friendly.

Here, as in South America, guesthouses of various missions are placed at convenient distances along the way and provide lodging and Christian fellowship. Eleanor Entz had a place for us in the Central American Mission house, San Jose, Costa Rica, and with her we made plans for the next day. We visited the leprosy colony there, she took us out for dinner, and for supper we went to the home of Glendon Klassen (He comes from the Mountain Lake area, she from Moundridge). These friends are studying language in Costa Rica in preparation for going out to their field of service. We thoroughly enjoyed the warm hospitality there.

A very unexpected experience awaited us on the Nicaraguan border. There had been a letter at the customs house for about a month. It was from a certain Miss Cully who had heard us broadcast over HCJB and knowing that we would come through sometime, was inviting us to her home for the night. It was about 5:00 p.m. when

we read the letter and we were some distance from a town of any size, so we decided to follow the strange invitation. We found the place at about 7:00 p.m. Miss Cully was a nurse in a Nazarene mission and lived alone in her little house. She had not remembered that we were a family of eight, but that did not bother her in the least. She got some chickens from the trees and soon all the burners of her gas stove and several pressure cookers were going full force. We showed her our slides. Next morning she insisted that we also show them to the staff and students—young men who were preparing for the ministry—which we were indeed glad to do. We called her our angel of mercy!

Another night found us looking for the C.A.M. guesthouse in Choluteca, Honduras, a reference we had from Eleanor Entz. Everyone seemed to know Mr. Peasley at the filling station, but as in every Central or South American town, their directions were hard to follow. Houses all look alike, walls are built right up to the street, streets curve in and out. We were glad when a fellow with a pick-up offered to take us to the Peasleys and we followed him over stretches of cobblestone. We arrived at what appeared to be an old barn, divided into rooms by partitions of blankets and cupboards. An old couple greeted us and when we asked for the guesthouse, they said this was it. We felt badly when the lady, crippled by arthritis, proceeded to fix supper for us. The Peasleys had been at this mission house for over 30 years and the maid had helped them for over 25 years. After supper we retired for a good night in cots and beds, in rooms made with blankets and cupboards.

The weekend found us nearing San Salvador, capital of El Salvador. Finding a very friendly man who knew the way to the C.A.M. guesthouse, we again followed him to it through the city. They took us in and lots of room, but the housemother was busy with four little children and her maid was gone for the afternoon. We were glad that we had a working force, so everyone got to work. Elizabeth and Marlene helped with the supper, daddy and the boys helped with our laundry. On Sunday morning Rev. Merrick had to go to a conference, but we were encouraged to go to the Central Church of their mission.

We will long remember the worship service in that large church. More than 400 were studying God's Word in a well-organized Sunday school. The pastor, a Latin American who was even friendlier than most, gave us a real welcome and invited us to show our mission program to them in the evening. Many of the city's leading business men and civic leaders are members of this church. Everyone carried his Bible, and Christian fellowship seemed at its best. We had communion with these brethren in Christ. We liked El Salvador. It is probably the most progressive of the Central American countries, making most of its products. For us it would have been just another country had we not had the fellowship of believers there. Our practice of dropping in on families without previous notice seemed a bit rude at times, but these contacts made our trip worthwhile, giving us a new zeal and a new vision of Christ's command: "Go ye into all the world."

Central America is very colorful, not the least the Indians who still inhabit most of the countries. We saw the different tribes, each with its own native dress. Those we saw on the streets of Guatemala City were probably the most colorful. The women wear long, very full skirts, with colored patterns woven into the rough cloth. Their blouses, also full, are of a different pattern and also very colorful. To top it off, a large colored ribbon is braided into their black hair with a big bow at the back. They seem to be proud of their customs and dress as they move about the busy marketplace. Babies are wrapped to their bodies with big scarves, leaving their hands free for other things.

We had not intended to take the train again, but in Guatemala City we got definite information that there had been landslides and two bridges had been washed out, which meant we could not take the upper road. Since we wanted to hear no more of being pulled across rivers, we took the road west which we knew meant travelling on flatcar by train in Mexico.

South America

The colonization and settlement of the Chulupie and Lengua Indians in Paraguay have become a matter of serious concern. With the rapid increase of the Indian population in the Paraguayan Chaco, there is need for economic structure and integration of the Indian churches and the society in which they find themselves. These matters will be considered at a meeting in Chicago November 3 to be attended by G. B. Giesbrecht and J. B. Toews representing our mission and by representatives of MCC.

The church in Asuncion, Paraguay, is eager to have a more con-

ducive place of worship than the one in which it meets at present. The congregation appreciates and looks forward to the prospect of a more adequate and appropriate church building. Attendance at Sunday morning services is never less than 40 persons. Missionary Albert Enns also writes of the concern to open other places of Gospel witness in Asuncion and other cities in Paraguay.

John J. Klassens of Fresno, Calif. have completed a period of Portuguese language study a Campinas and have settled at Curitiba to prepare for the opening of the Bible school for our Brazil field. Pray with the Klassens for the completion of the school buildings, the necessary faculty and students dedicated to preparing themselves for the Lord's work.

Peter Hueberts have begun a new Gospel witness in Sao Mateus, Brazil which is 100 to 150 miles west of Curitiba. They report that the Lord has given grace for their work and a number of persons have accepted Christ. They also indicate that the work is not without difficulty and opposition. With the help of the Lord, they are looking forward to a baptism yet this year and the beginning of a church.

Brother Huebert also indicated that on October 10 another trip was to be undertaken into the interior of Parana and Santa Catarina states in the interests of extending the Gospel.

Miss Belsa Gutierrez from the Grulla Church in southern Texas is attending Tabor College in preparation for Christian service as a teacher.

Maria Schulz (Greenfarm, Sask.) is enjoying her medical course in Saltillo, Mexico, and feels it will be of great help in her future work. The Lord has opened a door for her to teach Sunday School in a nearby ranch. On Sunday a group of more than 30 attended. The group has shown much interest, and there has never been a Gospel witness there before. Our prayers for this group and for the salvation of souls will be appreciated.

In Colombia the Ebner Friesens (Fresno, Calif.), are transferring to the Choco to relieve the Vernon Reimers (Orland, Calif.) who are due for a climate change and who will transfer to the Valle. Pray for the work in these places during this time of transition.

Colegio los Andes (school for Colombian children in La Cumbre) began its classes October 13 with an enrollment of approximately 60 students. Two schools in the country — one in Villa Hermosa and one in San Jose, were to open the week of October 16. May the Lord bless these efforts for the extension of His kingdom.

Invitation

God willing, there shall be meetings for spiritual edification to be held in the South End M.B. church, corner of William and Juno, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from October 30 to November 4, 1960.

The main theme: **Christ in the World.**

Sunday, 10:45 a.m.

Five appeals to dwell deep— Brother David D. Duerksen.

Sunday, 7:00 p.m.

The Christian and his security — F. C. Peters.

Monday, 8:00 p.m.

An appeal to make a rewarding surrender — D. D. Duerksen.
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An appeal to make an imperative flight — D. D. Duerksen.
The Christian and his Vacation — F. C. Peters

Wednesday, 8:00 p.m.

An appeal for a successful preparation — D. D. Duerksen
The Christian and his conduct — F. C. Peters

Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

An appeal to choose the right vocation — D. D. Duerksen
The Christian and his Struggle — F. C. Peters

Friday, 8:00 p.m.

An appeal to build up spiritual resources — D. D. Duerksen
The Christian and his sanctification — F. C. Peters

All the messages of Brother Duerksen will be in English and those of Brother Peters in German.

Come, and take part, in the blessing the Lord has in store for us for those days! In the name of the Church,

J. P. Neufeld.

Elim Bible School

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was the presentation of a Christian play. It pleased the Lord to use this medium to bring several people to an experience of regeneration.

This year we had good contact with the different churches through an arrangement whereby most of the ministers visited the school and served in the daily devotional period. Such participation was much appreciated. At about the middle of the school year our faculty was strengthened through the coming of Br. W. Janz, who had finished his studies at our seminary in Fresno.

A classification of our student body this year was as follows:

Colonies represented: Brazil, Bagé 1, Curitiba 1; Paraguay, Fernheim 23, Friesland 3, Neuland 1. Total 31.

Church affiliation: General Conference 3, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren 5, Mennonite Brethren 23.

Fifty Decide for Christ in Colombia Campaign



Photo to your left: Ministering in the campaign in the Cali church was Colombian evangelist Francisco Lievano and his wife Bertha. — Photo to your right: Satoria Castelanos, left, leads students in the closing program of the first DVBS sponsored by our church in Cali.

September 18, 1960, marked the close of six days of evangelistic services in the Cali Mennonite Brethren Church in Colombia.

The Colombian evangelist, Francisco Lievano, presented and together with his wife sang special numbers, taught new choruses and presented special features such as

recitations and object lessons. The Lord spoke to many and more than 50 decisions were made publicly during these meetings.

Every morning about 30 children gathered to sing praises and learn more of God's Word through magic object lessons presented by the young couple. During the after-

noons they visited numerous homes of the church members.

We praise God for His working through this consecrated young couple. Help us pray for the new converts as well as for those who have evidenced a desire to learn more of Him and His wonderful workings. Mrs. Wilmer Quiring.

General education: 20 students were either high school graduates or had some high school training.

Sex: males 10, females 21. Average age: class 1—17.2 years, class 2—18.5 years, class 3—19.1 years, class 4—22.0 years. School average—19.2 years.

We wish to express our appreciation and gratitude to all friends of our Bible school, who have in some way or another given their support morally or financially and thereby made the training of these young people possible. May the Lord reward you for it.

H. Born

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To a Young Convert

By Rev. William P. Patterson

Dear Friend: You have reached a position in life the most critical, as well as the most glad, possible to man. You have publicly taken your stand upon the Lord's side, consecrating your life to his service.

You have begun a new life—the Christian life. I sincerely hope that your future will be bright, happy, and useful. That it will be so depends largely upon yourself. Do not rest in your profession. Words are of value only as backed by a soul steadfast in action. The Kingdom of God which you have entered is one of fruit. The proof of sincerity is doing. Scripture urges you to seek a faith that will work, and work by love. Such a faith enables the Christian at every step to get the victory over the world, self, and Satan.

That you may successfully meet and overcome every obstacle in your onward way and develop a holy character, permit me to offer some suggestions for your guidance:

1. Above all things see that you set Christ before you as your example. Every one has some standard by which he endeavours to live. The Christian's standard should be of the very highest. Look not to men, who are but human and fallible. Look only to Christ. Take Him for your Master, study carefully His life among men. Always follow closely in His steps and adhere strictly to all His teachings, and your course will be right.

2. Be careful not to neglect earnest and prayerful reading and study of God's Word. As the chart is to the mariner, so is the Bible to the Christian. In it is clearly traced the way of life. You cannot err with it as your guide. It will thoroughly expose to your view the dangers and temptations daily threatening to wreck your soul, and you cannot afford to be indifferent to it. Lay to heart the commandments there given of God. Rest upon its precious promises which are so unfailing. It is God's inspired Book, in which He speaks as nowhere else. May you hear the divine voice speaking to you as you daily ponder your Bible. May you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

3. Cultivate a habit of heartfelt prayer. I say "heartfelt" prayer, because prayer is true only as it is the pouring out of our very souls before God, the offering up of right desires unto Him. Fear then to approach God with the lips merely. Endeavor to have your heart enlisted, its desires awakened; then, in spirit and in truth, worship God, realizing one of the highest privileges of your being. In such faithful exercises you will be enriched and ennobled almost without measure. Not alone at the morning and evening hour of devotion, but while

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you are about your daily duties, seek this necessary communion with God. To slight it is perilous to your soul.

4. Be careful to heed the Holy Spirit. His office is to guide and aid as well as to regenerate. As He attempts to lead you in thought and conduct, do not resist Him. Only as you reverently and sincerely obey every inward impulse to prayer and fellowship with God will you find the secret of maintaining your sweet sense of spiritual things. "Lay aside the charming book, steal away from the enticing friend, resist the harmless-looking temptation, and go to the closet and kneel down to talk with Jesus. Tell Him all there is in your heart. A heart that is kept thus will not cry out for coldness and darkness and distress when it would come near and shelter itself in the light warmth of heavenly love. A soul that responds to the sacred whisper of the Spirit thus will find no place for corrupt thoughts, for idle words or evil deeds."

5. In your daily life seek to be consistent and exemplary. Never forget that the eye of your Master is upon you. He knows you by name. He heard and saw you when you gave yourself to His service. As redeemed by the precious blood of God's well-beloved Son, and as an heir of eternal life, you ought to be pure and holy. See that your personal influence is always exerted on the side of right. Every look, word, and act will affect some one else. Do not let any one doubt where you stand or what are your principles. Never be ashamed of your Christian profession. Love and cherish the truth. Be honest, pure and benevolent. Let others see you manifesting the humble, gentle, forbearing, and forgiving disposition of Christ. Thus may you testify for Him who loved you and gave Himself for you.

6. Be loyal to the church with which you have connected yourself. It has the chief claim upon you. You have already assumed solemn covenant vows; let these vows come upon you with their whole binding force. Do not regard the church merely as a place where you may seek religious entertainment, but one where, in the faithful use of its duties and privileges, you are to grow spiritually and to contribute to the spread of the Kingdom of God.

7. Make yourself useful in the world. There are enough drones already; be not one of them. There is work for all. Imitate Andrew, who, being called by Christ to follow Him, brought his brother to the Master. You have experienced in your own heart the love of Jesus;

hasten, then, to tell others of it and seek to win them under its influence.

If you set yourself resolutely to working for Christ, and make it your business to improve every opportunity to do good, obstacles, I am sure, will be overcome; temptations will be powerless to harm; the light of God's countenance will beam upon you; you will be a bright and joyous Christian; and even in the midst of sorrow and affliction you will praise God for His wonderful goodness to you.

May you so live as to be able to say in your last hour, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." And may you also be assured of the exceeding great and precious reward of fidelity — the crown of righteousness that shall never fade away.

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How shall I Pray so as to Get what I Ask for?

First of all, you must be such a person as the Bible describes as the one whose prayers God answers, that is to say, a person who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ with a living faith and shows the reality of his faith by living a life of daily obedience to His will (John 14:13-15; 15:7; 1 John 3:22).

Second, you must pray to the Father, through the Son, in Spirit (Ephesians 2:18). Much that is called prayer is not really prayer to God. There is no thought of God in the mind, no real approach to God in the heart. It is only on the ground of the shed blood of Jesus Christ that one can really approach God and be sure that his prayers are heard (Hebrews 10:19-20). It is only when we pray in the Holy Spirit, that is, under His guidance, that we pray so we may be sure that God will hear (Jude 20; Romans 8:26-27).

Third, you must pray according to the will of God (1 John 5:14-15). We may know the will of God by the study of the Word, which is given to us to reveal God's will, and by the leading of the Spirit. Whenever you ask for anything that is promised in the Word of God you may know it is the will of God to give it, and He will give what you ask.

Fourth, one must pray persistently (Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-8). Here is where many fail. They do not pray through. They pray for a thing once or twice, and then conclude it is not God's will to give it. God demands of us that persistent

faith that will not take no for an answer. Many a person prays and prays up to the very point of getting a thing, and then fails because he does not pray through.

Toronto University Students

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thinking. He said that deeply consecrated Christians cannot fail but challenge many of the deep-rooted customs and prejudices inherent in our Western society. He suggested that perhaps AMUS could help set up a city-wide Mennonite Youth Fellowship, and closed by inviting the group to attend the student Sunday school class at his church.

Herb Swartz, pastor of the M. B. Church, briefly sketched the development of the Fellowship in Toronto and outlined their aims and concerns. He stressed that the greatest contribution a student can make is to help faithfully in some area of the church program.

The pastors of the three Mennonite Conference of Ontario churches spoke on three other aspects of the topic. John Hess, pastor of the Warden Park Church, spoke on the aims of the city churches. Their purpose is to offer Christian fellowship to people of various denominations and reach out to those who are indifferent to the things of God. Glen Brubacher, pastor of the Morningside Church, went on to say that these community-centered churches give the students an opportunity to retain their fellowship and identity with people representative of church and society. The most worthwhile and effective contribution could be made by regular and enthusiastic participation in at least one church activity. He suggested that a good way to underscore one's interest was to move one's membership to the city church. Emerson McDowell, pastor of the Danforth Church, spoke on how the student and graduate can relate himself to the church at large. The student should see beyond traditionalism and should recognize and fully appreciate the Biblical principle which our churches uphold. As a result of their training and wider acquaintances upon graduation the student should recognize his unique responsibility to play the role for which his training has fitted him in the church in the community in which he settles down.

Professor John Sawatsky challenged the members to witness to fellow students and teachers on campus and suggested that AMUS could sponsor seminars to which fellow students could be invited. Also, AMUS could formulate views about current social problems and prepare statements on their findings.

The meeting closed with a discussion period during which refreshments were served.

George Weber, President
Assoc. of Menn. Univ. Students

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Mennonite Brethren Bible College

Missionaries Speak in Chapel

Recently returned from Africa, Miss Sarah Peters related some of her experiences while serving in the Congo. A nurse by profession, Miss Peters studied in Belgium before proceeding on to Africa. Illness on the field prevented her from serving for some time, but God in His mercy saw fit to raise her up again and restore her to health.

Rev. Gerhard Giesbrecht from Paraguay gave the students a very interesting account of the difficulties which missionaries face when attempting to learn a new language. "We went into the Lengua field without knowing one word," said the speaker, "it took months to grasp a few basic concepts." Today the Lengua church stands as a living monument of God's grace and mercy. Many have been baptized and are now ready to teach others. Mr. Giesbrecht is the father of George Giesbrecht, a graduate of the College.

College to Close for Several Days in November

President J. A. Toews announced that the College classes would not meet on November 14 and 15 because of the Centennial Conference at Reedley. Several teachers will be absent from the campus. However, these classes will be made up by scheduling instruction hours on several Saturdays. Students will be asked to use these days for special preparation of term papers and other assignments.

Instructor to Serve Fort Rouge Church

Rev. J. J. Toews has been asked to serve as pulpit supply at the Fort Rouge Mennonite Brethren Church. A vacancy was left when Rev. David Nickel left for Waterloo College to complete his arts studies. The Fort Rouge congregation recently purchased a building in the Fort Rouge area and has experienced considerable increase in membership. The leader of the congregation is Rev. J. M. Schmidt, director of the Gospel Light Hour.

Dallas Professor Visits College

Dr. Merrill F. Unger, Chairman of the Department of Old Testament at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, addressed the faculty and student body at a recent chapel hour. Dr. Unger is the author of several books presently used in several classes as text-books or as required reading. He spoke on the subject, "The Song from God," using Psalm 42 as his text. "It is im-

portant to have a head full of knowledge," said the speaker, "and a heart filled with piety." Dr. Unger challenged the students to live a joyful Christian life which would radiate the transforming power of God. The speaker had come to Winnipeg upon the invitation of Elim Chapel and Pastor Soderstrom of the Chapel accompanied the speaker to the campus.

Canadian Mennonite Bible College Begins With 89 Students

The formal opening program of CMBC on October 16 saw an overflowed auditorium. Friends were present from as far west as B.C. and as far east as the Niagara Peninsula.

The overall theme of the program was "Education for Service." Rev. J. B. Wiens from Vancouver dealt with the topic generally, drawing attention particularly to the role which the Lord Jesus Christ must occupy in any educational endeavor and in any field of service. Rev. J. J. Thiessen of Saskatoon took the audience on a quick tour of those areas in which CMBC graduates are laboring. Referring to a number of the types of service represented, he said we had every occasion to praise God for His leading in the past and for the labors of so many in our present time.

Speaking from a graduate's point of view, Rev. Henry Wiens, Langham, Sask., one of the College's first graduates, gave an evaluation of CMBC's place in his own preparation and service. Among other things he mentioned the meaningful fellowship, the broadened horizon afforded at College, the appreciation for God's Word, for good music and for the impartation of a sense of mission and purpose.

A further highlight of the program was the handing out of awards for the highest ranking students (in scholastic achievement) of the previous year. Receiving the \$50.00 alumni prize was Elizabeth Klassen from Laird, Sask. Justina Pankratz of Watrous, Sask., received the \$30.00 College prize. Since the two male students Rudy Regehr, Edmonton, Alta., and John Friesen, Rosenfeld, Man., were tied in their standing they both received \$40.00. Margaret Klassen of Laird, Sask., received the music prize of \$25.00 for performance and progress in voice and Henry Engbrecht, Winnipeg, Man., received the same amount for progress in conducting.

The 1960-61 school year began with 89 students. A number of ap-

plications have been received for the winter term. The year promises to be enriching in many ways. To God be the praise!

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Many Faiths Represented at Tabor College

Hillsboro, Kans. — A study of church preference at Tabor College this fall reveals that a total of 24 church denominations are represented.

The majority of the students come from the supporting churches — Mennonite Brethren and Krimmer Mennonite Brethren—but the study shows that 20 per cent are from non-constituent groups, providing a cosmopolitan flavor on the campus.

The denominations represented and the number of students from each are: Mennonite Brethren 269, General Conference Mennonite 16, Baptist 11, Krimmer Mennonite Brethren 9, Evangelical Mennonite Brethren 8, Emmanuel Mennonite 5, Evangelical United Brethren 5, Interdenominational 5, Lutheran 4, Christian 2.

There is one student from each of the following groups: African Inland Church, Anglican, Armenian Evangelical, Brethren in Christ, Catholic, Church of God, Church of God in Christ (Mennonite), Congregational Greek Orthodox, (Old) Mennonite, Methodist, Missionary Alliance, Nazarene, and Plymouth Brethren. The total student body numbers 348.

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Bethel College

North Newton, Kans. — The Menno Simons Lectureship, which was established by friends of Bethel College to promote research in early and modern Mennonite history, thought, life, and culture, will be held again this year, with Dr. D. Elton Trueblood serving as speaker at the twice-daily sessions, from October 30 to November 2.

Elton Trueblood is recognized as one of America's outstanding philosophers, but he writes and speaks in a way which is easy to understand.

Before joining the faculty of Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., where he is still teaching, Dr. Trueblood served as professor at Stanford University in California and Harvard University in Boston.

In addition to teaching, he has written numerous books, some of which were chosen as book club selections, served as editor of the Quaker denominational paper, "The Friend," acted as advisor to the Voice of America, and served on a number of Quaker committees.

The lectureship, which began in 1953 and became an annual event thereafter, has had such outstanding speakers as Roland H. Bainton of Yale Divinity School; Wilhelm

Pauck of Union Theological Seminary in New York; Martin Niemoeller, president of the Evangelical Church of Germany; and Gordon D. Kaufman of the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University.

The titles of the various lectures demonstrate the wide range of historical and theological territory which the speakers have covered in the first eight series. The lectures have dealt with the Anabaptists of Reformation time, "Sixteenth Century Anabaptism;" with non-resistance, "The Only Warfare the Christian Knows;" with theology, "The Theological Context of the Christian Ethic;" and with present-day Mennonitism, "Anabaptism Speaks to Our Day."

Next year H. W. Meihizen, pastor of the Mennonite Church, the Hague, Netherlands, is scheduled to speak on "Menno Simons and the Dutch Mennonites."

Bethany's Opening

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erines, Ont., has been engaged as instructor. Brother Alfred Schmidt, returned missionary from the Congo, will also instruct full-time. Mrs. Paul Fast will serve in our office. Brother Menno Barkman, Flowing Well, Sask., will serve in our office as business manager of the school.

A statistical report by the registrar revealed that we have 59 female and 54 male students. Their average age is 19.8 years. Sixty per cent of the students have attended Bethany before. Fifty-four students come from North Sask., 20 from South Sask., 13 from Alberta, 22 from British Columbia, three from Ontario and one from the United States. Seventy-three per cent of our students have completed junior matriculation and 56 per cent have completed their senior matriculation. We have 14 Freshmen (those not having junior matriculation), 51 Sophomores, 28 Juniors and 19 Seniors. A report by the chairman of the building committee, Brother L. I. Neufeld, indicated that our new building should be ready for occupancy in the near future.

Brother H. H. Epp, the evangelist for the M. B. Conference, then spoke to us, challenging us to consider our school as a wonderful open door given us by God. We should enter this door and utilize our God-given opportunities.

Brother Epp is presently speaking at a two-week series of evangelistic meetings sponsored by the Hepburn, Waldheim, Brotherfield and Laird M. B. Churches. The school is actively participating in this campaign. Mr. Epp is addressing the student body each morning during chapel with deeper-life messages. Already many very positive decisions have been made by our students that will make the coming year of Bible school a time of fruitful study for Him.

C. Braun, registrar

Itinerary of Dr. John R. Schmidt

Dr. John R. Schmidt, medical doctor for the Leprosarium of the Mennonite Central Committee in Paraguay, South America, will visit several Mennonite communities during the month of November. The following are the appointments for Dr. John R. Schmidt.

- Nov. 8, Tuesday: Port Rowan Mennonite Brethren Church — a German service
- Nov. 9, Wednesday: Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church a German service
- Nov. 10, Thursday: St. Jacobs Mennonite Church — an English service
- Nov. 11, Friday: Steinman's A. M. Church — an English service
- Nov. 12, Saturday: Churches in the Niagara Peninsula.
- Nov. 13, Sunday: Specific appointments are yet to
- Nov. 14, Monday be announced
- Nov. 15, Tuesday: Wideman Mennonite Church, Markham — an English service
- Nov. 16, Wednesday: First Mennonite Church, Kitchener — an English service
- Nov. 18, Friday: Leamington United Mennonite Church, Leamington, Ontario — a German service.

We trust that all the pastors in the areas will take note of these special meetings and encourage their members to attend. If offerings are received, these are to be directed to the Non-Resistant Relief Organization and designated either for general relief or for Mennonite Aid. Please forward all contributions to the NRRO treasurer, Mr. Etril Snyder, 202 Cornwall Street, Waterloo, Ontario.

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October 29. — Annual Conference of Historic Peace Churches at Eden Christian College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

October 30. — Official opening program of the Altona Elim Bible School.

November 2. — Opening of Menno Bible Institute at Didsbury Alberta. Rev. Wm. Pauls is the principal.

November 2 and 3. — Conference of the Mennonite Churches of Saskatchewan to take place in the Eigenheim church at Rosthern, Sask.

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who will be in Manitoba churches on behalf of the
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- Nov. 1 (Tues.) Niverville Chortizer Menn. Church, Niverville, Man.,
% Peter F. Wiebe 8:00
- Nov. 2 (Wed.) Mennonite Brethren Bible College,
Winnipeg, Man., %J. A. Toews morning
- First (GC), Winnipeg, Man.,
% Rev. J. H. Enns evening
- Nov. 3 (Thur.) Bethel (GC), Winnipeg, Man.,
% Rev. Geo. Groening evening
- Nov. 4 (Fri.) Elmwood (M.B.), Winnipeg, Man.,
% Rev. Is. W. Redekopp 7:30 evening
- Nov. 5 (Sat.) Greenland Holdeman evening
- Nov. 6 (Sun.) Mennonite Church, Homewood, Man.,
% D. D. Klassen morning
- Bergthaler, Altona, Man. evening
- Nov. 7 (Mon.) Elim Bible School, Altona, Man. morning
- Elim Gemeinde, Grunthal, Man. evening
- Interview with C.F.A.M. p.m.
- Nov. 8 (Tues.) E.M.C., Blumenort,
% Rev. D. P. Reimer evening
- Nov. 9 (Wed.) Bergthaler, Morden,
% Rev. A. H. Born evening
- Nov. 10. (Thur.) Winkler Bible School, -
% John Goossen morning
- Winkler (M.B.), Winkler, Man. evening
- % Rev. J. H. Quiring evening
- Nov. 11 (Fri.) Winnipeg Gospel Menn. Church evening
- % Rev. B. F. Sawatsky evening
- Nov. 12 (Sat.) Crystal City, Snowflake, Man., evening
- % Rev. Peter Harms evening
- Nov. 13 (Sun.) Rosenort E.M.C., Morris,
% Rev. P. L. Friesen morning
- Whitewater (G.C.), Whitewater, Man., evening
- % Rev. G. G. Neufeld evening
- Nov. 14 (Mon.) Steinbach Bible School, Steinbach, Man. morning
- E.M.M.C., Bergfeld,
% Rev. G. H. Penner, evening
- Plum Coulee, Man. evening
- Nov. 15 (Tues.) Mennonite Collegiate Institute,
Gretna, Man. morning
- Blumenort (G.C.) % P. J. Schaefer, evening
- Gretna, Man. evening

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November 5. — M.B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference of the South Saskatchewan District.

November 4 and 5. — M. B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference of Manitoba to be held at Niverville.

November 6. — Centennial Services of the South Saskatchewan District of the M.B. churches to be held in Herbert.

November 10 and 11. — The United States M.B. Conference is

to be held in the Shaftes M.B. church.

November 13-16. — The General North American M.B. Conference is to be held in the Reedley M.B. church, California.

December 3. — The Oratorio Choir of the M.B. Bible College will present "The Messiah" in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 172 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5.