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

I Cor. 2:2

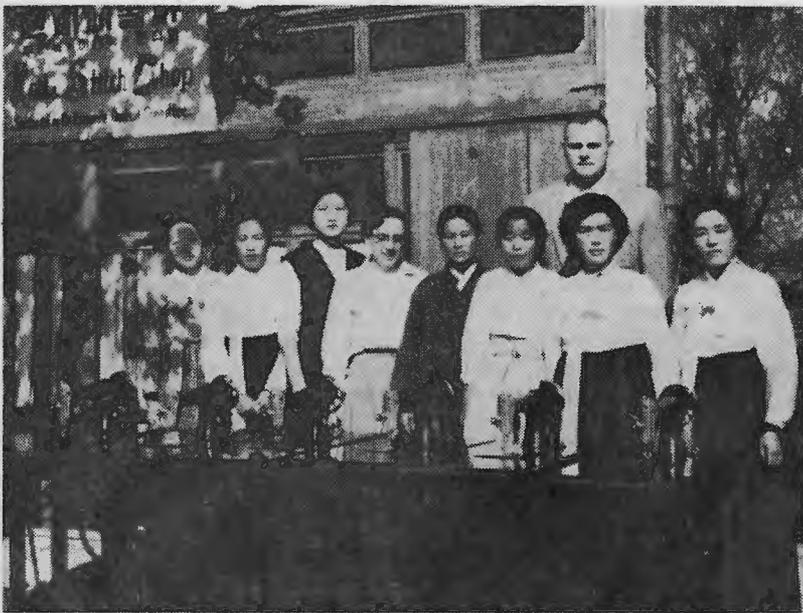
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Korean Widows Graduate



Graduates with their machines in front of the workroom.
(Photo by Ruth Keim)

On November 18, six widows graduated from the Widows' Project in Taegu, Korea. A party was given in their honor, which was followed by a short graduation service.

Each widow received a Singer sewing machine, a gift from CARE. Jacob Klassen, director of the MCC program in Korea, presented the machines to the graduates. Mr. Klassen spoke to them about the importance of applying themselves to their new situations and encouraged them to use this gift and their skills to become independent.

Participants in the Widows' Project are taught to make Korean clothing and simple Western garments which are sold on the market. Ruth Keim, Goshen, Ind., is director of the project.

Under a new plan initiated this year, two classes of six women each are in training for a year. The advanced class is in the workroom the first three days of the week and the second group is there the last three days. The widows are encouraged to seek employment during the alternate three days.

Donated yard goods are used and articles made in training are kept by the widows or given to other needy people. While the widows are in the school MCC provides them with a food ration and clothing in addition to what they make. After

a year's training the widows are graduated and each receives a sewing machine.

All of the widows chosen for the project have young children. By teaching the widows to support themselves and their children, the Widows' Project helps to integrate them back into the Korean economy.

Eden Christian College

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — The highlight of the school year, Bible Emphasis Week, is scheduled for the week of January 22. The speaker for this occasion is Rev. Hugo Jantz, formerly on the staff at HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, currently studying at Tabor College. The ministry of Rev. Jantz was used of God five years ago when he served as Bible Emphasis Week speaker at Eden. We are certain the Lord has great blessings in store for us.

During Bible Emphasis Week students and teachers thoroughly examine themselves before God. It is then that far-reaching decisions are made, decisions which in many instances set the life course of the young people.

Ten services are held in the course of the week. Five of these are evening services held in the Eden auditorium beginning on Jan-

uary 22 at 7:30 p.m. The other five are held during the morning of each school day.

Bible Emphasis Week is an opportunity for Christian service as students take part in prayer meetings, use opportunities for personal witnessing and assist with singing during the services. This

is also a time of personal counseling, when with the help of God's Word and under the influence of His Spirit, students are given assistance in claiming and realizing spiritual victories in their lives.

Only God can give lasting results. For such results we pray.

R. F. Bartel, principal

Bible Best Seller in Japan

Tokyo (RNS) — The Bible maintained its position as Japan's top non-fiction best-seller in 1960 with sales of Scripture volumes totalling 1,886,909.

This is second to Bible distribution in only one other country — the United States, where sales of Bibles, New Testaments and Scripture portions surpass 10,000,000 volumes totalling 1,886,909.

The total copies sold in Japan during the 12 months ending Nov. 1 — down 61,065 volumes from the previous year.

Since the end of the war, a total of 27,074,553 Scripture volumes have been sold, according to the Japan Bible Society. In contrast, only 18,100 copies were sold in the entire period from 1876 to 1944.

Society officials said current interest in the Bible among Japanese is reflected also in its increasing (Continued on page 4-2)

At Home with the Lord

Rev. A. H. Unruh, Clearbrook, B.C., passed on to his reward in glory on January 15 at 6 a.m.

Funeral services are to be held at the Mennonite Collegiate Institute at Clearbrook.

Dr. Unruh, who has reached the age of 82, has served the Lord as preacher and teacher for 65 years.

May the Lord comfort Mrs. Unruh and her family. Our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family!

(More detailed reports are to follow.)

ELMWOOD PLANS MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FORMER MINISTER



A memorial service for the late Dr. A. H. Unruh is being planned by the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church. This commemoration is being arranged for Sunday, January 22, in connection with the morning worship service at 10:40 a.m.

Prior to their taking up residence in B.C., the Reverend and Mrs. Unruh were members of the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church. For many years he was active in the Annual Christmas Bible Conference sponsored by the Elmwood Church.

Visitors are invited to participate in the memorial service.

EDITORIAL

Centennial Study Conference Statement of the Mennonite Brethren

Donnelson, Iowa, June 20-23, 1960

Greetings to the Mennonite Brethren on the observance of their centennial year.

We, the delegates of the General Conference Mennonite Church, assembled in our Centennial Study Conference at Donnellsen, Iowa, from June 20-23 to discuss the theme, "Christian Unity in Faith and Witness," wish to convey brotherly concerns and greetings in the spirit of Eph. 4:13: "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

During these days of fellowship, prayer and serious study of the Scriptures we are reminded of our common heritage of 335 years, from 1525 to 1860. However, we regret that circumstances and events developed so that rupture in the brotherhood occurred a century ago.

We, of this generation, do not know the details of the events that led to separation. However, we are sorry for all feelings, words, and deeds expressed by our fathers in an unbrotherly way and in a manner contrary to the spirit of Christ. We are sorry that these events resulted in such an intense break within the Anabaptist-Mennonite brotherhood that for a full century two parallel lines of explanation have been advanced as to the historical facts and that these parallel explanations are still perpetuated today.

We recognize the need for spiritual renewal that existed within the Mennonite brotherhood in Russia a century ago and we now feel constrained by our Lord to seek for more discussion as to what did happen in Russia, and thus understand that which now prevents us as a new generation of the church from having a closer fellowship.

It is our prayer that for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the sake of our children, and in behalf of a more united Mennonite witness within the Christian brotherhood, efforts be made in the spirit of humility to explore ways in which we could develop closer fellowship in such areas where we live and work side by side.

In spite of human weakness, we thank God for the way He has used both conferences to proclaim the Gospel, and for those common experiences of service such as MCC and in the Congo, which have enriched our respective fellowships.

Yours in Christ,
Erland Waltner, President
General Conference Mennonite Church

The Reply of the M. B. General Conference

Reedley, Calif., November 16, 1960

The General Conference Mennonite Church
% Dr. Erland Waltner, President Bluffton, Ohio

Dear Brethren in Christ:
Christian greetings with the words of the Apostle Paul, when he said, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son" (I Cor. 1:9).

Pursuant to the official communications and greetings of your Centennial Conference of August 12, 1959, and the Centennial Study Conference of June 20-23, 1960, conveyed to us by your president, Dr. Erland Waltner, we accept your gracious words with a deep sense of humility and appreciation.

The joint efforts of Christian service of both conferences, yours and ours, in the alleviation of suffering, of the peace witness, and of other services of common interest, evoke in our hearts a response of gratitude to God that we are enabled to be "laborers together with God." Our desire reciprocates your expression of concern for a closer fellowship in the pursuit of these united ventures of faith with an increasing measure of love and understanding for one another.

We, too, share your concern that the separation of 1860 occasioned "many feelings, words and deeds that were not brotherly." We recognize that certain, on our part, have been colored with intolerance, even to the point of reservations of mutual fellowship and love. We deeply regret our failings and weak-

nesses of the past and hasten to say that we are motivated by the Spirit of Love to ask forgiveness where we have acted coldly and unbrotherly.

At a time when the world is torn with strife, without and within, there comes to us the fervent plea and heart-throb of our Saviour, when He prayed, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they all may be one as we are" (John 17:11b). Even though we have our distinct responsibilities as separate conferences, we believe it is well pleasing to God that we express our mutual respect, love, and consideration for one another, and so strengthen our gospel witness in a world that is in desperate need of the salvation of God.

Being assured that God looks with favor on "him that is poor and of a contrite heart" (Isa. 66:2b), we are

Fraternally yours in Christ,

Dan E. Friesen, Chairman

Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church

DEVOTIONAL

The Test of Loyalty

Dan. 6:7

Daniel could not escape the ill misfortune that was levelled at him. The crucial hour had come in which he had to either deny his Lord, who had proven himself so faithful or become the victim of a cruel death. Others had been compelled to submit to similar testings before, and now this aged saint too was obligated to give proof of his loyalty to God.

Christians in the New Testament era were subjected to like trials, and many gave evidence of their unflinching loyalty to God by sealing their testimony with a tragic death. God only knows how soon these testings will be resumed in the future. Undivided loyalty is the strength of a nation. It was the loyalty of the three hundred that glorified God and brought fame to the name of Gideon.

Daniel did everything within his power to reverence the name of God. He did not fail his own people and he was painfully loyal to the nation which he served with such success. Why then did God permit his loyal servant to be so bitterly tested? God spoke to me as I brooded over this subject and maybe some soul will be helped and blessed by reading this article.

What is the source of loyalty and what can solidify it? Loyalty has its fountain in youthful training. The home of our childhood contributes to its awakening and helps to develop it. This virtue is not inherited. It awakens and is shaped by training. In the first chapter of Daniel we are told that the king of Babylon called for a group of young men who were of royal descent, of the princes, children who were well favoured, skillful in all wisdom, cunning in knowledge, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace. This description is worthy of consideration. The standard of child training in a king's family is high. Royal children are taught noble ideals. Such was Daniel. He began his life under the direction of mother and father. The same chapter casts further light on

Daniel's home training. We read: "But Daniel proposed in his heart that he would not defile himself." From this we gather sacred principles of life were practised in Daniel's home. Chief among these were two: hallowed reverence for the Name of the Lord, and a profound respect for the Law of God.

We cannot evade the fact that children have a God-given power of observation and that they are strongly influenced by the example of their parents. Hence they will venerate the things that their parents profoundly honor and respect. At home Daniel learned to love the God of his forefathers, at home he learned to nobly yield to the demands of the Law of God. Having God's Law constantly before him and deriving spiritual food from it continually, it stands to reason that he was loyally devoted to God. God was real to him. He was a holy Being not to be affronted nor bypassed. His jealousy was to be feared

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CHURCH NEWS

A Flow of Blessings through Various Channels

Herbert, Sask. — The Christmas season has again come and gone, and by the grace of God we have crossed the threshold of the New Year. On Friday evening, Dec. 23, our choir, under the direction of Brother Henry Braun, rendered it's Christmas program. Brother Henry Voth, who was the chairman of the program, introduced each group of songs by reading a Scripture passage relating to the hymns and carols to be rendered. Thus we again heard the Christmas message of God's infinite love and our hearts were touched and blessed.

On Christmas Eve our Sunday school had it's program. All the items dealt with some aspect of the theme, "Christmas Pathways." As the pupils, under the direction of their teachers, presented the messages in song and word, three thoughts were impressed on our minds: 1) The path of the seeker leads to the Son of God; 2) the path of the worshipper leads to the house of God; 3) the path of the follower leads to the plan of God.

After the prayer period led by Brother P. E. Priebe on Christmas Day, our pastor, Rev. N. Janz, read Isa. 9:6 and pointed out that the names here given to Christ portray His nature and very being. Then Brother Henry Voth gave us a message on "The Fulness of God." He showed us first of all, that there is a "fulness of time" with God, as we read in Gal. 4:4. As there was a fulness of time when God sent His Son to redeem the world, so there is a fulness of time when God will send His Son to judge the world. Not only that, but for each one of us there is with God an appointed fulness of time. Secondly, our attention was called to the "fulness of God" as it was revealed in Christ according to Col. 1:19 and 2:9. Thirdly, Brother Voth drew our attention to "The fulness of the grace of God" (John 1:16). We too have received grace for grace from this inexhaustible supply.

We experienced great blessings during the days of our Bible Conference, Dec. 30 through Jan. 1., with Rev. J. A. Toews of Winnipeg as our guest speaker. We studied the letters to the seven churches of Asia Minor as recorded in Rev. 2 and 3. Brother Toews pointed out that this was, as it were, the last message spoken by our glorified Lord from heaven to His church here upon earth. Although mention was made of the historical and prophetic implications of these letters, Brother Toews dwelt more on the practical application in the life of

church in the present day and in the life of each individual Christian. Our sincere hope and prayer is that we may take the grace to live according to the teaching in these letters in the New Year.

During the first week of January we met for prayer every evening. The program as given in our church periodicals was followed, with two different brethren in charge each evening. The meetings were well attended and the participation was good. We felt the Lord's presence, and trust that He will continue to bless and guide us throughout the year.

Mrs. B. F. Redekop

Activities of Our Women's Auxiliary

Hepburn, Sask. — During the festive season the Women's Auxiliary group sought to bring cheer to shut-ins. We divided into several groups. Some of our older citizens are at the Home for the Aged in Dalmeny. There they were visited. Flowers and sweets were given to them. A time of fellowship left them refreshed in the Lord.

There are older shut-ins here in town; each one was visited and presented with similar gifts. We have one younger shut-in for whom we invited young people, so that games, refreshments, carol singing and a devotional period were enjoyed by all. The patient also received a gift and sweets.

Another project we had was the special support of Mr. and Mrs. Stickwood, who are missionaries in the Great Slave area. Mrs. Stickwood is a former Hepburn girl, Mildred Friesen, a nurse.

We have been working harmoniously for the past few years under the leadership of Mrs. C. C. Willems as president. The financial turn-over was over \$1,100.00. This money was raised by having bazars, bake sales, catering, and our own regular offerings. The past year, we felt, was a successful one. In appreciation for the support received from our husbands, we had a banquet, to which we invited them.

The first meeting in the year was called at which new officers were elected, the main one is that of a president. Mrs. Geo. Gedert was elected.

Mrs. Jacob Bergen, the minister's wife is giving us devotional messages on the theme, "Keys to Better Living for Parents."

To live properly we must have proper desires, actions, speech and thought. "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, what-

soever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things." (Phil. 4:8).

Mrs. Joe Klassen

Left for Service in Brazil

Winkler, Man. — The congregation of the E.M.M. church, Winkler, held a farewell dinner after morning church services on Sunday, January 8, for Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Hildebrand, who with their three children left Sunday, January 15, for Brazil. The Hildebrands will work as missionaries under the West Indies Mission.

After dinner Rev. Hildebrand, in a talk to a group of relatives and friends, asked for their prayers through which, he said, they could remain in contact with the church at home. He also showed slides of their mission field in Brazil.

At the program, which followed in the evening, messages were given by Rev. Isaac P. Friesen, Rev. David Sawatzky, Rosenfeld, president of the Mission Board, Henry Hildebrand, Blumenfeld, and Rev. D. J. Hildebrand, who also served as chairman for the evening.

Mrs. Dave Fehr, Winkler, recited a poem "Farewell to a Missionary." The mixed and male voice choir, under the direction of Isaac Brown, rendered appropriate songs. The selections by the mixed choir were: "Gott wird dich tragen," "Weiss ich den Weg auch nicht," while the male chorus sang "Zieht froehlich hinaus," and "Goodbye till we meet again."

Those who briefly spoke words of encouragement to the couple included J. H. Friesen, Altona; Miss Sara Peters, missionary to Africa; Abe Thiessen, Winnipeg; Bert Brown, Winkler, and the father of Mr. Hildebrand, Mr. B. A. Hildebrand.

Home and School Meeting

Hepburn, Sask.—Mr. Carl Enns, president of the Christian Business Man's Association as well as Vocational Guidance teacher at City Park Collegiate of Saskatoon, was the guest speaker at our Home and School meeting. He brought to our attention the importance of helping our children to plan their future vocations.

Vocations, he said, are sometimes stumbled into. There is also the tendency of copying some person one always has admired or of choosing an occupation which is close to home. A hospital or university often helps in the decision of one's life's vocation. In many cases tradition is a deciding factor. Father is a farmer or store keeper, therefore the son naturally follows in his foot steps. There are those who make their choice because of the immediate need and they take what they can get. Others

discontinue their education in order to work out and thus help the family to solve its financial problems, which sometimes arise. Only the foolish people leave important matters entirely to chance.

In proper planning, God must be taken into consideration as well as one's own aptitudes. Marks at school will help in revealing this. Choose a career, where your weakness will least hinder you and your strong points assist you most.

There is no substitute for hard work. Opportunities, interests, aptitudes and mental abilities are the main factors to be taken into consideration. With God at the centre of your child's cycle of abilities and with much prayer choose wisely.

There are, he said, 150 major occupations with about 43,000 vocations. University is not always the answer, but it is a stepping stone to many in the right direction.

We educate our young people to become Christian doctors to keep our bodies well, but leave it to the atheist to fill their minds. Could it be that we need more Christian writers to attractively bring out Christian motives and thinking?

Another important point which Mr. Enns stressed was the attire, decor and the entire outward appearance.

"No work is all roses," said Mr. Enns. Socrates says, "Know thyself and then make thine own decisions." "To thyself be true," is a saying that will help us choose the right vocation that will help our children to become happy and well adjusted.

Dr. Krahn Leaving For Europe

North Newton, Kans. — Cornelius Krahn, professor of church history and German at Bethel College and editor of *Mennonite Life*, will give two special addresses at Menno Simons commemoration services in The Netherlands on January 29 and 31.

Krahn plans to leave for Europe on January 25 and to return home immediately following the commemoration services. In The Netherlands he will speak in the Singel Church in Amsterdam on Sunday, January 29, and in Witmarsum on January 31. Both his lectures will be based on the topic "Menno Simons and the Mennonite World Brotherhood."

The services are commemorating the 400th anniversary of the death of Menno Simons and the 425th anniversary of his conversion. Menno Simons was one of the founders of the Mennonite church.

The meeting at Witmarsum, the place where Simons was converted, will be of special significance, because it will mark the official opening of a new meeting-house for the Witmarsum congregation.

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Test of Loyalty

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and His mercy and grace not lightly received.

Loyalty suppresses self-life. The outlook of a loyal subject is not narrow, but broad. At the narrows a river is turbulent and destructive, but on the plain it is broad and peaceful. Daniel was deeply impressed by the unwavering convictions of his friends and their submission to the decree of the king to enter the fiery furnace, rather than denying the Lord, Whom they served.

Neither did he underrate the impact of this furnace experience upon the Babylonian king and the empire at large. This test of loyalty greatly magnified the name of God in the empire, and many wavering Israelites had their faith in the God of their fathers strengthened. Loyalty does not only fortify, it helps to revive and perpetuate a good cause. If Christians in our day would display greater loyalty, much more could be done to extend the kingdom of God. A struggling church, an organization in a church, or for that matter a family that is hard-pressed, will eventually suffer defeat if the brethren do not provide encouragement and help. But when a few energetic, unyielding brethren mobilize their strength and loyally work together, a noble though faltering cause can revive and be miraculously restored to a place of usefulness. Therefore, let our loyalty grow strong and may this noble virtue encourage us to "strengthen the things which remain and that are ready to die."

Of what significance was Daniel's loyalty to the history of his age? We said before that Daniel lived and was willing to die for his people if this were required. His people were few in number, and the Adversary of God explored every avenue to harm Israel. Israel was yet to bring forth the seed that would bruise the serpent's head. Hence it behoved Daniel to prove the worth of his people through his integrity as a high official at the king's court. Israel's survival now lay in the hands of their conquerors. A crucial transition period was at hand. The authorities who had protected Israel were stripped of their power and a new regime that knew little of Israel had become the head of the state. By God's direction, the aged and faithful Daniel and two others were again chosen to help direct the affairs of state under the new monarch, King Darius. At once keen envy developed. The two other members of the triumvirate devised a plan supported by other leading authorities and validated by the king to put Daniel out of the way. Daniel's loyalty to God was to be tested. Daniel could either deny his God, who had been so good to him, and Whom he loved above all else, or die a tragic death. It was a

severe test, but behind it was a wonderful plan of God designed to promote his loyal servant and sustain the nation Israel. The people of the world fail to detect divine grace in such bitter trials. It is often hard to understand to what length the love of God will go to reach sinners outside the saving grace of God. God will sacrifice His best friends; He did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him for us all. Yes, God will give His best, let them suffer agony and shame for the sake of winning His enemies. Through Daniel's lion's den experience, God revealed Himself first in the Persian royal court and later in various parts of the Persian Empire. Would we remain firm if God saw fit to permit us to undergo such a test of loyalty?

Let us look at another effect of this test of loyalty. If we turn to chapter nine of the Book of Daniel, we cannot help but be amazed at the heart-searching prayer which poured from the heart of the saint who had been so grievously tried. There Daniel lies before God in sackcloth and ashes, confessing his own sin and the sins of his people, and pleading God to uphold his people and restore them to the Land of Promise. The recent trial had bound the heart of Daniel still closer to his people and his confidence in God had multiplied. Loyalty tested is loyalty consolidated. Loyalty is not self-centered, but it reaches out for the good of others.

Just one more important result of the test of Daniel's loyalty. The real and living God was so forcefully manifested in the lion's den experience, that King Darius at once made a new decree, calling upon all men in his domain to fear the God of Daniel, "for His dominion shall be even to the end." What a testimony from the pen of a monarch who hitherto had worshipped self and other idols. Then we read: "So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius." Loyal people are often promoted and their influence continually broadens. God did not conceal his future plans from Daniel and He gave him great and important revelations.

Testings are not given for enjoyment. Age is no shield against them. People who live holy lives do not evade them. How prone we are to ask God to lead us around them. We hesitate to follow God into them. Yet, when God sees fit, He leads His children through them for the sake of His glory and the promotion of His cause.

By a M. B. minister of the gospel who requested that his name be withheld.

Bible in Japan

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prominence in newspaper quotations and in special radio and television Bible programs.

They credited its high sales largely to 40 full-time colporteurs who regularly visit towns and villages

throughout Japan. Many of the areas are so remote that these Bible men are the only Protestant witnesses some communities receive during the whole year, the official said.

Mennonite Educational Institute, Clearbrook, B. C.

The first term of the school year is completed. The term exams were written Dec. 1-6, and the report cards were given out on Dec. 20, the day classes ended for the Christmas holidays.

Dec. 9 marked a very important date in the program of our school. The gymnasium was again open for use after renovation: a new hardwood floor, painting of the interior, and paving of a large area around the building. The money was collected by the students by means of a pledge system. Mr. Henry Klasen, principal of the Junior High School, was in charge of the project.

On Dec. 20, our school Christmas program was presented. It consisted of Bible readings alternating with songs by the choirs, quartet, trio, duet and soloists.

On Dec. 21 we held our annual Christmas banquet, when all the students from grades 7 to 13 gathered with the teachers and their wives in the beautifully decorated gymnasium for a good supper and a program of songs, jokes, and a play. All had an enjoyable evening.

The concert choir, consisting of grade 13 students and a few from grade 11 and 12, sang over a Chilliwack radio station by transcription on Dec. 24.

The Home-Coming was held on Dec. 30. The basketball game between the graduates and the senior boys' basketball team was won by the senior team, and a current events quiz between the graduates and the students was won by the graduates. Henry Suderman, president of the students' council, was in charge of the evening.



Climbing the mountain of difficulty in missionary activity and in various areas of Christian service.

Missionaries Leave Cuba

Souderton, Pa. — Missionaries of the Franconia Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities serving in Cuba have all left the field there because of political tensions.

It has been necessary to discontinue the Spanish Gospel broadcast, "Luz y Verdad," over the Santa

Cruz station as the broadcast tapes can no longer be sent into Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blank, missionaries in Cuba since 1959, were in charge of the radio office in Cuba.

The mission work in that country was founded in 1954 by Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Yoder and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron King. Esther Detwiler went to the field in 1954, and Margaret Derstine in 1955.



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Our Experiences in Switzerland

Zollikofen, Switzerland. — Our home has become unusually quiet . . . the boys have gone to bed and are fast asleep after having had a wonderful afternoon skiing and sledding . . . our guest, a dear German brother, who has come to spend a few days with us in order to get away from his responsible job, is retiring. Abe and I are catching up on some of the things we should have done during the day but did not get down to it.

This letter to you, dear Observer readers, is long overdue, as I had promised to write an article before we left Canada. These 7 months have gone by quickly . . . it is hard to believe that the many joys and sorrows could be packed into 7 short months.

The Lord has been good! He gave us an apartment in the outskirts of Bern, with good train connections for the bigger boys' school. Gary's school in the woods just across the street, is ideally situated for him. We are thankful for your many prayers on his behalf; he is getting along very well. This week he is to undergo a minor operation, but the Doctors assure us that there is nothing to worry about and that there is no connection with his former trouble.

We still have not adjusted completely to the Swiss dialect, although the boys are getting along

quite well. German is the main language used in the school and French takes a very important part, so that Thomas and Charles are struggling with the French verbs and even I am brushing up on my High School French through it all. Abe's work takes him away from home most of the time, so it is always a grand treat to have daddy home for a few days. He has been home over the Christmas holidays and with the guests we had to join us, we all experienced a wonderful warm feeling of thankfulness. Dr. Ferd. Pauls' studying in Belgium, and a fellow missionary from Austria joined us for Christmas. Little had we realized that Belgium would be going through a time of unrest during the Christmas season, when we invited the Pauls' to join us. They had the unique experience of making the long trip through some 4 countries without being asked to show their passports, or being able to buy their tickets. It was an inexpensive experience but also gave us just a little taste of what happens when unrest takes over in a country even though only for a brief time.

Christmas was over too soon, with our guests returning to their place of duty and we to the G. H. Jantzens for New Year to arrange for evangelistic campaigns in the Gronau area where some of our families are living. This time we accompanied daddy, seeing we had to go to Neuwied to tape more songs for the Radio

broadcast. We spent the week following New Years Day practising and taping songs together with the Balzers at Neuwied. During 'recesses' we managed to have moments of sweet fellowship with the Vogts as well as the believers of the Neuwied Church. In the evening we were able to serve in song at the 'Allianz' prayer meetings. Soon the days were over, the singing finished and we were on our way home via Neustadt to see the Klassens and Basel where we stopped in at the H. H. Jantzens, to get ready for school and further preparation for the Bible conference in Luxemburg this coming week-end.

We are thankful for the open door of service the Lord gave us during the last year. The close fellowship and cooperation of our fellow-workers in the different campaigns in our churches has been the cause for much rejoic-

ing. It was on the basis of this close harmony that the Lord could bless at the different stations. We have been able to enter other churches and groups where the Lord has opened hearts and souls for the gospel as well. The need is great and opportunities many for positive evangelism also in these churches. How we praise the Lord for each one who has come to know Him as the only Saviour!

Thank you for remembering us at the time of the loss of our father. Your many Christmas letters and cards were a great source of strength and encouragement to us. Our sincere wish and prayer for you is, that the Lord will richly bless you during this year, that He may use you to His glory and the salvation of precious souls.

The A. J. Neufelds
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1960 Foreign Missions Report

Present Requirements in our World-Wide Gospel Outreach

The revolutionary era of world history in which we find ourselves does not only offer new and unprecedented opportunities for the gospel witness, but it places certain new demands upon us which were never so pressing as now.

Literature Evangelism

The rapid rise of literacy throughout the entire world, the awakening spirit of nationalism, the cry for independence of various nations and the awakening of a spiritual consciousness on all continents of the world have ushered us into an era in which the printed page is one of the most essential and effective means for the dissemination of the gospel. The Board of Missions is conscious of this requirement and is putting forth every effort to create avenues for this ministry. At present missionaries are in special preparation to become more effective in writing and distributing literature. The various mission fields are seeking means for the establishment of bookstores and centers for the distribution of literature in larger quantities. Where possible, the Mennonite Brethren Churches abroad are working in close cooperation with national and international evangelical agencies and are profiting from the cooperation in the resources of personnel and productions. Progress in the area of literature evangelism is central in the concern and plans of the Board of Missions.

Radio Ministry

During the past three years the radio outreach has increased considerably in opportunity and responsibility. Today the Mennonite Brethren Church conducts regular gospel broadcasts in Ecuador (responsible for the German department of HCJB), Japan, India and Europe. The programs in the Orient

are being produced by the national brethren with advisory assistance from missionary personnel. The broadcasts in Europe and Ecuador are manned by brethren and sisters from North America. The effects of these efforts are far reaching. The coordination of the radio outreach with a consistent church building program in the various geographical areas is at present a special concern of the missionary staff and the Board of Missions. The financial outlay for the radio ministry in our mission fields at present requires \$427.00 per week. It is foreseen that considerable strengthening of the radio ministry will become a necessity in the near future.

Urbanization

The phenomenal world-wide trend to urbanization is beginning to influence mission strategy and methodology. In the past several decades the urban population in Asia has increased 444 per cent, in South America 265 per cent, in North America and Europe 165 per cent and in Africa 240 per cent. The method of the great missionary apostle Paul was to make the large population centers with their culture, industry and commerce the operational base for the spreading of the gospel. That method must be followed by present-day missions.

Applying this to the missionary effort of our brotherhood, it would require a major change in several of our fields. Mission stations will either have to be transformed into institutions regulated by the national church or dismantled. Missionaries will serve as evangelists and helpers to the national church and will need to be located in the residential areas of the larger centers. This shift of the field of operation will require large capital investment and basic changes in or-

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A. J. Neufeld's boys, left to right: Charles, Gareth and Thomas. The boys are in the woods back of Neufeld's house. In the woods is a hill which is fine for skiing.



Hello, Girls and Boys

Every day we have to make some choice. I would like to tell you about Peggy.

Saturday was a busy day for Peggy's mother. There was the house to clean and a cake to bake, and she wanted to finish sewing Peggy's new pink dress. "It will help me so much," she said to Peggy, "if you will take care of Baby."

"All right," said Peggy. "May we play on the porch?"

"Yes," said Mother. "I'll fix the gate so he won't fall."

Baby George was just learning to walk. Mother fastened the gate at the top of the steps. Then she hurried indoors. While Peggy was amusing her brother, Marian came running over. "Oh Peggy," she shouted. "Come over to my house, I want to show you something."

"I can't come. I have to take care of Baby," answered Peggy.

"It won't take very long," Marian retorted. "Please come! It's a new kitten!"

"A new kitten!" said Peggy. "I'll come for just a minute, and then I'll hurry back."

She unfastened the gate at the top of the steps. Away ran the two girls. Baby George began to cry. He did not like to be alone. He toddled to the top of the stairs and fell—bump! Mother ran and picked the baby up and kissed the bump on his head. Just then Peggy came running home. She felt like crying herself when she saw her brother cry.

"I am afraid you were not a good chooser," said Mother.

"What do you mean?" asked Peggy. "There was nothing to choose."

"I think there was," said Mother. "You had to choose whether to go to Marian's house or to stay with Baby."

"I will be a better chooser now," said Peggy. And she was.
Love, Aunt Helen.

The Lost Fountain-Pen

Larry and his pet Airedale hurried up the snow-covered hill, Sandy running ahead with the rope of the little sled in his mouth. On top, he dropped the rope and barked excitedly while he waited for his young master to reach his side.

The hill was deserted except for Larry and his dog, Sandy. Larry had been unable to ride with the others during the afternoon because of the chores his father had expected him to do while he went to the city.

"Hold on!" shouted Larry to the dog who sat in front of him. "Here we go!" And the sled bounded over the crusty, sparkling snow.

Halfway down the hill the dog jumped off the sled and ran to a dark object that lay on top of the snow, and Larry was obliged to finish his ride alone. When the ruddy-cheeked boy reached the bottom of the hill, Sandy ran up to him with the dark object in his mouth.

Larry took it and exclaimed, "A fountain-pen! I've always wanted a fountain-pen, and now I've got one." He examined it with wide-open eyes. "It's a beauty," he said to himself. "Maybe it was dropped just this afternoon." The hill had been black with happy, shouting people all afternoon. Larry had heard them as he worked around the farm only a short distance away.

As Larry walked back to the house in the crisp, snappy dusk of

a winter's evening, he could think of nothing but the pen in his pocket. "I've got a pen," he thought, "something I've wanted for a long time."

Father and Mother had just sat down to supper when their son opened the kitchen door, after having washed his hands at the kitchen sink. "Where have you been?" asked Father, as the boy entered the dining room.

"I've been so busy all afternoon," explained Larry, "that I didn't have time to use my sled. I wanted to get a few rides down the hill before dark, and that's where Sandy and I have just come from."

"You've done a good job this afternoon, Son," comforted Father. "I was in the tool shed just a few minutes ago, and I found it in perfect order. It's nice to come from the city at night to find that everything has been so well taken care of. I'm proud of you."

"Thanks, Father," answered Larry, his mind still on the pen in his pocket.

Larry's mother and father kept up an eager flow of conversation during the meal. Mother seemed in very gay spirits, Larry thought.

Father must have thought so too, for all at once he exclaimed, "Mary, you seem unusually happy tonight?"

"Better even than that," answered Mother.

"Well, tell us about it," urged

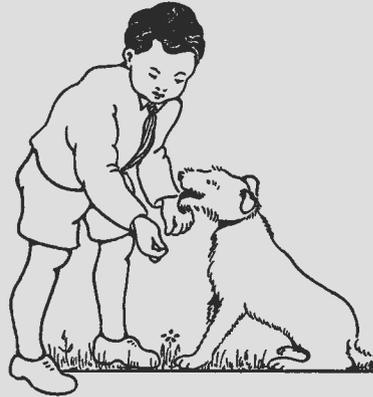
Father. "We're all ears, and very curious, aren't we Larry?"

Larry looked up from his plate, and in a jerky sort of way burst out, "Oh-yes, I guess so. Yes, we are—mother."

Mother Jordan went to the buffet and opened the top drawer. She took something out and handed it to Father.

"Why, Mary, this is like the diamond engagement ring you lost almost a year ago," exclaimed Father, gazing at the sparkler in his hands.

Larry stared.



While Mr. Jordan listened, his wife related the whole incident: how Beulah had come in to help clean house, how she had cleaned the closet in the back room, and how she had found the ring on the floor behind some boxes.

"Beulah is a very honest person," said Mr. Jordan.

"I appreciate Beulah," answered his wife, as she took the precious ring from her husband's hand and returned it to the buffet drawer.

Larry was silent, though many thoughts were going through his mind.

"Beulah found it," he said to himself, "but Beulah is honest."

Of course, Larry wanted to be honest, too. But this was different. He didn't know who owned the pen. But Beulah knew who owned the ring.

In this confused state of mind, the boy went upstairs and prepared to go to bed.

"When I awake in the morning I'll know what to do," he said to himself.

But even that thought failed to satisfy him. "I've got to know what to do before I go to bed," he reasoned. "That's it! I've got to know now."

Larry held the pen under the light. It surely was a beauty, but it wasn't his. "That's it!" His eyes shone. "It isn't mine. Tomorrow I'll find out who owns it." Then Larry crawled into bed with his mind made up.

Junior High was located in the village about a mile away. Sometimes Larry rode in with a neighbour, sometimes he walked, and often he rode his bike. He decided in favour of the bike the next morning, for he wanted to start early and go directly to the principal's office before school began. Dr. Phillips was always there early.

The boy gripped the pen firmly

as he approached the office door. He knocked unhesitatingly.

"Come in," called a voice, and Larry entered.

Without any quibbling he placed the pen on the desk before the gazing eyes of Dr. Phillips.

"I found it on the hill last night," he said, "when I went to slide just before supper."

The principal picked it up and looked it over thoughtfully. Then he nodded his head in assent.

"That pen is mine," he said. "My son took it out the other day and lost it. I was very unhappy about that loss, too," he added, "I've had that pen a long time. It was given to me on graduation from college."

"I'm so glad I found it for you," said Larry, as he started for the door.

"Wait!" requested Dr. Phillips, and Larry returned to the desk. "Have you a fountain-pen, young man?" asked Dr. Phillips.

"No, I haven't," answered Larry.

"Here!" Dr. Phillips held out his hand. "Here is the pen I bought the other day when I had given my own up for lost. Now, I should like for you to have it."

Larry took the pen and looked it over admiringly. "Thank you, Dr. Phillips," he said in a choked voice. "Thank-you so much."

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Canadian Snow Geese

(Canadian Scene) — Great white birds, seeming like denizens of another world, were first seen along the banks of the St. Lawrence River, just below what is present-day Quebec City, by Samuel de Champlain, who founded Quebec in 1608. Three centuries later, these strange white birds, the Greater Snow Geese, still break their flights between the Arctic and the southeastern coast of the United States every spring and fall by stopping over in Quebec. Some 80,000 of them feed each year along the islands, beaches and sand bars off the village of St. Joachim, 35 miles below Quebec City.

Many of these birds are in transit from breeding grounds located in the northeastern tip of Ontario, which juts out at the foot of Hudson Bay where it meets James Bay. Here in this enormous muskeg and treeless tundra area of some 100,000 square miles (259,000 square kilometers), the largest part of the Mississippi flyway population of Canadian geese breed. The term flyway is used for the route of flight, often many miles wide, which various species of birds use in migrating from their breeding grounds in the northern part of this hemisphere to more southern areas, where they spend the months of our northern winter. A 225-square mile area in this northeastern part of Ontario has been set aside by the Ontario Department of Lands

Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(20th Installment)

"No—" For the first time Maxwell Brandon detected embarrassment in the young man's voice. "No, as a matter of fact, Mr. Brandon, they want me to produce a reference from a minister, and that's what I came along to see you about tonight."

The pastor betrayed no sign of emotion as he nodded slowly. "Oh, I see."

"I don't know why they want a minister's reference. It's all a lot of nonsense, as far as I can see," Trevor maintained, trying to hide his uneasiness, "but they insist on having one."

"I'm not surprised at that, Trevor," the pastor commented. "After all, honesty and integrity do count for something in the world, even today."

"Yes, of course!" Trevor agreed, but he dropped his eyes before the pastor's searching scrutiny.

There was a short, rather uncomfortable period of silence and then the pastor took the initiative. "You want me to write you a reference then, Trevor?"

Trevor looked relieved. "Yes, please, Mr. Brandon—that's if you don't mind."

"Not at all! I'll fix it for you right away."

"Thanks ever so much, Mr. Brandon," returned the young man gratefully. "I wanted, to send it away tonight, if I could."

Maxwell Brandon left his chair and walked over to his desk on the opposite side of the room. "Of course, I don't know you so very well, do I?" he hinted with a smile, as he sat down at the desk.

Trevor laughed. "Perhaps it's just as well you don't, Mr. Brandon."

The pastor raised his eyebrows. "Why? You haven't any 'skeletons in the cupboard,' I hope, young man?"

"No! That's just a saying, but I'd rather watch out, or I'll give you the wrong impression!"

Maxwell Brandon placed a sheet of notepaper on the blotting pad in front of him. "I can only write of you as I know you, Trevor," he ventured as he took his fountain pen out of his pocket.

"That's all right, Mr. Brandon. Only don't make it too 'hot,' will you?" Trevor seemed unaccountably ill at ease.

and Forests as a wildlife preserve in order to protect such game birds from molestation during the nesting season. As a result, the Ontario colony of snow geese has been growing rapidly in size, although these birds, at the turn of the century, were threatened with extinction.

"Nothing but the truth, Trevor. That's my rule," returned the pastor with a smile.

"Oh—yes, of course!" agreed Trevor, pulling nervously at his collar.

Maxwell Brandon said no more, but his mind was full of innumerable queries as he began to write. There was something more in this young man's request than was immediately apparent.

"You know, Trevor—" He paused in the middle of his writing to look up into the young man's face, "I hope you won't be disappointed about this position, but I don't see how you would have the necessary qualifications."

"Don't worry about that, Mr. Brandon!" Trevor assured him quickly. "I've been getting ready for this for a long time, that's why I have been so busy. I've acquired quite a few journalistic qualities. And besides, I've always been a good 'all-rounder'."

"Yes, but this would be a very responsible position," the pastor demurred. "Even if you had all the qualifications necessary, I think your age would be against you."

"Age?" Trevor scoffed airily with his eyes fixed on the ceiling. "My age has nothing to do with it."

"But you're under twenty-one, aren't you?"

Trevor turned his head in the pastor's direction and gave him a quick, challenging look. "Well, what if I am?" he parried. "They don't know!"

Maxwell Brandon put down his pen. "Didn't they ask you your age, Trevor?"

Trevor fidgeted uneasily. "Oh, yes—but—"

"Then you must have told them—" Mr. Brandon halted.

Trevor swung round in his chair. "Now look, Mr. Brandon, the less there is said about my age the better!" He blustered, trying to compose himself.

"But why, there isn't anything to hide?"

"No, but it's my affair. That's what I mean," the young man insisted doggedly.

The pastor's eyes seemed to look through him. "Then you haven't said the truth about your age?"

The thrust hit home and Trevor coloured. "I suppose you'd say it's an untruth, but there's no harm in it, really," he returned defensively. "Adding a year to your age isn't doing anybody any harm."

"It's building your life on a lie, Trevor," said the pastor gravely.

Trevor threw back his head with a forced laugh. "I'm not worrying about that, Mr. Brandon! If that's the worst lie I ever tell, I'll be all right."

"But it won't be, Trevor," the pastor warned. "One lie always leads to another, and remember, the truth always comes out in the end!"

"Well, it won't this time!" Trevor had had time to regain his composure and he sounded much more self-assured. "Dad says they'll never suspect anything."

"Oh?" Maxwell Brandon looked surprised. "You don't mean to say that your father is a party to this deception, too?"

"Dad's been a wonderful sport about it, I'd say," Trevor replied with some spirit. "He has certified my age as twenty-one, and he says, he being a solicitor, they'd never question what he wrote."

"I guess he's right there," observed the pastor grimly. "They would expect a man in his position to be truthful at least."

The young man shrugged his shoulders. "Oh, well, what does it matter, anyway?" he asked nonchalantly.

Maxwell Brandon pushed back his chair and rose to his feet. "It matters a great deal, in my opinion, Trevor," he said firmly. "I could never be a party to anything that was deliberately dishonest or deceitful."

A swift look of concern crossed Trevor's face. "Why, you don't mean—" he began.

"I mean that under these circumstances I will have to refuse your request for a reference, Trevor."

Oh, but Mr. Brandon, you couldn't do that!" The young fellow started to his feet.

"I'm sorry, Trevor." The pastor's face was set and serious. "But if you persist in this deceit, you leave me no alternative. It rests with you."

Trevor's face flushed with sudden anger. "It's all very well for you to talk like that, Mr. Brandon! But it's too late for me to do anything about it now, even if I wanted to!"

Maxwell Brandon shook his head. "It's never too late to turn from the wrong and do the right, if you really want to," he said significantly.

Trevor Warne's grey eyes flashed fire. "All right then!" he said aggressively. "I don't want to and I don't intend to! So there!"

"Very well, Trevor," answered the pastor calmly. "If that's the way you want it." He picked up the sheet of paper on which he had been writing, tore it through and dropped it into the waste paper basket.

Trevor mastered himself with difficulty as he stood there surveying the pastor through narrowed eyes. "You might be sorry for this, one day, Mr. Brandon," he said hotly.

"I don't think so, Trevor," replied the pastor with exasperating calm. "I've lived a good deal longer than you have, and I've never regretted what I knew to be right."

"Oh, well, wait till I'm in control of the Southdown Press, and you're

wanting a little bit of publicity for your church, Mr. Brandon!" the young man boasted arrogantly. "It might be a different story then."

"You'll have to get there first, Trevor," returned the pastor kindly.

"And I will, too! I'll show you!" Trevor set his jaw. "I'll succeed without your help, Mr. Brandon."

"You won't succeed at all, Trevor, if you start dabbling in falsehood and deceit. You'll be like the man who built his house upon the sand."

Trevor was not in the mood for advice. He threw back his head with a mirthless laugh. "I've heard all that before, Mr. Brandon! But I might as well tell you that it's wasted on me. I'm not as impressionable as Nancy Norwood and some of the others!"

"Nancy Norwood," echoed Maxwell Brandon. "What has this to do with Nancy?"

Trevor scowled. "Oh, nothing, I suppose, seeing that you've already turned her against me!"

"I—?" gasped the pastor involuntarily. "Why, Trevor!"

"Oh, yes, you'll say that you've had nothing to do with it, of course!" the young man went on bitterly. "But Nancy's never been the same since you came to Southdown Grove, Mr. Brandon. You've put so many religious ideas into her head that she's turned me down altogether now. She'll end up with religious mania, that's what will happen to her!"

"Don't you believe it, Trevor!" The pastor had walked round to the young man's side, and he put a steady hand on his shoulder. "Nancy is on safer ground than you are, my boy, if you only knew it."

Trevor walked towards the door and said coolly, "That remains to be seen, Mr. Brandon."

Maxwell Brandon extended his hand, but Trevor deliberately ignored the gesture as he sauntered out into the hall with both hands deep in his trouser pockets. And so preoccupied was he with his grievances that he did not notice Mrs. Brandon coming from the sitting-room to greet him. He pulled up with a start when she spoke.

"You're not going yet, Trevor!" she said warmly. "Come and join us for a cup of tea."

"Oh—thanks all the same, Mrs. Brandon," he replied, making an effort to be pleasant, "but I'd rather not, not tonight."

"But it's all ready!" Mrs. Brandon insisted in her friendly way. "Pauline was just going to pour it out."

"I have!" came the cheerful announcement, as Pauline herself appeared on the scene. "Come on, Trevor, you must be sociable," the girl chafed him with a smile.

With a shrug of resignation Trevor capitulated and Maxwell Brandon gave his wife a grateful smile. How often had her unflinching tact and intuition poured oil on troubled waters, as tonight!

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A Real Service Centre

By Alta Mae Erb

(Mrs. Erb, a writer and author, is currently travelling in South America with her husband Paul, who is editor of the Gospel Herald. She is gathering materials for a Mennonite mission study book for children on Latin America.)

"Centre" is truly the right name for the Mennonite Central Committee building in Asuncion, Paraguay, for we found it the center of a host of varied activities. How glad we were to include this interesting place on our South America trip.

Here we found a welcome on our way to and from the Paraguayan Chaco Mennonite colonies. With many others who came from the seminary commencement at Montevideo, we were housed at the Center until we flew to Filadelfia. People coming and going, is the daily story at MCC, Asuncion.

Men from the colonies who were in the city on business made the Center their headquarters. One night while we were there, three men came in from a Mennonite colony with a load of lumber. Another man was awaiting an operation on his eye. The dining room group was never the same from one meal to another.

Three families from the colonies enroute to Canada were housed at the Center for a week or more while their visas and transportation were being arranged. Another family of five was on its way to Curitiba, Brazil, where the father will teach in the Bible school. Some motel rooms at the Center have as many as eight single beds. Rates for board and room are very reasonable.

The main building accommodated a family of three from the experimental farm in the Chaco who were on a two-weeks' vacation, and a family of four, whose mother was teaching English summer Bible school then in session, and the father, an MCC worker, was doing business in town. Three German-speaking school teachers from the colonies were spending the summer studying Spanish and were making the Center their home. Six MCC Paxmen from North America and six men from the colonies are making the Center their headquarters while they work on the Trans-Chaco Road. Every two weeks they come in to get clean and mended clothes, and for fellowship and spiritual refreshing. And there are occasional tourists like ourselves to whom the Center seems like a bit of home far away from home.

Here Menno Travel Service has an office, serving people travelling to or from Paraguay: buying tickets and making reservations, exchanging money, securing passports and visas, checking baggage and giving information about plane, train or boat schedules.

Recently a lot adjoining the Center was purchased and the old building on it torn down. The lot will provide space for more motel rooms, a small auditorium and a playground for children and young people. A German summer Bible school was in session while we were there and during recess 64 children played on this dusty lot. Classes were held daily in rooms at the Center arranged for the purpose. On the last morning of the school the children distributed Christmas bundles to orphan children of a Salvation Army home in the city. The final program was given at the Center to the congregation at its Sunday evening meeting.

Each Sunday evening all the Mennonites of the city come to the Center for a worship service, fellowship and a small lunch. Forty-five girls from the colonies work in the city. Each Thursday afternoon and evening these girls meet at the Center to sew, to have Bible study together, to enjoy a fellowship luncheon and have choir practice. How their parents must appreciate this means of keeping their children close to the influence of the church!

The Mennonites who live in Asuncion permanently have a pastor and hold a German service in a borrowed church every Sunday afternoon. They are now building a church, but in the meantime make considerable use of the MCC Center. Each Thursday afternoon the women meet to sew for others or do some other service. A weekly radio program for the many Germans who live in the area is taped by the pastor and the choir at the Center.

The Center, of course, houses the office of Frank Wiens, MCC director for South America. It provides mail service for the colonies, collecting mail for the post office and forwarding it by plane or other carrier to the colonies. It is the collecting point for air freight to and from the colonies, helping the government plane to equalize the load of freight and passengers.

At the Center we were thoughtfully served by kind and consecrated workers. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Epp are busy directors indeed. Because of the multiplicity and diversity of activities, they must be on duty at

all hours, meeting a variety of problems, planning and carrying out many activities. Four girls give their energy and time to cook the food. Two girls clean the house and motel; another does the washing and ironing. There is a nurse to serve anyone needing help, especially people of the colonies who are in the city.

Leaving for Europe

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The following speakers, in addition to Dr. Krahn, will lecture at the services: S. M. A. Daalder, chairman of the Dutch Mennonite conference; J. A. Oosterbaan, professor at the University of Amsterdam; H. W. Meihuizen, editor of the Dutch Mennonite paper and the scheduled 1961 Menno Simons lecturer at Bethel College; H. R. Keuning, chairman of a district conference; L. Laurensse, pastor of the Witmarsum church; and N. van der Zijpp, professor at the Mennonite seminary in The Netherlands.

The Dutch commemoration services will be held concurrently with similar services at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas.

Dr. Krahn stated, concerning the commemorations, "They should not in any way lead to paying undue attention to Menno, the man, but should revive the message which he had for his day. These days of commemoration should make us sensitive to the needs of the hour and the urgency of spreading the gospel and making it meaningful in our own life and in our communities."

Missions Report

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organization and functional operation. In some areas it will also require new qualifications of missionary personnel hitherto not so basically essential.

Your Board of Missions carries a deep concern that wisdom be exercised in making such basic changes affecting the national church and the missionaries.

Our Charge and Our Response

The past century and a half was known as the era of modern missions. Great advances have been recorded. Our world has been enriched with the gospel message. Christ's command to "preach the gospel to every nation" can be fulfilled with a dispatch never possible in the past.

A few decades ago many countries of the Orient, Africa, South America and the Islands of the Sea were politically and economically dependent on the West. Today they have risen to national independence and are marching forward to attain economic sufficiency. Illiteracy, the communication barrier of past centuries, is rapidly being conquered. Geographical, social and philosoph-

ical isolation is being rolled back with a velocity that startles every human imagination. We must accept a one-community world concept.

We have with us the brethren who represent the churches which have come into being through the missionary activity of the past. They deserve recognition as co-workers in the assignment of our Lord "to preach the gospel to every creature." National churches in various lands are not the objects of missionary work, but partners in the carrying out of a great commission. Together with them we are "co-laborers together with God."

The spiritual struggle of our day is rapidly approaching the stage in which the forces of darkness are launching their all-out offensive to defeat the cause of Christ Who has victoriously risen from the dead. "For the first time since the challenge of Mohammedanism in the 8th century, Christianity is faced with massive and organized opposition in the form of violent awakened nationalism, virulent raging communism, and incipient omnipresent secularism" (F. Dale Brunner). The final victory in the conflict is assured in the resurrected and living Christ. The church must assume its responsibility of worldwide missions in full dedication to our Lord. His glory must be established through a witness to the power of the gospel seen in a renewed loyalty to Him in faith, sacrifice and lives.

The recent Communist manifesto calling for dedication and courage to face the struggle "against the Lord and against His Christ" reads in part as follows:

"The great courage of us Communists has never been matched by that of any past heroes in the annals of mankind . . . We Communists must possess the greatest courage and revolutionary determination of mankind . . . While we clearly see the difficulties confronting the cause . . . we are not in the least daunted by them . . . To sacrifice one's personal interests and even one's life without the slightest hesitation and even with feeling of happiness for the cause of the party . . . is the highest manifestation of Communist ethics."

To face the challenge of Satanic onslaught requires a calm, confident but determined response from the Church of Jesus Christ. Our world-wide mission outreach is the vanguard of this spiritual encounter. Side by side with our brethren in different parts of the world we wish to be found equal to the opportunity and task. "Occupy till I come" is the charge of our Lord. There is no provision for retreat. "Be thou faithful until death" defines the degree of our responsibility. The centennial conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church has the privilege to respond to these charges of trust given by our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Top Newsmakers

Named by the Associated Press as top newsmakers in 1960 were Sen. John F. Kennedy, the first Roman Catholic ever to be elected U.S. president, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Pope John XXIII, and Evangelist Billy Graham. Among the list were also leaders in science and industry.

12,000 Jewish Converts

According to the Jewish Newsletter, more than 12,000 have been converted to Christianity in Israel since the establishment of the state. This is a disproportionately large figure as compared with other Jewish communities, and orthodox organisations are making special efforts to counteract these conversions.

Graham Campaign for Buenos Aires

A Billy Graham evangelistic crusade is scheduled for Buenos Aires, Argentina, early in 1962. Martin Duerksen, Mennonite minister of Buenos Aires, is a member of the Arrangements Committee.

Another M.B. Church in Neuland

A second Mennonite Brethren church is under construction in Neuland Colony, Paraguay, with the exterior part of the structure already complete. Cost of the building will be about \$3,200, of which approximately half is being supplied from North America through the Mennonite Brethren Board of General Welfare.

Severe Famine Reported in Red China

...Red China is in the grip of a severe famine, according to direct reports from Peiping.

Broadcasts by the Peiping radio said China's farms were ravaged this past year by the worst natural disasters in a century—drouth, typhoons, floods and insect plagues.

In Britain, a group of prominent businessmen and government leaders issued a joint statement appealing for massive aid to the stricken country. "The world of propaganda, fear, hate and violence can only end in catastrophe," the group said. "The West has an opportunity now to help a great people and at the same time to begin creating a very different kind of world, moving away from self-destruction. It could be our last chance."

Huge Wheat Surplus

World stocks of wheat at the end of the 1960-61 crop year may total a whopping 60,000,000 tons, approximately 2,220,000,000 bushels, despite an anticipated record world consumption of wheat and wheat flour, the International Wheat Council said recently.

In its review of the world wheat situation for November the council estimated the 1960 world wheat crop, excluding Communist China, at 221,000,000 tons, approximately 8,177,000,000 bushels, and said it is expected to be the second largest on record. Production is expected to be 6,000,000 tons, approximately 222,000,000 bushels, higher than in the preceding year and 27,000,000 tons, approximately 999,000,000 bushels, above the average of 1954-55 to 1958-59.

The largest rise in production occurred in North America.

London (A.P.)

Churches in Red China

Germany — In Berlin a former missionary to China has reported that to find churches in Red China "one has to search... with a microscope." Miss Guerda Buega joined a tour of China organized in East Berlin, and has recently returned. She said that in Shanghai, the number of churches has dropped from 200 to 20. But she found, when she returned to the land she had formerly served, that there is still a remarkable strength in those tiny Christian communities. Pastors work in industry. Many people are incredibly poor, but some influential Christians hold responsible positions.

Russia's Voltaire

A recent Moscow Radio broadcast said some of the writings of Mark Twain were being utilized by Soviet atheistic propagandists, because all his life the American author "struggled against religious prejudice." Calling him "the American Voltaire," the station announced that among the first of Twain's writings to be used by the Soviet atheists would be an unpublished pamphlet entitled "Biblical Teachings and Religious Tactics." It said that in this booklet Samuel Clements, better known as Mark Twain, showed that religion always has been the mainstay of reaction and despotism."

Mennonite Alternative Service

Approximately 6,155 Mennonites and Brethren in Christ have performed alternative service since the present program was begun in 1952—more than all other denominations. The next largest totals of I-W men for this period are from the Church of the Brethren with 915, and the Society of Friends with 320.

Two Ministers Elected

Steinbach, Man. — Recently the Blumenort congregation gathered for the election of two brethren for the ministry.

Rev. David Thiessen rendered an

inspiring message on "Spiritual qualities of a minister." Example of the Bible is Moses. Moses, however, was helpless without the support of Aaron and Hus who assisted him to lift up his hands to the Lord.

Likewise, our ministers are weak without the prayers and support of the congregation.

The two ministers elected were Mr. Diedrich P. Friesen and Mr. Melvin Penner.

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This handy book can render invaluable aid to young ministers and to those who are performing ministerial duties in English for the first time. Recommended highly by Rev. I. W. Redekopp, the book treats first the ministry: personal fitness, daily devotions, pulpit decorum, pastoral duties, ministerial relations, advice to others. The author discusses visitation of the sick, of the bereaved, and the ministry to the troubled, including and quoting suitable passages. Then various aspects of a minister's duty are discussed, such as worship services, communion, baptism, marriage, funerals, consecrations and administration. Frequent quotation of helpful passages of Scripture enhances the value of this book.

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The Star Book for Ministers

By Edward T. Hiscox. 271 pp.

This handy book, again recommended by Rev. I. W. Redekopp, contains suggestions to ministers for weddings, funerals, visitation of the sick, councils, ordinations, dedications. It also has selections from the Bible for use on various occasions of religious service, both public and private. Then the author presents suggestive thoughts for burial services, forms of marriage service, regulations for business sessions, ecclesiastical forms and blanks, and tables of biblical facts and figures (exceedingly handy for quick reference).

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The Dawn of World Redemption.

By Erich Sauer. 200 pp.

Those who have delved into Sauer's books in German know their unique quality and appreciate Sauer's thorough study of the Bible. Now this is available in English. The translation is by G. H. Lang and has been carefully read and corrected by Erich Sauer himself. F. F. Bruce, eminent English theologian, says in his foreword:

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By Erich Sauer. 188 pp.

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Youth Work in Canadian M. B. Churches

H. H. Dueck, Executive-Secretary

Youth Week will be observed in the Canadian M. B. Churches for the first time from January 29 to February 5. It is sponsored by the Canadian M. B. Youth Committee in an effort to have the entire church focus its eyes, hearts and prayers on youth. The theme for Youth Week is "The Church Needs You—You Need the Church," based on 1 Cor. 12:27-31, and Eph. 4:7-12. The special Youth Sunday services will be observed on January 29.

The observance of Youth Week began in 1944 when a group representing the International Society of Christian Endeavors made plans for an annual week of special emphasis on youth work. Many groups and denominations have adopted the idea since that time.

The main purpose of Youth Week is: (1) to help young people realize that they have a responsibility to the church. (2) To help the church see the importance of its ministry to youth. (3) To stress the importance of the right relationship between the church and her youth. (4) To strengthen the unity of Christian youth within the framework of our church and constituency and of other Christian churches. (5) To challenge youth and with them, elders to

YOUTH IN ACTION

find and accept their responsibilities as Christians in our present-day world.

The theme for Youth Sunday has been worked out in detail with many program suggestions by Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiebe, editors of the Youth Committee publication, *The Youth Worker*. The program also includes guidance for publicity in the local church, the Canadian Youth Committee project, prayer requests, individual suggestions for morning and evening services on Youth Sunday and a challenge to both parents and young people. All program details were published in the December, 1960 issue of *The Youth Worker* and mailed to all local youth leaders in Canada. Many M. B. Churches in the U. S. also receive these materials upon special request.

It is the sincere prayer of the Canadian M. B. Youth Committee that our young people will realize anew their dependence on the local church. May they in turn respond in loyal service in one of the many areas that require trained Christian personnel to carry on the extensive church program of today.

*The Youth Worker, Dec., 1960.

needs, both spiritual and material, of some of the people around us. Seeing these needs and poor conditions made me grateful for all the blessings the Lord has bestowed on me. It has become my prayer that I might be a good steward of what the Lord has entrusted to me and give liberally to those in need of such spiritual and material assistance as I am able to give.

Henry Dick

"As we therefore have opportunity let us do good unto all men" (Gal. 6:10). "...that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want" (II Cor. 8:14).

As students of the Winkler Bible School we have had an opportunity to share some of our abundance with others. But in sharing our material goods and spiritual experiences, we found that we received something in return, something which cannot be measured in terms of financial receipts, but which has made a very definite impression upon our hearts and lives.

Our purpose is described by the verses quoted above. We desired to bring warmth to hearts that had become cool and hands that were cold. We sought to bring the light of the Gospel of Christ to homes where perhaps through illness or financial reverses the light had grown dim. It was our desire to present Jesus Christ, Who "though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9).

As in previous years the supplies that we distributed were largely donated by the people of the town of Winkler. The first step was to plan a canvassing campaign of the town. The town was divided into sections and then canvassed by the students. We believe we discovered and realized a little more the truth contained in the verse: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

At this time we would like to pass on the sincere heartfelt thanks that were expressed as we gave these tokens of love to others. We thank those of you who gave and permitted us to be the "go-betweens" between you and those who received your gifts.

We canvassed businesses as well as homes, and we are very grateful for the kind gestures extended in the form of donations by the businessmen of Winkler. The total sum donated was approximately three hundred and six dollars. It was a pleasure to buy groceries and some clothing with this money.

During the days when these things were being sorted and pack-

ed our chapel was indeed a strange sight. Yet there was a unique beauty about this untidiness because these piles of goods, which consisted of everything from flour to shoes, were going to be the means of bringing happiness to many a home.

The student body was divided into twelve groups of five or six each. Then on the crisp, cold morning of December 20, 1960, teachers and students gathered to ask for that special measure of grace that would be needed for the day's work. The groups started out at about 8:30 or 9:00 a.m. and most of them returned around 5:30 to 6:00 p.m. A short service consisting of singing, Scripture reading, prayer, and at some places a story for the children, preceded the giving of the groceries and clothes, which we sought to distribute according to the existing need. On the average each group visited about twelve homes. The area which we covered extended from Carman west to Morden, then east to Rosenfeld and south as far as Greta. Three groups visited homes in Winkler and the remaining ones visited the surrounding villages and school districts.

As the groups went out to visit these needy people, they met up with many varied situations and types of homes. Often the leader of a group first went to the school of the particular district and enquired about the homes needing help.

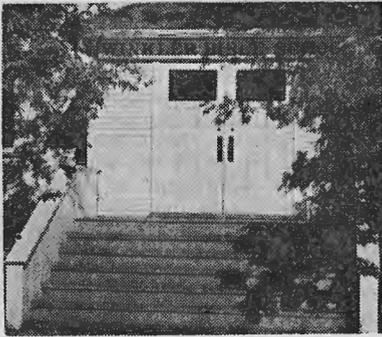
In some homes we found pathetic conditions of poverty and despair, especially where the father had forsaken the family or passed away. Often we saw physical suffering, and yet we realize that the spiritual need is often much greater than the physical. As we asked God to open our eyes, we saw in these people, for whom Christ came, a great hunger for something to satisfy the longing of their souls.

We found the response to our ministry as varied as the homes themselves. In the majority of places we were very well received, and yet, as is always the case where the Word of God is proclaimed, there was opposition as well. The latter was expressed by closed doors and such words as, "We don't need anything," "We are too busy," or "We go to church on Sunday and that's enough." But more often we saw the look of gratitude in their eyes as they accepted the gifts of love given in the name of Christ. During the reading of the Word and prayer, the response varied from complete indifference or disrespect to visible emotion as tears were wiped from the eyes.

Our hearts were filled with gratitude when we were accepted into a home where for the past two years admittance had been refused. At least one student of the group that visited this home was not surprised, for he truly believes that we have a prayer-answering God. Another incident which made us thankful and challenged us, was the occasion when a little boy, finding out who

Pniel Bible School

Serving God in a Practical Way



"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). This verse became very real to me as we did Good Cheer work a few weeks ago. It was a pleasure to give material help, but it gave me even greater joy to give out the Word of God, which can satisfy every hungering soul. Good Cheer work also helped me to realize the true meaning of Christmas. What we see is not so important, but that we know we have Christ Jesus in our hearts, Who came to save all mankind.

Esther Toews

I am thankful to the Lord for the opportunity He has given me to do Christmas Cheer work. It has opened my eyes to the need of practical Christianity. It has also made

me more thankful for the Christian home I have.

Dave Dueck

New experiences are for the most part beneficial and worthwhile. The day we spent doing Good Cheer work was certainly a time of enriching experiences. In the days that followed I was frequently reminded of those poor folk, living in dire circumstances. This repeatedly caused me to be more grateful for what I possess, for my home and the opportunities I have.

Adina Klassen

This, my first real experience in giving, impressed me with the fact that many people in this world desperately need our help. I have often been selfish and have not given enough, nor have I cared enough about the needy people. This work has spurred me on to pray for these souls and be a better steward of the time and money God has given me.

Hanneliesel Unruh

Good Cheer work has been a new experience for me, and I thank the Lord that I could participate in it. I was deeply impressed by the

EDUCATION SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Steinbach Bible Institute

Steinbach, Man. — On the morning of Sunday, December 11, a male quartet from the Steinbach Bible Institute visited the Falcon Lake Prison Camp, which is situated some 75 miles northeast of Steinbach. The gospel, presented by songs and testimonies, was well received by the inmates.

The S.B.I. presented its Christmas program in the Evangelical Mennonite church in Steinbach on the evening of December 20. The program consisted of a cantata presented by the school choir, and a message from the Word by Rev. Archie Penner, pastor of the Church and teacher at the Institute. A parent-student fellowship concluded the evening.

The Christmas recess lasted from December 21 to January 2. Most of the students spent their holidays at home, although a few, including some from B.C., stayed at the school.

Some improvements were made in the school facilities during the holidays. Additional bulletin boards

were put up and a much needed auxiliary furnace was installed.

Members of the Western Gospel Mission gathered at the Institute for meetings on December 30 and 31.

At present (January 4) the students look forward, somewhat apprehensively, to the coming examinations, which will mark the end of the first semester. Registration for the second semester will take place on January 18. It is hoped that a number of students who have contemplated continuing their Bible training will also enroll at that time.

Ernest Funk

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

STUDENTS VISIT MATHESON ISLAND

Winnipeg, Man. — At Matheson Island, which is situated some 180 miles north of Winnipeg, is a mission station of the Mennonite Pioneer Mission where the Erdman Neufelds are engaged in mission

work. This station was the destination of seven Canadian Mennonite Bible College students when they left Winnipeg on December 29. The group consisted of Susan Peters, Rita Klassen, Marlene Penner, Henry Friesen, Lorne Friesen, Peter Neudorf and Bernie Thiessen. They assisted the missionaries, visited their services and helped in some other ways.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Neufeld arranged for the group to visit the people to invite them to the evening service. The students received a friendly welcome at the homes. The following day similar invitations were given to attend a service at Pine Dock.

On Saturday afternoon Mr. Edwin Brandt, missionary stationed at Loon Straits took the group by bombardiers to the Bloodvein Indian Reserve. Prior to the service the people living at a distance from the meeting house were gathered by bombardier. After a New Year's Eve Service at Matheson Island, the group went to Loon Straits. On Sunday morning instead of the usual Sunday School conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Brandt the group presented a junior service. Another service was held in the evening.

Insight into the routine activities of missionary life were gained by the group through observation as well as experience. Mrs. Neufeld operates a dispensary, and conducts a girls' club, a Sunday School class and Ladies' Sewing Circle in addition to caring for her home and family. Mr. Neufeld is kept busy with conducting services in the chapel, with a Sunday School class, boys' club and services at Bloodvein with Mr. Brandt. The daily chores include wood chopping, and water carrying.

The Brandts have a similarly active schedule with Sunday School, evening services, boys' and girls' clubs, sewing circle and other activities. The students felt privileged to help the missionaries with various tasks—chopping wood, carrying water and putting on storm windows.

For this experience of having a share in the proclamation of God's Word, of meeting the missionaries and the people, and of seeing the work done, these students are grateful.

Registration at C.M.B.C. for the Winter quarter stands at 100. This is eleven higher than during the previous quarter and the first time in the College's 14-year history that the number has climbed to 100.

By provinces the division is as follows:

Manitoba	43
Saskatchewan	20
British Columbia	19
Alberta	9
Ontario	9

The Student's Residence is completely filled and several students need to live in the city.

Tabor College

Alumni set up Memorial Scholarship

A fund to be known as the Deutschendorf Memorial Scholarship has been initiated by Tabor College alumni of the north-central Oklahoma area in memory of Dean Deutschendorf, Tabor junior whose tragic death in an accident December 29 was reported recently.

By chance, the alumni of that area had scheduled a meeting the evening of the 29th, and the news of the death prompted them to initiate the memorial as a chapter project. A sizeable sum was pledged by alumni present at the meeting, and the idea has since spread to Kansas, and elsewhere.

The Tabor Student Council and the Tabor faculty have likewise endorsed the project, whereby individuals may contribute toward a lasting memorial in Dean's memory.

In setting up the fund, the Oklahoma alumni chapter proposed that the interest from the investment of the memorial be designated for annual scholarships to students preparing specifically for the Christian ministry. Readers wishing to contribute toward this memorial may send their donations directly to the college.

Board Meets on Campus

The regular mid-winter meetings of the Christian Higher Education of the Mennonite Brethren Conference were scheduled on the Tabor campus January 16-18.

Chief items under discussion were the fiscal budget and the building programs on the Hillsboro and Fresno campuses.

New members, elected to the board in November, are Raymond Schlichting, Hesston, Kansas, who replaces Dr. R. C. Graumann of Harvey, North Dakota, whose term expired in 1960, and Rev. John E. Friesen of Bakersfield, California, who fills a vacancy created by the resignation of T. R. Nickel of Fresno, California.

Directs Music Clinic in British Columbia

Dr. Paul W. Wohlgenuth, chairman of Tabor's music department, was the featured speaker at the three-day Choir Director's Clinic sponsored by the Mennonite Brethren churches of British Columbia December 27-29. The clinic was held on the campus of the M. B. Bible Institute in Clearbrook.

Wohlgenuth led discussions of interest to choir directors, including subjects such as the total music program of the church; music in the worship service; choice and use of gospel songs, hymns, and anthems; and the spiritual ministry of music in the church. He also analyzed Mendelssohn's oratorio "Elijah" during a workshop session.

we were, ran excitedly to his mother joyously shouting, "The Bible school is here." Surely the testimony of former students had left an indelible impression in many homes, which opened the door for us. In some places the members of the family also sang and played for the group. Sometimes there was real Christian fellowship, when we saw that the love of Christ had found acceptance in their hearts. One gentleman told of his conversion, his radiant face leaving no doubt as to the truth of his story. At another home the group was blessed by a testimony of God's goodness given by a lonely person. We were humbled by another family, who could praise a gracious heavenly Father in spite of material needs. Another lady showed real appreciation by attentively listening to the message in song and testimony and then graciously declining to accept any goods. With tears in her eyes, she asked that the goods be given to people more needy than they. She also said that the Bible school had been a great help to them for the past three years, and she was very thankful.

Back at our studies again after the holidays, we look back on this experience and seek to evaluate our efforts. We wonder whether they were entirely in vain at the places where the reception was so cool. Was the soil too shallow and stony? Did the cares of this world spring up and choke the Word, or will it

grow and bear fruit for time and eternity? Only God knows. We can claim the promise of His Word which says, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it" (Isa. 55:11). However, even without that assurance, we know that it was not in vain because of the benefits which we ourselves received. Many of us realized for the first time what a great need there is right at our door-step, and our hearts were again filled with love and gratitude to our heavenly Father Who in His kindness has so privileged us above many who have not the blessings of sufficient means and especially of a true Christian home. It was a time of fellowship for the students; it was a lesson in cooperation and it helped us to know each other better through shared experiences.

Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me." We are thankful for the privilege of showing our love to Christ in this manner. May it truly have been done as unto Him, with true Christian motives, for we know that He will one day judge "every man's work to see what sort it is." May it be such as will abide and receive a reward in that day, and not such as will suffer loss and be burned, is our prayer.

Pat Hyde and Hazel Enns

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Efforts have been put forth for a number of years to publish a book on the experiences of those of our people who were at the gates of Moscow in 1929.

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- b. Dark days at the Gates of Moscow.

- c. Efforts of the German Government to assist the refugees at the Gates of Moscow.
- d. Several groups migrating to Germany and their cordial reception.
- e. The unfortunate groups which did not receive their passports and had to go back.
- f. The tragic condition of those who had to return.

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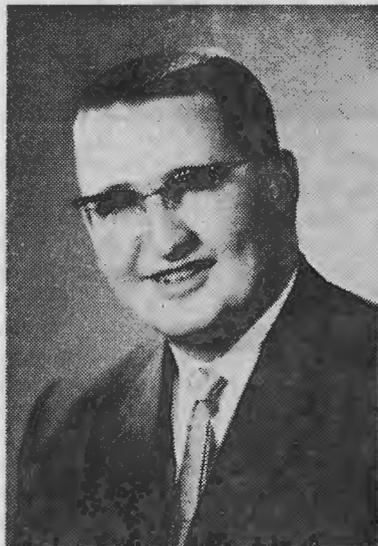
We believe that our young people are interested in the experiences of their parents which they have had with God at the Gates of Moscow. We would be happy to supply our young people's and church libraries with this book.

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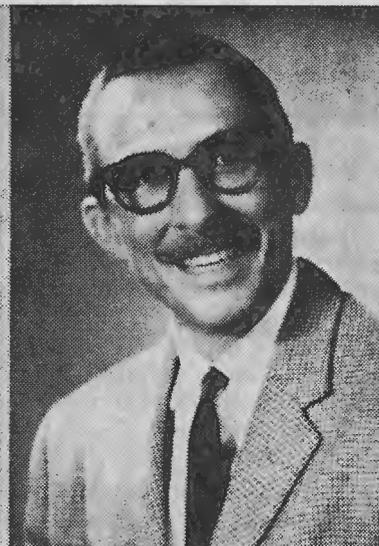
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January 29 — February 1. — Annual Missionary Conference at Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask.

February 1-3. — Bible Week at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

February 6-17. — Minister's Course at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

February 5-19. — United evangelistic meetings, sponsored by the M.B. Churches of Winnipeg to be held in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium every evening. Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, California is to be the speaker.

February 6-17, 1961. — Annual Ministers' Course, Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

February 17. — World Day of Prayer.

March 3-5, 1961. — Annual Bible and Missionary Conference, Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

April 2. — Easter, Resurrection Day Commemoration.

April 16. — Graduation Exercises at Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

June 18. — Graduation at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

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