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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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City Church Outreach in Brazil



Photo to the left symbolizes the Gospel witness of the Mennonite Brethren in Blumenau — a city of nearly 25,000 in southern Brazil; in the background is the parsonage. Photo to the right shows the congregation of the Blumenau church.

The most challenging phase of our work in Blumenau is our Sunday school. The total enrollment is about 100 — 35 Brazilian and 70 German pupils. Our German Sunday school is organized similar to our Canadian Sunday schools. For the adults we use the "Lektionsheft" from North America, and for our youth and children we translate material into German and Portuguese. A good number of our German children come from non-Christian homes.

Our youth work is also very encouraging. Fourteen of our young people are church members. These young Christians have served the church with various programs throughout the year. The topics of their presentations were educational in nature. The highlight of their

work was a Christian drama entitled "Was bedeutet dir das Kreuz?" (What does the cross mean to you?) presented at home and in all of our Mennonite Brethren churches at Curitiba. One of our boys is attending Bible school this year; others are interested, but are not financially able.

Our church membership was 37 at the beginning of the year. In August six new converts were baptized and added to the fellowship; another believer joined our group upon the basis of personal testimony. That brought the membership to 44. In December two of our older members were called home to the Lord. There are a number of saved people coming to our services who are not baptized.

The services on Wednesday night,

Sunday morning and one monthly Sunday night are well attended. On Sunday mornings our chapel is usually filled. What causes us great joy is the fact that there are always new faces in our services. We plead for their regeneration.

House visitations and personal evangelism are very important in the work. Without "Seelsorge" (personal work) there would be very little success. Here and there people get saved and become trophies of God's abundant grace. Our

annual evangelistic meetings are also of great importance. Last year John Wall from Montevideo served us for two weeks. His messages to the believers were especially appreciated. The Lord blessed his work.

It was my privilege to visit and serve a number of churches in Brazil and Uruguay the past year. God proved the power of the Gospel unto salvation by bringing a number of souls to accept Christ.

By Hans Kasdorf

The Challenging Calgary City Mission Work

By H. G. Thielman, city missionary
Calgary, Alta. — We have been repeatedly asked to share some of our experiences in the mission with the readers of the Mennonite Observer. Because we know that there are many Christians backing up our work here with sincere prayers, we are glad to do this.

It is over four years ago since we left Kitchener, Ont., and came to Alberta to do city mission work in Calgary. As we look back over these four years, we confess that the Lord has always helped us in our work. He has richly blessed and helped us to speak to thousands of people, particularly men, about the Lord Jesus Christ and how He is able to save them from sin.

We have rented a mission hall where we hold services on Monday and Friday evenings. These services, mainly for men, are attended by many. Most of the men are out of work. Many come from broken homes; they have no place which

they can call their home and no fixed address. They are men in whom no one else is interested; no welfare agency cares to have them; there are very few churches which are interested in having them in their services. They are deep in sin, slaves of alcohol and other sins.
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M.B. Baptismal Service in Hamilton



Left to right: Sharon Schmor, George Dyck, Gail Webb, Rev. John Unger, (pastor), Katie Dyck, Paul Schmor, Vivian Schmor. — The above are members of the Mennonite Brethren Mission Church, who were baptized at the Vineland M.B. Church on November 27th, 1960. They were received into the fellowship on December 4th, 1960, the date of the organization of the Mennonite Brethren Christian Fellowship Chapel as the Mennonite Brethren Mission Church, Hamilton, Ontario.

Toronto Association of Mennonite University Students

Dr. Albert J. Meyer, formerly Professor of Physics at Goshen College, now Professor of Physics and Assistant to the Academic Dean at Bethel College, was the guest speaker at the Toronto A.M.U.S. banquet on January 28 which was held in honour of the visiting high school students. His talk was challenging both to the high school and university students. College education is preparation for everyday life, he

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EDITORIAL

I Have Been Wronged

Guest Editorial

Every neighbourhood has them, probably every congregation—those people who carry around a spirit of grievance. "I have been wronged," they say. They develop a self-pitying, complaining spirit. They are waiting for the ones who have wronged them to come and make their wrongs right. And until that happens they sulk and complain. Perhaps they won't come to church; if they do come, they won't carry any responsibility. They may refuse, in their condemnation of others, to participate in communion. They withhold their financial support. As the years go by their attitude becomes hardened into a personality trait. They become known as people who carry a grudge for something that happened years ago.

The story of almost every division in our church history features people who felt that in some committee decision, some church action, some bishop's ruling, they had not been treated right. They took away my office, they said things about me that were not true, they gave me no chance to present a defense—so the complaints run. Every brother who has ever served on a committee to adjust some church difficulty knows how the story goes.

It is a fact that there are all kinds of injustices in human relations, and since all men are fallible, they may occur in church relationships. Probably most people have been wronged at some time or other, or at least think they have. So the man who has been misused is not suffering any solitary misfortune.

This is not to justify the giving of offense. Jesus said that offenses must needs come, but woe to that man by whom they come. However, when a stone of stumbling is thrown in our way, it is a sensible and a Christian thing to refuse to stumble. Most such stones can be stepped over or walked around. He is a foolish man who insists on stubbing his toe just because there is a stumblingblock in his path.

Life is too short to let any of it be spoiled by moping around. If we have been wronged, we quickly forgive and forget, and go on our way. One does not have to wait until the wronger asks to be forgiven. He should ask, but if he does not, it is his loss. Let us not warp our souls by any unforgiving spirit. Love does not care to keep books on evil.

The wrongs we suffer can be a means to making our characters more holy and more beautiful. And so the people who wrong us may actually be doing us a favor.

And what a testimony to the world it is when Christians refuse to hold grudges! Any worldling can cherish a hurt; many of them do. But only a Christian, one who is like Christ, can live above being hurt. Imagine Christ on the cross saying, "I have been wronged!" Of course He had. But He turned His wrong into the world's redemption.

—Paul Erb in Gospel Herald.

DEVOTIONAL

Jesus Christ the Pattern

The incarnation of the Word is without doubt the greatest mystery that God has brought forth or that He can bring forth. No other work can come near it.

But in raising, in the Person of Jesus Christ, a man to the highest and most intimate union with the divinity, what object had God in view? That of being loved as God deserves to be loved. Otherwise He would not have been so loved, except by a God-Man.

Any creature, however perfect he may be, to whatever degree of grace he has attained, is not capable of loving God with a love of which He is really worthy. To love Him thus

is to love Him without bounds; to love Him with a love which is incapable of increase, both in its quality and its degree.

Such was the love of Jesus Christ. By the hypostatical union this love was infused into Him in all its plenitude. He exercised it even on earth, and He will exercise it forever in heaven, according to the measure of this fullness: so that the reunion of all the degrees of love, distributed among all created beings, is in no way to be compared to the immensity of love that dwells in the heart of Jesus.

Judge, therefore, by this how glorious to God are the design and

the execution of the incarnation, because from it comes to Him a love stupendous, above all, that none other can equal.

Let us look at the effects that this hypostatical union produced in the soul of Jesus Christ.

Firstly, His understanding was enriched by the most sublime, the most extended, the most enlightened knowledge of the divinity, of His infinite perfections, of all the reasons and arguments for loving Him. He knew therefore, in a way superior to any other intelligence, and inferior only to that of the Father, His infinite loveableness.

Secondly, knowledge being the foundation of love, His heart loved God as much as His mind acknowledged Him to be lovable.

All is said in saying this. But who can understand it? To try and explain the depths and purity of love is to torment ourselves in vain. No thought, no expression, no sentiment can arrive at it. We must believe, be silent and adore.

Thirdly, the gift and the dedication which Jesus Christ made of all His being to God has answered to this knowledge and to this love. That is to say, that this offering of Himself was as willing, as entire, as irrevocable, as perfect in its every aspect, as it could be made by the God-Man.

His mind showed it to Him as the indispensable homage due to the supreme dominion of God. His heart, all burning with love, saw but this means of testifying to Him those feelings which were excited in Him by the sight of His supreme loveableness, and the unlimited gratitude which His gifts deserved.

And His will—entirely free—gave up all its affection and devotion, without reserve, to the good pleasure of God, who was known to Him. To know God, to love Him, to give Himself to Him, these three acts followed each other without interruption, and He showed them forth from the moment of His conception in the womb of Mary.

Jesus Christ has been made our chief and our pattern. He came to teach us by His example how God deserves to be loved, and how He wills to be loved by us.

He did not thus love God in His own name alone, but in ours. He fulfilled this first and greatest obligation first for Himself, and afterwards for all human nature; and we cannot fulfill it, except by Him, with Him and in imitating Him as nearly as possible.

Also it is the intention of God, in the first place, that we should, as Christians, have a share in the divine service and the love which He implanted in Jesus Christ; and, in the second place, that we should make the same use that Jesus Christ did of the knowledge that we have of God, and of the habitual love spread abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit; that is to say, that we should make use of it as He did,

to give ourselves to God, and to love Him with all our mind, with all our hearts, with all our strength.

Again, the more nearly to imitate Jesus Christ, we should study His will with regard to His Father, referring all the features of His life to love, which was, indeed, the great moving spring of His conduct.

I have the happiness of belonging to Jesus Christ. I have more or less of a share in those supernatural lights which were revealed to Him concerning the Father, concerning the obligations and the motives for loving Him, and it behooves me to increase these lights by the study of the great truths of religion.

I have reason to hope also, if my conscience does not greatly reproach me on the subject, that I have within me the practice of love, and I know that it is given to us that works may follow it.

How have I acted upon this knowledge up to the present time? What progress have I made in divine love? And what resolutions do I wish to make for the future?

By Nicolas Grou
from Alliance Witness.

Family-Reunification Committee to be Formed

On February 8 there was an assembly in Winnipeg of 16 men whose families are still in Russia. After much consideration, it was decided to organize an all-Canadian committee, which is to function as a family-reuniting body. Its first objective is to reunite families where husband and wife, an aged parent or unmarried children have been separated through the circumstances caused by the turmoil of World War II. Intercessory prayers in behalf of this cause will be greatly appreciated.

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CHURCH NEWS

Evangelistic Meetings Well Attended

Kelowna, B.C. — Many were rejoicing to know that we would be having a week of blessings in the gospel with Rev. John M. Schmidt of Winnipeg.

In preparation we had prayer meetings in the homes. For several weeks small groups gathered in homes to plead God's blessings for the meetings.

In the daily paper the coming meetings were announced. The meetings began with a baptism on Sunday, February 5. In the morning and afternoon Rev. Schmidt spoke on baptism.

The evening meetings from Sunday to Friday were evangelistic in character. They commenced with hearty singing. Usually the choir or a quartet sang the gospel into the hearts of the people. Between the songs Rev. Schmidt told the children a story or gave them an object lesson. Then came the message.

Rev. Schmidt spoke of the grace of God. He asked, "Where are you, not economically, or socially, but in relation to God?" He spoke of the prodigal son, of Paul's pattern conversion, of hell, and of king Agrippa, who was almost persuaded to become a Christian.

The morning services were in the German language and more devotional in character.

All services, especially those in the evening, were well attended. Members from our own church attended faithfully. For several evenings a number of the Indians from across the lake also attended. Members from other evangelical churches were present, and, those who were brought in by the faithful ones also came to hear the Word of the Lord.

The results were far reaching. The church feels a growing responsibility to the community in which God has placed us. There is also a growing realization that one week of evangelistic meetings is not enough.

Pray with us that in word and life we may be a testimony to our community.

G. G. Fast

Main Centre News

Main Centre, Sask. — We are glad to report that Mrs. B. C. Schellenberg is well on the way to recovery, after suffering a stroke before Christmas. She has spent considerable time in the hospital at Swift Current and Saskatoon for tests and treatments.

Little 3-year-old Randy Schellenberg had the misfortune of break-

ing his leg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beno Schellenberg.

The Lord's protecting hand was over the Cornie Wiebe family on December 26 when they had a head-on-collision with another car. The car was heavily damaged, but the occupants of both cars escaped with minor injuries. Br. Wiebe suffered a few broken ribs, the others had minor cuts and bruises.

Rev. Nick Janz of Herbert, and Rev. Jacob Schmidt of Kelstern, conducted meetings in the M. B. church here from Sunday January 22 to January 24 inclusive.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Froese spent some time with Mrs. Froeses folks, the Johann Siemens, before leaving for B.C., where Mr. Froese took over pastoral duties near Aldergrove. Mr. Froese is a graduate of M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

Inter-Church Services at Herbert

Herbert, Sask. — Inter-church evangelical services are held monthly in this area, at which several Mennonite churches participate. Participating churches include the Herbert and Greenfarm M. B. churches, the General Conference Mennonite Church, United Church, Evangelical Free Church and the Church of God. The January meeting was held in the Herbert M. B. church on Friday, January 29, with a capacity crowd in attendance.

Altona Druggist Dies

Elmer P. Braun, 44, manager and druggist of Braun Drug Co. Ltd. in Altona, died in General hospital late Tuesday evening, February 14, where he had been a patient since early in January.

New Church in Kelowna

Kelowna, B.C. — After much deliberation and prayer, seeking God's will the organization of the Kelowna Mennonite Mission has taken place.

On the first day of January 1961 at 7 p.m. the Board of Directors called their ministers Rev. J. Enns and the Rev. J. P. Vogt with their respective wives to be ministers of the Kelowna Mennonite Mission.

The motto of the mission was chosen according to Luke 19:2 "Occupy Till I Come."

Then followed the acceptance of members when thirteen families and four individuals after each had given a personal testimony, were given the right hand as members of the mission.

Rev. Enns then gave a few words of encouragement to the new organ-

Dedication of the Chapel at Lake Errock, B.C.



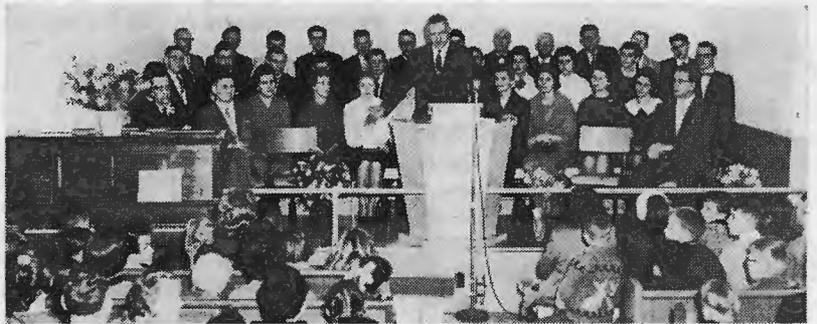
Sunday, February 5, 1961.

Lake Errock Chapel was erected by the Clearbrook M. B. Church and serves Nicomen Island, Deroche, Lake Errock and Harrison Mills. Sunday school enrollment is approximately 120. Attendance at chapel services stands at about 180.

The inside picture shows the dedication ceremony. The Clearbrook

choir was serving and Rev. David Friesen, who is temporarily in charge of the services, made the opening remarks. Rev. John Reimer and Rev. John Epp officiated.

(See the report, "Dedicating the Lake Errock Chapel," in Mennonite Observer, Vol. VII, No. 6, February 10, 1961, page 1-1)



ization. Kelowna is a city with a population of approximately 28,000. There are now three Mennonite churches active, one Mennonite Brethren and two General Conference.

Well Known Resident Passes

Aberdeen, Sask. — Aberdeen and surrounding district were deeply shocked on Monday, January 31, when the news was heard of the sudden passing of Mrs. Mary Sawatzky, 63, at a Saskatoon hospital.

Mrs. Sawatzky was born in Russia and emigrated to Manitoba with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias 60 years ago. In 1917 in Winkler, Manitoba, she was united in marriage to Mr. H. H. Sawatzky and had lived at Aberdeen for the last 40 years.

Mrs. Sawatzky was an active worker in the Mennonite Brethren Church of Aberdeen of which she was a member and president of the Ladies Missionary group for the past 9 years. She was willing to lend a helping hand at all times. She will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held in the Mennonite Brethren church at Aberdeen on Friday, February 3. Rev. J. H. Epp of Hepburn took full charge of the service and based his message on James 4:14. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is life? It is

even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." The community quartet sang two numbers "Tell it to Jesus Alone" and "That Beautiful Land".

Mourning her passing are her husband, four sons: Walter, Ladner, B.C.; Henry, Sturan; and Arthur and Ervin, Saskatoon; three daughters, Mrs. Peter Wiebe, Saskatoon; Mrs. John Wiebe, Edmonton and Mrs. W. Allan, Prediss, Alta., her grandchildren, her mother, Mrs. Elias, Manitoba, one brother, three sisters and many friends.

Mrs. Sawatzky has gone to her reward and her works will follow her. Mrs. Gwen Kruger.

Aid to China Considered

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Recent news reports of widespread famine in China have aroused expressions of concern from various U.S. citizens including some Mennonites, and have prompted MCC, the Brethren Service Commission and the American Fields Service Committee to consult on the possibilities of making surplus food available to China.

Leaders of the three organizations have little hope for such a relief project because of acute political problems involved such as China's recent exporting of grain to Cuba and the need for supervision by the UN, of which China is not a member.

Eden Christian College Ladies Auxiliary Organized

On the evening of February 14 some forty-five women met in the chapel of Eden Christian College to effect the organization of an Eden Christian College Ladies Auxiliary. President of the Auxiliary is Mrs. Anton Dyck of Virgil. Other members of the executive are: Mrs. Peter Dirksen, Vineland; Mrs. Nick Wiebe, St. Catharines; Mrs. F. Janzen, Niagara-on-the-Lake, and Mrs. John Rempel, St. Catharines.

The auxiliary was organized for the purpose of giving mothers of past present and future students an opportunity to assist in the support of the school by representing the needs of the school to their friends, by fostering interest in the school in their own ladies' groups, and by adopting or supporting various projects in connection with the further growth and development of the school.

R. F. Bartel, principal

Leaving for India

Miss Tina Block will go to India in March. She will serve as the secretary-treasurer of Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, for one year.

Miss Block has served in the office of the Board of Missions of the General Conference Mennonite Church in Newton, Kans., since 1955. At present she is studying at Bethel College and is employed part-time in the central office. She will finish the winter quarter in college and return to her home in Steinbach, Man., for a week before leaving for India by air on March 13.

Union Biblical Seminary in Yeotmal, India, is an interdenominational seminary, training Indian Christians for service in the churches. The General Conference has representation on the faculty as well as on the board of directors, and appropriates a share of its missions budget to the seminary.

A New Unit for Tabor Home

In December, 1960, the Federal Government approved a \$43,000 loan for the construction of ten low-rental housing units for elderly people by the Tabor Senior Citizens Home to be added to 8 double units built in 1957. In addition a \$15,000 provincial government grant is forthcoming to defray the cost.

An extra recreation room measuring 18'x30' is being planned and the Home approached Morden council for a grant. The unit is being built so that the senior citizens of the home will have a meeting place.

J. J. Riediger, treasurer for Tabor Home, appeared before Morden Council recently to ask for a donation of up to \$3,000.00. The cost of the recreation room will be \$10,000 and that of the fridges and ranges

for the units about \$2,000. Mr. Riediger told council they had never been approached for a grant before. Mayor Cochlan stated that the request will be considered when the budget is prepared.

Tabor Home was founded in 1952 as a non-denominational home on the instigation of a group of Morden Mennonite Brethren Church members.

Accident, Yet No Serious Injury

Justice, Man. — Six-year-old Johnny Driedger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Driedger, Justice M. B. Church members, escaped serious injury when he was struck by a car while crossing a street in the town of Brookdale, Man.

The accident occurred February 18, when Johnny ran onto the street from behind a parked car and failed to see the approaching car. He collided with the front of the vehicle, fell underneath, and was dragged some fifteen feet before the car could be brought to a halt. Only slight shock and minor bruises were sustained by the boy.

Summer Service

Besides the one-year and two-year terms, Voluntary Service also has a Summer Service program. Students and others may serve for the summer months in one of a variety of projects. This includes work in homes and institutions for mal-adjusted children, summer camps, mental hospitals, the migrant ministry and National Institutes of Health. In each of these projects a unit of VSers fellowship together, enjoying spiritual, social, educational and recreational interaction.

There is a place for everyone, young people and older folks. A variety of abilities and gifts are needed to meet many different needs. However, one thing is required of each worker: desiring to serve God and being willing to give unselfishly of himself and his time, and being ready to face hardships and discouragement as well as joy and satisfaction gained from serving "in the name of Christ."

Invariably workers finish their VS terms with such words: "VS has been a spiritually enriching experience for me. I was given a chance to apply, in a place where it was badly needed, what I had always heard preached. I haven't given as much as I've received. I'll never be the same again."

For more information on either long-term or summer projects write to: Personnel Office, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.

M.B. Church Board of General Welfare News

Arndt Funk reports success and concern in his ministry among leprosy patients in the vicinity of Friesland colony in eastern Paraguay. At present he is administer-

ing medications to 68 individuals with good results. At the same time Brother Funk is concerned with the spiritual welfare of these people. Tracts and Gospels are presented to persons who are literate. He finds individuals open to spiritual matters, but there is the problem of Christian fellowship and nurture inasmuch as they are not permitted to attend public meetings.

Willy Janz was to be a speaker in a Sunday School conference in Fernheim, Paraguay, on January 29.

The Mennonite Brethren Church Bible School in Bage, Brazil, was to begin its new term on February 6. Pray that many young people will be able to attend and prepare themselves for Christian living and service.

The Mennonite Brethren Church-

Letter from Quito, Ecuador



Miss Sally Schroeder, Steinbach Manitoba, "Voice of the Andes" missionary.

Dear Readers of the "Mennonite Observer":

Dr. H. H. Janzen's article "God Answers Prayers" in the December 30 issue of the "Observer" motivated me to write these lines. Brother Janzen mentions what poor short-wave reception had done to their gospel program. We at HCJB know so well what he means. In 1959 more than half of our radio mail came from Germany. The early months of 1960 also brought good response from the European continent but towards the latter part of the year it dwindled to almost nil. If Luxembourg and local stations could not be heard well, how could we expect our South American "Voice of the Andes" to penetrate?

As letter-month November rolled along we wondered if we would get any mail at all. Our precious Lord had a tremendous surprise for us, which, while it humbled us because of our lack of faith, also gave us great joy as we realized that His Word was not broadcast in vain. Letters kept coming in from South American countries — Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay. One day we received 70 letters from Brazil

es of Brazil met for a conference January 27 to 29 and experienced the Lord's blessing in their sessions. The conference made a number of decisions to strengthen the churches and their missionary outreach.

New Homes for Mennonites

The approximately 12,000 Mennonites who lived in East and West Prussia before World War II have today found new homes in West Germany and North and South America. In West Germany, new congregations composed mainly of these former refugees are located at Backnang and Enkenbach in the south, Bechterdissen near the Ruhr industrial area, and Wedel near Hamburg.

alone. Where reception had not been good before, HCJB now came in clearly.

Letters came from our Mennonite brethren, Letters in Spanish and Portuguese because the folks could no longer write in the "Mutter-sprache". Letters in a mixture of German and Portuguese which were a bit difficult to decipher but welcome nevertheless. Letters spoke of blessings received, of faith restored and best of all — of conversions. How we praised the Lord! By the end of 1960 we had received more letters than the previous year in spite of the fact that the latter months brought little mail from Europe. We also received considerable mail from Canada and the U.S.A. and, while not receiving many letters directly from Russia, we have word from relatives that many German-speaking people behind the Iron Curtain depend on spiritual food by tuning in the Voice of the Andes. What a privilege the Lord has given us!

February 10 was, according to the "Intercessor", the day on which you, dear people at home, remembered us before the throne of grace in a special way. It was a wonderful day for us. The radio mail that day brought a letter from a Brazilian football player, who had accepted the Lord after hearing God's Word from Quito. Two young people asked us to explain the way of salvation to them. There were letters with specific prayer requests and questions about spiritual matters. That day also brought an unusual amount of money from listeners for missionary radio.

One more praise item before I close. The Lord has wonderfully opened the door for me to teach six hours a week of religious education for Protestant children in the German school in Quito. While this means more work in an already full schedule, we trust that the Lord will use this as an effective contact with the German people in Quito, many of whom never go to church. We covet your prayers in this, too.

Joyously in His service,
Sally Schroeder.



The Cause of Foreign Missions



Miss Rosella Toews, Lustre, Montana, missionary on furlough from India.

Prayer for India

By Miss Rosella Toews

India is fast becoming a prominent country in the world. They are progressing very fast politically, educationally, and economically. A very strong nationalistic feeling is moving across the country and everyone wants to be independent. A desire for learning has overtaken the young people, whereas a few decades past only 7% could read, now more than 41% of population is literate and is climbing to higher goals at a terrific speed. Economically great strides are made in improving the agricultural program and living conditions. The overwhelming task of decreasing poverty is undertaken with enthusiasm.

In the political world India is a country that stands for peace and stands in the foreground to preserve and maintain peace in the world. Still at the same time, the 400 million people of India are seeking for peace of soul and millions literally never find it. Every year they will go on pilgrimage, visit holy places and take holy baths at great expense in order to quiet the turmoil and unrest in their souls. They search for peace and seemingly cannot find it.

India has had the Gospel for many years. In fact, some of the Christians claim to have received the Gospel from St. Thomas. Yet only 2% of the 400 million people are Christians. Truly we must join the song writer when he wrote, "Die armen Heiden jammern mich." However, such piety is not enough. It needs to be a compassion like

Christ had when He walked this earth and saw the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd. It is the kind of Compassion the Apostle Paul had when he cried. "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." I. Cor. 9:16 and "The Love of Christ constraineth us." II. Cor. 5:14.

And as we view the ripened harvest field of India with this compassion we are forcibly reminded of the command of Christ in Matth. 9:38 "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

We are thankful for those who have found peace and rest of soul. Greatful for the many churches, Christian schools and hospitals which stand as monuments to the

saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Missions are today looking for faithful men to whom they can commit the responsibility and burden of carrying the Gospel to the 400 million people.

In our Mission there are many churches, elementary Bible schools, Bethany Bible School, a high school, three consolidated middle schools, one central Hospital and four smaller hospitals, a printing press and a weekly radio program. The larger portion of the work has been turned over to the nationals and indigenized. The great need is for pastors, Bible school teachers, radio personnel, headmasters, teachers, doctors, nurses, and technicians.

The Lord has commanded "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers." Pray for laborers amongst the ranks of our Indian young people who are willing to lay all on the altar and consecrate themselves to meet this crying need.

The Lord grant that many heed the call and take their place in the kingdom of God.

can kill body and soul. Picking up speed again, the launch drove into the harbor of Chausell, our destination.

Greeted by curious eyes and the occasional hiss "Mission", the missionaries made their way down main street to the police station, to deposit the provisions for the day. The corporal of the local police force, though friendly, did very little to assist the girls. He, like many others, did not wish to become openly involved with them.

Up and down the mountain trails and paths the eager soul winners climbed. Often entrance through the front door caused the back door to click after a hasty retreat by the owner of the home. Only old people were left to entertain the "Mission". But alas the Grannies spoke only "Patois", a broken French, the missionaries did not understand. Trudging back at noon to the police station, lunch was spread on the basket lid, and with two bottles of warm orange crush, the only sanitary drink available, the hungry travelers enjoyed the rest until the heat of the day had faded a little. As they walked down the now deserted streets, Edna cast almost fearful eyes in the direction of the high stone wall at the opposite side expecting to see stones hurled at them. Heavy hearted the two forsaken foreigners sought the shade of a huge breadfruit tree. Children on the way home from school passed with fearful glances. They dared not accept those lovely Sunday school papers lest they commit the immortal sin.

Just one more hope was left for the missionaries. Accordion music and flannel graph pictures had never failed to attract the people. Slowly Edna began to play while both prayed for protection and guidance. Somewhere a window opened, people stopped to listen behind shuttered doors. As though a gust of wind had swept the streets clean of any living being the now discouraged missionaries stood alone in the market square, with the waves of the sea gurgling and hissing as if in accord with man. When the launch finally arrived to return home at seven o'clock at night, two weary disappointed girls climbed in. Two hours later they struggled to their feet, greeted with the pleasant grin of the corporal at the jetty in Laborie. Bathilda joyfully looked after their comforts. What a change the gospel had wrought in the lives of those who yielded, however, the battle had left some scars on the warriors.

Mission Work in the West Indies

By Miss Gertrude Huebert

It was almost dawn when two energetic missionaries stepped into the coolness of the tropical morning. Equipped with tracts, Sunday school papers and umbrellas they walked swiftly across the cobblestone street to the jetty where a heterogeneous group of people were pushing each other to see the "Cannareis" on her way to Castries. Bathilda, their house-girl, arrived just on time to deposit a huge lunch basket at the missionaries ladies' feet. This was the second trip to one of the island's small coastal towns bordered with wave-scrubbed beaches and thatched-roofed houses. Standing on the deck of the rocking launch, inhaling the salty air of the sea, mingled with the smell of gasoline, oil, fish and the many other indescribable odors of a small island, they had an uneasy premonition. Could they endure the hardships of a looming day under such circumstances without ill affects?

The water of the Carribean was mirror smooth that morning. The putt putt of the engine, joined the steady cry of the gulls. Fishing nets were dragging in the calm waters. Surely mission work in St. Lucia was interesting, adventurous and satisfying. Suddenly a joyous shout floated across the water, "Hold her, Pull," then another heave of excitement and the big, black porpoise lay on the deck flapping its tail. Rolling and bouncing the boat entered choppy waters to stop abruptly in ten minutes at a small village to load charcoal, chickens, goats and finally huge bags of oily smelling "copra", dried coconut on its way to the factory



Miss Gertrude Huebert, Saskatoon, Sask., who has served as a missionary in the West Indies.

to be ground up into that beautiful, feathery coconut we buy at such enormous prices in our supermarkets. Amidst much shouting and even some handshaking the motorboat chucked out of the harbor to turn just around another bend directly past the great "Pitons." Legend has it that these jagged rocks so intrigued some Frenchmen during the French invasion, that some set out on an expedition to those fabulous heights. Just what their fate was no one knows. Presumably they died of the sting of poisonous serpents. Impressed by this story we thought of the many people, living at the foot of these mountains, being killed daily by the poisonous darts of the enemy, who

Crooked or Straight

"The best way to show that a stick is crooked is not to argue about it, or spend your time denouncing it but to lay a straight stick alongside of it" (D. L. Moody).



Hello, Girls and Boys

At a long table sat Jesus with His twelve best friends. They were His disciples who had been with Him for three years. They were having supper together. Jesus had chosen these men to help Him in His work for God. He had taught them how to make sick people well. He had thought them the prayer that begins, "Our Father who art in Heaven."

While they were eating supper, Jesus talked to His friends. He told them of His heavenly Father, and His great love for the lost world. He told them how He loved the sinners and had come to seek and save that which was lost. And then He gave them a new commandment. "I want you to love one another, just the way I have loved you."

Jesus did not want people to be cross. He wanted them to be kind, and to help others in every way they could. He looked around the table at His twelve friends and said, "When people see you loving one another, they will know that you are my friends."

Jesus was the first one to tell them to love one another. We, too, must love one another. How can we make our friends know that we love them?

In Proverbs it says, "A friend loveth at all times."

Love, Aunt Helen.

Anna's Happy Surprise

"Now what?" asked Mother, noticing her little girl sitting quietly, lost in thought. "What can you be thinking about to keep you quiet so long?"

"I was thinking of something our Sunday school teacher said," replied Anna. "She said when someone does something you don't like, you should just turn the other cheek and not fight back. She said that is almost always the best thing to do. But I don't understand what she meant."

"Well," said her mother, "Do you remember the time you and Joey were walking along the street in the rain? You came to a puddle and Joe pushed you in and you got your clean dress muddy?"

She Fought Back

"I remember!" answered Anna darkly. "And so I ran after him and pushed him in the mud, too! Then when he got home his mother punished him."

"Yes," her mother said quietly, "And then you were sorry you pushed him. Remember? I didn't punish you and you were sorry his mother had punished him, because you knew it was your fault he got all muddy. Now if you had just let him alone, and not pushed him in the mud, probably he would have been sorry later. That is the way you turn the other cheek, just not to make things worse by doing something wrong yourself."

Anna thought about that and she could see a great many things that had happened to her when she should have turned the other cheek. When someone pulled her dress belt and it came all untide and she pushed the person very roughly, she

should have turned the other cheek. Even when Sue threw Anna's doll to the sidewalk and broke off one of its hands, Anna should not have done anything to Sue. "All right," thought Anna, "I will try to remember."

At school the next day, Miss Thompson, the teacher, said, "Today I have a surprise for you. We are going to take a group picture of the whole class!"

How pleased everyone was! Sue and Carol and Joe and Anna, and—oh, everybody was pleased. Then each boy and girl would have a picture to keep to remember his class.

"We will all go out to the front lawn," Miss Thompson said. So the children all ran out to the front lawn. They gathered in a group.

"I want to stand in front!" Joe cried. He pushed the other children out of his way until he was standing in the front row. "I want to stand in front, too!" some of the other children said. And they pushed and shoved one another. Anna thought, "I'd like to be in the front row, too!" Then she remembered about turning the other cheek. "No, I will not push and shove," she decided. "I will let the others have the places in the front row."

When the photographer came, Anna was in the last row. Not all the children pushed and shoved to get into the front row, of course. Many of them, like Anna, did not like to do that, so there were just as many children in the last row as in the first one.

The photographer looked at the children. He saw the children in the first row: he saw those in the last row. He walked around to the back of the group.

"We must have the children facing the sun," he said. "They must all turn to face this way."

Miss Thompson said, "Just stand where you are, children, and turn around."

When they turned—what do you think? Yes, of course! All the children who had been in the back

were now in the front row! And all those who had been in the front row were in the back one!"

As the picture was taken, Anna thought, "I will have this picture to help me remember to turn the other cheek."

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A Young Person's Prayer

I cannot do great things for Him
Who did so much for me;
But I would like to show my love,
Dear Jesus, unto Thee;
Faithful in the little things,
O Saviour, may I be!

There are small things in daily life
In which I must obey,
And thus may show my love to Thee
And always, every day
There are some little loving words
Which I for Thee may say.

And so, I ask Thee, give me grace
My little place to fill,
That I may ever walk with Thee
And ever do Thy will;
That in each duty, great or small,
I may be faithful still.

—Author unknown

The Land-a-Hand Club

Mrs. Brown was busy baking cookies when she heard a rap on the kitchen door. She opened the door and found a boy with a pair of cheeks as red as two nice winter apples and eyes as bright as the winter sun.

"Good morning, Mrs. Brown. Need someone to shovel your walks?" he asked eagerly.

"Well, yes, I would like to get rid of that snow," began Mrs. Brown slowly, "but—"

"I'll get to work right away." Dick started toward the big snow shovel standing in the corner of the back porch.

But Mrs. Brown held out her hand to stop him. "Wait a minute, Dick," she said. "You don't mean you are going to shovel that snow?"

"I should say I do," answered Dick quickly and his brown eyes twinkled merrily, as though he thought he was playing a good joke on somebody.

Mrs. Brown's face grew very sober and the look she gave Dick was almost stern as she said, "Now see here, Dick Carlton, I didn't expect that of you. Oh, I don't mean to say there is anything bad about shoveling snow, not in the least. But your father is a rich man, isn't he?"

"You bet he is," came Dick's prompt answer.

"And you know there are so many boys who need the money they can earn from this kind of work. You know Tommy Alden and his mother need the money he has been earning shoveling my walks."

"Oh, yes, I know all about Tommy," said Dick and grinned even more.

"I've been looking for Tommy all morning," said Mrs. Brown. "He is always so prompt. I can't understand why he hasn't been around this morning."

"Oh, I know why," said Dick. "He's sick, that's why, and I am here in his place."

"You're in his place?" Mrs. Brown asked.

"Well, you see, it's this way," explained Dick, pushing his cap back; "the boys in our class in Sunday school have started a club. We call it the 'Lend-a-Hand' because we try to help people out when they are in trouble."

"Archie Robinson saw an old man on the icy pavement the other day. He helped the old man home although he had never seen him before and had no idea who he was. That's what Archie did."

"And Eddie Wayne was walking home from school the other day. When he was going by old Mrs. Meyer's house, he saw her trying to carry in some coal that the coal

Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(25th Installment)

"It just goes to show that God moves in a mysterious way," Mrs. Norwood would remark with pious conviction, whenever she could find a sympathetic listener. "We were absolutely horrified at the idea of our daughter singing on the beach, and yet if she hadn't sung at that open-air meeting Mr. Findlay would never have discovered her voice, and Nancy would never have had this opportunity!"

But although she was prepared to admit the overruling providence of God in the outcome of the open-air meeting, Mrs. Norwood was not disposed to see the hand of God directing in any other way, nor was she at all sympathetic towards her daughter in her desire to know the will of God in her own life, and to do it. Thelma Norwood could talk glibly enough of the "will of God" when there was no conflict between the Divine will and hers; but the purposes of God began to run counter to her own plans and projects, and her conception of the will of God changed completely, while her attitude became one of hostility and resentment.

"Why do you think God has given you a voice, Nancy," she would insist, every time the question came up for discussion, "if He didn't intend you to make use of it?"

"That's just what I mean, mum," Nancy would try to explain, over and over again. "I believe that God wants me to use my voice in His service—that's why I'm not interested in a stage career."

"But don't you understand," maintained her father, "that with the training Mr. Findlay is offering, you

man had spilled when he was putting a load in the basement. Eddie grabbed the pail and, before Mrs. Meyer knew what was happening, Eddie had carried in every speck of coal."

By now Mrs. Brown's face had changed and she was nodding and smiling. "That's certainly a fine thing, that Sunday school club of yours," she said, taking the snow shovel and handing it to Dick. "I can just about guess now why you are here this morning. You are going to take over Tommy's snow shovelling jobs today, and you are going to hand the money right over to him. Am I right?"

"Couldn't be righter," was Dick's answer, and he began whistling a merry tune as he made the shovel plow through the big drifts of soft, white snow.

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would improve the tone and quality of your singing —"

"But that's not the kind of singing I want to do, dad!"

And so the argument went on—backwards and forwards—for the whole week, until Nancy felt she would almost break under the strain. There was no escape from it, for she encountered it not only at home, but wherever she went. And everybody argued along the same lines—that she simply must accept Mr. Findlay's offer! Even Trevor, who risked paying her a call to offer his congratulations as soon as he heard the news, was most emphatic that it was her duty to accept such an outstanding offer.

"You owe it to yourself, Nancy—you owe it to everybody!" he declared, with one of his typically sweeping gestures.

This observation, while it served to strengthen his standing with Mr. and Mrs. Norwood, had very little effect on Nancy, who had had the same thing said to her so many times by so many different people that she wearied of listening to it.

The only people who gave her any real sympathy and understanding were the Brandons. When she confided the story to Pauline, her friend was quick to reassure her. "I'll pray for you, Nancy," she said warmly, "but I'm sure you're doing the right thing."

Mrs. Brandon, too, was just as helpful in her remarks. "The Lord will guide you, dear," she said, confidently, "if you leave your life in His hands."

Pastor Brandon had a long talk with her on the problem. "A voice like yours, Nancy, is a sacred trust—a gift from God," he said, solemnly, "and how you use it is a matter that must be decided between you and Him alone."

"I know that, Mr. Brandon," she said, thoughtfully.

"It doesn't matter what other people urge you to do, Nancy—however well-meaning they may be," he went on, with graphic earnestness. "You should listen to the voice of the Lord, and let Him show you what He wants you to do."

Nancy looked up with an eager smile. "I know!" she said, quickly. "And He has spoken to me, Mr. Brandon—"

"Yes—?" he urged, questioningly.

She took a deep breath. "When I sang at the open-air meeting, Mr. Brandon—the Lord spoke to me then."

The Pastor nodded, as once again he called to mind the wonderful witness in song that she had given. What explanation could there possibly be of such singing, other than the one she had given? Yes, the

Lord had certainly spoken to her—and through her...

"That very first night you asked us into the Manse for the Fellowship, Mr. Brandon—I've never actually told you, but I consecrated my voice to the Lord that night—"

"You had no need to tell me, Nancy—I knew, when you sang the consecration hymn."

Nancy looked up at him in surprise. "I didn't think you'd remember, Mr. Brandon!"

The sober expression on Maxwell Brandon's face softened into a smile. "I shall always remember that as one of the richest experiences of my ministry at Southdown Grove," he said, sincerely.

"Will you, really?" The girl's face flushed with pleasure. "Well, ever since then I've been praying that the Lord would show me how best I could serve Him—with my singing. And He made it plain to me, when I was singing on the beach."

Listening attentively, he waited for her to go on.

"I—I don't quite know how to explain it," she continued, a little self-consciously, "but I had such a wonderful joy in my heart when I sang about the Lord, and all that He has done for me, that I knew I could only be really happy when I was singing His praises." She paused. "And that was when He spoke to me, and told me that He wanted me always to sing of His love to those who do not know Him."

"And that is a very wonderful ministry," the Pastor assured her, warmly. "You know, we preachers often find that the Gospel in song reaches hearts that have been quite untouched by the spoken word. God works that way sometimes—when He has a truly consecrated voice at His disposal."

There was an eager light in Nancy's eyes. "That's what I want my voice to be, Mr. Brandon—that's why I'm not interested in a stage career."

"I see—" he said, slowly, while his keen eyes gave her a searching look. "You have your answer ready for Mr. Findlay, then?"

"Oh, yes!" came her quick reply. "Mr. Findlay knows what to expect. I told him before he left that I had made up my mind."

"And nothing that anybody has said to you since has made any difference?"

Maxwell Brandon watched her keenly as he put his question, satisfied by the frank and undismayed expression on her face that she knew nothing of her father's threatened reprisal. Perhaps, he thought to himself, Charles Norwood had changed his mind—or at least he had said nothing of his plans to his daughter....

"No, Mr. Brandon!" The girl shook her head. "They have all been pressing me so hard that sometimes I've thought it would be easier to do as they say, but deep

down in my heart I know I'm right."

"I am sure you are, Nancy," echoed the Pastor, with firm conviction.

"You really think so, Mr. Brandon?" She looked up at him eagerly, for she had learned to value his opinion and advice.

"Yes," he said, thoughtfully. "The path of the Lord's choosing is always the right path, Nancy—remember that. And if He has made His will plain to you, then you have no alternative but to follow where He leads—that is, if you want real peace and lasting joy, for there is no blessing along the pathway of disobedience."

Nancy nodded. "Thank you, Mr. Brandon," she said, gratefully. "It—it gives me so much more confidence when you talk like that."

Maxwell Brandon smiled encouragingly as he put a hand on her shoulder. "The way may not be easy, Nancy—the Lord does not promise a smooth path for our feet," he went on, "but He does promise stout shoes for the steep places. He calls us to a difficult task, sometimes—but He never sends us forth unequipped or unprepared. His grace is sufficient for our needs."

Nancy nodded again. "Yes, I'm finding that out, Mr. Brandon," she agreed, with a radiant smile.

"And you will find that the riches of His grace are inexhaustible!" he assured her. "See here, I have just the text for you now," he added, opening his Bible at the fifth chapter of First Thessalonians. "Verse twenty-four—'Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it.'"

"I'll remember that," she said, repeating the words over to herself.

"Hold on to that promise, Nancy," was his final word of advice. "Whatever happens, remember that God has called you to the path you have chosen, and He will see you through!"

And as Nancy listened, little did she realize how much those words were to mean to her, nor how near was the crisis that was to put her faith so completely to the test.

It was her father who served the bombshell as he was marshalling his facts for the last time on the evening of Mr. Findlay's promised return, about half-an-hour before the visitor was due to arrive.

"You've never told us what Mr. Brandon thinks about this offer," he reminded her, significantly, "and I suppose you've discussed it all with him?"

Nancy nodded. She had purposefully refrained from bringing Mr. Brandon's name into the discussion, because she was well aware what her parents' reaction would be if they thought the Pastor was not in complete agreement with them.

"Well, then, what does he think you ought to do?" insisted her father, impatiently.

(To be continued)



Voluntary Service in a Changing Society

By Harvey Taves

(This address was given at the inspirational meeting of the Mennonite Central Committee Annual Meeting on January 19, 1961, at Chicago. Harvey Taves is manager of the Waterloo, Ont., regional MCC office and associate director of Voluntary Service.)

Every generation must come to terms with its environment and its time. Many things have been written and said about the times in which we live and of which we are a part and about the environment that surrounds us in our everyday life. This is true in the office, the shop, the factory and more and more so on the farm. I am a member of the younger generation and in my short life span I can consciously recall the coming as well as the impact of the atomic age and now have witnessed the advent of the space age. Reflections as to the meaning of these great events can lead to a sharp feeling of pessimism but reflections on the potentialities unveiled by these events can also lead on to a tremendous hope for the future of the church and for the accomplishment of God's purposes among men.

In the realm of world politics all of us have witnessed the birth pangs of new nations, have heard the strident chorus of nationalism from the four corners of the world and have seen the convulsive changes in old and established societies. These changes have taken place and many of them are at the moment in a condition of flux. The decline of influence of the old established empires and the coming upon the scene of new, very populous, potentially dangerous giants cannot go unnoticed by the thinking Christian.

At home even in our rural congregations, and certainly in our city churches, there is a rapid readjustment of the patterns of thought. One evidence of this is the proliferation of "study conferences" which are examining the basic assumptions, old and honorable traditions, with a view to assessing their validity and the effectiveness of the church in our society. This is as true of the church at large as of that group of churches which form the constituency of MCC in particular. We especially are struggling to discover the essential nature, the purpose and the duties of our churches for our generation and for the years ahead. We might well ask ourselves the question, "Why

should there be a Mennonite Church at all?"

Not only do the outward challenges besetting us call for evaluation and for placing in their respective proper places. The inward problems which beset us must also be set in the right order of priority and from the point of view of the totality of the witness of the kingdom of God in the world. Are we prepared for urbanization of our people, and is our philosophy and theology sufficiently mature to confront and to conquer the influences, pressures to conformity, the criteria and the prevailing religious indifference and indeed antagonisms toward faith, which one finds at every hand?

What have all these things to do with the topic before us? Precisely this — it is to this kind of society that we are calling upon the young people of our churches to witness and it is in this kind of an environment and context that they must exercise their influence "in the name of Christ." In a certain sense we are not without precedence here. We have placed small groups of Christian young people in remote areas, in teeming cities, and in areas where one observes the inward tensions of juvenile delinquents, neglect of children, children of working mothers, and in environments where the basic needs have still to be met. These are the needs of medical care, education and food for survival and these needs still exist in parts of the United States and Canada, in Haiti and in Mexico, as well as in many other places in the world.

In the days of the apostles the Christians were "scattered abroad" (Acts 8:1). These were not the disciples who had seen the Lord personally and who occupied positions of leadership and responsibility within the new church. These were the people who comprised the average church membership—farmers, fishermen, artisans, domestic servants and all the other occupations. These early Christians had greater and lesser degrees of education, vocational preparation, culture and background. All of them, however, had one thing in common and this was that they burned with a zeal to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ, Whom they had personally met, in the contemporary age in which they lived. How effective their efforts were, history has amply shown.

Whenever I become discouraged with our program or whenever I fail to see the potential of the impact to be made by ordinary young people who have still not reached the age of full maturity, I must think of the qualifications and the probable background and preparation of the early Christian church. This church was beset by problems of Christian immaturity, of disunity and rivalry, and with other problems which beset us as human beings today. But this church was carrying forward the great commission of Jesus Christ to tell all nations the good news of the Gospel, and this they did with faithfulness and persistence until it was possible for the Lord through them to change the entire environment of their time.

Essentially this is what we must try to do in Voluntary Service — bring to bear the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the everyday situation of the world. We must be the "cutting edge" of the church in new areas, awaken the conscience of our own church membership (and that of other Christians as well), and set in proper perspective the duties and obligations that we have in terms of the kingdom of God and of the call of Jesus Christ to every man in all positions of life.

In the philosophy of Voluntary Service which was accepted by MCC in 1946 this thought is emphasized as follows: "One could think of the Christian volunteer as the continuation of the light of God which blazed most brightly during Jesus Christ's earthly ministry and which now exists in the believers. These are the carriers of God's reality, God's message and God's work. The minimum expected in Voluntary Service is to make people God conscious."

The principle which our Lord gave to His disciples was this: that by losing yourself you may find yourself. By looking after yourself first you will assuredly lose yourself as did the rich young ruler whose wealth prevented him from entering into the great experience of discipleship. We do not have to depart from the history of our own movement to see how true this is. The concept of Voluntary Service along with the concept of Pax, relief and other services calls forth this element of giving of ourselves in order that we may truly find ourselves. That church which does not interest itself in outreach through missions and relief or that church which does not encourage its young people to leave the inner circle order to be an influence for good in a sub-Christian society must ultimately end in futility, because the program of Christ will have been short-circuited and his end purpose in bringing to bear the love of God in the world will not have been realized.

In what way does Voluntary Service try to actualize and bring down

to earth the philosophy to which we have called attention? Within the past few years our Voluntary Service section has received a mandate to be the "cutting edge" of the church in a number of areas. We have been asked to experiment together with the Peace Section in the development of an inter-racial project designed to help ease racial tensions as they are found in the southern United States. In Newfoundland our volunteers have demonstrated to a national church that the spirit of self sacrifice, of giving your best, and of rendering a high standard of service is not a thing of the past but an integral part of the Christian message and purpose. In Haiti our medical teams, our nurses, our VS agricultural demonstrators are showing the local people that Christianity is not only proclamation but is a concern and a willingness to share and to live with the problems of our time rather than be conquered by them. In Mexico, for which we have received a mandate, we are trying to work out a program that will have equal meaning and validity.

In the MCC program are people "scattered abroad" in little units or in "little churches" to proclaim the eternal message of Christ, to live a Christian life and to act as a salt in their immediate environment. Their main purpose is to be a leaven and as the leaven leaveneth the whole so may the influence of Christ and of our churches be used to the changing of many of the problems with which we are surrounded. We here at MCC in particular and our churches in general have not yet realized the full potential of Voluntary Service.

We do not pretend that Voluntary Service is the total answer to the needs of the world but we have a conviction that properly motivated young people, prepared and sent out by the church, can do very much to bring to bear the love of Christ in this world. After having served they can return to their churches stronger, better fit to sponsor and to send out others in their turn. By thus giving of itself, the church can gain; by thus losing its life, it shall live forever.

Menno Colony to Receive Telephones

Morris, Man. — Fifty-eight telephones are to be sent to Menno Colony, Paraguay where they will serve the colonists in their communications system. The telephones had been part of a private system operating in the several towns in the Steinbach area. They came mostly from the Blumenort exchange. The two switchboards came from Chortitz and Kleefeld.

The telephones became available when the Manitoba Telephone System modernized and extended its services in the area a little over a year ago.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Thiessen Buys Grey Goose Bus Lines

Mr. A. J. Thiessen, president of Thiessen Bus Lines, said recently that his company has purchased Grey Goose Bus Lines and will take over the operation of Grey Goose on March 1.

The purchase involves 21 buses and a garage on Burnell St. in Winnipeg. Thirty-one mechanics, drivers and office staff are employed with Grey Goose at present.

Mr. Thiessen said his company will operate the line under the Grey Goose name for the first year, before changing it to Thiessen Bus Lines.

The new line serves towns along Highway 3 to Deloraine; Highway 23 to Elgin; Highway 59 to Vita; Fort Frances via Minnesota, and three buses travel to Hodgson, Gimli and Arborg, north of Winnipeg.

Vice-president of Thiessen Bus Lines is Ronald Thiessen, son of the president.

Thiessen Bus Lines currently operate services in southern Manitoba to Winkler and Gretna, a local line in Transcona, a line between Transcona and Winnipeg, a service to Gypsumville in northern Manitoba, and a service to Thompson.

Tension in Algeria

Elkhart, Ind. — Mennonite missionaries and Pax men serving in Algeria have reported a recent heightening of the political tension in that country which makes it difficult for them to carry on their work.

The renewed bitterness is believed largely due to the activities of pro-French colonists. They apparently are seeking to provoke the Arabs to action which would hinder De Gaulle's plan for granting the country independence.

The political tension makes it especially difficult for Annie Haldemann, French Mennonite missionary serving there, to carry on her work of teaching and relief work. She reports that children come to school tense and drawn, scarcely

able to sleep at night because of fear of being massacred.

Serving in Algiers under the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stetter and Pax men Sanford Kauffman and Emory Yoder.

Russians Launch Inter-Planetary Station

The Russians accomplished another extraordinary feat recently when they launched an "automatic inter-planetary station" which is eventually to orbit around the planet Venus. The new space-probing device weighs 1,418 pounds.

The Soviet announcement said that first a multi-stage rocket carried a new Sputnik into orbit. From the Sputnik a rocket was launched which in turn catapulted the space station, which is to reach Venus some time in May. Sir Bernard Lovell, director of Britain's giant Jodrell Bank radio telescope, called the launching fantastic.

Number of Seniors Grows

Presently there are 16,000,000 individuals in the USA who are over 65 years of age. This number will double during the next 40 years, which means that more than 10% of the total population will then be over 65 years old. (Statistics from the White House)

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Cars Without Buyers

The auto industry announced that some 80,000 men are to be laid off during the latter part of February as factories are temporarily shut down.

The list of scheduled layoffs includes: General Motors 45,000, American Motors 20,000, and Ford 13,500.

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This passage of Scripture opened the evening service on February 12, when the choir of the Vancouver 43rd Ave., M.B. church rendered a program. The program was divided under the headings of, redemption, rejoicing, consolation, victory, and worship. Songs were rendered in the German language as well as English.

The songs reminded us of the time when we were in need of a Saviour, of the joy of redemption and of salvation through faith. If God sends trials and difficulties He is our consolation and we can be

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victorious through Christ. With assurance and gladness in our hearts we quote Psalm 95:6 "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, because his mercy endureth for ever."

Rev. D. B. Wiens stressed the purpose and the importance of spiritual singing.

Rev. A. Huebert (Leamington, Ontario) closed the service with prayer.

Mrs. Kay Isaak.

Youth Sunday Observed

Hepburn, Sask. — Youth Sunday was observed by the Hepburn M.B. Church on February 5. The re-

lationship between youth and the church was stressed in the morning and evening services. "Youth Needs the Church" and "The Church Needs Youth" were the topics of messages by Rev. Jacob Bergen and Rev. Corny Braun. Young people need the church for fellowship and growth; the church needs its youth to do the work given to it by Christ.

The young people of the church presented a skit portraying the various influences which come to a young Christian who is deciding on a vocation. We were reminded that as Christian young people we must seek and obey God's will in this matter.

Phyllis Siemens

She was married to a Hindu who was an alcoholic. She told us how her husband drank and tortured her. Some time ago she had been unable to bear it any longer and had laid a charge against him as a result of which he was put in jail for three months. Now that the husband was free he was threatening to strangle her. So she was fleeing from her husband in great fear.

We said, "Madam, we will not lay any charge against you. You will not need the police tonight." But she insisted. "You don't understand. I need the police to protect me from my husband. He is going to catch up with me and hang me. Will you please call the police?" "Yes," we said, "if that's how matters stand, we'll call him." We went out and got two policemen. We told them the lady's story before they spoke to her, and we asked them to be kind to her. We would not sue her for the broken window. The policemen went inside and treated the lady rather roughly. She told them her story exactly as she had related it to us. They asked her whether she had a place to stay for the night. "Yes," she replied, "but my husband knows the place also and he plans to hang me tonight. Will you please take me into custody?" The policemen told her that they could not lay hands on her husband until he mistreated her. If he did, she should call them. Then they left.

After they had gone, we had the opportunity of speaking to her for a long time. We read the Word of God to her, of which she was totally ignorant. She had never been in a church in her life before. She could neither read nor write and therefore had not known that this was a mission hall. After talking for a while, we asked her to kneel in prayer with us. So my wife, our daughter Linda, myself, and others knelt before the Lord. We asked the lady to pray to God, but she said that she had never prayed and that she did not know how to pray. We told her to talk to God just as she had spoken to us. And then we heard the lady talk to God. Repeating our words after us she cried with a loud voice and asked God for forgiveness. We got up from our knees and she promised to come to the mission hall again if at all possible, if her husband did not catch up with her.

We have not seen the lady since. We do not know what has become of her, but God brought her to the mission hall to hear His Word at least once. We pray that those prayers and the Word of God may speak to her heart and that she might be saved.

We meet many people with many problems. We try to help them. Will you pray with us that God will give us wisdom to deal with them, that He might fill our hearts with love towards God, towards His work and towards these people.

Calgary Mission Work

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Often these men tell us their story of how they started on the downward road. Alcoholics tell us how they began by enjoying social drinking and gradually became slaves of drink. This in turn often caused quarrels in the home and as a result they lost their families. They lost all their possessions and are now stripped of everything. They are slaves of this terrible sin.

We are thinking of one man who came and told us that he had been a minister of the gospel for many years, preaching to great crowds as an evangelist. Today he is an alcoholic. Someone offered him a glass of beer. He hesitated at first, but then took it. That led to the second and a third glass until he became a habitual drinker. This man has thrown away the Bible which he knew so well. He quoted many Scripture passages. He had lost not only the Bible, but his family and home. He had just come from serving a sentence in jail.

We are thinking of another man, Mr. McGregor. He was 33 years of age. We had often spoken to him about the Lord Jesus Christ. He told us that he did not believe the Bible. Shortly after that, on August 21, 1960, he was shot and instantly killed on the street not far from our mission. This man had come to our mission services regularly twice a week for several years and had heard the gospel, but he did not believe the Bible; he did not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and then his life ended so suddenly. Where is his soul today? This is the great question! At least we had told him about Christ and that he too could be saved. Whether or not he accepted Christ on the last day of his life, is not for us to say. We have asked ourselves the question, "Have we done everything in our power to bring this man to Christ?"

Before we tell you more about our experiences, we would like to inform you about the services which we have in the mission hall. We begin with hymn singing, led by one of our brethren. These men really enjoy singing the old gospel songs. Although the harmony is not very good, they open their mouths wide and sing with a loud voice the hymns which many learned when they were children. Often, when the brother who leads the singing asks for a favorite hymn, three or four men speak up at the same time. We sing for 15 to 20 minutes. Then follows the sermon, a simple gospel message usually preached by myself. We wish you could see these men listen to God's Word. We are deeply convinced that it speaks to their burdened souls and believe that it will bear fruit in due time.

After the message, a lunch of sandwiches, cookies and coffee is handed out. For many of them this is the first meal they have had that day. They are really hungry and enjoy the lunch thoroughly. We make sandwiches from 25 loaves of bread twice a week, which makes 50 loaves of bread a week. That entails much work. But we have some fine Christian friends who help us. We would like to mention Brother and Sister Peter Schmidt in particular, who faithfully help us in making the sandwiches and in other work in the mission. Besides them there are other Christian friends from our church who help us in our great task. Without them we could not carry on as we are at the present time. During 1958 we gave meals to 1746 men. In 1959 the number rose to 3837, and in 1960 there were 7658 men whom we were able to serve by bringing them the gospel and feeding them. During the month of January, 1961, 1,100 men have attended our services, heard the gospel and received lunch. It is our sincere prayer that these men may

not only have received food for their bodies but also for their souls that they may be saved.

We now wish to relate a shocking experience we had with a lady. After the service one evening, when we went to the back of the hall to shake hands with the parting men, we heard a horrible noise; one of the hall windows was broken. We went outside to investigate and found a lady standing in great agitation. She told us to call the police. We asked her, "Madam, did you do that?" "Yes," she replied, "I did. You call the police." She held one hand behind her back which made us suspect that she had a weapon. We asked her what she had done. Trembling, she told us that she had thrown a rock through the window and wanted us to call the police. We drew closer and said, "Madam, it seems that you need someone besides the police to talk to. Would you like to come in and talk to us?"

"I would never go into that place," she replied, "Never!" We asked her to bring her other hand forward, which she did and showed us two more stones. At our request she dropped them and we again asked her to come into the hall to speak to my wife. "Is your wife in there?" she asked. "Yes," I said, "my wife is here, please come with me."

She came in very hesitant. When inside she looked around the hall and asked, "What is this? Is this not a beer hall where the men sit and drink and then go home to torture their wives?" "No, madam," I said, "this is a mission hall. This is not a beer hall. We preach Christ in this place." "Oh God," she said, "what have I done? I thought this was a beer hall where men sit and drink and then come home to torture their wives. Oh, why have I broken that window?"

We told her not to worry, we would not lay a charge against her. Then she told us her story.

EDUCATION

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Bethany Bible Institute

Bethany's New Administration Building

Hepburn, Sask. — A year ago our new administration building was merely a vision in the hearts of the board and faculty. In faith they moved forward, contacted the churches for necessary funds and made building plans. God has marvelously answered prayers. Because of the many sacrificial gifts and labors of God's people, it was possible for us to move into the finished areas of our new school on January 21.

The classrooms are completed except for floor tile. The new heating system works well. The electrical work is nearing completion. The kitchen, dining room and library are not yet finished. The cabinet work and plumbing remains to be finished. The offices need to be properly furnished.

Financially, we have obtained a total of about \$91,000.00 in cash and pledges, which is about \$9,000 short of our \$100,000.00 objective. With some churches yet to be contacted and promises by many individuals to contribute more, we hope to reach our objective. The 1960 pledges have come in very well with only about \$8,000.00 outstanding. At present it appears that the total cost of the building will not exceed the original estimate.

As faculty and students we are deeply grateful to God and to you who have given so sacrificially and worked so hard to make this God-given vision a reality.

Chapel Blessings

When we think of our daily chapel exercises, our hearts are lifted up in gratitude to God for the many blessings we have experienced during the past term. God's Word becomes more real as we seek to apply it to our lives.

Through instruction and guidance our teachers have emphasized the importance of living a Christ-centered life. We were made to realize our own frailty and that we can only discipline our natural inclinations by dying to self, ambitions and desires, so that "the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us."

The creative, providing and preserving hand of God was discussed on the basis of Deut. 33:1-3. Truly the Master is at work seeking to mold our lives according to His design. The importance of fully yielding and reckoning with the hand of God was stressed, so that our lives might be made according to His perfect design. May God not discover any "lumps" in the clay

which might cause Him to remold us for a less honourable purpose.

God revealed to us the importance of carrying out the divine commission through the ministry of Mr. H. Kruger, returned missionary from the Congo. Mr. Gunzel, missionary to Mongolia, stressed the increasing need for missionaries to carry the gospel to the numerous open fields.

May God give us the grace to attain to higher spiritual plains as we obediently heed the daily instruction of His Word.

Elizabeth Fast

The First Day in the New School

Monday, January 23, was indeed a memorable day for the staff and students at Bethany. It was the beginning of classes in the new building. What a thrill it was to enter a modern school! The atmosphere was one of excitement: hammers banging, saws buzzing, sawdust flying, and curious students flitting down the halls to their rooms and a good place to sit. It was wonderful to be in the new classrooms. For some it meant real desks for the first time during the school year. For all it meant new surroundings and new adjustments.

The devotional with which we begin each day was different too. The songs we sang rang out in the spacious chapel and the message spoke to all of us. Mr. Sam Willem, chairman of the Board, spoke about God's meeting us in these new surroundings. We thank God for this building and for the way in which He has already met us. It is our prayer that God might continue to prepare young people for His service.

Ellie Thiessen

Special Meetings at Mennonite Educational Institute

Clearbrook, B.C. — During the week January 22-27, our School held its annual "Spiritual Emphasis Week", with Mr. Cecil Carter as guest speaker.

The evening services were held Sunday night through Friday night. The school Concert choir and other groups served with special numbers. The meetings were very well attended with the auditorium full almost every evening.

During the morning Mr. Carter spoke to the senior high students and he was then also available for counselling purposes. At one o'clock he spoke to the junior high students and he was available for counselling in the afternoon. Many students took the opportunity of receiving advice for their problems and so it

was necessary to extend the counselling to the whole of the following week. Mr. Carter spoke only in regular morning devotion periods during the second week.

Before and during the "Spiritual Emphasis Week", special prayer meetings were held during the lunch hours by both the boys and the girls prayer groups. After the meetings were over prayer sessions were held in order to praise God for His wonderful working in our school.

Radiological Technicians Graduate

Winnipeg, Man. — Fifty students graduated as Radiological Technicians on Saturday, February 4. Seven of the above stated number are Mennonite students, namely, Misses Nettie Rogalsky, Elfriede Martens, Judy Schaefer, and Elizabeth Boldt and three men, Donald Dyck, Roger Dyck, and Ed Wiebe.

The commencement exercises were held in the new Medical College auditorium of the University of Manitoba.

The graduation address was given by Dr. G. F. Boulton, M.D. He spoke on the theme, "Little Things which make a Good Radiological Technician." In his speech Dr. Boulton stressed the following necessary things: (1) a pleasant tone of voice, (2) calmness, (3) the comfort of the patient, and (4) courtesy.

Miss L. M. Doern, who delivered the validictory address, gave expression to the gratefulness of the students to their instructors and to their parents, who, through their sacrificial giving, made their training possible.

All the graduates made their technician's pledge as it was presented by Mr. C. J. Bodle. The latter also presented the certificates to the graduating students. A lunch was served after the official meeting came to a close.

Bible School Opens in Brazil

By John Klassen

On the front of the folder announcing the opening of our Prana Bible Institute we quoted Psalm 126:3: "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

That verse appropriately expresses our praise to God for what has been accomplished in this venture.

By dint of hard work, assistance from fellow missionaries (especially Ken Gerbrandt) and help from some of the boys at the children's home, three houses were ready in time for the inauguration on January 22. We are using one house as our home. The girls occupy the rear of the second house while the front serves as kitchen and dining room. The front rooms of the third house are used for classes and library, with the boys sleeping in the bedrooms.

Thus, with a student body of eight, we manage very well. During the week a lady from the neighborhood cooks dinner and supper for the students, whereas the girls share the responsibilities for breakfast and the week-end meals. The boys have duties, too, such as disposing of garbage, milking cows, putting up a clothesline and painting bathroom walls.

We are thankful that Rev. Constantino Bequelle of the local Congregational church consented to help us with the teaching. He is offering Portuguese grammar for those students who did not complete the equivalent of high school. Those who finished high school may take English. Mrs. Olga Dueck, nurse at the children's home, is giving a course on personal evangelism, and Mrs. Lorene Thiessen is assisting with instrumental music and physical education. As we are offering only the first year course at present, that leaves about half a teaching load for each of us. As the instruction is in Portuguese, we find that seven hours per week keep us busy.

For the opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon we had a hot, brilliant day. Thus a large number of friends from various churches, but especially from several Mennonite Brethren churches and preaching stations in the vicinity, were able to share our joy as we dedicated to the Lord these buildings and grounds.

Rev. Oswaldo Emrich, well-known pastor of the Curitiba Presbyterian church, alluded in his dedicatory message to the symbol of a pine tree standing on an open Bible that we had used in some publicity literature. As this pine is the symbol of Parana state, he thought it appropriate to use for a school that aims to train national workers. But just as this symbol of beauty, harmony, and uprightness receives its strength and life through its roots, so the school depends upon the open Bible for its validity.

Publishing Houses Form Fellowship

Chicago, Ill. — Representatives of Mennonite and Brethren in Christ publishing houses met here Jan. 26 and decided to form a publishers fellowship organization.

The purpose of the fellowship is to share information and problems faced by all of the publishing houses and to avoid duplication of effort in the publishing field.

Represented at the meeting were the Mennonite Brethren publishing interests at Hillsboro, Kan. and Winnipeg, Man., the Mennonite Publishing House, Scottdale, Pa., the General Conference Publication Office, Newton, Kan., and the Brethren in Christ publishing house at Nappanee, Ind.

Toronto Mennonite Students

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said, and is not just training for a life vocation. The ever increasing percentage of young people attending college, and the increase in Mennonite interest in education reflect the growing complexity of modern society. This complex society demands ability to write and to make economic and political decisions not demanded of community and church leaders in earlier generations. For these reasons Dr. Meyer strongly urges all the young people who possibly can to attend college. He feels that it is not necessary, and not even advisable in some instances, for one to have one's vocational choice made before entering college. But, he stressed, it is of the greatest importance how one arrives at a final decision.

Today's young people have a great number of possible vocations from which to choose. They are not required, as has been the case in the past, to follow in their parent's footsteps. But along with this mobility comes a very real responsibility. Luther's concept that God blesses work in all vocations equally is not the real answer to the problem of vocational choice (that concept merely tells us how we should work after we have chosen) any more than the answer is to be found in clinging to outdated isolationism and artificial immobility. A conscious choice of vocation must be made. Students who have rejected traditional Mennonite community norms often hesitate to make any relative judgments at all about the urgencies of different types of work. The statement that "we need more Christian physicists" does not settle anything unless the need is considered in relation to other needs as well as the individual's potentialities. The failure to make a conscious decision and the subsequent drift into a particular academic field is in itself a decision, and one that would be made better consciously. It is readily recognized that there are not enough Christians to do everything that needs to be done, therefore Christians must try

to do those tasks which are better done by Christians or which are not being done at all—even though they need so urgently to be done.

Thus, for a Christian to make a conscious decision in regard to a life vocation is not a simple matter; a considerable degree of maturity is required. Maturity in decision is neither independence of others nor object submission to others. "It is not rebelling against God nor is it doing immediately, without reflection, what he requests." Either of these wrong alternatives would still be centering the real decision in others rather than in a personal confrontation with Christ. And yet we know neither ourselves nor world and church needs well enough to warrant independence in the face of a decision of this importance. It is for this reason that the Mennonite conception that the community of believers is a community of decision, is of such great importance. Mature decision is a conscious choice made with the Christian Community as the context of decision. It would be very helpful for the young person making the decision to discuss the matter with the ten Christian friends he most respects for their spiritual perspective. Surely God will bless the efforts of those who sincerely seek to do His will in their lives.

Sixty-six high school students registered at Menno House, 479 Palmerston Blvd., Toronto between 9-10 a.m. on Saturday, January 28. They came from U.M.E.I., Leamington, Eden Christian College, at Niagara-on-the-Lake; Rockway Mennonite High School, at Kitchener; and from various provincial High Schools in Toronto and other parts of Ontario. The dentistry, medical, engineering and architectural buildings were toured in the morning. After lunch the Women's Athletic Building and the girl's residence at Victoria College were toured by most of the girls, while the rest of the students saw Reyersons Institute of Technology and then returned to the university campus to tour Hart House. After the banquet held in the Great Hall of Hart House at 5 p.m., everyone

moved to the Debates Room in the same building for the evening program. Dr. Meyer challenged the group with a fine talk, the summary of which appears above. Mrs. Werner Heinrichs played two piano selections after which the group sang a few hymns. People from various professions then gave three minute summaries of their vocations after which the meeting broke up into informal groups in order to give the high school students an opportunity to ask further questions. A.M.U.S. members hope that the day's activities will help each one who participated to better understand university life and to make a "mature conscious decision" in regard to a life vocation.

George Weber, Pres.
A.M.U.S.

Annual Missionary Conference of the M.B. Bible College

A cordial invitation is extended to all our friends to attend the Annual Missionary Conference, which is scheduled for March 2-5. Dr. M. C. Tenney of Wheaton College will be the main speaker, assisted by Rev. Wm. Baerg and Rev. Ernest Dyck, returned missionaries from the Congo. Rev. Peter Martens will present the challenge of Home Missions. There will also be special meetings for children.

Kindly take note of the time and place of these services:

Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m., a missionary program presented by the students in the college auditorium.

Friday, March 3, at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the college auditorium. In the evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Elmwood M. B. church.

Saturday, March 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the college auditorium. At 7:30 p.m. in the Elmwood M. B. church

Sunday, March 5, at 2:00 in the college auditorium. The evening service will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the MBCI auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave.

May it please the Lord to give us a new vision for our task in the crucial days for the church and for the world.

J. A. Toews

Invitation:

The annual missionary conference of the Winkler Bible School will be held from March 5-8. Rev. Henry Brucks, missionary to Africa, and Rev. Ernest Friesen, missionary to Colombia, will be the guest speakers. The Sunday morning and all evening sessions will take place in the Winkler M. B. church at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. Week-day sessions will be held in the Winkler Bible school commencing at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. respectively.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this conference and

share the blessings the Lord has in store for us.

J. H. Goossen

Explanation of Organization of Home for Mentally Ill

The Mennonite Relief and Immigration Committee of Saskatchewan is the organization which is responsible for relief work. The committee, to which reference was made in the article, "Home for Mentally Ill," in the Mennonite Observer, issue two of this year, on page 4-2, was elected in order to administer the erection of the building for the Home of the Mentally Ill and to serve together with the Provincial Relief Committee in this important and entrusted work.

Isaac H. Block

ON THE HORIZON

February 24-26 — Inter-Mennonite Sunday School Convention in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man.

March 2-3 — Conference of the Association of Mennonite Aid Societies in the Atlantic Hotel, Chicago.

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

March 5-8 — Annual Missionary Conference of the Winkler Bible School.

March 5-12 — Evangelistic meetings in the Carman Gospel Light Mission.

March 19-26 — Evangelistic Meetings will be held in Oliver Gospel Chapel. Rev. Elmer Warkentin is the evangelist.

April 2 — Easter, Resurrection Day Commemoration.

March 10-12 — Annual Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Conference at Drake, Sask.

April 7-9 — Canadian M.B. Sunday School Convention in British Columbia.

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

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

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