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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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The Canadian M.B. Conference at Coaldale

The large body of delegates of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference had its sessions at Coaldale July 1-5. The basic theme of consecration, relative to the various phases of life, made an indelible impression on the large audience of delegates and visitors. Rev. F. C. Peters, moderator of the convention, presented the conference message in which he emphasized the basis, dangers and progress of a church in its efforts to live a life of consecration.

The Bethesda Institution, Vine-

land, Ontario reported that it had 85 patients. Of these there were 34 men and 51 women. The amount stated for the receipts and disbursements of the operational account for the year 1960 was \$192,260.78.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel presented 9 churches for acceptance as member churches in the Conference. Of these there are two in Vancouver; one in Winnipeg; one in Toronto; one in Hamilton, Ont.; and one in Cold-

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watzky, conference missionary scheduled to sail to Brazil with his family Monday, July 17.

The tragic accident occurred at

8:30 in the morning when the vehicle in which the three men were traveling collided with a bus

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Farewell to Medical Missionaries



Left to right: Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church, Dr. George Froese and Mrs. Froese, missionaries to India.

On Sunday, June 9, the South-End M.B. Church said farewell to Dr. and Mrs. George Froese who will be leaving Winnipeg on June 17 to return to India.

Both the church and the missionary couple are deeply conscious of our responsibilities as workers are sent forth. We also are humbl-

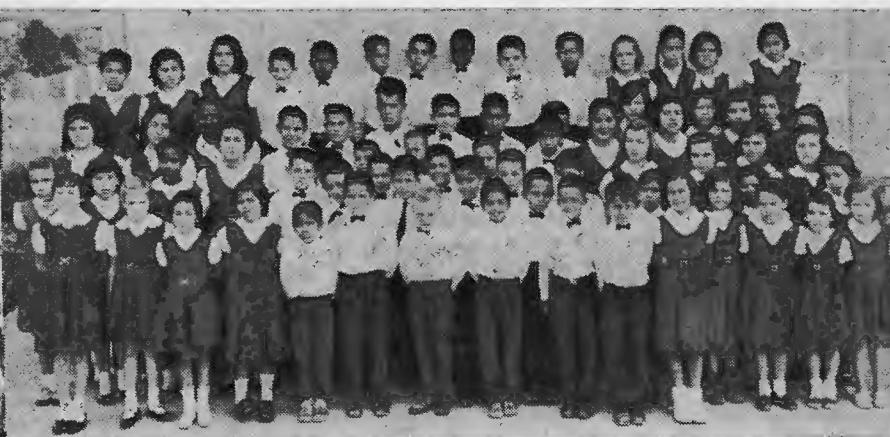
ed and feel privileged to be participants in the work of the Church of Jesus Christ as it proceeds to fulfill our Lord's commission.

In their farewell remarks both Dr. and Mrs. Froese expressed their concern that they may be found faithful to our Lord's charge.

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70 students have been receiving the benefits of Colegio "Los Andes" school for Colombian children includes teachers, houseparents, cooks and a laundry woman; missionary L. Schafer is in the middle of back row.



Christian training during the past school year. — The staff of this school for Colombian children includes teachers, houseparents, cooks and a laundry woman; missionary L. Schafer is in the middle of back row.

Colombian Students Learn 100 Verses

The Colegio "Los Andes," the primary school in La Cumbre, Co-

lombia, is nearing the close of the school year with 70 pupils enrolled. On July 14 a closing day program along with a graduation exercise will be presented. The theme of

the program is "Our God is Powerful." There will be nine pupils completing the primary and preparatory courses.

During the past several weeks

the children in the school have been taking part in a Scripture memory verse contest, using the memory verse packets that the

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EDITORIAL

Church Progress or Regression?

Growth is the most natural thing for that which is alive and as soon as death occurs growth terminates. For man there is a possibility for advancement in the physical, intellectual and spiritual realms. Ecclesiastical bodies may increase spiritually and numerically, and there is reason for concern when there is little or no progress or a standstill or even regression.

If believers fail to lead others to a saving knowledge of Christ, there will naturally be a decrease in church membership and it is evident that in a comparatively short time church buildings will be closed. If we win part of our children and some who have another background, we may barely hold our own spiritual territory. If, however, we win most of our children and a large number of others through effective evangelism, then our churches will have a good increase.

If we are guided by the Holy Spirit and read the Bible carefully, we realize, that the Word of God must be proclaimed. The truly born again person must have a passion for souls and win them to Christ. One of the main objectives of preaching, teaching and personal evangelism is to lead the unsaved to the foot of the cross of Christ where the poor, lost and guilty sinner receives forgiveness and the assurance of eternal life. It is essential for every true church to reach out and expand.

Sometimes it is advisable to see statistics which manifest progress or shortcomings in regard to the question of church expansion. Recently the Mennonite Brethren Church of Canada had the opportunity of beholding its own photograph of church expansion in the mirror of statistics.

In 1947 the Canadian M.B. Church had 9,081 members; 14 years later the membership had risen to 14,373. This is an average increase of 378 members in one year. There is joy in heaven over every sinner that repenteht and is added to the church, but there is no reason for boasting of that number because it is comparatively small when we consider that only about one sinner was won to Christ each day of the year by a large body of about 10,000 people.

The picture is even less encouraging when we realize that in the beginning of 1960 the M.B. church of Canada had 14,186 members and one year later it had increased to 14,373, which is an increase of 187 in a year's time. Were we to give credit as soul winners to 187 church members who led these new converts to Christ, then we are faced with the question, "Have the other 13,999 church members really not been sufficiently concerned about the salvation of souls and have they not been instrumental in showing the way of salvation to those who are still living in sin and degradation?"

The situation in the M.B. mission fields in foreign lands is encouraging. The missionaries have had great success in their work and have led many souls to Christ, but there is reason for great concern when we consider the comparatively small numerical increase in the homeland. May God help all those who are truly born again to be on fire for the Lord and to lead souls to a saving knowledge of Christ.

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

Stewardship as Related to Our Time and Talents

Rev. Rudy Janzen, pastor of the Greendale M.B. Church, B.C.

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And Jesus answered her: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

This interesting passage reveals several similar problems of our day, and portrays thus solution, as we apply them in Christ. Here was a busy home situation with an otherwise harmonious family relationship. Energetic Martha was anxious to entertain the Lord of

Heaven with due ceremony, but her daily concerns became the hindrance to a deeper understanding of eternal truths. It is possible, she learned, that things belonging to the outward service of God may distract the heart and mind from Christ's deeper meaning of spiritual growth and service. No amount of exactness in form and beauty can ever substitute for spirituality, nor even be a true indication of the latter in all instances. Our trumpet sounds and religious fanfare are not always a clear indication of true spiritual

depth. The still, small voice of the Spirit can easily be crowded out in our heavy machinery of meticulous ceremony and administration, and it is still possible to be mistaken in our logical theology when trying to worship God in "spirit and in truth."

In the centre of this problem of true worship lies the delicate family unit. The more the activities for its members the less opportunity for its mutual growth of "togetherness" in the unity and love in Jesus Christ. Not only does that family stay better together, that prays together, but also that which plays together. Where Christ is the centre of the home, its recreational activities will be a positive help to draw them closer together, will create more meaningful experiences for each member, and will develop new love and appreciation for each other — both young and old. Its activities will not need complicated plans, or wide geographic circuits. There will be greater freedom in evidence among its members; freedom to choose between the good and the best. Such choices will incorporate informal spiritual exercises and will, because of their mutual and voluntary spontaneous nature, strengthen the will and satisfy the conscience of its members.

Because of their creative experiences, such families can develop a radiant nature, and having Christ as centre in their home and hearts best portray the abundant life.

But one thing is needful! It is not always so much what we do, but what our doing does to us. If we are to be the "salt of the earth" according to Matt. 5:13, permeating a positive — even if sometimes unseen and unnoticed influence on this world of selfishness and greed, the recipe of II Timothy 1:7 is to be more fully realized in our lives. "For God has not given us the spirit of fear (or inferiority); but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind — or self-control and discipline" as other translations have it. With the appropriation of this spiritual fortification let us reach our most pressing objectives. A basic goal is to be wise — in Christ; and according to Prov. 11:20 "He that winneth souls is wise." To help someone by prayer and personal direction to the light and true harmony in Christ is the ultimate in blessed and thrilling experiences.

The learned and saintly apostle Paul summed up the goal of life in these matchless words of Phil. 1:21 "For me to live, is Christ — and to die is gain." This was no mere mystical asceticism or fearful escape mechanism, but a forthright philosophy of life that needs to be renewed today. The love of Christ constraining us, we will not be able to do otherwise but go the second mile, doing unto others as we would have them do to us, yes, but beyond that, with the Spirit-

filled zeal of God's wisdom empowering us to give ourselves up in the service of God to save lost humanity with the Gospel of Christ. The issues are still as plain as that, warning mankind not to become educated devils, drunk in its own conceits of self-indulgence.

Time is precious, and the hand of the eternal clock is at the prophetic eleventh hour. In the din of our nuclear and space age, where we became even smaller in stature in comparison to the newly revealed universe of space, can still be heard the voice of Jesus saying: One thing still is needful. "Come unto ME, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. — Why stand ye here all the day idle? There is much to do, and you must do it." O humanity. No angel has ever thus been privileged to take up this task. Here is the torch, be it yours to hold it high, in your stewardship of time and talents.

God bless and impower us further to that end, and to His glory.

Activities in Our Church

Kronsgart, Man. On July the 9th it was our privilege to have the Gideons, a group of four brethren, with us and they served in the morning worship service. Through the information and experiences related we were brought in close contact with this worthwhile and vital service of distributing Bibles especially in motels and hotels. A message based on Ps. 19:7-9 was brought by Brother Frank Friesen, a member of the group.

In the evening a program at which the 3rd of a series of themes

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CHURCH NEWS

Extension Work of the North Kildonan M. B. Church

In November, 1944, afternoon Sunday school services were begun in the North Kildonan M. B. church for the English-speaking children of the community. Except for the summer recesses, this Sunday school has continued in operation since that time. Brother Jacob Enns was in charge of the work at the beginning and subsequently the following men have shouldered the responsibility of leadership: Abram Friesen, John F. Froese, the late Dick Wiens, and Jacob Loewen, the present superintendent, who has been associated with the work since 1948.

Many of the children were brought to the meetings by volunteer drivers and the enrollment rose to over a hundred. With the growth of a new housing development in the area, the need for such work increased and a number of parents requested regular church services. As a result, the Sunday school was moved to the Princess Margaret School last Christmas. Here the children meet in the morning and church services are held after Sunday school.

Br. John I. Doerksen is in charge of the church services. The Sunday school is now operating nine classes of boys and girls in five departments with a total enrollment of 120. About a dozen boys and girls come from families who are mem-

bers of the M. B. Church. Approximately fifteen to twenty families from the parent church congregate in the school for worship services. The presence of Br. H. Schmidt of the South End M. B. Church, who is the principal of the day school at Princess Margaret School, is a fine example and an inspiration to the community. Another local teacher, Br. Rudy Pauls of the Elmwood M. B. Church, directs the choir of about 20 voices and several other local teachers are on the Sunday school staff.

Interest appears to be growing as more children are encouraged to stay for the church services. A number of families from the community attend the services regularly. Of the class of senior boys, some of whom are presently attending university, a number have come up through the ranks of this Sunday school. It is encouraging to see them actively participate as ushers for the church services.

Since this work has been carried on for almost 17 years with no church members resulting directly from it, the opinion is growing that a separate church building is needed if it is to come to its natural fruition. Join with the group in their prayer that ways and means may be found to make further expansion possible as the Lord leads in His work here.

on service, was rendered. The theme was "Serving in the Local Environment". The highlight of the evening was a panel discussion at which the members spoke on (1) Service in the home, (2) Service at work or school and (3) Service with the church. Further discussion followed after those present divided into 3 different groups. It was a blessing as the different experiences were related and discussed. As was expressed earlier in the evening, that even though we may not be physically refreshed because of the heat of the day, we would be refreshed spiritually. The Lord did not fail to do just that, for I do believe that none present went home without having been uplifted spiritually.

Some of our young people are serving the Lord in D.V.B.S. and Bible camps. As the Word of God is being given forth in these summer months, be it in Bible camps, D.V.B.S. or otherwise it is our prayer that God would bless the effort put forth and that much fruit may abound for eternity.

It was good to have back with

us our local pastor, Brother A. A. Hyde, this morning. He together with Brother Art Labun attended and shared the blessings of the conference at Coaldale, Alta. Another couple Brother and Sister George Labun, who served the Lord in northern B.C. as teachers are also back and we welcome them home. The wedding of their son, Dr. Clarence Labun took place in Elmwood, Winnipeg, on July 8.

Members of the local church are meeting for special counsellors and prayer meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays of each week in behalf of the coming crusade to be held here in southern Manitoba, starting on the 16th, continuing through to the 30th of July.

"Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me". This thought has come back to me time and again during these weeks, especially as we have heard reports of missionary workers such as Brother and Sister Henry Brucks, Congo; Brother Taves and Brother Bert Affleck under the Gospel Missionary Union and others, who have been with us.

Tina Peters

Another aspect of extension work of the North Kildonan M. B. Church is the holding of church services every second Sunday afternoon with a group of people meeting in Clarkleigh, approximately 70 miles northeast of Winnipeg on Highway 6. The folks there appreciate the visits of the groups that have gone out and we would particularly wish to encourage the young people who have given up their Sunday afternoons to sing there.

Frank Isaak

Inspiring Missionary Reports

Carman, Man. — The congregation at the local church has been fortunate in having had three different missionaries visit and report to them during the month of June.

Monday, June 5, Rev. H. Flumbaum, who serves under the auspices of the American Association of Jewish Evangelism, gave an illustrated report of his work. Rev. Flumbaum, a Jewish convert himself, stated that among other reasons why Jewish Evangelism was necessary is because our Saviour and the Bible come originally from the Jewish race.

Wednesday, June 14, Rev. and Mrs. H. Brucks, recently returned from the Belgian Congo, told of conditions in that country. Mr. Brucks left the Congo last November, although Mrs. Brucks and their four children had to leave several months earlier due to the great unrest in that area. They have served as missionaries in that country ten years and hope to go back and continue spreading the Gospel to those needy people when possible.

Sunday evening, June 18, Dr. Geo. Froese, medical missionary, gave an illustrated report of their service in India. It was interesting to note the wonderful opportunities a doctor has while ministering to physical needs, also to preach Christ, who meets the spiritual needs. Dr. and Mrs. Froese plan to return to India shortly in order to continue their service.

Mabel Friesen

The New Willingdon M. B. Church

Burnaby, B.C. — The church at Vancouver, 43rd and Prince Edward, has grown to the extent that it was necessary to build a new house of worship. We are thankful to God for giving us a new building in Burnaby. On April 23rd the church was completed sufficiently to begin our worship services there. The church was then dedicated to God; asking Him to bless us there, to guide us and to help to be a real witness for Him in this area.

A group of 116 members who came over to this church were

officially organized on May 29th as the Willingdon M.B. Church. The B.C. Conference, convening on June 9-10, welcomed this church as a member of the M.B. Conference. Since the organization, several members from other city and valley churches have come to make their spiritual home with us.

We are thankful to God that Rev. H. H. Janzen, who at present is working under the M.B. Mission Board in Europe, has consented to come and take over the pastorate. However, until January, 1962, when his term closes, and he is able to come back to Canada, Mr. George Letkeman resides as leading minister.

We would like to extend a hearty welcome and invitation to you to come and fellowship together with us whenever you may be in this vicinity.

Martha Braun.

Returned from Quito and Going to Germany

Chilliwack, B.C. — Friends and relatives were indeed happy to see the Hugo Jantz's who arrived in Chilliwack May 31. During their brief stay they visited various churches to relate of the great work of God in Quito, Ecuador. On June 4th, when we observed the Lord's Supper Mr. Jantz gave a timely message and said how happy they were to have fellowship in this manner.

On June 5th Mr. and Mrs. Jantz gave a report of their work and showed slides. Mrs. Jantz wore the native dress of Quito. She had a special story for the boys and girls and showed souvenirs.

On June 8th the ladies of the Pleasant Hour Circle of which Mrs. Jantz was a member prior to their departure had their closing meeting in the form of a wiener roast at the Columbia Bible Camp. Our husbands were also present.

Gathered around a huge bon-fire Rev. Isaak Tiessen opened the meeting with prayer and then Mr. and Mrs. Jantz told us of their experiences as Canadians in Quito, about the customs, the trials and the hardships of the people.

On June 17, Mrs. Jantz spoke to a group of ladies — telling them about her life as mother and wife of a missionary. A surprise shower followed. Three of her daughters helped her open gifts.

On June 25 the Sunday school observed its annual outing at the Agassiz Experimental Farm. The male choir served in song. There was a special lesson for the children and again Mr. Hugo Jantz gave a message, his last message to our congregation. In a matter of weeks they will be on their way to Germany. It is our prayer that the Lord will bless them and their family as they labour for Him.

K. I.

Baptismal Service after Years of Waiting

Waldheim, Sask. — The last Sunday in June was a memorable day for the M.B. Church at Waldheim. In place of the regular Sunday School and morning worship service, the Sunday School presented a delightful Children's Day program. In verse and song the little ones drew our attention to God's wonderful creation, and His love and care for things created. Mrs. J. Speiser, a Junior teacher, presented a suitable object lesson on thermometers. Rev. John Goertzen brought a brief but significant message.

A fellowship lunch was served in the basement.

In the afternoon the church along with many visitors gathered at the bank of the North Sask. River for a baptismal service. This was an especially joyous occasion since there had not been a baptismal service for a number of years. Rev. John Kehler of Hague delivered the message of the afternoon, speaking on the meaning of baptism. The baptism was performed by Rev. Goertzen, assisted by deacon J. H. E. Janzen. Those baptized were: Mr. Peter Block, Edward, Rudy, and Caroline Schellenberg, Caroline Warkentin, Betty Petkau, Lottie Goertzen, Marion Hintz, Gloria Wendland, Caroline Schultz, Marilyn and Arlene Schellenberg, and Waldemar Janzen.

At the fellowship service in the evening Rev. Goertzen spoke to the newly baptized brethren and sisters concerning their responsibility to the church and what they could expect from the church. The new members, along with Mrs. Peter Block, were then accepted into the church. The Lord's Supper was then observed.

Mrs. Vernon Schmidt

Tremendous Progress at Altona in Recent Years

According to the Red River Valley Echo the first telephones in Altona were installed by the Bell Telephone Co. in 1900. At that time ordinary fence lines were used instead of pole lines and farmers requiring phones simply hooked their sets to the fence wires.

When the Government of Manitoba took over the Bell Telephone Co. in 1908 there were 10 subscribers in Altona. Today the Altona Exchange area has some 590 local and 350 rural subscribers compared to 39 local and 16 rural subscribers in 1941.

Altona was incorporated as a town in January, 1946. Noteworthy changes in street lighting have added to the town's appearance at night, particularly during the last five years. In 1946 there were 43 street lights in town, and by 1956 the town boasted 78 lights. Now Altona has 115 lights to brighten

the streets. In 1941 power consumption for street lighting cost \$43 a month, by 1956 it cost \$170 and at present it is \$328.

In the course of its 20-year history, the Red River Valley Echo, published by D. W. Friesen and Sons Ltd., in Altona, Man., has won 21 national and provincial newspaper competition awards. It has a paid circulation of about 3,400 and approximately 15,000 readers each week.

Legalizing Polygamy

Ghana — In Accra the government has issued a white paper proposing that polygamy be legalized in the country. The Anglican Bishop of Accra, Rt. Rev. Reginald Roseveare, commented that "if polygamy is legalized in Ghana, there must at least be provision for a woman, who has married expecting a monogamous marriage, to break off marriage." Also in Ghana, the government decided to cut the amount of air time for religious broadcasting from 105 to 45 minutes per week.

Ontario M. B. Conference

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three M.B. members have served for two years, the Conference voted to share provisionally in the support of a Chaplaincy for Mennonite students in Ontario universities and teacher's colleges, at least those within easy driving distance from Waterloo. As to the \$400,000 capital plan for a resident Mennonite College, the Conference signified its intention not to participate in view of the projected long-range plans for expansion in conference education and home missions during the next decade. Another highlight was the addition of a third Bible school teacher to the staff of the Ontario M.B. Bible School. He will replace the present two part-time teachers. In addition to his teaching duties, he will serve the Home Mission Committee as "field director" for D.V.B.S., full-time during the summer months and part-time during the winter term. This new position has not yet been filled.

Long-range planning characterized the main issues discussed at this year's assembly. The Educational Committee, chaired by John Wiebe (Ph.D.), promoted a six-year plan to retire the debt on Eden Christian College and to build a Bible school complete with dormitories. Basic to these plans were the findings of H. H. Dueck's recent M.B. Conference "enrolment survey" which revealed that both the conference high school and the Bible school may expect a gradual increase in enrolment over the next decade. Not to be outdone by the Educational Committee, the Home Missions Board, chaired by Ernie Dyck, proposed a ten-year plan — to be financed on a voluntary basis — whereby construction

of a church building would be undertaken in the Lawrence Heights Housing Project, North York. The present Toronto M.B. Mission Church has found an "unlimited potential" in this low-rental housing district.

The most laborious hours of the conference were spent on a preliminary reading and evaluation of a revised constitution of the Ontario Conference prepared by H. H. Voth and G. Friesen, both of Vineland. After revision by the member congregations, it will be prepared for final adoption at the next annual conference to be held in Leamington.

At its close the Conference elected John G. Baerg, Virgil pastor, as the moderator for 1961-62 and H. P. Penner, as assistant moderator. G. Friesen and J. Kutz remained as secretary and treasurer of the Conference Committee.

Peter Penner.

WEDDINGS

Dickman—Harder

The wedding of Arthur Dickman and Reneta Harder took place in the Salem Church near Waldheim, Sask. Rev. E. H. M. Epp performed the wedding ceremony and Rev. Paul Wiebe brought a message.

The young couple will reside at Hague where the groom teaches school.

Giesbrecht—Hiebert

Miss Ruth Hiebert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram D. Hiebert of Steinbach, Manitoba, and Mr. John Giesbrecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Giesbrecht, also of Steinbach, were married at the Steinbach M.B. church on June 30.

Rev. Joe Wiebe of Morden, Man., officiated. Lydia Hiebert, sister to the bride was bridesmaid. The groom was attended by Henry Giesbrecht. Jake Neustaedter was soloist.

Martens—Rempel

Miss Evelyn Rempel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Rempel and Mr. John Martens, son of Rev. and Mrs. Abe Martens, both of Glenbush, Sask., were married on July 1st.

Rev. Martens, father of the groom officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Corny Rempel, brother of the bride delivered a short message and sang a solo. Miss Helen Rempel from Manitoba and cousin to the bride recited a poem and a double quartet served with a song.

The pianist was Mrs. Corny Rempel. The bridesmaid was Miss Jean Driediger and best man was Mr. Jake Rempel, twin brother of the bride. The flower-girl was Linda Klassen.

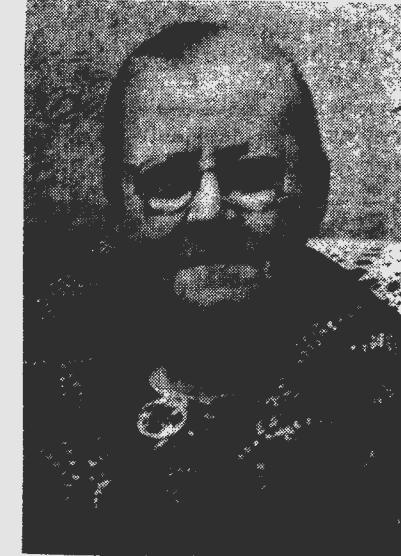
OBITUARIES

Mrs. Helen Klassen †

Mrs. Gerhard Klassen, 71, of 902 Minto Street, Winnipeg, died at the Concordia Hospital on July 5. Funeral services were held on July 7 from the South End M.B. Church, of which she was a member.

The departed one leaves to mourn, her husband — the Rev. Gerhard Klassen, two daughters, five sons, one brother, Peter Peters of Kitchener, Ontario and other relatives and many friends.

* Mrs. Maria Martens †



Mrs. Maria Martens, 77, wife of the Rev. C. Martens of 83 Martin Ave., Winnipeg, and eldest daughter of the late Rev. Wilhelm Dyck, died on July 1 at the Concordia Hospital. Mrs. Martens was a member of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Maria Schultz of Vancouver, Mrs. Susan Unruh of Winnipeg, Mrs. Helene Unruh of Russia, one son William of Winnipeg, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on July 4 at the North Kildonan M.B. church. Officiating ministers were: Rev. W. Falk, Rev. H. Bushkowsky and Rev. G. Ratzlaff.

* Miss Esther Letkeman †

Esther Letkeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob B. Letkeman of Morris, passed away Thursday, July 6, 11:30 p.m. at the age of 22 in the Winnipeg General Hospital.

Left to mourn are her parents, twin brothers, one sister, one sister-in-law, grandparents and many close friends.

Future Subscribers

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauls of Glenbush, Sask. was blessed with a baby girl on June 11. They named her Lorraine Judith. She is a sister to Waldo and Philip.



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Board of Missions News

Missionaries on Furlough

The missions report to the Canadian Conference at Coaldale July 1 to 5 was presented by brethren of the Board of Missions and its administrative secretariat. Representing the secretariat of the conference was P. J. Funk, treasurer. The Monday evening missions program included messages and testimonies by the following missionaries: Henry Brucks, Congo; Nettie Berg, Congo; Hugo Jantz, Europe; Emma Lepp, India; A. A. Unruh, India; and Margaret Willems, India. Other missionaries on furlough and preparing to return to the fields attended the conference.

Rhodesia

Kenneth Mungers, conference missionaries in Southern Rhodesia under The Evangelical Alliance Mission, have assumed new assignments at Chironga station. Since May 1 Brother Munger serves as assistant superintendent of schools in the area and Sister Munger is the language teacher for TEAM missionaries in Rhodesia. They write that in their area the political situation has been calm, but that in the cities there have been disturbances.

Japan

Let us pray for a very fruitful Gospel outreach by our churches in Japan through their summer evangelistic campaigns. Brother Kyoichi Kitano is conducting short series of meetings throughout the summer in Suita — a new area of evangelism for our church in Japan. Evangelistic services are being conducted in the Hirano, Imaizato and Nagase areas where young Japanese brethren are in charge. Other campaigns are scheduled in the churches as follows: Minato, July 20 to 23; Kuwana, July 23 to 27, Amagasaki, last week in July; Kasugade, last week in August. Roland Wiens arrived for furlough from Japan in San Francisco June 22 and are now residing at Reedley, Calif.

India

Miss Rebecca Glanzer, conference missionary serving under The Evangelical Alliance Mission in India, has returned for furlough and was welcomed by her home church, Salem, at Bridgewater, So. Dakota, June 18. Including furlough time Miss Glanzer has been in missionary service for 12 years. During the past eight years she has been doing student work, working among nurses in hospital

centers in Maharashtra state. Her work was centered at Poona and included an area of a 250-mile radius. "It has been a joy to see souls come to know Christ and to have the privilege of counseling many," Miss Glanzer writes. "The Lord raised up a national nurse who has assumed the responsibility of the work."

The G. J. Froese family is scheduled to sail for India from New York July 25. Members of the South End Church, Winnipeg, the Froeses are returning to Jadcherla where Dr. Froese will be serving in the medical center of the India field for their second term.

Authorization has not yet been received for the James Wiebes and John A. Wiebes to enter India. Let us pray in our homes and in our churches that the Lord will open the door for them to India where their services are urgently needed.

Bethany Bible Institute in India began its new school year the last week in June with a Bible college division. A Bible college department is being instituted to provide training for high school graduates and other advanced students. Teaching in this department are missionaries Paul G. Hiebert and J. J. Kasper. Since the Bible college instruction is in English, the Indian brethren at this point are hesitant to teach these courses.

Institute courses are all in Telugu. As a result of the Lord's provision and faithful missionary effort, capable Indian brethren and sisters are available for much of the instruction in Telugu. Brother and Sister N. P. James have received advanced Bible training and Brother and Sister Paranjathy have completed two years of training at Yeotmal Bible Seminary. Brother R. Murti will instruct language courses.

With students coming to Bethany Bible Institute and College with more educational training than in previous years, it becomes necessary for the faculty to advance their educational preparation to train the future leaders of India's churches and Bible schools. Since the Bible-training program is of utmost importance in the life and outreach of the India church, it is worthy and in need of our most intercession.

Africa

Eighteen colonies in Africa have gained complete independence during the past 12 months. To the credit of the foresighted colonial authorities, this tremendous step was achieved peacefully in almost

every case. (One notable exception was the former Belgian Congo, where too few Africans had been trained in the crafts of statesmanship.) In practically all of these countries missionary work has gone on as before and in some it has even been strengthened. Once again the Congo has been the exception, with at least 75 per cent of the missionary force withdrawing on the advice of their own governments. Pray that the leaders of these new African nations may govern their people in wisdom and with integrity; pray that many new missionaries may volunteer to enter the many countries where doors of opportunity are so widely open just now; pray that the church may grow up quickly in its sense of responsibility and in its outreach, looking toward the day when it can be entirely on its own under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

A. J. Esau writes from the Congo: "So far we have enjoyed a hearty welcome from the many native brethren as well as other people. We are happy to be here and trust the Lord to lead us to valuable contacts with the church and to an outreach for souls for the Lord. At Kafumba Alfred Schmidt and I were given a hearty and happy welcome by the pastor and many others. This morning was my first opportunity to give the Word of God in their morning chapel on the station. The pastor indicated that the church would be very pleased to see the Bible school reopened. Former students and others have asked about the opening of the Bible school."

John B. Kliewer has safely arrived in Leopoldville and begun his ministry in the Congo.

Arnold Priebe was scheduled to arrive back in America June 23 from the Congo. Brother Priebe

Introducing Missionaries

Missionaries who formerly served under the KMB Conference are herewith presented to members of the MB Conference so they may become acquainted with and intercede for the new workers of their missionary staff.



Name: Miss Rebecca Glanzer, R.N.
Home Church: Salem, Bridgewater, South Dakota. Field: India (The Evangelical Alliance Mission)
Ministry: Student Nurses' Work.

had planned to visit our work in India and Japan enroute home, but became ill in the Holy Land. He became ill from heat exhaustion when the vehicle in which he was traveling developed trouble and became stranded in the hot Judean wilderness. In Jordan contact was made with Dr. John Krahn, Winnipeg, member of the Mennonite Brethren Church serving at Hebron under MCC, who administered medical aid to Brother Priebe so he could regain sufficient strength to return to America.



Rev. and Mrs. Hugo Jantz and daughters Carol 3, Angelika 1, Judith 5 and Janet 6.

Europe

The Hugo Jantz family is scheduled to sail for Europe from Montreal on July 28. Their work in Europe will be a church-building and evangelistic ministry with their location to be determined on the field. The Jantzes are mem-

bers of the Virgil Church in Ontario. From 1956 to 1960 they served in Quito, Ecuador, HCJB German broadcasting department. With the completion of this term of service, the Janzes as well as the Board of Missions felt led of the Lord for them to enter the ripe harvest field in Europe.



THE Young Observers

Hello Friends,

"Pray without ceasing." 1 Thess. 5:17.

During these lovely summer days we haven't very much time to read and study. But, as Christians, we must always find a quiet time for Bible reading and prayer.

The best kind of prayer is a simple sharing of all our experiences with God — the beauty of a sunrise, the battle against temptation, or the courage of the sick bed. Paul meant this when he said, "Pray without ceasing." Daily, yes every moment, we should have a prayerful heart.

When Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States, many bitter things happened. His wife didn't understand him, his son was sick and died, his closest friends turned their backs on him. His country was at war, one part against the other. Often brother fought against brother. Everyone blamed Lincoln. What did the President do in the midst of all these troubles? What could he do? He fell on his knees. He prayed.

"I have been driven many times to my knees," he wrote. Luckily we don't face all the problems that Lincoln did. However, we need strength and guidance every day too. May we take the time to pray without ceasing.

Love, Aunt Helen.

Aunt Martha's Red Box

By Mrs. J. F. Underhill

Phyllis was so excited! She was to spend a whole week with Aunt Martha up in the big, white house on the hill. Her little suitcase was ready. Her dresses were neatly folded. Her hankies and stockings were tucked in the corners. Corabell, her best doll, was dressed in her lovely pink dress and bonnet. Corabell, was going, too. Aunt Martha had promised to make a whole new outfit for Corabell when she came.

"Now, Corabell," said Phyllis, "you sit right here in the corner of the davenport while I watch out of the window for Aunt Martha's car. She'll be here any minute."

Phyllis did not have to wait long.

"Here's Aunt Martha, Mother!" she called as the car stopped at the curb.

Mother kissed Phyllis as she bade her goodbye and told her to be a good girl. Phyllis got into the car and took Corabell on her lap. The journey to the big, white house on the hill had actually begun.

What fun they had investigating the big house! Aunt Martha told Phyllis interesting stories about each room.

"Your daddy slept in that little old fashioned cradle there in the corner when he was just a wee baby," she said. "And this is Grandmother's room," she continued. "See the old spinning wheel? My grandmother used it when she made yarn for our mittens and stockings. We have left this room exactly as she left it.

Her memory seems too dear to rearrange it."

"Oh, look," said Phyllis, "see that cute, red box! I wonder what is in it?"

"I really wouldn't know, dear," replied Aunt Martha. "Grandma had that red box as long as I can remember. I imagine it is full of quilt pieces. She used to keep so many of them. Now this is the chair she sat in when she used to rock your daddy to sleep. Isn't this a quaint little cushion?"

But Phyllis was not looking at the chair. Her eyes and thoughts would make a wonderful trunk for dolls' clothes.

On Monday morning Aunt Martha was called to help a neighbour bathe a new baby. She would be gone only a little while she said. Phyllis assured her hat she and Corabell would be all right until she came home.

When Aunt Martha was gone and Nellie was busy canning strawberries in the kitchen, Phyllis decided to wander around upstairs. She liked to pretend that she lived in the "good old days when all the children were home." She stopped to admire herself in the long mirror in Grandmother's room.

There sat the red box by the window, its cover tightly closed, and a quaint, embroidered doily on top. What could be in it? It would be a simple matter to open the lid and take just one tiny peek. Aunt Martha was gone. Nellie was busy. She could look inside and then put the doily back. Nobody would ever know.

Aunt Martha had said, "We have left this room exactly as she left it," but it seemed foolish to leave things standing there year after year—and a red box could be used for so many things.

Carefully placing the doily on the bed, Phyllis started to lift the cover. She looked once more out of the window to be sure that Aunt Martha was not coming back sooner than she had expected. The box did not open readily.

"It can't be locked," decided Phyllis, for there's no lock on it. Must come open on this side."

She gave the box quite a jerk. The cover came up suddenly. But with it came a cloud of feathers. They flew in her hair, on the bed, under the dresser, on the window sill. In just a moment they were all over the room—even under the old spinning wheel.

Phyllis was frightened. She must get them all back in the red box before her aunt returned. But how could she? There were feathers everywhere. She began to cry. But that would never do! Hastily wiping her eyes she picked up handfuls of the fly-away feathers and tried to stuff them into the red box.

Phyllis felt almost desperate. She did not dare ask Nellie to help her. Her only thought was to get them put back the best she could, comb the downy ones out of her hair, and shut the door to Grandma's room, hoping that Aunt Martha would not find out.

A very silent Phyllis was sitting on the front porch when Aunt Martha returned. Her heart was beating loudly. She feared Aunt Martha would hear it thumping so hard. Were there any feathers left in her hair, she wondered? She had brushed so hard!

Aunt Martha told her about "that sweet, little baby," and how it "just loved its bath."

"And this afternoon I'll take you and Corabell over to see it if you wish," she added. "Did you have a good time while I was gone?"

Phyllis did not say a word. Holding Corabell tightly she began

to cry.

Putting her arm around Phyllis Aunt Martha questioned the little girl. Was she homesick?

"Yes," sobbed Phyllis. "I just want to go home."

"Shall we have a little lunch first, dear? Some of Nellie's strawberry preserves on bread—and then I have a little surprise for you. Do you remember that red box up in Grandma's room?"

Phyllis felt as if her heart had stopped beating. Did Aunt Martha know? How could she find out so soon? Were there any feathers in her hair?

"I have decided to let you take that red box home with you," continued Martha. "You can keep it for your very own, and put it in your room. Shall we go up and get it now?"

"Oh, Aunt Martha!" Phyllis just held Aunt Martha's hand tightly. At last she stopped crying. "I opened it," she said quickly. "It was full of feathers, and they flew all over everything."

Aunt Martha hugged Phyllis tightly. Then she went for a dust mop, and arm in arm they walked up the stairs.

After a while they carried the red box downstairs to the sewing room.

At the end of the week Phyllis had two things to pack—her suitcase, and the red box, which was now full of new clothes for Corabell.

Phyllis had learned a lesson, however. The red box would be a constant reminder that it is not always a simple matter to take just one little peek into things that belong to others.

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Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

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"Because—" He looked at her and stopped. He was going to say that she wasn't old enough to understand. He had always thought of Pauline Brandon as a child—a school girl. But he suddenly realized that she wasn't a child any longer; she had grown up. In appearance she was a very attractive young woman, with large expressive blue eyes, fresh complexion and finely-chiselled features framed with a head of pretty blonde hair. More than that, there was maturity in her outlook and attitude that surprised him. Either he hadn't noticed it before, or else the tragic experience through which she and her family were passing had made her older—much older.

"You're in some kind of trouble, aren't you, Trevor?"

The directness of her question startled him, and he was on the defensive immediately.

"And what if I am?" There was a touch of the old arrogance in his voice, but Pauline ignored it and said,

"If you are in trouble, Trevor, I'd like to help you find the way out."

Trevor's head dropped into his hands. "There's no way out. Not for me!" he said hopelessly.

"Of course there is!" The girl spoke quietly, convincingly. "No matter what we have done, Trevor, if we confess our sins, there is always forgiveness with God."

"That's just it!" he broke in. "It's no use confessing your sins to God unless you're prepared to turn around and make a clean start, is it?"

"That's right, Trevor," she agreed thoughtfully. "And aren't you prepared to do that?"

"How can I?" he cried in despair. "How can I tell people who have trusted me and looked on me as a friend that I've cheated and robbed them?"

Pauline gasped in astonishment. She remembered Mrs. Norwood's missing money. Nancy must have been right in her suspicions after all.

"Did you really do that, Trevor?" she countered.

He nodded, but he did not raise his eyes to meet hers. "I needed money, that was why I did it. But I fully intended to pay it all back as soon as I was on my feet again. That's the honest truth!"

"And have you?" she asked.

"How could I?" He made a despairing gesture. "I'm deeper in debt now than I ever was!"

"Surely there is somebody who could help you out, Trevor! What about your father?"

Trevor looked up with a glint of anger in his eyes. "My father? He

won't do much for me! Sets me on the wrong track in the first place, then turns me down when I could do with some help!"

"Surely he wouldn't do that, Trevor!" Pauline was thinking of her own father.

"Oh, yes! He tells me that I'm a fool. He can do these things and knows when to stop, why can't I?" He heaved a sigh. "I suppose he's right. But that is not much comfort when a fellow's got so far into it that he can't stop!"

"You mean gambling, Trevor?" Again the directness of her question nettled him.

"Yes, gambling and drinking, and all the rest of it!" He gave her a defiant, guilty look. "And now, go on," he added doggedly, "condemn me for the deepest-dyed sinner you have ever met!"

"It's not for me to condemn you, Trevor," Pauline said with deep concern, in a voice that trembled with earnestness. "When we do wrong, we know it in our own heart, our own conscience condemns us. That is the way God speaks to us and shows us that we need a Saviour. And I am sure that He is speaking to you, Trevor."

Trevor Warne was silent. He did not contradict her, because in his heart he knew that what she said was true. God had spoken to him last night and was still speaking to him. He had not been able to find any peace. That was why he had finally decided to see Pastor Brandon and talk things over with him. But he hadn't expected that the pastor's daughter would draw such a confession from him. Still, it was a relief to talk to someone, for the burden of guilt lay on his heart so heavily that he was in despair. He couldn't go on much longer.

"There is only One Who can really help you, Trevor—the Lord Jesus Christ."

"It's no use, Pauline!" he stopped her with a cry. "I can't do it, I tell you, I can't!"

Pauline was praying hard. "What can't you do, Trevor?"

"I can't get myself out of the mess I'm in! I know what you're going to say. I heard your father preach at the mission last night. It might be all right for other people, but it's no good for me. I've gone too far, I can't turn back now!"

"You must, Trevor. For your own sake."

"I can't I tell you! There's too much involved. I can't face up to it."

It was a frank admission of defeat, but to Pauline Brandon the battle was not lost, it was only beginning!

"You can with God's help!" she insisted solemnly.

He shook his head. "No, you don't

understand. How can a fellow like me turn to God for help, anyway? I'd have to clean up my life first."

"No, Trevor, that's where you're wrong. The Lord Jesus Christ wants you just as you are. He will cleanse you from your sin."

"Don't you see? If I turn to God, I've got to cut clean from my old life, and I can't! Even my career is involved, even that's built on a lie! I'd have to make a clean breast of everything and be known to everybody as a liar and a thief and a fraud. I can't do it, Pauline. I can't face it. I'm too much of a coward!"

"You're not a coward, Trevor!" Pauline spoke with such emphasis that Trevor looked up in surprise. "I think you're the most courageous person I know."

He gave a short, mirthless laugh. "There's no need to rub it in!"

Pauline rose, her face flushed, her eyes shining. "I mean it, Trevor. It takes courage to face up to things the way you're doing."

"Well, I haven't got enough courage to make the break." His tone sounded hopeless.

Pauline took a step toward him. "It's only the evil that you have allowed to come into your life that makes you afraid, Trevor. When your life is right with God, you can look the whole world in the face!"

"I don't know when that will be!"

"Just as soon as you make your decision, Trevor," she said quickly. "You've only got to come back to the Lord and He will receive you. When we confess our sins to Him, He blots them out for ever, and He gives us all the strength and courage we need to put our lives right with other people."

"I wish I could believe that, Pauline."

"You will, Trevor, I know you will. You see, God answers prayer, and I've been praying for you."

"For me?" he echoed in surprise. "Why should you bother praying for me?"

"Because—because, oh, Trevor!" she burst out, unable to restrain her emotions any longer. "God meant your life for something better than this. I couldn't bear to see you throwing yourself away on all these things."

Trevor was deeply ashamed and asked awkwardly, "Why should it matter to you? I mean—"

He looked into her eyes and what he saw there startled and staggered him. Pauline Brandon's soul was in those lovely blue eyes of hers, which told the story more clearly than words could have done. Pauline Brandon was in love with him!

In the realization of the love of this good Christian girl, Trevor Warne suddenly discovered his better self. He resolved to make himself worthy of the faith she had in him, of the love that she was expressing in her concern for his welfare. Then he began to realize that it was only a step from here to the great eternal love of God in Christ.

If a girl like Pauline Brandon could



love him just as he was, maybe God's love would embrace him, too!

He stood up with a sudden resolve. "Thanks, Pauline."

"You're not going yet, are you?"

Trevor glanced at his watch. "Well, I think I'd better. I've decided to go to the mission tonight. So I'll have to spruce up a bit. I couldn't very well turn up like this!"

"Oh, Trevor!" she cried joyfully, "How wonderful!"

The young man shifted uneasily from one foot to the other. "You'll be there, I suppose, Pauline?"

Pauline's face glowed. "Yes, oh yes!" she said breathlessly.

"Then, I wonder if you'd let me sit with you, Pauline?"

Pauline was blushing furiously. "Yes, of course, Trevor. That's if you'd like to."

"There's nothing I'd like better," he said quickly. "You see, Pauline, you've helped me so much."

"Have I really, Trevor?" she whispered.

He reached out and took her hand. "Yes, you have. You've been wonderful, Pauline." His grey eyes met hers with something of their old light and lustre. "You've helped me to find God."

Pauline returned the warm pressure of his hand. "Have I, Trevor? Then I'm glad, so very, very glad!"

CHAPTER XXV NANCY'S SONG

The great marquee was crowded that Sunday evening. It looked as if all those who had been there for the opening the night before had come back, and those who had been absent Saturday night were determined to see and hear for themselves at the very next opportunity. Never before in the history of Southdown had there been such a congregation of people in one place at one time.

There were people everywhere—inside and outside the tent, in every available nook. Extra seats had been secured from available sources and still many people could not be accommodated and had to stand on the edge of the crowd. But nobody seemed to mind and the great gathering was very orderly and attentive as the meeting proceeded. They heartily joined in the singing of the hymns. They witnessed the various exercises of the meeting with evident interest. Not a word of Pastor Brandon's message was missed, and then Nancy Norwood stood up to sing.

(To be continued)

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**Echoes**

by Peter J. Dyck

Last summer four of us went to Russia. We entertained no great anxiety that something extraordinary would happen to us, but we were not without concern about the Mennonite brethren there who might contact us. Time and again we asked them whether our meeting them might have undesirable consequences for them, but they thought not. Often it was mentioned that under Krushchev it is quite different from the Stalin days. On the other hand, we also know of those who preferred to be completely certain of safety and therefore avoided contact with us. One can well understand this.

A year has passed since our visit and there are those who would like to know what echo may have come from Russia. First, we can report that comparatively many reports have come in from Mennonites as well as non-Mennonites and also that we have not received a single negative echo. This is certainly cause for gratitude to God.

We met one brother, H. G., there and since he had time for us we were with him a great deal. In numerous conversations throughout several days, he told us many interesting and important things about Mennonites and other subjects. Upon leaving, we agreed that he would inform us by letter whether our visit had caused any harm in the area. Should that be the case, he would let us know by writing a series of negative comments. Otherwise he would simply write that things were going well for him, which would signify that no one in the area had suffered difficulty because of our visit. And now Brother H. G. writes as follows:

First, a sincere greeting of brotherly love and may God richly bless in all your endeavors and undertakings and may you enjoy health of body and soul, which we have enjoyed up to the present. For again and again we see the great love God shows his children. He nourishes our bodies and also spiritually. He gives us the necessary food. Yes, we truly have cause to be very thankful to our God and Father through Jesus Christ, that He has selected us to be His people and the sheep of His pasture. We have cause to repeat the 100th Psalm with the Psalmist.

Here we have had a mild winter. Today we had a rather heavy snow. In our area the harvest this year was very good. In 1952

we built our own house, very nice, also have a lovely garden, had our own very fine apples. We are living well, three of us are working. My dear wife cares for the household and also tends the animals. Our youngest daughter is studying. Since this is my first letter to you, I really do not know what interests you, but I hope, the Lord willing, that we can continue to exchange correspondence and that will then regulate itself. Will close with a greeting to all the brethren and sisters in the Lord with Ephesians 2:19-22. Greetings from your brother in the Lord.

H. G.

The following echo is from a non-Mennonite living in another area, and from this letter we can also conclude that our visit created no harm for anyone. Among other things the trip was meant to encourage our own people and other Christians in Russia in their faith. That God granted us grace toward this end is spoken of in this letter from A.W.:

The continuing peace of God is my wish for you all in greeting! Blessed is he who can commit himself to the Father's mercy, then one receives comfort and power for even the difficult hours. May God bless and grant power that these few sentences may find you in good spirits and health, which, thanks to God, my family also enjoys. Oh, dear Father in Heaven, I thank you for everything that You have done for us!

Yes, how often I think back to the few minutes which we enjoyed together. These few minutes have strengthened me in my faith. How fine and marvelous it is to travel over the surface of God's earth as you did with His blessing, coming to us from a great distance and not forgetting us. I thank you and wish to express my sincere thanks for the strengthening which I received. I have learned through Father H. and Mrs. P. that you have returned safely to your homeland. May God be praised!

I also want to report to you that I gave your good greetings to our congregation and they are very grateful. M.P. was also very grateful for the Bible which Dr. Fast so kindly gave her as a substitute for the Bible which her husband had sent along with you. The old Father H. was very happy about the news that you sent with me, for he had not heard from his son for a long time and would have liked to have seen you.

Last year the autumn was very nice; we had a good harvest. There were many grapes, figs, plums, and

especially many peaches. We have canned and preserved fruit for the winter. Once we had snow but it melted immediately. Here the winter is not severe. Already the beginning of March the fruit trees are in blossom. The children go to school. The oldest daughter is studying in a music school. We bought her a piano and now the peace in the house has been disturbed, but no one can change that; she is very much interested in music.

For this time I will close my letter and greet you heartily. May the Father in Heaven bless us and continue to give us strength and health and may He grant that these few lines may find you well. I would ask you, if it is not difficult for you, that you write us a few lines about how you live and how your health is. It would make us happy and strengthen us further. If you see the Brethren Wiens, Lohrenz and Fast, please give them my sincere greetings. With hearty brotherly greeting, A. W.

The visits of Bender and Wiens in the year 1956 and Miller in 1958 have had, as far as we know, no negative consequences either, except an article which appeared in a Russian newspaper and which someone slipped into our pocket. Under the title "Mennonites Save Souls," the article dealt in a rude way with several Mennonite ministers and covers the whole gamut from evangelism to sending of parcels to spying. The names Bender, Wiens and Dyck are also mentioned. A short excerpt from the article would perhaps be of interest. Apparently referring to the visit of Bender and Wiens, it reads in part:

Guests from Overseas: The chauffeur drives to the door of the guest house. Two men climb from the car and after looking at their watches, they hurry to their room.

'A strange type of tourist,' thinks the tired driver. 'Lake Issuk is not important to them. Medec likewise. They just want to dally around in the vicinity near a woman selling sunflower seeds or else photograph a neglected hut.'

But the chauffeur's work day has ended. Shaking his head, he chases away the boring thoughts, turns his car around and parks it in the garage. But not only the driver wondered about the behavior of the tourists. The airplane in which they flew landed at the airport. With astonishment the passengers looked on as these tourists occupied themselves with obviously unimportant things: They tore bark from the trees and stuck it in their pockets, as well as handfuls of earth. Incidentally, this unimportant thing had a very important and serious purpose.

From the bark and from the earth they wanted to determine the radioactivity of that spot. The Christ of the Mennonites proves himself to be interested totally in

the earthly.

This requires no further comment or clarification. The only question is whether people there really believe this nonsense and whether perhaps someone did suffer annoyances because of the visit. But again we should repeat that we do not know of such, and for this we thank God.

M. B. Board of General Welfare News

Waldo Hiebert and J. B. Toews have sensed prayer support in their work in South America and will continue to appreciate our remembering them in our intercession. This week (week of July 9) the brethren Hiebert and Toews are scheduled to complete their consultations in Paraguay and travel on to Uruguay and Brazil.

A cry for Christian workers to enter the ripened harvest fields in South America seems to be resounding throughout the land, says Henry C. Born as he writes about the development of the South American Conference Theological Institute at Curitiba, Brazil. Property for the Institute has been purchased in a suburb of Curitiba adjacent to the Vila Guaira Mennonite Brethren Church. Cost of the property which includes several buildings for student housing is approximately \$7,000. A cornerstone-laying, ground-breaking service for the construction of a main building was held late in May. The building is to be ready for the coming school year. At present the Institute meets in the Xaxim Mennonite Brethren Church, but is in urgent need of more adequate facilities.

The Institute has been initiated by the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference which is being assisted by the North American brotherhood through the Board of General Welfare with the operation and development of the institution. Its purpose is to train ministers, leaders, missionaries, teachers and workers for the churches.

The Institute was to be represented at the conference of Paraguay Mennonite Brethren Churches July 2 and 3 by Hans Kasdorf and a male quartet.

Frank Peters, Welfare worker at Bage, Brazil is teaching in the Theological Institute and Bible school at Curitiba during the second semester from June to October. He will replace Hans Kasdorf who has been commuting from Blumenau.

M. A. Kroeker attended the Canadian Conference in Coaldale, Alberta, July 1 to 5 and presented a report on the work in South America and the developing conference Christian Service Program.

John Walls, Welfare Board workers in Uruguay, are the parents of a baby boy, Robert Allan, born to them in Montevideo June 14.

ON THE HORIZON

July 5-14. — First Children's Camp at Arnes.

July 12-19. — Girl's Camp at Sask. Redberry Bible Camp.

July 19-26. — Boy's Camp at Sask. Redberry Bible Camp.

July 16-25. — Second Children's Camp at Arnes.

July 26 to August 3. — Family Camp at Arnes.

July 28-29. — Married Couple's Camp at Sask. Redberry Bible Camp.

July 30 - August 4. — Young People's Camp at Sask. Redberry Bible Camp.

August 4-6. — Youth Retreat at Sask. Redberry Bible Camp.

August 4-7. — CBMC Retreat at Camp Arnes.

August 8-17. — Third Children's Camp at Arnes.

August 20-21. — United States M. B. Conference at Gnadenau M. B. church in Hillsboro.

August 4-6. — Manitoba M. B. Sunday School Convention at the Burwalde Camp with Rev. H. R. Baerg and Rev. C. C. Peters as speakers.

September 7-9. — Graduates of the M.B.C.I. will present each night the drama "Not Regina" at the M.B.C.I. Auditorium, Winnipeg.

Ordination of Women

Finland — Removal of legal bars to the ordination of women in the Finnish Lutheran Church will be recommended to the next Church Assembly by a special committee that has been studying the question. This was revealed in Helsinki by the semi-weekly Christian paper *Kitmaa*, which said the full report of the five-member committee will be published before the end of this year. The quintennial meeting of the Church's supreme legislative body is scheduled to take place early in 1963. The last Church Assembly in 1958 failed to give a required three-fourth favorable vote to a proposal that women theological graduates be given a special office in the Church, with most but not all of the privileges of ordained clergy. Instead, the body deferred action and named another committee.

A Personal Word

What God did in Linz is marvelous in our eyes. People responded to the gospel invitation night after night. This is phenomenal for Austria. Missionary organizations working in Austria report that it is a very difficult field. Very few people have been saved in evangelistic meetings. We believe that due to the prayers of God's people for the Linz Crusade, a mighty victory was won. The attendance was excellent. The Spirit of God moved mightily in some surrounding areas and in the churches of Linz. One church re-

ported that the unsaved relatives (sons, daughters, fathers, mothers, husbands and wives) of their church members had all been saved, a total of about seventy persons. Praying parents saw their children saved. One night a woman came to me after the service and reported with glowing face that three of her children had come forward, one of them a teen-ager who had been following the pleasures of the world. There were those who reported that the tug to come to the meetings was so strong that they had not been able to stay away, even though they had planned not to come to the services.

For all that the Spirit of God has wrought in Linz, we want to give God the glory. Many of you had a vital part in this crusade through your prayers and gifts. I am sure that you feel rewarded as you realize what God hath wrought. Many of you reading these lines have not written us for many months. Do let us hear from you too. A letter from you will be a real encouragement to us as we seek to carry on the work that God has entrusted to us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Leo Janz

Farewell to Missionaries

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Brother Froese said that their time of furlough had been a time of relaxation, further education and deputation work. Basing his remarks on Colossians 4:2-6, Brother Froese requested that the church continue in prayer for them as its workers, for an open door for the gospel and for wisdom and spiritual understanding, so that they be enabled to redeem the time.

Rev. J. P. Neufeld, the pastor of the church, responded by assuring the missionary couple that in accordance with Philippians 1:3-7 we would constantly be in remembrance of them, that we would fellowship (in the Gospel) with them and that the church was confident that they would accomplish the entrusted task since their strength is in Christ.

Further words of farewell and encouragement were spoken and sung by brethren who represented various branches of the church.

The Froeses will leave New York approximately on July 25 and they expect to arrive at Bombay after a four week sea voyage. Their field address will be: M.B. Mission Hospital, Jadcherla, Deccan, Andhra Pradesh, India.

We are also pleased to announce that Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Pauls, who were studying in Belgium will soon be leaving for their assigned medical work in the Belgian Congo.

May the Lord preserve them, bless His church and may His name be glorified.

F. J. Froese.

Colombian Students

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women of the West Coast have been so kind in preparing and sending to the school. During several weeks 2,671 verses of Scripture were recited and six of the children were able to recite 100 verses.

On June 9 the personnel of the Colegio experienced a marvellous answer to prayer. Plans were being made for the annual field day when during the last week, a season of very heavy rains broke out. It rained day and night and it was impossible even to practice and the playgrounds were a mess. Still the teachers and children continued in their preparation of the program that was to be presented. Everybody prayed that if it was the will of the Lord, that He would give us a nice day. It was still raining when the lights were turned out on Thursday night, but before morning the stars were shining. On Friday morning, June 9 there were many happy faces because a beautiful day had dawned. Everybody marvelled at what the Lord could do in the midst of a rainy season. Everybody was on

the play grounds from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 in the afternoon and received a good sunburn, too. The day was closed with a prayer of thanksgiving and new faith in the Lord. During the night the rain again began, and again the weather was cold and rainy and drizzly. We had just asked for one nice day!

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Erich Giesbrecht Reports from Volendam

(Report sent in by M.B.C. Board of General Welfare)



High school in Volendam Colony in which Erich Giesbrecht, standing at the left, teaches.

Erich Giesbrecht, graduate of Mennonite Brethren Bible College and Tabor College, is actively serving the cause of Christ in Volendam Colony in eastern Paraguay.

Erich faces many claims in Volendam on his dedication and training for Christian service. Six days a week he teaches in the high school known as a "Zentralschule" in the Mennonite colonies in Paraguay. Sundays he travels to various villages to minister the Word of God since he is considered one of the ministers in the colony. Evenings are devoted to youth and other church work.

In the high school he has been given complete responsibility for the religious instruction. Erich sees in his assignment among the young people an opportunity to do a great work for Christ and His Kingdom in Volendam. High school teachers also instruct in the elementary grades because of a limited number of teachers.

Volendam Mennonite Brethren Church has also asked Erich Giesbrecht to develop Christian activities among its young people which he finds challenging. A youth service is held one Sunday a month. Erich has started a Bible study for young people in the colony meeting three times a month.

A choir is being organized in the Volendam Mennonite Brethren Church. Leader will be Heinrich Reimer — brother of church leader Aaron Reimer. Erich also serves on the Volendam M.B. Church council and the colony committee for church matters.

Erich and his wife Erna married last January) are assisted in their ministry by the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium). They work in a needy field where people have become indifferent through their experiences. Let us continue to pray for the Giesbrechts and the witness of the Church in Volendam.



Volendam high school building photographed on a harvest-mission festival day.



Teachers and Students commute to school via horseback, bicycles and horse-drawn carts.

Song Festival at Lucky Lake and Beechy

Beechy, Sask. "...it is good to sing praises unto our God..." (Ps. 147:1). Towards the end of May the choirs of the M.B. churches of Lucky Lake and Beechy jointly enjoyed a busy week of practices, with Mr. Henry Schroeder as conductor and Mrs. Schroeder as pianist, ending with a Song festival Sunday afternoon at Lucky Lake and Sunday evening at Beechy.

June 11th was our seasonal Sunday School picnic. On this occasion both young and old were present. The weather proved to be just right. After an outdoor program and games refreshments were served to hot and hungry picnickers.

Our last Christian Endeavor emphasized the work of the Gideon Society. Mr. Harold Thieszen and Mr. Jake Wiebe of Swift Current presented a report and answered questions concerning the work.

We, as believers at Beechy, thank the Lord for His many blessings. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" (Eph. 1:3).

Mrs. P. G. Willems

Conquest for Christ

A Study of Mennonite Brethren Missions

The committee on Church Schools of the General Conference of the M. B. Church believes that the Lord has directed it to a way in which the present and future generations can be informed about and inspired for the cause of missions.

Several years ago Mrs. H. H. Nikkel of Shafter, Calif., wrote a series of lessons on the history of our foreign missions. At the request of some of our brethren, Sister Nikkel has rewritten and revised this material. The Committee on Church Schools of our General Conference is at present making plans to publish this material in the form of a 6x9 inch hard cover book with over thirty lessons and over two hundred pages. This book, written on a Junior High School level, is designed especially for mid-week services, but it is also suited for ladies' mission meetings, etc. It is instructive and inspirational reading. Charts and maps are a special feature that will help in the understanding of the development of our mission program.

Keep looking for additional information to be released in our M. B. papers in the near future.

I. W. Redekopp,
J. A. Froese,
Chester Fast

How the Project Developed

Pastor Waldo Wiebe and teachers of the Shafter M. B. Church were looking for material different

from the regular Sunday school curriculum and yet valuable and instructive as mid-week service material for the children.

Mrs. H. H. Nikkel worked out a course suitable for the 5th and 6th grades and taught a lesson a week as she wrote it. She used such sources as: Conference periodicals, Zionsbote, Christian Leader, Harvest Field, Morning Light, and booklets published by the Board of Foreign Missions. The bibliography includes: The Mennonite Brethren Church, by J. H. Lohrenz; The Growth of Foreign Missions in the M. B. Church, by G. W. Peters; The Story of Our Church and the Beginning of Our Missions, The Story of Our Mission Fields, First Sixty Years of M. B. Missions, by Mrs. H. T. Esau; Survey of M. B. Missions, by A. E. Janzen; and Missionaries at Home and Abroad, by the K. M. B. Conference. Conference year books and missionaries' oral reports supplied additional information. The following secular sources were also consulted: Funk and Wagnalls, New Standard Encyclopedia; Redway and Hinman, Natural Complete Geography, National Geographic Magazine, Life, and Congo Mission News.

After tabulating the facts, the author sought to choose details and developments that would interest the mind of the particular age, and at the same time have value for any reader. The writer constantly kept in mind the choice of vocabulary of the proper level, a simple sentence structure, and a limited amount of dramatic interest as well as suspense in the selection of incidents.

The project was completed by 1955. It was given into the hands of the Board of Foreign Missions, who tried to ascertain how it would be received by sending out mimeographed copies of individual fields for approval by the churches. The response seemed favorable. In the course of time, the project was transferred to the U.S.A. Board of Sunday Schools and then to the Committee on Church Schools of the General Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church. This committee is now promoting the project for use in the educational program of the churches.

Several years had passed since the first writing, and many new developments had taken place in the mission work. Therefore, the need was felt to bring the history up to date. A further need for revision arose when the committee planned to limit the course to one year instead of two as originally planned. That necessitated a complete reorganization of materials, re-evaluation of facts and inci-

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EDUCATION — SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Waterloo Lutheran University Receives Recognition

Waterloo Lutheran University was recently accepted into the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges. This Conference is the highest "accrediting" agency in Canada and membership in this body assures member Universities and Colleges the privilege of transferring appropriate credits to other member schools. All federal grants to universities in Canada are now administered through this agency and apply only to member schools.

Waterloo Lutheran University was granted a separate charter to grant degrees by an Act of the Ontario Legislature which went into effect in 1959.

As early as 1911, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada opened a seminary in Waterloo, Ontario. In 1914 courses leading to Senior Matriculation were introduced and in 1924 liberal arts courses were offered. The Arts faculty was named Waterloo College and in 1925 the College was affiliated with the University of

Western Ontario in London, Ontario. This affiliation was terminated by mutual agreement in 1960. During this time more than 1000 students had received the B.A. degree on the basis of work done at Waterloo.

In 1950 through the mediation of Dean Frank C. Peters, then on the staff of Waterloo College, courses in liberal arts taught at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College were accepted as transfer credit by Waterloo College. This association has enabled a large number of graduates and students of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College to complete the B.D. degree at Waterloo. Usually one to two years of additional studies in arts was required by the Waterloo faculty.

The University maintains and controls two separate units. Waterloo Lutheran Seminary educates men for the Lutheran ministry and grants the B.D. degree. Several pastors and teachers in the Mennonite Brethren Church have received training and degrees from this institution. Waterloo University College offers both Honours and General programs in Arts leading to a B.A. degree.

An impressive expansion program is planned for the near future. The Chairman of the Board of Governors has announced plans for additional facilities to accommodate approximately 1000 students by 1963. Among the new buildings planned are two residences, a student union, gymnasium, library, and a substantial addition to the Arts building. The new residence for women, to accommodate 100 students, will be available for fall enrollment. The student union building which includes a bookstore, cafeteria, lounges and offices will also be ready for the fall opening.

Plans are presently underway to affiliate the Arts division of Mennonite Brethren Bible College with Waterloo Lutheran University. Final decision in this matter rests with the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference in session at Coaldale, July 1-5th.

Affiliation of smaller Colleges with a recognized university is the Canadian approach to problem of accreditation. No official accrediting agency operates in Canada. Provincial universities receive charters from their respective provinces and become the degree-granting bodies in higher education. Smaller church colleges accept the curricula of the universities and are subject to course supervision and

course examinations by their parent universities. Once affiliation has been granted, the work done in the affiliated college is recognized by the parent university as equivalent to its own offerings and other universities accept such credits for transfer purposes. Affiliation, then, would give greater transfer possibilities for courses in Arts offered at Mennonite Brethren Bible College, and would virtually establish M.B.B.C. as an "accredited" institution in Canada.

Miss Redekop Winning \$1000 Music Scholarship

Miss Erika Joyce Redekop of 29 Thompson Ave., St. Catharines,

Ontario, has won two prizes in music from the University of Manitoba.

Miss Redekop, daughter of Mrs. A. H. Redekop and the late Mr. Redekop, has been awarded the Western Board of Music Traveling Scholarship worth \$1000.

The money is for study outside Canada. Miss Redekop, who plans to complete her studies for her bachelor of arts degree at Waterloo University College this September, will use the scholarship in fall, 1962.

She has also won the University Gold Medal for achieving the highest standing in the licentiate examination for piano performance.

Eden Christian College Graduation



Eden Christian College Graduates: Front row: Lydia Fast, Virginia Schellenberg, Frieda Klassen, Lydia Block, Irma Dyck, Margaret Wiebe, Helen Rempel (two names missing). Second row left to right: Margaret Klassen, Betsy Becker, Marilyn Neufeld, Edith Fransen, Katie Klassen, Irma Istchenko, Linda Isaak, Ruth Baerg, Ruth Neufeld, Hertha Janzen. Third row: Donald Wiebe, Harold Wiens, Victor Andres, John Letkemann, John Peters, Edgar Dyck, Eric Willms, Edwin Dick. Four students are not on the picture: Cornie Duerksen, Rudy Braun, Henry Janzen and Ronald Fast.

(Photo sent in by D. J. Klassen.)

Virgil, Ont. — June in the Niagara Peninsula, Ontario, was filled with many activities. On June 9, after a strenuous week of exams, the Grade XII class of Eden Christian College enjoyed a banquet and program prepared for them by the Grade XI class with the aid of the newly organized Women's Auxiliary.

The following day these students were accepted into the E.C.C. Alumni Association, which had prepared a banquet for them. Later in the evening the annual Choral Concert was presented by the Eden Senior Choir. Guest artists were Ed Unrau, Peter Martens and Bert Mathies, and Ingrid Pauls as guest pianist.

Sunday, June 11th, was the day for which 31 students had looked forward to during their four high school years. The day was very beautiful and the auditorium filled with many parents and friends who had come to witness the graduation. The valedictorian address was given by Annie Weier and answered by Mary Klassen. Rev. Herbert Swartz, the leader of the

newly established M.B. Church of Toronto, addressed the graduates with a suitable message.

Proficiency awards, for being the best student of the class in academic and in extra curricular activities, were presented to Martha Neufeld, Grade 9; Herbert Friesen, Grade 10; Robert Reimer, Grade 11; Edith Fransen, Grade 12. Honor Certificates were presented to the runner-ups: Susan Janzen, Grade 9; Paul Fransen, Grade 10; Gary Koop, Grade 11; and Donald Wiebe, Grade 12. The German Award was presented to Margaret Klassen, while the Mathematics and Science Award was presented to Edith Fransen. The best all around student of the year was Eric Willms, who will have his name imprinted on the D. H. Neuman Plaque.

The closing remarks were made by H. H. Voth, who also presented Mr. Paul Wiebe and Mr. John Klassen, two members of the Eden family who were leaving, each with a gift as a token of appreciation for their services.

Linda Willms

It is the hope of the author and the Committee on Church Schools that *Conquest for Christ*, a study of M. B. Missions, will meet the requirements of the educational program in all the churches and homes of our Conference.

Canadian M. B. Conference

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water, Ontario; one in Prince George, B.C.; one in Ocean Falls, B.C., and one in Kitimat, B.C.

President J. A. Toews of the M. B. Bible College reported that in the past school year the College had had 5 General Bible Course students, 20 music, 69 B.R.E. and 46 Th.B. students. The Conference decided to extend the work of the College both in the academic as well as in the theological realms. It was also agreed that the College should enter the field of radio ministry and that an A. H. Unruh memorial building is to be erected. More detailed information about this shall follow in the regular reports by the College administration.

According to the treasurer's report, read by Rev. G. H. Sukkau, the Canadian Conference has had an expenditure in the year 1960-61 of \$584,607.65. The average expenditure per church member was \$40.61.

The General Conference M. B. Mission Board gave a report, according to which there are 198 persons who are considered as our missionaries. Some of them are serving under other mission boards. Those who were serving in the Congo are waiting for appointments, which can take place as soon as the political conditions have become more favorable. The total Canadian and U.S.A. budget disbursements as presented by the Foreign Missions Treasurer, Mr. Peter J. Funk, Hillsboro, was \$592,383.68.

With regard to publication it was decided that there should be one General Conference Board consisting of 5 members, one Canadian Publication Board, which is to operate the Christian Press, and one U.S.A. Board which is to own and operate the M.B. Publishing House in Hillsboro.

Mr. C. A. DeFehr, who presented the work of the "Dienst am Evangelium" (Canadian section of the General Conference Board of General Welfare), reported that in the

past year the Fernheim Bible School had had 37 and the Friesland Bible School 8 students. The Bage, Colonia Nova Bible School had 38 and the Curitiba Bible School and Theological Institute had 34 students. The Volendam Central School is also operating, and it meets a definite need in South America and especially in Paraguay.

The Canada Inland Mission is in the process of beginning a substantial mission work among the French speaking people in Quebec. Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Dyck, who formerly were engaged in mission work in the Congo have consented to serve in the new field.

The Committee on Evangelism reported that Evangelist H. Epp had conducted meetings for 26 weeks during the past year, and that other brethren of the Conference had assisted in this great work for another 16 weeks.

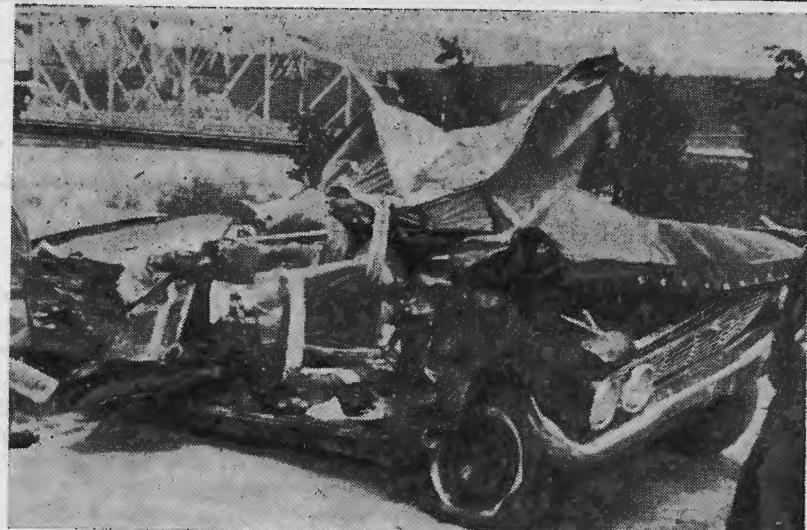
The chairman of the S.S. Committee, Rev. B. B. Fast, gave an enlightening report. According to statistics the Canadian M. B. churches have 14,522 S.S. pupils who are instructed by 1356 teachers. The S.S. collections of 1960 totalled \$87,345. During 1960 there were 34 Mission Sunday Schools, 104 D.V.B. Schools and 94 Children's Camps.

The report regarding youth work shows that in 1960 there were 51 young people's organizations (Jugendvereine) and that during that year \$25,598 were collected for the work of the Lord.

Other areas of Conference activity were also brought to the attention of the convention and it was felt that much had been done but that there is much more that remains to be done in the future.

The moderator of the Conference for the following year (1961-62) is Rev. J. H. Quiring; Rev. D. J. Pankratz is the assistant and Rev. D. K. Duerksen was reelected as the Conference secretary.

Truly the Coaldale M.B. Church and all the Alberta M.B. churches have done a splendid work by being hospitable to the many delegates and guests who have enjoyed their stay and fellowship with the



This car brought death to Rev. P. P. Neufeldt, Brother Herbert Martens and Missionary Walter Sawatzky, all of Yarrow, B.C., on June 29, 1961 at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, U.S.A.

Three Lives Claimed

(Continued from page 1-4)

at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, which is near the point where the British Columbia, Idaho and Montana borders converge. Brethren Martens and Neufeldt were killed instantly and brother Sawatzky died in a hospital.

The three men were traveling to Coaldale to participate in the day of fasting and prayer on Friday and in the sessions of the conference from Saturday to Wednesday. Brother Sawatzky would have been among a group of missionaries at the conference to represent the brotherhood's concern for world evangelization.

A picture of the Sawatzky family together with a report of their projected ministry in Brazil appeared in the June 30 Mennonite Observer on page 4. Surviving Walter are his wife Irma and sons Terrance 6 and Edwin 3. The Sawatzkys served three years in Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo and studied at Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary the past year for further missionary service.

Brother Neufeldt, the father of Mrs. Sawatzky, had served as lead-

many brethren and sisters during the days of the Conference. May God reward all those who have served so faithfully during those important days.

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Invitation to Attend the Manitoba S.S. Conference

Our annual Manitoba M.B. Sunday School Conference is to convene at the Burwalde camp August 4-6. Rev. H. R. Baerg, instructor at the M.B. Bible College and Rev. C. C. Peters, Clearbrook, B.C. are to be the speakers at the Conference.

Programs will be sent to the S.S. superintendents. Please remember the time and attend these meetings.

In behalf of the S.S. Committee
B. B. Fast

er of the Yarrow Church since late in 1959. He is survived by Mrs. Neufeldt, a son at home and three married children and their families.

Brother Martens was a businessman and active in tract distribution and personal work. He is survived by Mrs. Martens and two children.

The memorial service for the three brethren was held Sunday, July 2.

As word of their deaths has spread throughout the churches, the brotherhood has been deeply moved. The churches join in extending heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved families and church and pray the God of all comfort to sustain them.

The departure of these brethren has far-reaching effects. Our Gospel outreach in Brazil, where the harvest is so ripe and the laborers so limited, will be affected by the loss of a choice missionary couple. A congregation has lost its zealous leader and a consecrated worker in its witness for Christ in the world. Each child of God is challenged to examine himself and to pray that the Lord will call replacements to fill the ranks which have been depleted.

English Popular in India

Prof. W. Norman Brown, noted Sanskrit scholar and president of the Association for Asian Studies, reports that hostility to English is decreasing in India. The University of Pennsylvania professor made this observation in Chicago where he addressed the annual meeting of the association. Dr. Brown said that English was the chief medium in India in the political, educational and commercial fields and continued to be the language of the courts.

The popularity of Hindi, the most widely spoken of the various Indian tongues and advanced as a substitute for English, is declining, Professor Brown reported. On a recent visit to India, Professor Brown said he found Indians less hostile to English than he observed in 1957 and on trips there in 1954 and 1947-48.

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