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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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Baptismal Service at North Kildonan



On September 10, eleven young people were baptized and received into the fellowship of the North Kildonan M. B. Church. This was the second baptism of the season. On the picture, from left to right: Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor, Erica Unruh, William Unruh, Lenora Banman, Hilda Froese, Hilda Unruh, Mary Ann Olfert, Helga Wiens, Irene Jantzen, Silvia Willms, Linda Wiens, Katie Ewert, and Rev. Victor Toews, assistant pastor.

bursary of \$100. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Buhr of Morris.

M.B.C.I. Opens with an Enrolment of 203

"It is our sincere desire to help parents in training and educating their children," stated Peter Klasen, principal of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute at the program marking the formal opening of the 17th year of the school's operation on Sunday, September

17. He presented the statistics for the school year. Of the 203 students enrolled, 27 come from outside of Winnipeg, while the others represent various Mennonite and non-Mennonite denominations in the city. The enrolment by grades is as follows: grades 7 and 8—40, grade 9—37, grade 10—44, grade 11—37, grade 12—45.

The guest speaker of the evening, Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler, gave a challenging address emphasizing the value of Christian institutions in character education. He pointed out that helping to train our young people in the fear of God, in obedience, in contentment, and in preparing them for useful service

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Sunday School Emphasis at Brandon

Brandon, Man. — In Matt. 28:20 we find Christ's last command to "teach them to observe all that I have commanded you." During the weekend of September 15-17 it was our concern in Brandon to learn how we can carry out this command more effectively. Through the inspirational ministry of Brother J. J. Toews of the M. B. Bible College we have again realized our tremendous responsibility to reach the many people around us and teach them the great truths of God's salvation.

The main theme of the conference was "The Growing Sunday School." On Friday evening Brother Toews spoke to us about the "Seven Laws of Sunday School Growth." He showed us the great need of adequately preparing for those who should come by having enough workers and enough space. He stressed the importance of grading the pupils correctly and promoting them from one class to another to assure progress.

On Saturday afternoon the topic was, "Christ, the Model Teacher." Jesus was thoroughly acquainted with His curriculum, which He received straight from God. Jesus also had a wonderful relationship with His students, being patient with them and adjusting His teach-

ing to their learning capacities (John 16:12).

On Saturday evening Brother Toews' theme was, "When Does a Teacher Teach?" A teacher teaches when the outer factors, such as, teacher, curriculum, classroom etc. interact with the inner factors of the child, such as, interest, disposition and need. Christ observed this

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Winner of 3 Bursaries

Edward Buhr, graduate of the Morris collegiate last spring, has been awarded bursaries totalling \$650. He has registered as a pharmacy student at the University of Manitoba for the 1961-62 term. His bursaries include a government Queen Elizabeth bursary of \$250, a University of Manitoba Alumni Association bursary of \$300 and a University Board of Governors

Our National Churches Abroad: Curitiba

"Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39). These are the words on the road sign inviting peo-

ple to attend the services of the Brazilian Mennonite Brethren Church at Curitiba. The words of Christ, "Come unto me!" on the church building also greet people as they approach.

We are grateful to God that many have responded to these invitations. At present, an average of 220 persons gather every Sunday morning to study the Word in Sunday school. The Sunday evening congregation numbers approximately 250.

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REUNIÕES

ESCOLA DOMINICAL Dom. 8:30 Horas.
PREGAÇÃO DOMINICAL Dom. 10:30 Horas.
ESTUDO BÍBLICO 3ª FEMEA 2:30 H.
CULTO DE ORAÇÃO 5ª FEMEA 2:30 H.

TODOS BENVINDOS

IGREJA EVANGÉLICA

DISSE JESUS:
EXAMINAI AS ESCRITURAS,
PORQUE VÓS COISAS TEREIS
A VIDA ETERNA, E SÃO ELAS
QUE DE NIM TESTIFICAM S. JOÃO 5:39.



On the left: This sign welcomes Brazilians to the Curitiba Church. At the top is a list of the scheduled services and at the bottom, the words of Jesus: "Search the Scriptures . . ." On the right: The congregation leaving the church building after a Sunday morning service. The Portuguese words on the front of the building read: "Jesus said, Come unto me!"

EDITORIAL

Longing for Love

There are many things in life for which man has no desire, but every human being longs to be loved. From earliest infancy to old age he wishes to be valued. There are many challenges in life which man must meet, and as he faces them, he should do his very best. This, however, is difficult, unless he has the assurance of being wanted and loved.

Young people are anxious to love and to be loved. Often they are sadly disappointed because their strenuous appeal for affection finds little or no response or even repulsion. If, however, there is love, then there is hope, joy, courage, enthusiasm, an eagerness to achieve something worth-while, and a purpose for which to live.

People who have experienced an abundance of love while growing up, find it quite easy to love others. Those, on the other hand, who have never known wholesome love, find it difficult to express their love — even to those nearest them. There are many who feel like the Psalmist David, who said, "No man cared for my soul" (Psalm 142:4). They restlessly keep on assuring themselves that there is a purpose in their life, and if this purpose is to be realized, they must keep going, even though they are neither seen, nor appreciated nor loved. Those who are securely loved have no reason to withdraw from them, or to lord over them, or even to be hostile towards them.

With many people it is not mere imagination that they are lonely, forsaken and unloved. One needs only to keep an open eye on society and there are many whose faces express a deep-rooted unhappiness and they are either on their way to, or else they may reach, the point of despondency, unless they receive help.

Christians should not leave their loved ones in doubt as to their affection. It is essential to happiness and good health. It is not sufficient to just love people; sometimes it is also advisable to tell them and it shall certainly be accepted with gratitude if the words find expression in deeds of kindness and love. Children and adults may know that they are loved and yet they want to be constantly reassured that they are loved.

It is natural for a mother to love her child, but it is more than natural, indeed, it is divine, to be constant in that love. In the final analysis human love is undependable and unpredictable, because "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

Pure, constant and sacrificial love has its source in God Who imparts His divine love and nature to His own. The entire story of redemption is one of love, and it is overwhelming to think that God loved us so much that He gave His Son to suffer and die for mankind on the cross of Calvary. God has shed abroad His love in the hearts of His children and this love is to find an outward expression and a practical application in daily life. May this be true of all believers.

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

Christian! Love Not the World

The New Testament teaches that to be a follower of Christ it is necessary that a man turn his back upon the world and have no fellowship with it.

Our Lord drew a sharp line between the kingdom of God and the world and said that no one could be at the same time a lover of both. That was also the teaching of Paul, James and John (II Cor. 6:14-18; James 4:4; I John 2:15-17). It is therefore of great importance that we who claim to be disciples of Christ should check our relation to the world.

However, the question of the

Christian and the world is not as simple as it might seem. There is much difference of opinion among Christians as to what constitutes the world. Before we can be sure of our relation to something we must first know what it is.

The fact is that two worlds co-exist around us. One God made out of nothing; the other man made by taking the materials that originally came from God and fashioning them into a moral caricature of the original.

Both these worlds have been affected by the Fall but only one has been interdicted by the command

of God. The nonmoral, non-intelligent creation usually called "nature" has been injured by the spiritual collapse of man, the being for whom it was created, yet because it is nonpersonal it cannot be evil. We are not forbidden to love the world of nature provided we understand it to be the gift of God and do not confuse it with God Himself, as some have done.

When the Lord brought the children of Israel out of Egypt where they had been for four hundred years subjected at least to the sight of idolatry, He warned them against the worship of nature. "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves . . . lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldst be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the Lord thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven" (Deut. 4:15-19).

To persons brought up in the Judaeo-Christian tradition the thought that anyone should actually worship nature seems absurd, but we have only to step across into almost any of the cultures we call pagan to learn that such worship has been and still is common enough. Indeed there is scarcely a natural object anywhere that has not been worshipped by someone.

The created world is to be prized for its usefulness, loved for its beauty and esteemed as the gift of God to His children. Love of natural beauty which has been the source of so much pure music, poetry and art is a good and desirable thing. Though the unregenerate soul is likely to enjoy nature for its own sake and ignore the God Whose gift it is, there is nothing to prevent an enlightened Christian who loves God supremely from loving all things for God's sake. This would appear to be altogether in accord with the spirit of the psalms and the prophets, and though there is less emphasis upon nature in the New Testament, much appreciation of natural things may be found there also.

What, then, is that world against which we are warned by the apostles? That world whose friendship constitutes spiritual adultery, the love of which stands in opposition to the love of God?

It is the familiar world of sinful human society which swells about and beneath us as the waters of the flood once surged and churned around the ark of Noah. No Christian need fail to recognize it, provided he wants to know what it is and where it is located. Here are a few infallible marks of identification:

1. Unbelief. Wherever men refuse to come under the authority of the inspired Scriptures, there is the world. Religion without the Son of God is worldly religion. To have fellowship with those who live in

unbelief is to love the world. The Christian's communion should be with Christians.

2. Impenitence. The people of the world will readily admit that they are sinners, but their lack of sorrow for sin distinguishes them from the children of God. The Christian mourns over his sin and is comforted. The worldly shrugs off his sin and continues in it.

3. Godless philosophies. Whether they know it or not, they who belong to the world live by a creed, and by their fruits we may know what their creed is.

The man of the world, despite his protestations to the contrary, actually accepts the sufficiency of this world and makes no provision for any other; he esteems earth above heaven, time above eternity, body above soul and men above God. He holds sin to be relatively harmless, believes pleasure to be an end in itself, accepts the rightness of the customary and trusts to the basic goodness of human nature. And even though he be an elder in a church he is part and parcel of the world.

4. Externalism. The man of heaven lives for the kingdom within him; the man of earth lives for the world around him. The first is born of the Spirit; the other is born of the flesh and will perish with it.

To sum up: whatever promotes self, cheapens life, starves the soul, hopes without Biblical grounds for hope, adopts current moral standards, follows the way of the majority whether it be right or wrong, indulges in the pleasures of the flesh to make bearable the secret thoughts of death and judgment—that is the world.

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (I John 2:15).

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CHURCH NEWS

Ministers Review South Manitoba Crusade

Ministers of the Southern Manitoba Crusade for Christ met on September 6 to review the two-week tent campaign held here in July with Rev. J. J. Toews and Henry Wiebe as leaders.

David Schulz, reporting for the counselling committee, said that 128 decision cards had been forwarded to the churches. During the crusade all the ministers and 75 other volunteers had served as counsellors.

Financial report revealed that total income from eleven collections and the sale of books had amounted to \$4901.43. After expenses a surplus of about \$400 will be forwarded to the Mennonite Central Committee, this being the most representative inter-Mennonite cause.

Members to a new committee to make plans for the future were elected by representatives of the respective groups present, as follows:

Bergthaler Mennonite: H. J. Gerbrandt, Peter Dueck;

Blumenort Mennonite: J. K. Klassen;

Mennonite Brethren: Abe Heide, Peter Martens;

Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church: Edwin Klippenstein, Cornelius Stoesz;

Emmanuel Mission Church: J. G. Wiebe.

The Evangelical Free Church, Church of God, and United Church, not represented at the meeting, were given an opportunity to elect members to the central committee which will organize later. In the meantime, J. K. Klassen, director of Mennonite Radio Mission, served as coordinating secretary.

Although not as many first-time decisions were recorded as at other tent campaigns, ministers expressed much satisfaction with the expository messages that had been given by the Rev. J. J. Toews and felt assured of the continuing impact of this summer's tent crusade.

The tent, in which the meetings were held, is owned by ten representative brethren, known as the Southern Manitoba Tent Committee.

Ground Broken for New Church

...Newton, Kansas. — Some 200 persons attended the groundbreaking service for the new \$75,000 building of the Faith Mennonite Church held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 3, on the building site in northwest Newton.

The service included a sermonette by Rev. John Thiessen, interim pastor; remarks by Rev. P. T. Neufeld, representing the Western District Conference Home Mission Committee; W. I. Schroeder, chairman of the building committee; and a representative of the construction firm. Leonard Goering presided at the service.

In the actual groundbreaking ceremony, one representative of

each family in the congregation took part.

Construction is scheduled to begin soon. The building will have a sanctuary seating about 300, a basement fellowship room, and Sunday school facilities.

Pastor and Family in Accident

San Jose, Calif. — Rev. Wm. Neufeld, pastor of the San Jose M.B. Church of California, his wife, children and a brother-in-law, had a serious accident at Colorado Springs, Colorado, on September 3, when their car plunged down a 20 foot slope. Several of Mrs. Neu-

felds ribs were broken in the accident. Sister Neufeld was taken to the Colorado Springs hospital. The rest of the passengers had only minor injuries.

125th Year of Jubilee Observed

Winkler, Man. — The local Bergthaler Mennonite Church observed the 125th year of jubilee of its existence. The celebration took place in a large tent on September 17. The main speakers at this occasion were Rev. J. M. Pauls, Rev. David Schulz and Rev. D. D. Klassen.

National Churches Abroad

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Though many who attend are Christians, the Sunday evening services are evangelistic. Individuals frequently come to the services only once or twice and thus need to hear the way of salvation. Prayer meetings on Thursday evenings are an indispensable element which provide spiritual power for the 150 present regardless of rain or cold.

During its initial years, the congregation consisted principally of the children and staff of the children's home. But the church has been developed not primarily by the children, but by and for the adults of the immediate neighborhood and has had annual increases in membership. Its present membership is 88.

The majority of the congregation and visitors come from the laboring class. Their religious background is largely Catholic and Spiritistic.

The congregation is surrounded by thousands who have not learned to know the saving power of the Christ of Calvary. Many are anxious to know the truth, but are confused and doubting because of the activities of various religions and sects. But we believe there are great possibilities for outreach in the suburb of Uberaba as well as surrounding areas. A few miles away is the city of Sao Jose. Vila Sofia is a new government housing project with more than 140 families. Boqueirao is a large population area.

What is the Brazilian church at

Curitiba doing to strengthen itself to evangelize fellow men? Under the leadership of brother Luiz Prevedello, who assumed the pastorate in January, 1961, the church is progressing in its various endeavors.

The educational work of the Sunday school receives special attention. The Sunday school consists of 11 classes with Jacob Dueck as superintendent. The preparation of educational workers as well as other national workers is a special concern of this department.

Young people meet every Saturday evening with Erven Thiesen serving as sponsor. There are great potentialities in the present group, but much direction and assistance are needed. There is also a great lack of young Christian men.

Congregational singing means much to the church members and also attracts visitors. The congregational singing is directed by Kenneth Gerbrandt with Mrs. Erven Thiesen in charge of the instrumental and choir music.

The women's society has proved to be an active and important link in the church. This year complete responsibility was assumed by the Brazilian sisters with the missionary sisters merely serving as advisors. The ladies meet bi-monthly for study of the Word, prayer and work. They sew and distribute clothes to the poor. At present they are working towards helping to build a prospective new church.

Afonso de Oliveira, one of the oldest members of the church, makes use of every possible opportunity to visit other members, especially those weak in the faith,

the sick, the newly-converted and also the unsaved. He is a faithful tract distributor and visits the extension work in the interior—all in the interest of his Lord and Master. Being physically handicapped, he serves with devotion to the Lord where he can.

Other members are also active in visitation. Pastor Luiz never fails to enter several homes each Sunday. Members visit each other for mutual strengthening as well as non-Christians to fulfil the command of Christ to present the gospel to every creature.

Many people not reached in the church hear the good news of the cross in open-air meetings conducted each Sunday afternoon near Vila Sofia. Church members are given opportunity to give testimonies and the young people are especially encouraged to participate in preparation for Christian service.

Two very promising youths, Frederico Friesen and Eros Fantinato, have already completed the mission high school and are continuing their studies. We are thankful to our Lord for the establishment of a Bible school here where young people are being trained to enter the harvest field. More and more, the work shall be turned over to the nationals, such as Sunday school, visitations, DVBS and open-air services.

Pray for these future workers, for the present workers, for the removal of hindrances to enter the ripe harvest fields and for wisdom to see the present spiritual opportunities lest they slip away unattended.

Mrs. Olga (Pries) Dueck



On the left: The women's Sunday school class, 13 of whom are church members. On the right: The men's Sunday school class, 13 of whom are likewise members of the church.

Leaving B.C. to Serve in Europe



Be it known to all our friends and relatives that Mrs. Toews and I and our youngest son Walter have consented to go to Europe for a 2-year service under the MCC.

The work in Europe has been upon our heart for some time. In April we received a call from the MCC. It was an answer to our prayers.

On September 15 we left Mission, B.C., and went to Akron, Pa., in order to take part in an orientation course. On September 29 we expect to leave New York on the S.S. Rotterdam to arrive in Rotterdam, Holland, on October 7.

Our service is to be at the home

of the MCC in Frankfurt, Germany, and partly at the European Mennonite Bible school at Bienenberg. We look forward to the work before us, yet we find it hard to part with our children, grandchildren, Mennonite Collegiate Institute, South Abbotsford M. B. Church, and all our Provincial and Canadian choirs.

We sincerely ask for your intercessory prayers in behalf of the work we are to do for the Lord. May God be with you till we meet again!

C. D. and A. Toews
and son Walter,
Abbotsford, B.C.

S.S. Committee Publishes Study Course Book

The M. B. General Conference Church School committee announced the publication of a study course book, "Conquest for Christ," at its annual meeting September 19. The book is designed for Wednesday night study groups on the Junior and Intermediate levels and is a survey of M. B. Foreign Mission developments. It is to be ready for distribution in October. Mrs. Nickel of Shafter, Calif., is the author.

Other matters on the agenda included reports on Christian Education activities in the United States and Canadian areas. The U.S. area has engaged a full-time executive secretary, Rev. Elmo Warkentin, to promote Christian education on the local level. The results are encouraging, it was reported, and interest in Sunday school has increased as the result of the clinics which he has conducted. A considerable amount of discussion centered around pre-school curriculum, where we do not as yet have M. B. imprinted material, and the adult curriculum. It was decided to study curricula of various publishers in these areas at a future study conference.

A very significant decision was reached when the committee agreed to have a study conference on Christian education during the Easter week in 1962. At that time such subjects as our philosophy of Christian education, curriculum,

standards and teacher training are to come up for thorough review.

The committee met for the session in the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg. The following brethren constitute the committee: I. W. Redekopp, chairman, J. Froese, vice-chairman, Chester Fast, secretary, and members, B. B. Fast, A. P. Regier, Roy Jost and H. R. Baerg.

90 at Joint Youth Retreat

Lost River, Sask. — A joint retreat was conducted for approximately ninety young people from three northern churches here August 9.

The young people came from the Mennonite Brethren Mission at Carrot River, the Carrot River Mennonite Church, and the Bethany Mennonite Church of Lost River. The pastors, J. Wiebe, V. Nickel and Abe Buhler, supervised the retreat.

Missionary Johan Vandenberg was the guest speaker. Periods of recreation, a wiener roast, and a campfire service with testimonies were included in the program.

A baptismal service was held at the Bethany Mennonite church on August 27, with Pastor Abe Buhler officiating. This was followed by a communion service in the afternoon.

Henry Schmidt †

Henry Schmidt, 80, passed away in the hospital at Leamington, Ont., on September 12, 1961.

He was born in Herzenberg, Russia, in 1881, and was baptized in 1900. In 1922 he married the former Anne Willms and they emigrated to Canada in 1924. His wife passed away in 1933. He later married Justina Willms, who predeceased him in 1960.

Surviving are three sons, Henry, John and Peter, all of Leamington; 2 daughters, Mrs. Peter (Hilda) Dueck of Virgil, Ont.; and Mrs. Henry (Anne) Dueckman of Leamington; 2 brothers, Nick in Ontario and Jacob in B.C., and one sister in Russia. The funeral took place on Saturday, September 16, in the Leamington M. B. church.

Future Subscribers

Born to Jake and Elvira (nee Kopp) Thiessen of Vancouver, B.C., a son, Rodney Jacob, on August 26, 1961. He is a brother to Susan.

Mr. Bill Schroeder and his wife Augusta (nee Voht) of McTavish, Man. (Clover Plain School), are happy to announce the birth of a son, Kenneth William. The baby arrived on September 15, 1961.

Henry and Catherine Epp (nee Thiessen) of Portage la Prairie, Man., wish to announce the birth of their daughter, Karen Denise, on September 4, 1961.

Thanksgiving at Gnadenu

Ernfold, Sask. — On August 13, the Gnadenu M. B. Church had the joy and privilege of witnessing a baptismal service. Brother Loretta Barkman was baptized by our pastor, Wm. Buller, and accepted into the fellowship of believers and as a member of the Gnadenu M. B. Church. Brother Buller was assisted by Rev. Jake Schmidt from our sister church at Kelstern. The Lord's Supper was also observed and we felt the Lord's presence throughout the whole service.

On August 20 we had a visiting speaker, Rev. John Unger from Hamilton Ontario. Brother Unger spoke on the feeding of the 5,000. We were challenged to give our all regardless of how little we have, just as the little lad gave five loaves and two fishes to the Master. On September 10 we celebrated our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Festival. The Lord gave us a beautiful day. We have had many sunny days this summer. For some reason the Lord withheld the rain. But in spite of that, we still have His wonderful promise that He will look after His own. Even the fowls of the air are well cared for by our heavenly Father. As guest speaker we had invited Rev. Cornie Braun from Hepburn, Sask. Rev. Wm. Buller welcomed the guests and the members with Lam. 3:22-23. Then Brother Unger (Senior) read Psalm 34 and encouraged those present to

praise and worship the Lord in prayer.

Brother Buller then delivered a short message based on Heb. 13:5-13. His topic was "The Unchanging God." The choir sang very suitable hymns and then followed the final forenoon message by Rev. Braun. He had chosen his text from Psalm 107. His topic was, "A Call to Praise and Worship."

After we had taken a lovely meal served by the ladies' aid, we gathered in the auditorium for the afternoon service. The choir director led in a hearty singsong and after that Brother Buller spoke on Mark 10:35-45. Here James and John were misunderstood by their fellow disciples, but they had the desire to be with the Lord. May we, too, have such a desire to learn of the Lord and to seek His will. Again the choir sang a suitable hymn and then Rev. Braun brought the final message based on Matt. 25:14-30. He spoke on, "Unused Talents." May God give us grace to use our talents for the Lord only and may we take the opportunities as the Lord gives them to us, to witness for Him. Brother Braun stated that some day we would have to give account of the opportunities we let slip by. This was a day of heart-searching and blessing. We say "come again" to all the guests and to the Brauns, May God bless you in your field of service.

Leamington M.B. Church Baptizes Three



Three believers were baptized on Sunday, September 3, and received as members in the Leamington M. B. Church. On the photo are the officiating minister and the three baptismal candidates. Left to right are: Rev. Henry Warkentin, Miss Loretta Bergen, Miss Verna Klassen and Mr. Peter Thiessen.



The Cause of Foreign Missions



Students of the school for Paraguayan children in the Chaco present a program at a school festival in Fernheim; at the left, Hans Wiens, principal, right, Miss Lucia Linnert, teacher.

Board of Missions News

Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Froese and family arrived safely in India September 1 to begin their second term of missionary medical service.

A cable received from the Brazil missionary staff on September 5 indicated that while their mail was blocked, the staff was still well. Pray for political stability in Brazil.

G. H. Jantzens are entering their second year of work in the Kalkar Missions and Bibelschule (Missionary-Bible Institute) in northern Germany. A good increase over last year's enrollment of 50 students was anticipated. The Jantzens commit themselves to the prayers of God's people, particularly in view of the political situation in Europe. Brother Jantzen is responsible for the missions courses and also teaches several classes in Bible. Part of their summer was devoted to serving the Linz and Steyr churches in Austria.

"Life is going on as usual here," Brother Jantzen writes from Kalkar. "The people in West Germany are not excited about the Berlin crisis. Materialism has a strong grip upon this nation. Spiritual interests are very meager. Church attendance is less than five per cent of the membership in the Evangelische Church. We need to pray for a revival in Germany. The Evangelische Churches are sponsoring a tent evangelistic campaign in Kleve September 18 to 24."

H. H. Janzen is scheduled for services September 24 to 28 in the Linz Church in Austria and October 1 to 8 in the Mennonite Church, Holee, Basel, Switzerland. Our intercession will be appreciated.

Seven members of a Protestant family of Mazateca Indians in San Miguel, Mexico, were murdered July 23 by a band of armed men who forced their way into the house at night, according to an Evangelical Foreign Missions Association release. San Miguel is the location of a Mennonite Brethren work under the leadership of Alfredo Vil-

larreal. The slain were members of a mission church established among the Mazateca Indians by the Pilgrim Holiness Church. Converted about two years ago, the large family had been the object of much harassment by local authorities.

Superiors of the major Roman Catholic religious orders in the United States have been urged to "tithe" their present membership in order to provide Latin America with 20,000 priests, brothers and sisters within the next 10 years, according to an Evangelical Foreign Missions Association release. A Roman Catholic official made the plea so that "not even a small part of that precious heritage of the Catholic religion which is Latin America should be lost" and warned that "the critical hour has come" for the Catholic Church in Latin America.

David Nightingale reports 2,118 German letters received by the HCJB German broadcasting department, Quito, Ecuador, from January to July 30, 1961, as compared to 917 for the same period in 1960. It is our sincere prayer that with the increase of numerical responses, there may be an even greater increase of spiritual responses from our listeners, he writes.

The Evangelical Alliance Missions's new general director is Mr. Vernon Mortenson, who for more than 10 years as assistant general director was responsible for TEAM's candidate work and administrative procedures. He succeeds Dr. David H. Johnson, who has directed the work of the Mission since 1946 and now has reached retirement age. TEAM is an inter-denominational mission society which sponsors the work of 825 missionaries assigned to 16 foreign fields. Serving under TEAM are our conference missionaries Kenneth Mungers in Southern Rhodesia, Miss Rebecca Glanzer and Dr. Maynard Seamans in India.

Dedication of the new church building in Asuncion, Paraguay, has been shifted to Saturday after-

noon, October 7, from September 17, as reported in the September *Intercessor*. A baptism in the new sanctuary has been scheduled for Sunday morning, October 8. Evangelistic services begin Sunday evening, October 8, and run to Friday, October 13, with Walter Pastre as evangelist and H. K. Warkentin showing gospel films. Pray for God's richest blessing upon these services.

The school for Paraguayan children in the Chaco is experiencing growth and success under the blessing of God. Fifty-two students are enrolled. Several requests for admittance were declined for lack of facilities. Principal Hans Wiens reports that several children have accepted Christ as their Savior. From this school must come Christian leaders to work among the Paraguayan and Indian peoples and churches. To fulfil its mission, the facilities of the school must be expanded and ready for the 1962 term. Two boys' dormitories costing \$1,000 each and a chapel requiring \$2,000 are needed. Individuals or groups who feel led to consider contributing for these budget needs should communicate with the Missions Office, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans., USA.

A. E. Janzen and J. B. Toews are scheduled to depart September 20 for a several-month visit to Japan, India and possibly Europe. The purpose of their ministry is for spiritual fellowship and future responsibilities of the mission and national church, in view of open areas and peoples not yet reached with the gospel by our brotherhood. September 23 to October 2 will be spent in Japan and approximately two months will be spent in India be-

ginning October 6. If the Lord wills, a brief visit will be made in Europe on the return to North America from India. The prayers of the churches are requested for these consultations so our brotherhood's missionary responsibility may be most effectively discharged in this day of urgency and opportunity. Also pray for protection of the brethren Janzen and Toews in their extensive travels.

Uberaba, the Brazilian M. B. Church adjacent to the children's home at Curitiba, held a cornerstone-laying service on August 20 for a new building. Prayer is requested that members will be willing to continue to sacrifice so the building can be completed. Work is continuing although there are insufficient funds available to complete the building. Completion will greatly strengthen the faith and witness of this first national M. B. Church in Brazil.

In the Congo a series of Bible refresher courses are being offered to church leaders at the various church centers beginning at Kajiji in mid-September with A. J. Esau in charge.

Primary schools on our Congo field were to open September 15 with Harold Kruger assisting the nationals in the operation of the school program. Pray for the educational program as well as Bible refresher courses for Congolese pastors.

Our churches in the Colombian Valle will meet for conference in Cali over the coming weekend (September 23 to 25). Spiritual fellowship, evangelistic outreach, pastors for churches and establishment of a secondary school are concerns of the convention.

A Family for God in Japan



Mr. Miyazaki, father of a Christian family in Japan, preaches in the Minato Church once a month.



Daughter Hiroko Miyazaki is a future organist.

"Daddy, we certainly are blessed to be Christians," observed nine-year-old Hiroko.

"That's right," answered Mr. Miyazaki.

Hiroko and her father were driving home from a business trip in their little Mitsubishi car. It was a week before Christmas, and already the holiday "spirit" was to be observed in the increase of drunkenness. Many would be celebrating by drinking and dancing. As Mr. Miyazaki thought back over his past life, he could remember all too well too many times when he had returned home drunk. And when he did, the whole apartment house knew about it. The family arguments that resulted sounded from one end to another!

Then one day during the summer of 1956 evangelistic meetings were held in a tent in their area. As it started to rain, the lady who was passing out tracts and invitations on the street ducked into their apartment building and distributed from door to door.

Mrs. Miyazaki was interested in
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Hello, Girls and Boys,

To-day is the beginning of fall. The warm days are over. We will have to wait a whole year before we have hot weather and swimming again. Now our nights are cool, and we will probably soon have frost at night. However, our days are warm and sunny, and it is one of the nicest times of the year on the prairies.

Autumn is the season of the year that comes between summer and winter. The common name is Fall, simply because it is the time for leaves to fall. According to the calendar autumn begins around the 22nd of this month. Then our night is exactly as long as our day. We call that the autumnal equinox.

Our earth moves around the sun once a year. This movement of the earth causes our change in seasons. We, who live in the Temperate Zone, have four lovely seasons. Can you name them for me? But how would you like to live in the Torrid Zone near the equator? I suppose the boys and girls over there can never be sad to see summer go, because it is hot all the time. They can't have fall and winter for they have no snow there. However, they have a change in climate too. They have a dry season and a wet season. Even our very coldest parts of the earth, around the polar regions, have a change in weather — the light season when we have our summer, and the dark season when we have our winter.

Let us enjoy these balmy days. All of nature uses this time to prepare for winter. The Psalmist says: The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter.

Love, Aunt Helen.

Finders — Keepers

"Look! Oh, look, Alice!" Norman cried suddenly.

"What? Where?" Alice asked.

"Here," Norman answered, as he stooped and picked up a tiny, worn purse from the sidewalk.

Alice and Norman were on their way home from the missionary meeting. They had learned of the needs of children in faraway lands and were anxious to help. Every member of the class had promised to earn all he could for the next meeting which was a month away. Finding a purse was quite a wonderful thing to happen.

"Oh, what luck!" Alice exclaimed, her cheeks as red as her mother's roses. "Look inside."

Norman was greatly excited as he undid the tiny, worn purse. But he was more excited when he saw what was in it.

"It's full of pennies!" he cried. "Oh, how many do you suppose there are? One, two, three, four—ten—fifteen!"

"You've got a grand start for the missionary work," Alice said.

"Finders are keepers," Norman declared. "Hope I don't find the owners."

But Norman was honest, and he inquired of every member of his class and of all the children he knew whether or not any one of them had lost a tiny, worn purse containing fifteen pennies. He could not find the owner.

"Tell you what," he said to Alice

one day. "I'm going to use these pennies to earn more for the mission box. I'm not going to bury my talents the way the servant did in the Bible. I'm going to use my pennies and earn more."

"How happy the children of the far-away lands will be!" exclaimed Alice. "Can't I help, too?"

"Of course you can," Norman answered. "You can help, and we'll divide. How about a lemonade stand in this hot weather?"

With the fifteen cents Norman bought three lemons and some sugar. Alice trimmed the box that Norman used for a stand with bunting, and she lent her Japanese umbrella. Mother furnished some left-over fruit juices from her canning.

The fifteen cents grew to twenty-five cents. The quarter bought more lemons and sugar, and before the month was over Norman and Alice had earned a bright silver dollar. They placed it in the tiny, worn purse on the afternoon that they started out to the missionary meeting. Alice wanted Norman to carry it because it was Norman who had found it in the first place.

Brother and sister had just closed the door behind them when they saw a strange little boy running up the path. He was a sturdy little boy with shining, blue eyes.

"Are you the boy who found my purse?" he said, looking straight at Norman.

"I found a purse." Norman answered, slowly. "How am I to know it's yours, though?"

"It had my initials inside," the boy replied, "and — and fifteen cents I had earned running errands."

Norman opened the purse. Sure enough. In faded ink he saw, for the first time, the initials B.M.

"I'm Billy Morgan," the boy explained. "Please, may I have my purse and money? One of your Sunday school class told me about your finding the purse."

Norman's happy brown eyes grew very sad. He had worked hard to earn his money, and he did want to put that whole, big silver dollar into the mission box. "Finders are keepers," he said.

"O Norman, you can't keep his money," Alice said.

"You certainly can't," Billy cried. "Give it to me, I say!"

"Well," said Norman, "I haven't your fifteen cents any more."

"Why not," Billy demanded. "Did you spend it? Well, give me my purse anyway, even if you did spend the money."

"Tell him about it, Norman," Alice begged. Then Norman told Billy how he and Alice had earned the big silver dollar by using the fifteen pennies.

"I'm glad you found the pennies," Billy said, when he learned the story. "I'd have spent them for candy bars and pop corn. You keep the dollar the way it is. I'd go to the meeting with you if I had something to put in the collection for the far-away children."

"Part of this dollar is yours," Norman cried. "Come along. I think we'll all be as pleased with a new member as with a new silver dollar." And they were.

Mary's Tithe Box

Mrs. C. D. Tyson

It was a bright, beautiful morning and I was in the yard tying up a spray of roses here and there, when my niece, little Mary, seven years old, who lives across the street, came in to see me—she is fond of coming over and we always have good, lively times together.

This morning of which I am writing, she asked me to tell her about the boys and girls in my Sunday school.

She said, "Let's play like we are in Sunday school," and, although our attendance was small, Mary proved such an attentive scholar that I became greatly interested. After being the scholar for some time she said, "Oh, let me be the teacher. I know verses out of the Bible and I know how to pass the plate around for money."

The plate proved to be a tray, and buttons and small pieces of paper were put in for money. She seemed very much mystified when I suggested for the offering verse, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

She said, "Oh, but I don't like that verse."

"Why?" I asked.

"Oh, I like to get things, but I don't like to give them away."

I saw that I would have to explain and make clear to Mary the responsibility of individual giving. My task was not an easy one. I talked to her about the Tithing or Tenth of everything we have being the Lord's, how that God, our Heavenly Father, is the owner of everything, but He gives all into our hands and only asks that we each give Him our heart's best love and the tenth of everything that is all our own. If we do this we are working with God and that is being in partnership with Him.

I asked her if she would like to be in partnership with God.

Mary said eagerly, "Can a little

girl or little boy get in partnership with God?"

I replied, "Certainly."

"Then please show me how," said Mary.

I told her I thought a good way would be to get a little box and call it her tithe box and in it she could put one penny out of every ten she received. I will let you decide for yourself just how well Mary grasped the truth I was trying to teach her.

A few days after our little talk Mary came in great haste to where I was seated sewing, and said, "Now watch me, Auntie, for something quite nice is going to happen."

Opening her purse she turned all the pennies out on a chair, and picking out the brightest one held it up and said, "That is God's. This is His part and goes in my Tithe Box." And then looking at the pennies that were still on the chair she added:

"Why, there are nine pennies left. I don't often have so much money at one time. Do you think it is because I am in partnership with God?"

Then she said, "This second penny is for some candy. I am real hungry for candy. I have not had any for, oh, it seems such a long, long time, for I have been saving my pennies so I could get God's part out and start my Tithe Box."

Still looking at her pennies, she said, "These two I am going to save for next week is mamma's birthday, you know, and I want to buy her a present. Then with this penny I will buy a prize package. Did you ever buy one, Aunty? You see you don't know just what you are getting. Oh, it is such fun."

Taking two pennies in her hand

ANTONIA

written by Jean A. Rees

(6th Installment)

"I don't like to see anyone being quite so unhappy," said Maryella. "I went into her shop the other day to get a present for someone and her eyes have almost got a haunted look. I didn't ask her any personal questions or try to invite her to tea or anything, but it's difficult to describe what's wrong about her." Susan said we must all seek an opportunity to show kindness to her and try to help her, although at the moment she doesn't seem to want to be helped in any way.

I had a cake, a wonderful birthday cake though I say it myself, because I made it for myself. I did not have forty candles on it, but I made no bones about it otherwise and put a great big figure "40" right in the middle, made with pink icing. And of course everyone kept teasing me about my great age, and assuring me that life was just beginning for me. I wonder if someone invented that phrase just to cheer us poor women up? I asked the assembled company if they thought so. Nobody quite seemed to know and as I was the only one of my friends who had attained this great age no further help was forthcoming.

"Life goes in phases, though, have you noticed?" said the Major. "When you're quite young you turn to the daily newspaper and if you look among the Engagements you find all your friends are getting engaged. At least that's what I used to find when I glanced at those paragraphs with scorn," he said. His wife told him there was no fool like an old fool.

"And," said Hamish, "then you look at the Marriages and you find

she said, "These I am going to give to Jesus."

"Why," I said, "you have given your first one to Jesus."

But she quickly said, "Oh, no, Auntie dear, that first one belonged to Him, that was His part of the ten pennies, but now I want to give Him two pennies."

I said, "Certainly, Mary, you can give Him just as many as you want and I would call them Love Offerings, but always remember, if you are in partnership with God, that one penny out of every ten belongs to Him." Mary went home a happy little girl. That evening, going up to papa in the library and climbing unto his lap, she put her arms about his neck and asked softly "Papa, did Mamma tell you I am in partnership with God?"

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all your friends are getting married."

"And then," said Susan, taking up the tale, "you look down the Birth Column and you find they are all having babies." At which Clifford gloomily said,

"And now, before you know where you are, all we'll be looking at is the Deaths, and find all our friends are dying. I suppose we can almost tell our age by the Column we are looking at most."

It seemed opportune that at this moment Dr. Theodore Penn should arrive.

"You've come at the right time," I said, "we were just talking about deaths and births." He greeted everyone and explained that it was a birth that had delayed him now. Mrs. Sprogett, he said, up at the farm, her ninth.

"Do you remember last time, Nurse Felicity, the time we had? Well, it was easier this time." Dr. Theodore greeted the company and told me I was looking very well for an old-age pensioner and asked June if she was drinking her milk like a good girl. June made rather a face and told him that he knew perfectly well that she hated drinking milk quite as much as his wife, Maryella, had done.

"But I still had to drink it," said Maryella, "I didn't have much chance with two doctors in the house." (Did I tell you her father-in-law was the "old Doctor" and that they lived with him?)

Hamish changed the subject and asked after Mary Louise, the doctor's little daughter. He doesn't like remarks being made about June's baby in public. He hates what he calls the modern way of discussing these things blatantly in mixed company. June tells him that he is quite Victorian and that everyone does it now, but I rather admire him really. I think people can be too free and easy about these things. As June said rather plaintively to me one day, Hamish belongs to the school of thought that thinks there is something not quite nice about a baby until it is born.

One by one "the company," as Mrs. Hodges would have called them, departed and Jerry and I were left alone. We were to have a positive whirl of gaiety. He was taking me out for a meal at Wycheester. We lead such a quiet life really that it is quite an event for us to go out to dinner. But I think the best bit of the day was when we got home at night and we sat on the sofa together looking into the fire. It had not quite gone out. We raked

out the ashes and put on a few logs.

"I do hope we live a long time, Jerry," I said. "Now that we are together it makes me realize what a dreadful thing it would be if anything happened to you and I was left a widow." Jerry looked down at me with that special smile of his that makes the corners of his eyes crinkle.

"You'd get over it," he said. "You'd go back to your rubbing and be quite happy." I felt quite filled with horror at the thought of it.

"Jerry," I said, "promise me you haven't got some horrible disease or some dreadful cancer or something." Jerry laughed again.

"That's right," he said, "go on, imagine things. Now tell me frankly," he said, "hadn't it all gone through your mind? Hadn't you seen me having an operation, being carted away, hadn't you seen yourself at the funeral in widow's weeds?" I laughed guiltily.

"Yes, I am afraid that is just what had gone through my mind." Jerry seems to be able to read my thoughts.

"People with an imagination like yours," he said, "die a thousand deaths before the time and go through the most harrowing experiences, very few of which ever happen." He was quite right, but all the same life would be very dull without an imagination.

CHAPTER IV ENTER ANTONIA

We were having breakfast a few days after my birthday and Jerry looked up from his post.

"Margaret," he said, "you know those relations of mine that I told you about?"

"The Seftons?" I asked. "Oh, yes, weren't they second cousins or something who were coming to live in Wycheester?"

"Yes," he said. "Mrs. Sefton is my first cousin once removed or second cousin twice removed, or something; she and her three daughters have come to live there and I really ought to go and see them. So do you think you could go and pay them a visit some day?"

"What do you mean?" I said. "You think you ought to go and see them, so do I think I could?" Jerry looked at me in agony.

"You know how awful I am at these social functions," he said.

"Well, why not come with me?" "Margaret," he said, "do go for me. As long as one of us goes, that's all that's necessary, and you're so good at that sort of thing. You like people, you're such a good mixer, and you're so . . ."

"Yes, I know," I said, "I'm so clever, I'm so pretty, I'm so everything when you want me to do something to oblige you." Jerry laughed.

"But seriously, Margaret, if you would go, it would be such a relief. Go and do some shopping in Wycheester. Buy yourself a new hat, then go and have tea with them afterwards."

It's all right, young man, you needn't try to bribe me with hats. I'll go and see your relations without any gilding of the pill that way."

Jerry had told me about these relations. Mrs. Sefton was Jerry's relative, Mr. Sefton he seemed rather vague about, except that he was quite well off and had come to live in Wycheester. There were twin daughters, a girl in her teens, Jerry thought. It was a great disappointment to them that she had not been a boy. The actual relationship was this. Mrs. Sefton was first cousin to Jerry's mother, although she was a great deal younger, so I worked it out that these three girls must be Jerry's second cousins. I only made a little bit of fuss about going, simply because I can't let Jerry get away with his anti-social instincts completely. But as a matter of fact I was very interested to go and see these girls. I had heard of the twins, that they were very pretty girls, although I hadn't heard much about the younger one, whose name I understood was Antonia. It sounded rather impressive, but Jerry told me that they had planned to call their little boy Anthony and had made no provision for a name if the baby turned out to be a girl, so it was just adapted to Antonia.

The Seftons lived in a house which rejoiced in the title of "Number Five, Royal Crescent" in Wycheester. It was a delightful house, a bit tall, with rather many storeys like these Regency houses often have, but the rooms were well proportioned and spacious, and I was shown into a beautifully furnished lounge. Mrs. Sefton evidently had very good taste and the money to gratify it. She rose to greet me. She was a small-boned woman and had obviously been a great beauty in her youth. She was almost too thin, now, for beauty. Her hair was very carefully waved and I could see she was one of those women I have mentioned who know all about creams and complexion aids. We made conversation for a few moments and then she told me the girls would be in directly.

"I'm looking forward to meeting them," I said, "I have heard such a lot about what pretty girls they are."

"Oh yes, I think you'll admire the twins, they really are quite remarkable in their way," she said fondly, and at that moment the door opened and the twins came in. They were not absolutely identical, although there was a tremendous likeness between them. They were both fair and although a little taller than their mother, they must have resembled closely what she was at their age. Their looks were rather of the chocolate box variety, big blue saucer eyes, fair hair, very well cut and kept.

(To be continued)



Report on Berlin

By Peter J. Dyck

"Hymns from home come to you from Berlin," said the announcer of the quarter hour radio program and we all knew what he would say next. "Voices of a free people lifted in praise to God," we all said in unison with him. The singing was actually quite good and the introductory and closing words could have an almost majestic ring were it not for the propaganda lurking in the background. "Voices of a free people—Berlin." It is not necessary to say that this means West Berlin.

While the choir sang "Faith of our Fathers" and a quartet continued with "God will take care of you," our oldest daughter told us about a new game that the children in her German school are playing, an exciting game with players divided about evenly into two groups. Between them is a line drawn on the ground. "That is the Iron Curtain running right through Berlin," she explained. Some children from the "East" side try to get over to the "West" side but that is not easy because others on the "East" side try to stop them. A circle represents a lake and the child inside the circle is one trying to "swim" across to the West. It might get "shot" in the attempt by a child from the "East" side lifting her arm and pointing at her saying, "bang-bang-bang!"

Thirty children from East Germany had been registered for attendance at the vacation Bible school to be held in Menno Heim, the center for Mennonites in Berlin and East Germany, located in West Berlin. On the day of opening only 23 came. The parents of seven apparently felt uneasy about letting their children go, feeling the restlessness of the political situation and wishing to take no chances. For the 23 that came it was a glorious and blessed retreat with Frieda Fast of Agape-Verlag and the Gerhard Heins throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the work. Gerhard Janz, Canadian Paxman, and other volunteers also helped to make it a success.

Then came the fateful August 13. The Brandenburg Gate was closed. Barbed wires, machine guns and tanks were amassed along the borders of the divided city and finally a brick wall was built where traffic had passed from East to West hours before. One of our MCC workers from Berlin writes: "We have seen the closed borders

and it looks as if they are trying to do a permanent job of it." One Mennonite family from East Germany slipped across the border into West Berlin at 11:00 p.m. At 12:00 p.m. the borders were closed and the sealing-off process along the 25-mile frontier that divides East and West Berlin was begun.

Vacation Bible school in Menno Heim was abruptly terminated. Two young people who were to receive baptism about a week later were quickly baptized and sent back into the East Zone. The only thought of the Menno Heim leadership was the safety of the 23 children. Would they be able to cross the border and reach the parents safely before it was too late? In previous years parents had come to Menno Heim at the conclusion of the vacation Bible school, stayed for a worship and communion service, and then taken their children home with them. That was quite impossible now. So all the children were taken to the border and fortunately were allowed to cross back to the East side. Kind people on the other side helped them get on the right trains and saw them safely to their homes. How grateful everyone was when finally the last child had been put on a train and was on his way to the anxiously waiting parents in East Germany.

The future of Menno Heim has become uncertain through the events which began August 13, but of course there are some Mennonites living in West Berlin who will continue to use the place as their center of worship and church activity.

The second Mennonite project, that of AMA (Amish Mennonite Aid) operated at Friedensheim, is being carried on as usual. The good work done here in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of a poor community is not so much affected by East Germany or the border trouble, since it is a ministry to people resident in West Berlin.

More uncertain is the future of the third Mennonite center in Berlin, the MCC-operated refugee home at Hammersteinstraße. Since the home was opened for refugee mothers and children in January 1958, it has been more or less filled to capacity, sometimes to overflow, accepting its share of the steady stream of refugees. What will happen now that the borders are sealed and no more can get across, and

when those presently in the home are resettled elsewhere, remains to be seen.

During the past ten years the average flow of refugees, though fluctuating with the seasons of the year, political events in the East, special festivals and other factors, has been about 300 persons per day. In the days immediately preceding August 13 it reached a peak of nearly 2,000 people a day, almost approaching the record high of 1953, just before the June 17 uprising of that year. In a time when one speaks of "population explosions" East Germany stands out as a singular exception to this phenomenon with a population decline of more than a million people since 1950. The present population of East Germany is approximately 17 million, only about a million less than Canada.

But statistics do not tell the whole story. The high percentage of population drain-off (in any event higher than the birth rate) is seen in its real perspective when one notes that not only are about thirty per cent of the refugees young people, but many of the others are teachers, doctors, and skilled workers—the most valuable part of the population. Even farmers who lived on the land belonging to the family for generations left their farms and fled with nothing but a suitcase. In some instances, they killed all their cattle and other animals, leaving the carcasses lying in the field and yard before they escaped.

But that is now all past. The borders in Berlin are sealed. No one knows what will happen next. Few people fear a repetition of the 1948-49 blockade which resulted in the dramatic airlift by the West. Why should the East repeat the same tactics when these did not work in their favor the last time? Some people are heard to say that since a final showdown by military force between East and West is unavoidable, the sooner it comes, the better. They maintain that 16 years' delay since the end of World War II has definitely worked in favor of the East. The majority of the people believe that the status quo will be maintained—"There is a lot of bark, but there won't be any bite." These people are too busy making money, buying cars and television sets, and trying to make up their minds whom to elect for chancellor on Sunday, September 17—the courageous and young Willy Brandt, mayor of Berlin, or the seasoned veteran and octogenarian Adenauer.

Our own position is one of "wait-and-see." We have a work to do and it ill behooves us to panic or run away. We trust in God and pray for peace. An MCC worker from Berlin writes: "So far the changes that are taking place have not affected us here very much and we are carrying on as usual and waiting to see what will hap-

pen next. Our women are under more tension, as most of them have families in the East whom they have no hopes of seeing in the near future. Some have relatives who were expected to come over but put it off too long." The Berlin report to the Frankfurt MCC Office concludes with the words: "We will inform you if a noteworthy change takes place here. We are all keeping calm, cool and collected."

First Truck Travels Length of Trans-Chaco Roadway

Asuncion, Paraguay, (MCC)—A radio broadcast on Sept. 3 announced that the first truck had arrived in Asuncion from Filadelfia via the Trans-Chaco Roadway. The news signified an exciting and historic day for Mennonites in Paraguay. The event was made possible by a service road, 25 kilometers of which are yet quite rough, constructed by Williams Brothers Company from the north end to the south end where Mennonite colonists and Paxmen are working. Williams Brothers hope to grade the road better and in the next several weeks more trucks are expected to come in from Filadelfia.

On Sept. 4 the following news item appeared in *La Tribuna*, a Paraguayan Daily: "From the Colony Filadelfia two trucks of Mennonite colonists with farm products crossed the heart of the occidental area on the Trans-Chaco Roadway."

"To the riverside of Villa Hayes they covered a distance of approximately 400 Km. on a road that brings encouraging prospects of an important and unexploited area of the country."

"According to the announcement of the colonists to *La Tribuna*, the highway has not been constructed between Monte Lindo and Siete Puntas, but one can drive over a service road opened by large tractors."

"They stated that they would now take freight from Asuncion to the Mennonite colonies, which are now definitely incorporated into the national economy."

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our Christian schools are invaluable.

A unique feature of the program was the participation of all of the teachers. Mr. Peter Peters, teacher of the sciences, led in the invocation. Mr. Henry Konrad, vice-principal, conducted the Junior Choir and Mr. John Thiessen conducted the Senior Choir in songs appropriate for the occasion.

Various phases of the school program were emphasized by different teachers. Miss Kay Wiens spoke on the importance of the library. She briefly outlined what had been done to build up the library, thanked for contributions by individuals and organizations, and solicited further support of the library particularly in building up the history, science, German and geography reference sections. Mr. Harry Loewen emphasized the importance of German composition, grammar, and literature in the training of the mind and heart.

Quoting I Tim. 4:8 from the New English Bible, Mr. John Thiessen emphasized that "the training of the body does bring limited benefit." The physical education program helps in training for sportsmanship, character, and enthusiasm. Although physical training is not to be over-emphasized at the expense of education in other fields, it is a very vital part of school life.

Speaking on the importance of Mennonite history, Mr. Abram Friesen maintained that we ought to know our past in order that we may not be ashamed of the present and may build for the future. We can learn from the achievements as well as from the mistakes of our ancestors. Felix Manz, Conrad Grebel, and Menno Simons indeed stood for biblical principles. Rev. John Regehr outlined the program in Bible which is to acquaint students with those principles and bring them face to face with eternal truth.

In considering the effect of the

whole program one received the impression that the school year had been well begun. Rev. Quiring's challenge to renewed intercessory prayer, new encouragement, and a new zeal in sacrificing for a cause so worthwhile seemed to find a response in the hearts of many listeners.

D. D. Duerksen

S.S. Emphasis at Brandon

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in His dealing with the Samaritan woman (John 4), with Nicodemus (John 3) and others. Paul applied the same principles as recorded in Acts 13:14ff and Acts 17-22ff. They knew their audience and taught according to their need.

After the main discourses on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening, three workshops were held for individual participation and discussion. The main emphasis of these workshops was, how to reach the Sunday school pupils, children and adults, and then how to make the teaching most effective once the pupils are there. Some of the topics discussed were, "Reaching the Community through Visitation," "Teaching the Bible in Sunday school," "Reaching Sunday school students during the week." The workshops proved to be very stimulating.

The message of Sunday afternoon dealt with the "Aims of Christian Teaching." To make teaching really effective we have to have certain definite aims to strive for. The aim has to be specific, clear and brief enough for the teacher to see it accomplished in one lesson. Our overall aim should be to bring the pupil to Christ, build him up in Christ and get him busy for Christ.

The conference ended on Sunday with Brother Toews speaking on "The Christian Home—the Foundation of the Sunday School." The home prepares the soil of the child's heart making it either fruitful or unproductive. Thus the parents have the great responsibility of making the Sunday school teaching bear fruit.

The informal discussion held on Sunday afternoon revealed that this conference left everyone with a deep burden to realize the need of each pupil and to meet this need from God's Word. Everyone also realized that Sunday school is not only for children, but also for adults. May God give us grace to carry out the resolutions made during this conference.

Edith Wiens

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Beyond Politics — "Lo, I am with you!"

By Clarence Hiebert

Kirchentag 1961, the tenth of its kind, held in tension-packed and refugee-swelled Berlin, was appropriately placed under the motto, "Ich bin bei euch" (I am with you, Matt. 28:20). God did not and does not limit Himself to visits where there are comfortable and cooperating political ideologies.

Amid the July 19-23 echoes of threat and counter-threat between K and K, a large company of believers gathered in Berlin—another divided Jerusalem. It resembled, in some respects, Pentecost, 33 A.D. Thousands of people of many tongues, nations and beliefs gathered to share in discovering the will of God through lectures, sermons, discussions and expositions of God's Word. Climaxing the 5-day session was a worship service in the Olympic Stadium on Sunday afternoon, with approximately 90,000 attending.

For a Mennonite this was a strange but inspirational experience. The daily meetings, many of which were open discussions for laymen participation, seemed large with 30,000 to 40,000 participating. Mennonites, by and large, think the company of believers ought to meet in small groups to insure personal interaction of concern and expression. And I had, in fact, just come from a weekend seminar of 10-15 young Mennonite Brethren temporarily located in Europe. Could the rewarding fellowship of 10 be felt in companies of 30,000? The visitors at Kirchentag seemed peculiarly bent on receiving something meaningful and inspirational. It did not seem to be adventure, or even political demonstration in the tense city. It was, to be sure, politics of a kind—just the fact of the meeting itself. But an uninformed stranger who would come into this setting would have been amazed at the non-politicalness of the content of the lectures, sermons and discussions.

All attending the meetings wore a tag displaying the motto of the convention: "Ich bin bei euch." A striking poster showing men seemingly walking together in the shadows spoke the theme vividly. The tags and posters in themselves were effective reminders of the Chief Guest of the convention. Though we were quite well aware of the different political and social environments from which we came, we were equally aware of the fact that these differences were insignificant in the face of that which really joined one to the other.

To me as a first-time visitor, Kirchentag seemed to be a reaching out of laymen for the real church of Jesus Christ—the church where one is intimately in fellowship with others because of the focal center which uniquely draws them to each other.

I was aware that something was happening that does not easily happen on the premises from which these visitors came. The average pastor of an Evangelische Kirche has 3,000 members under his pastoral care, though perhaps an average of 100-300 attend a Sunday worship service. At Kirchentag it was different. One had a feeling that this deadening lethargy was not a part of this group. Enthusiasm and dedication to the church and Jesus Christ were peculiarly evident.

Leaders and laymen alike seemed to act more freely in this setting. The traditional liturgies and forms of worship used at home were used

at a minimum. During the course of the lectures one would often hear applause or other responses. The singing was spirited, in unison and without accompaniment. People were not generally wearing the "going to meeting" fineries. There seemed to me to be a notable absence of the assumed religiosity and conforming behavior that is generally expected in settings where the Christian religion and its implications are expressed and discussed. I sensed that the gospel was being presented in the vernacular and being received as something for men in today's setting.

The Bible studies in each day's schedule played a very important role in the total program of Kirchentag. Variations on the theme, "I am with you," were given in teaching sessions on Joshua 3:9-17; Psalm 139; Romans 8:31-38; John 21:1-14 and Isa. 43:1-12. The studies, led by prominent ministers and theologians, were primarily devotional rather than critical. Prominent among the Bible study leaders were Gollwitzer, Thielicke and Lilje (the latter led an English Bible study each day). Many felt that these were the high point of each day's program.

In the seven group sessions which followed, seven major themes were considered: Bible, family, politics, business and society, anthropology, Jewish-Christian relationships and ecumenics. Here lectures and discussions were on a lay level.

Each day also included opportunities for spiritual edification. The daily schedule contained, for those who desired this dimension of help, prayer fellowship groups, a worship service including the Lord's Supper, and opportunities to receive personal counsel from appointed leaders. A missionary outreach was presented each afternoon in different sections of Berlin in open-air meetings. Added to the full schedule of the day was a section called, "Proclamation through theater, poetry, films, plays and music." But these "etceteras" were specifically designed to be part of the total emphasis of the convention. The one play I was able to attend, "Der Sohn kehrt heim" (The Son Returns Home), was an excellent picture of the present-day prodigal son who seeks outlets everywhere to be away from the Father, but can find at-homeness only with his father. In this play the answers of democracy and communism, as possible wrong answers, were both considered. I felt this play should be translated and used in the English-speaking world. Perhaps that will be possible some day. One of the players informed me that it had not been translated and was probably not easily translatable. All of these different events—lectures, sermons, music programs—were conducted in more than 200 different meeting places in both the East and West sectors of Berlin, mostly the western sector. The East sector meetings were only of a devotional nature, apparently according to government restriction.

The organization and administration of Kirchentag itself was the most efficient business endeavor of this kind that I have seen during my two years on the continent. Meals, lodging, publicity, displays, arranged meetings, transportation, etc., were all exceedingly well supervised. The only real difficulty occurred in the area of transportation on Saturday evening and Sunday

afternoon when the large meetings were conducted at the Olympia Stadium. The S-Bahn, one of the inter-city underground and elevated train systems, owned and operated exclusively by East Berlin, refused to add additional trains to accommodate the large crowds in transporting them from the stadium after these two large services. The refusal was publicly announced at the conclusion of each of the two services over a loudspeaker system. It had definite political overtones and one sensed a feeling of disgust at the East Berlin officials who had publicly voiced their protest over the Kirchentag in this way.

The two major services of a mass meeting type were conducted at the Olympia Stadium on Saturday evening when approximately 50,000 attended and Sunday afternoon when 90,000 attended. The Saturday evening meeting was offered by the youth and was designed for the family. I arrived at the evening service 15 minutes late together with some young Mennonites from the East Zone and found a spirited football game in progress. One of the girls commented, "Is this a joke they're playing on us?" We soon discovered the reason for the football game demonstration. It was an effort to relate the fact that a common thing like playing football was not "secular" as generally supposed, but represented one of the many human relationships which are to be considered within the domain of the will of God. How could brothers in Christ play well? They kept on indicating over the P. A. system what theologians might say and do in this context and ended by telling the audience that all Christians are practical theologians in the mill of everyday problems. Included was the interesting dimension of demonstrating how easily evil enters life situations and breaks down the concern for maintaining brotherly relationships. For Christians the chief concern is not to win, but to maintain Christian relationships in all settings.

A major portion of the evening was taken up by a choreographic presentation of Psalm 107 depicting the various scenes of human dilemma through which the Psalmist takes his readers. The constant refrain, "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men," was sung in a modern musical motif. The general musical structure of this presentation was modern both in instruments employed (saxophones, trumpets, clarinets, etc) and in the type of music used to describe mood.

There were approximately 10,000 visitors from the East, in spite of stern warnings against doing so voiced by the East German government. Officials of the East interpreted Kirchentag as a political event, as did perhaps also the officials of the West. At the Sunday afternoon meeting official greetings were given publicly by a Christian from East Germany, who spoke in the name of those present and those who could not attend. He spoke briefly of spiritual awakening and progress apparent among his people. Other greetings came from representatives of Ghana, India, America, Japan, etc.

An interesting feature on Sunday afternoon was a gathering of Mennonites from both East and West Germany. We met at the Menno Heim under the leadership of Pastor Hein and shared greetings from the various areas we represented. At the conclusion of the interesting hour of fellowship, devotion and singing a lunch was served. Prominent in my mind is the warm gratitude expressed by a Mrs. Enns

from the East Zone, who, upon hearing my greetings in behalf of the MCC, again expressed her gratitude for the relief she had received during the difficult years after the war. She recalled how she had received beans, flour and other food products in the days of hunger. Following that meeting I took a group of 10 young people from both Zones to the evening meeting at the stadium. We had a most enjoyable evening together in the fellowship of travelling and sharing the evening program. Some interesting insights were gained in my conversation with the Mennonites worshipping in the Evangelische Church in the East about their life under their present political system.

At the conclusion of almost two years of service in Europe, Kirchentag represented a most interesting commentary on one dimension of German church life of which I had little awareness. It seems easy to write off the established state church as something meaningless because of the evident lethargy one sees on local levels. But it is not so easy to consider it meaningless when one is at the Kirchentag to meet with vital Christians coming from just these churches.

"I am with you." The truth was indelibly impressed on my mind at Kirchentag 1961. As we walked the streets and attended the meetings we were constantly reminded of His presence among us. It is not the label that brings Him among us, but His kind presence that He chooses to give us—to people of all walks of life.

Special News Release

Waterloo, Ont. — The Provincial Relief Committee of British Columbia is planning to hold its annual meeting at the Aldergrove General Conference Mennonite church on Saturday, September 30. Delegates from the Mennonite churches in B.C. will be in attendance to hear reports of the work of the past year, and to lay plans for the future.

Harvey Taves, Waterloo, Ont., director of the MCC Canadian program, has been invited to be in attendance. He will represent the Mennonite Central Committee, through which much of the work of the provincial group is channelled. Mr. Taves is planning to be in B.C. by September 27, so that anyone interested in service with MCC now or in the future may contact him for an interview. He can be reached at the Grosvenor Hotel, Vancouver, on September 27 and in care of A. A. Wiens, Yarrow, Secretary of the Provincial Relief Committee of B.C., on September 28 and 29.

The world-wide relief and service program of MCC requires about 200 people every year to replace those whose terms of service expire. Openings for service both at home and abroad can be discussed with the director.

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Niagara-on-the-Lake. — Opening exercises for the new school year were held in the Eden auditorium on Sunday, Sept. 10. Guest speaker for the occasion was Rev. John G. Baerg, moderator of the M. B. Conference of Ontario. His message was based on Proverbs 29:18. Special emphasis was placed on the goals toward which the conference and parents expect the school to strive. They are: a Bible-orientated knowledge of the world, a biblical knowledge of God, a biblical knowledge of man and a biblical knowledge of self.

This year's enrollment shows a substantial increase over last year's, with the biggest increase in Grade IX and Grade XI. The enrollment as on Monday, Sept. 11, was 57 students in Grade IX, 37 in Grade X, 37 in Grade XI and 25 in Grade XII. The increase in the Grade XI group may partially be the result of the addition of the commercial option as part of the General Course. The total enrollment is 156. Most of the students are day students. On campus there are 9 girls in residence and 6 boys in homes in the nearby community. The enrollment increase over last year is 12.

Members of the staff are Mr. Harold Jantz, Mr. John Heidebrecht, Mr. Henry Esau, Mr. Howard Fast, Mr. George Wichert and Mr. Rudy Bartel. Serving as house-parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wiebe, formerly of St. Catharines.

Canadian Mennonite Bible College News Release

On September 11 and 12 a consultation about the family took place on the Canadian Mennonite Bible College campus. In attendance were ministers, social workers, medical men and other interested persons totalling about 30 persons. The discussions centered around papers given by the professions mentioned in an endeavor to see what these professions can do

to preserve the family in our time. The outstanding thing at the conference was the degree of appreciation that professions have for each other's problems. The task of strengthening the home can never be done by one group alone, but must be a co-operative effort.

During the same time and continuing for ten days the Canadian Music Committee met to start the revision of the German Gesangbuch.

The faculty and students have planned an extensive orientation program for new students to begin on Monday morning, October 2. During that time new students will be made familiar with methods of study, use of the library, various service opportunities, student council and the activities relating to it. The emphasis will not only be on the academic but also on the spiritual and social aspects of college life. This orientation is designed to get the student off to a good start in his college experience.

On September 19 and 20 Rev. Henry Poettcker attended a meeting of the Committee on Schools at the Menno Bible Institute in Didsbury, Alta. The meeting was sponsored by the Board of Education and Publication and was attended by representatives of the Bible College, the Bible schools, and the Board of Education and Publication to plan a core curriculum for the Bible schools.

The college received another shipment of fresh fruit from B.C.

Miss Peters to Teach in Newfoundland

Adina M. Peters, member of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Swift Current, Sask., will serve as a teacher in MCC's Voluntary Service program in Newfoundland. Miss Peters is a graduate of the Saskatchewan Teachers' College, Moose Jaw, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Peters. MCC supplies teachers for the Twillingate Regional High School and for isolated, often inadequately equipped elementary schools.

Bethel College Opening Held

North Newton, Kans. — Dr. Vernon Neufeld, president, gave the address at the annual Bethel College opening service in Memorial Hall Sunday evening, September 10. He spoke on, "How Does Education Relate to the Christian Faith?"

Dr. Walter Klaassen of the Bible department conducted the devotions and Dr. Walter Jost of the music department led the singing. Dr. Rupert Hohmann, also of the music department, presented a violin solo.

The service was followed by a reception to which all students, parents and friends of the college were invited.

Speaker at Bible Academy Opening

Corn, Okla. — The annual school opening program of the Corn Bible Academy was held on Sunday evening, September 3, at which time the address was given by Prof. Wesley Prieb, acting president of Tabor College. Opening day enrollment at the academy was 58, 9 of which are from other states.

Silver Medal Award Received

Bill Thiessen, Winnipeg, Man., was awarded the Silver Medal by the Toronto Conservatory of Music for highest marks in the province in the June examinations in grade nine voice. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thiessen, Altona, Man.

Family in Japan

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anything that might make a better man out of her husband, so she urged him to go with her to the meetings. They went. They went every night for three weeks. More important, they responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as their Savior.

Mr. Miyazaki was working in the office of a filling station at the time, and he arranged for the use of the office for three weeks of nightly follow-up instruction. After a session on idolatry, he said: "I have an ancestral tablet at home that I would like to get rid of." So the next evening he loaded the object of idolatry on the back of his bicycle. In an open lot in back of the filling station they made a fire and burned the idol. Some passengers-by stepped up for a closer look. "What a fool!" they said, and went on.

About that time the Miyazaki family moved into a new house. Although the quarters were small, they offered the use of a small upstairs room as a meeting place. Among those who sat on the floor of that "upper room" was four-year-old Hiroko and her older sister Setsuko. One Thursday night she whispered something in her father's ear. Her father said: "Hiroko would like to know if she may pray also."

"Why certainly," replied the missionary. So after that Hiroko always prayed in the prayer meeting.

One day her father said: "Whenever someone in the family is sick, we ask Hiroko to pray for that person. It seems as if God always answers her prayers!"

In October Mr. and Mrs. Miyazaki were baptized together with one lady and one young man.

The following spring a little boy was born to the Miyasakis. They

named him "Makoto," which means "faith" (taken from Hebrews 11). The birth of a boy is a big event in a Japanese family. They wanted him to be dedicated to the Lord, so one Sunday was a dedication service in that "upper room." After the dedicatory prayer Hiroko said that she wanted to be dedicated to the Lord also. Another prayer was prayed, and Hiroko was dedicated to the Lord.

As different members of the household talked one evening about what they wanted to be when they grew up, Hiroko said she wanted to be the organist in the church.

A short time after becoming a Christian Mr. Miyazaki said: "I'm quitting the company! There is too much crookedness in the business. Second-grade fuel is mixed with first-grade and sold as first-grade. As a Christian I cannot do things that are dishonest."

He started a company of his own in partnership with another man. But he found that it didn't work to be "unequally yoked together with unbelievers" in business. So they separated, and he went into business for himself. His business is supplying fuel to the boats that come into port.

This wasn't the end of his problems. Twice he was cheated out of huge sums of money by a customer. Employee problems, family problems, and financial problems that would have discouraged many another man did not alter his faith in God nor mar his testimony.

Meeting in the home of one of our young believers recently for a cottage meeting, the father of the home said enviously: "Mr. Miyazaki, you used to drink quite heavily. How were you able to throw off the habit?"

"It's all by the grace of God. Jesus Christ has made a new man of me," was his humble answer.

Today there is a small chapel on the front yard of the Miyazaki place. All of the Minato Church meetings are held there except the Sunday morning worship service, which is held in a rented hall. In this little chapel is a pulpit and an organ! Hiroko is taking organ lessons. The older sister, Setsuko, was baptized in January, 1960.

Although the group is small, they assume the responsibility for hall rental, most of the evangelism, all incidentals, and they assist one of the boys who is a student in Bible school. They also pay a tithe of all their offerings into a conference fund.

Our aim is to win more families for Christ. It is our conviction that families—not university students—give stability to a church. With this as our objective we are concentrating on the families of those who are already members. Your prayer support is essential. —Mrs. Alice E. Bartel.

Mennonite Brethren Church
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Coaldale Bible School

Plans are now complete for the operation of the 33rd year of the Coaldale Bible School. The School Board acknowledges the goodness of God in supplying a well-qualified staff for the school. The recent appointment of Mr. H. P. Neufeldt of Yarrow, B.C., to the position of music instructor at the school fills a long-felt need. Br. Neufeldt is well qualified for the task of teaching in Bible school. He is a graduate of the Yarrow Bible School and has completed the Sacred Music Course at the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg. After graduation from College, he taught in the Clearbrook Bible School for 10 years. We welcome him to Alberta.

The teachers of the school for this year are: Rev. H. D. Derksen, principal, Rev. J. P. Dueck, Missionary Ben Klassen and Brother H. P. Neufeldt. Registration day has been set for October 16, with classes beginning the following day. Indications are that enrollment may come near that of last year, when the school had 36 students. The official school opening will take place

in the Coaldale M. B. church on Sunday, October 22. On that occasion a special dedicatory service will take place in which the school will be publicly accepted as the Alberta M. B. Conference Bible School. The M. B. churches of Alberta are heartily invited to participate in this service by sending representatives to the school opening. May it please God to bless His work through the coming school year and in future years.

On behalf of the Board,
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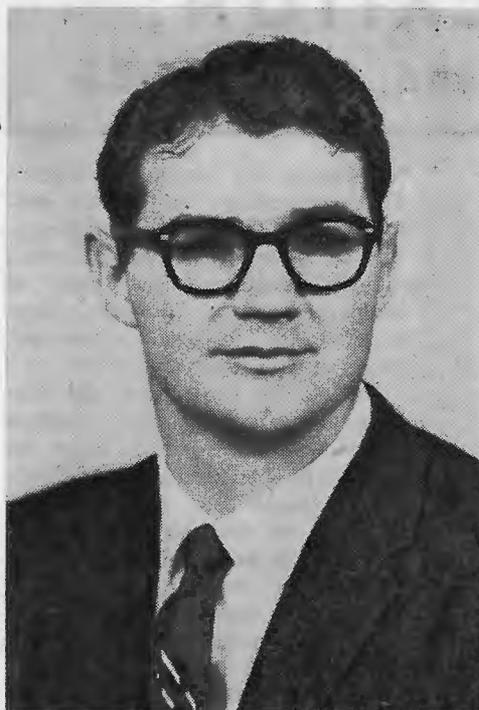
For Music Lovers

The Mennonite Symphony Orchestra will again be in operation this season after a several years' absence from the local musical scene, A. A. Kroeker, president of the organization, announced recently.

At a meeting of the board with representatives of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, the M. B. Bible College, the MBCI and rural musical groups, it was found that there is a great interest in the organization, both on the part of musicians and on the part of potential sponsors and patrons. It was unanimously agreed that during its years of operation the orchestra was a great and beneficial cultural influence for the participating musicians as well as for the community at large.

It was also announced that Mr. Ben Horch, former conductor of the

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orchestra, had agreed to again participate in the venture.

It was agreed that great need exists for funelling the extra-curricular activities of our students and young people into a wholesome, worthwhile and challenging pursuit, and that music was a field that meets the need and is in harmony with our cultural heritage. It was felt that our church and educational leaders would wholeheartedly endorse this endeavor.

A general meeting of all former members of the organization and all those interested in promoting good music in our Mennonite community will be held at the MBCI on Monday, September 25, 1961, at 8 p.m. On the agenda will be the election of the directors and announcement of plans for the coming year, with special reference to

proposed participation in the Mennonite World Conference to be held in Ontario next summer. All interested parties are cordially invited to attend.

Letter to the M. Observer

We wish to commend you on the wonderful paper that comes to our home each week, namely the Mennonite Observer. It is truly rich in material and has much food for thought. We also enjoy the news from various churches, plus the up-to-date Foreign Missions and MCC reports. We would also like to express our sincere thanks for the story, "Strait is the Gate," by Marjorie Buckingham, which we thoroughly enjoyed. Could you kindly inform us as to where we could purchase this book and the cost. Thank you. God bless you as you serve Him.

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