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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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Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, is reading from Psalm 118 at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new administration building. Standing in the foreground are Henry Voth, music director at M.B.B.C., Peter Koop, contractor, Rev. J. A. Toews, dean, and Rev. H. H. Janzen. To the rear at the right is Henry Redekopp, who together with Peter Koop, submitted the successful tender.

Ground-Breaking Ceremony at M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg

The ground-breaking ceremony for the new administration building at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College was held at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 21. Faculty, students, representatives of the Board of Education, and the contractors, Peter Koop and Henry Redekopp, were present to take part in the ceremony.

Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the M.B. Bible College, began the service with the reading of Psalm 118:1-5, 21-29. Then followed a prayer for God's blessing upon the project by Rev. J. A. Toews, dean of the college. The sod was turned by Bro. C. A. De Fehr, the treasurer of the Board of Education, who then handed the spade to Bro. Peter Koop. Then the student body, under the direction of

Bro. Henry Voth, sang "Oh Worship the King."

The successful tender was submitted by Peter Koop and Henry Redekopp. Their bid was \$88,282, with the condition that the building was to be completed by July 1, 1956. Work began on Monday when the drilling rig went into action.

Laird Choir Serves at Saskatoon

Laird, Sask. — The choir of the Laird M.B. Church, together with Rev. Walter Wiebe, motored to Saskatoon on Sunday, Nov. 13, to serve in the City Mission Chapel there. Rev. Wiebe delivered the message and several of the choir members gave testimonies.

Revival at Main Centre

John D. Goertzen

Main Centre, Sask. — A revival and spiritual refreshing visited the Mennonite Brethren Church at Herbert, Sask., during the series of evangelistic meetings held by Rev. Nick Willems of Woodrow, Sask., from November 6 to 15.

A part of the over-all evangelistic program planned for all the churches in Southern Saskatchewan, these services were the subject of much united prayer during the several weeks preceding the meetings. To see the answer to these prayers in the manifest moving of the Spirit of God brought joy and was a rich reward for any effort put forth in behalf of the services.

Because pastoral duties prevented Bro. Willems from being with the church on Sunday morning, Bro. Walter Wiebe of Hepburn, Sask., graciously consented to serve the congregation over the weekend. He gave a challenging message on "Christian Service", based on I Cor. 3, on Sunday morning.

Sunday evening God blessed the united ministry of the two brethren and the working of the Spirit was already in evidence. Throughout that week several people responded every evening to the Gospel invitation. Some came for salvation, but a larger number were professing Christians who came for cleansing and rededication. The number of testimonies and the public confession of sin increased as the Word of God continued to exercise its convicting and saving power.

The weather was favourable during the greater part of the week. Yet notwithstanding the change to inclement subzero weather, the church decided to continue the services into the second week in view of the obvious working of the Lord. God wonderfully blessed these three additional services in giving greater victories in the lives of His own children.

The morning sessions of the first week were devoted to a study of the first six chapters of the book of Hebrews. The vivid presentation of Jesus Christ as the one who is "better" was a great blessing to all who were present. A widespread interest was shown by the good attendance at all services. The Lord also honoured a num-

ber of personal contacts made in the homes.

The choir and smaller groups under the direction of Bro. Arnold Schroeder made a valuable contribution to this evangelistic effort by their messages in song.

The cumulative impressions of this season of special blessing from the Lord are expressed in the words of Psalm 126:3, "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Youth Workers Meet in B.C.

George Konrad

Vancouver, B.C. — The youth workers of the M.B. churches in British Columbia met for a business meeting on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, in the Fraserview M.B. church in Vancouver, B.C. Bro. Wm. Neufeld, provincial youth leader of the M.B. Church, was chairman of the meeting.

At the meeting reports of the youth work being done at the South Abbotsford M.B. Church and the Fraserview M.B. Church were given. Initial plans for a provincial inter-church Bible-knowledge contest were drawn up. A Youth Workers' Conference has been tentatively scheduled for February 12, 1956.

Due to the inclement weather several churches from the Fraser Valley were not represented.

Evangelistic Meetings at Waldheim

Waldheim, Sask. Rev. D. Schultz conducted evangelistic meetings at the M.B. church in Waldheim for one week. The meetings were quite well attended. The sermons were excellent, with the last one, on the theme "The Midnight Hour," making an especially great impression. Though no open decisions were made, we know God's Word shall not return void.

Editorial

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord



The merchant is stocking up on innumerable gift items. He is preparing for the shopper. The transportation companies are scheduling more frequent service. They are preparing for the traveler. The liquor stores are storing huge quantities of alcoholic beverages. They are preparing for the merry-maker. The entertainment world is planning gala parties and dances. They are preparing for the pleasure-seeker. Many parents are planning to surprise their children with a variety of gifts. They are preparing for hopeful children.

Into this wilderness of frantic preparation there echo the words of the prophet: "Prepare ye the way of the LORD." But even as in Isaiah's day the world rushes on. It can't be bothered with this religious fanatic. Christmas must be a season of happiness and merriment, a festive season. And the thought of preparing the way for a righteous and holy God is only a disturbing element.

But again the prophet is commanded, "Cry." And he asks, "What shall I cry?" The Lord replies, "All flesh is grass. . . . The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever." The tinsel falls off the tree, the lights burn out, the tree dries up, the laughter is stilled in death; but the Word of our God endureth forever.

Therefore prepare ye the way of the Lord in your own heart. Meditate upon the many prophetic utterances concerning His coming. Let the globe-encircling significance of Christ's coming in the flesh overwhelm you. Make your heart His abode as you yield to the work of His Holy Spirit.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord in the hearts of your children. Open their eyes to the shabbiness of the glitter and show. Tell them about the empty, aching hearts of those who are trying to cover up by constant celebration. Point them past the gift to the Giver. Lead them to the manger, there to worship in unfeigned adoration.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord for your "neighbours." Let them know that Christ came to bring salvation and hope—not fun and merriment. Show them that Christ came to serve—by serving. Tell them that Christ came to give His life a ransom for many so that they might be reconciled with God.

Let us never forget as we are entering the season of Advent that we are to prepare the way of the LORD.

Through the Looking-Glass

Our Bible Schools

At the M.B. Conference at Coaldale this summer Bro. J. B. Toews delivered an address about the Bible and high schools of our constituency. His remarks sharpened the thinking of those already interested in our educational efforts, and his keen analysis of the Bible school situation has already led some Bible schools to make some radical changes in their program of instruction. In effect, the changes referred to simply mean a longer school year and fewer years until graduation from Bible school.

The basic premise of all this is that our entire membership (that is, of the younger generation) needs such training if we as a Mennonite church are to survive and retain our spiritual heritage as we pass through the present cultural revolution of which Mr. Toews spoke. According to his

analysis of the problem, this cultural revolution is occasioned by the transition in which we find ourselves: ours was once a strictly agrarian type of culture; now an ever-growing percentage of our people are adopting an urban culture as they seek a more lucrative (for the present) livelihood in industry, commerce and the various professions. All of this, of course, has its profound effect upon the spiritual life of the individual as well as the church. To counteract this, all of our young people should have a Bible school training. The proposed solution is a shortened Bible school course which will attract all young people.

In this article we want to arouse even more thought on this whole subject by asking the question whether the whole purpose of a Bible school can be realized with

Devotional

"Give Me Thine Heart" PROVERBS 23:26

Abe Schellenberg *

We are again entering the gay season of giving, in which the world is reminded of the Great Gift that God has given to mankind. But few people stop to think in this merry time that God, who has given to us the greatest of all gifts, is asking for a gift in return. His plea is: Give me thine heart.

God is asking for the human heart. This, we must admit, is a rather strange request, for if we but look into the Scriptures, we find that the Bible does not speak very highly of the human heart. Jeremiah writes: "The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked." And Christ, who "knew what was in man," says, "From within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, . . ." and He continues with a list of sins almost too black to repeat. And if you have ever taken the pains to search the folds of the heart, you will know what destructive fury lies hidden there. And yet this is the gift God is asking for. After having given the greatest of all gifts to man, he pleads in return: Give me thine heart.

The manner of the giving is

voluntary. The decision of whether God will receive this gift rests with man. Here God chooses to lay aside His omnipotence and take to pleading. The enemy of mankind forces people into bondage and keeps them in slavery, but God never does. Of the millions and millions of ransomed who stand before the throne of God there are none but such as have voluntarily given their hearts to God.

What is God's purpose in asking for this gift? Never was a more unselfish request made. The Great Physician will cleanse and heal. This dark pit of mire, this abode of evil passions and desires is to be changed into a temple of the living God, a fit place for the Babe of Bethlehem to move in and to take His permanent abode. The vile shall be purified, the broken shall be healed—and then God will give your heart back to you, cleansed and filled with new desires and, above all, dedicated to a new Master.

*High school teacher in Winnipeg and Sunday School teacher in the Elmwood M.B. Church.

a one or two-year course of study? In the discussions that have already been held on our Bible school problems it has been suggested that if our provincial departments can operate Normal Schools successfully with one-year courses of study, then we could do a similar thing in our Bible school work. We should like to counter, however, with the observation that it has long been recognized that the provincial teacher training programs were far from the ideal and were only maintained because of the exigencies forced on departments of education by teacher shortages, growing school populations, and a rapidly developing system of universal education.

No, education takes time; and especially the kind of training a Bible school is to give, will always necessitate a longer period of time. The vital spiritual force of a Christian educational institution is largely dependent on the spiritual impact which senior classes make on new groups of students. The graduating class always bestows as a rich spiritual heritage its victories and spiritual accomplishments upon those who follow in their footsteps through the halls and classrooms of their alma mater. But this is only possible through the direct, personal contact which more mature students have with those who are starting out. Such a possibility is precluded in a one-year course of study. A little thought would reveal that even a two-year course would present

grave problems of cleavage in the student body.

We must confess that we find it difficult to relinquish the idea of a three-year course of study for our Bible Schools. That there are problems in such a position we fully recognize. Some would hold that these problems are insoluble. That would provide material for further discussion.

Walter Wiebe.

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Fruitful Year at Lindal

Harry Guderian

Thornhill, Man. — The Lindal Church at Thornhill, Manitoba, a mission station of the M.B. Mission of Manitoba, held its annual business meeting on November 7, reviewing some of its major activities and also deciding on new projects for the coming year.

Bro. Peter Penner, the pastor, reported to the church on the work done during the past year. Other reports were given by the secretary of the Church Board and by the superintendent of the Sunday School. Growth was reported in the various departments of the church and a word of appreciation was extended to all those who faithfully fulfilled the duties given to them by the church. Those reporting expressed thankfulness for the good work done by the

Wilmer Kornelsons, who served here until this summer. They are now attending Tabor College in preparation for mission work in Africa.

The Lord has blessed the efforts at Snowflake also, where the pastor and some of the brethren have been going regularly to hold services. Four adults with a United Church background were won for Christ there this summer through the ministry of Bro. Kornelson.

A highlight during the last year was the evangelistic campaign held from October 16 to 30 here at Lindal. Much prayer and effort went into these meetings, which were conducted by the pastor, Bro. Penner. The help given by the Morden M.B. Church and the Winkler Bible School was much appreciated. God honoured His Word and the father and mother of the family were saved.

The brethren Emil Lambrecht and Walter Baloun were elected to the Church Board for a two-year term, while Wilfred Brown and Harry Guderian have one year to serve. Bro. Ed. Lambrecht was re-elected Sunday School superintendent. The Sunday School Committee, Young People's Committee and Lunch Committee were also elected.

Plans for the future include the expansion of the library, the building of a basement under the church building, and the addition of a porch. More room is needed for the Sunday School, which has been looking forward to these improvements for some time. It is hoped to have a room for each class in the future.

At the annual meeting several members who had been affiliated with us for some time joined as full members, with all the privileges of voting and holding office, by subscribing to the local constitution adopted a year ago. It is hoped that several others will also do this in the near future.

'Dead' Husband Returns

Mrs. Lena Reimer, who has lived for 10 years as a war widow, will go home to Germany next month to meet her husband, Peter, who was released from a Russian prison camp four weeks ago.

Declared dead in one of the last great battles of the Second World War, Peter Reimer returned to the house in Braunschweig where they lived when Mrs. Reimer last saw him in 1943. Neighbours told Reimer, who was captured at the battle of Breslau while a first lieutenant in the German Army, that his wife had gone to Canada. He wrote to Canada and was able to contact his wife, who came to Vancouver after the war to join her sister, Mrs. Gertrude Epp.



Present Concert

The Drama Club of the Alumni Association of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg arranged for a concert on Saturday, November 19, in the auditorium of the Technical Vocational High School. A disappointingly small crowd braved the cold weather and snow to hear Peter Koslowsky, a Mennonite tenor from Niverville, Man., and a Mennonite string quartet.

Accompanied by Mr. Filmer Hubbel, Peter Koslowsky thrilled the audience with a wide selection of German and English songs. He will be going to Vancouver for December 14 to sing as tenor soloist on the CBC Wednesday Night production of Haydn's "Seasons."

Shown at the left is Peter Koslowsky, choir leader for the Niverville M.B. Church and member of the CBC's Sunday Chorale.

The photograph below shows the string quartet that played. Left to right, they are: John Klassen, Eloina Shrier, Donald Kroeker, and Ernest Koltzenburg.



OUR READERS SAY

PRINCIPLES TO REMEMBER

Let me briefly enumerate a few principles to be kept in mind concerning the usage of German or English in our services.

The church consists of baptized believers who voluntarily associated for fellowship and service.

The church, then, has two duties: to edify those in the church, and to evangelize those without the church.

The church must have an outreach, not only in the far-distant areas, but also in the immediate vicinity.

The Gospel must be given in the language that the listener best understands.

The Sunday School can hardly be converted into a language school.

If the immediate vicinity of the local church warrants the retention of the German language, then by all means retain it, but if not, then let us be true to our evangelistic mission by gradually changing to accommodate our English listeners.

Our high schools as well as our Bible schools should make sure that their graduates are proficient in the use of the English Bible; for most of their contacts after graduation will be made in the English language. There is hardly anything more pathetic than to see the mouth of a witness effectively closed because he is unable to pray and deal with people personally in English. We live in Canada!

Conclusion: Retain, or rather revive our evangelistic fervor, retain the best of our traditions and culture through education, but gradually change to the use of the English. I have patience!

Dispassionately yours,

Peter Penner.

Thornhill, Man.

P.S. I love the German language, by the way.

Here and There — and Everywhere

Cold Weather Descends Upon B.C.

Aldergrove, B.C. — Two weeks ago cold weather engulfed the Brit. Columbia coastline and the mainland. Temperatures in the Fraser Valley dropped to close to zero. Then a week later a snow-storm deposited several inches of snow. This freakish weather caught most people completely unprepared and resulted in a rush for anti-freeze, warmer clothing and fuel.

Men Meet for Discussion

The "Männerverein" of the Elmwood M.B. Church in Winnipeg met on November 15 to discuss the topic "What Attitude are We as Church Taking Toward Questionable Practices?" Rev. I. W. Redekopp dealt with the problem in a short talk and then the meeting was thrown open to discussion. After the discussion Rev. J. N.

Willms of Wasco, California, spoke briefly on Hebrews 13:8, illustrating his theme by examples from personal experience. Rev. Willms had just completed several weeks of evangelistic meetings at Harvey, N.D., and was on his way to Marion, S.D., for another evangelistic campaign. In 1950 he toured the Middle East and Europe, giving messages wherever he went.

Injured by Charging Bull

Waldheim, Sask. — Mr. Abram Schultz of the Salem district was feeding his stock recently when he was charged by a bull. He was crushed against a tree, receiving several fractures. He was taken to the Waldheim Hospital, where he was confined for about a week.

Mr. Schulz said, "The animal was not angry, but most likely did it in a playful mood." However, he acknowledged he would have respect for a bull now, warning others of the danger.

Involved in Accident

Waldheim, Sask. — Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hoepfner were involved in an automobile accident on Nov. 6 while on their way home from the Soar Mennonite Church. Apparently Ed Hoepfner was coming around the corner on the wrong side and the two cars collided. Mrs. Hoepfner received head injuries when she was thrown into the windshield. She was released from the Waldheim Hospital after 2½ days.

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Plan Campus-Wide Evangelistic Mission

Vancouver, B.C. — The Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship group at the University of British Columbia is planning a two-week Evangelistic Mission for the early part of 1957. Arrangements by the executive committee, headed by Bro. Alfred Siemens, are now being made.

Approximately 45% of the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship group on the U.B.C. campus are Mennonites.

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Ministers and Deacons' Conference

Aldergrove, B.C. — The annual Ministers and Deacons' Conference of the M.B. Conference of B.C. met in the Mennonite Brethren Church at East Aldergrove on November 11 and 12. Despite the unseasonably cold weather a large number of people attended the conference.

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Missionary from Vanderhoof at East Aldergrove

Aldergrove, B.C. — The Christian Endeavor of East Aldergrove, B.C., presented a programme on Nov. 20. The theme they chose was "The Seed We Sow in Life," Gal. 6:7-10. Bro. Calvin Buehler, who is a missionary at Vanderhoof, B.C., delivered the message.

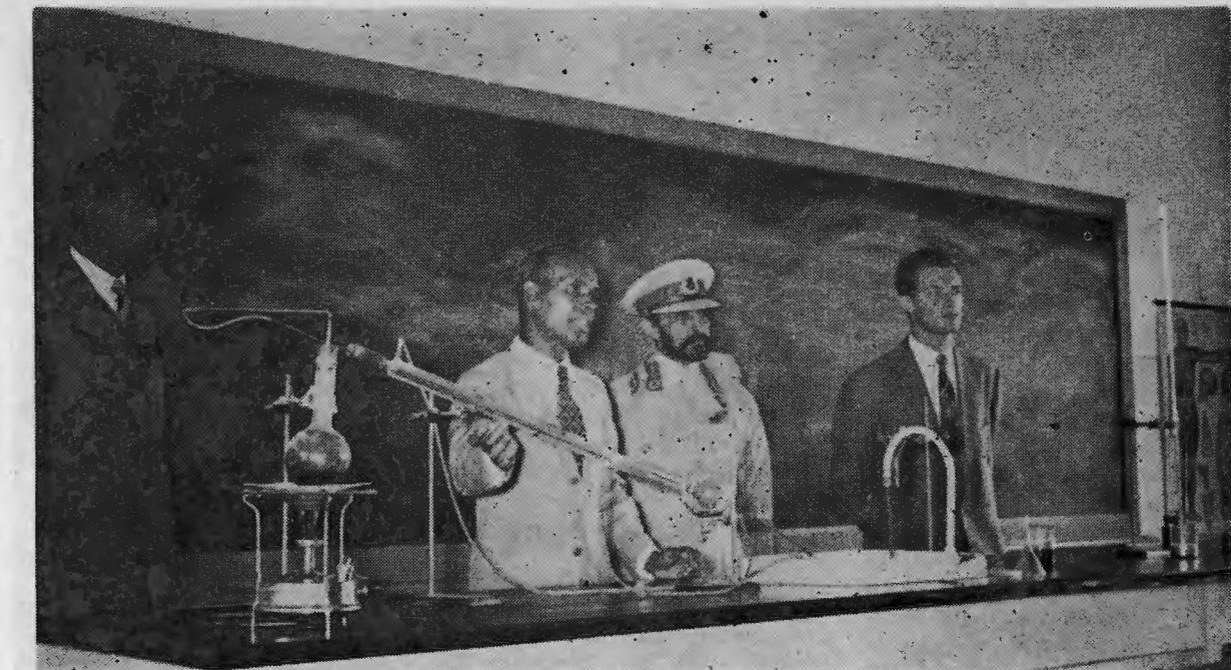
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Baby Severely Burned In Home Treatment

John E. Regier

Waldheim, Sask. — Because her 7-month-old boy was afflicted with a bad cold, Mrs. Irvin Gossen decided to give him relief with medicated vapour. Home alone, she placed the baby in a carriage, put a hot-plate beside it with the vapourizer on it, and covered it all with a blanket. After arranging everything to make sure that it would be safe, she went into the next room to do some work.

A short while later she was alarmed by a cry from the infant. Rushing into the room she saw that everything was in flames. She managed to extinguish the blaze, but the baby's face and one arm were badly burnt. It was rushed to the Waldheim Hospital, from where, when the severity of the injury was discovered, it was taken



The Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, is shown visiting a school in Jimma, Kaffa Province, Ethiopia, where Frank H. Klassen of Winnipeg is principal. He was very interested in the school and visited each classroom, talking to the teachers and asking for samples of the work done. Frank Klassen's description of him is as follows: "He certainly is a small man but noble in bearing. His colouring is very light, and only his deep-searching brown eyes belie his genial exterior appearance. All in all, he is a good public relations man." On the extreme right is Frank Klassen, with His Majesty, Haile Selassie, on his right. The other two men are teachers at the school.

to the child specialist in Saskatoon. It was not expected to live at first, but according to last reports was showing some improvement.

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Giving the Very Best

The following incident happened last summer in a Sunday School in Ontario.

The children of the beginners' department were bringing their pennies and nickels to add to the collection in the jar. This money was to be spent for Christmas bundles for children their own age in some far-away country. Linda's mother made a little dress to go with one of the bundles. Next week Mary went to the closet and took out her own newest and prettiest dress to take to Sunday School with her. Her mother tried to reason with her. She did not need to take the dress, at least not her own prettiest dress. But Mary was not easily dissuaded. She wanted to give that dress.

As adults we know better than to give up our very best, even for a good cause. But what did Christ mean when he said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

When we see the pride and pleasure a little child receives from giving a gift, even though it might not be more than a handful of dandelions for its mother, it ought to make us think. It would be wonderful if we could recapture that thrill. We ought to feel some of that thrill as we buy the articles for our Christmas bundles, pin them in the towel and sew on the label.

Women's Activities Letter (MMC)

Conference of Mennonites in Manitoba Meets in Reinland

The Conference of Mennonites in Manitoba held their annual two-day meeting in the Blumenort church in Reinland on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10 and 11. Rev. David Schulz, chairman of the conference, presided at the business sessions and gave the opening address.

Reports were given by A. G. Teichroeb, Winkler, on Home Missions; by Rev. J. M. Pauls on the Winkler Home for the Aged; by Rev. H. J. Gerbrandt on the work of the Mennonite Pioneer Mission; by the principals of the three conference schools; by F. F. Enns, Gretna, on youth work; and by Rev. G. Lohrenz, Winnipeg, on the work of the Sunday School committee.

Rev. D. Schulz was re-elected as chairman of the conference and

Rev. Lohrenz was returned as vice-chairman. Other officers elected were: Rev. Jacob Toews, Winnipeg, and Rev. David Fast, Steinbach, recording secretaries; Rev. D. D. Klassen, Homewood, program committee; and Rev. J. D. Adrian, Sunday School committee.

A six-man committee was also appointed to further investigate the possibilities of getting time on one of the Winnipeg radio stations to broadcast a program.

The conference is made up of 14 churches, including the Bergthaler, Blumenort and Whitewater groups. About 160 delegates representing the various member churches in the province, attended the meetings.

Next year's conference will be held in Altona.

Conference of United Mennonites in Ontario

The Ontario Conference of the United Mennonite churches met in Vineland, Ont., for their annual two-day session on November 12 and 13.

The address on Sunday morning was delivered by Rev. J. D. Janzen, president of the conference. Rev. N. N. Driediger of Leamington gave a message on missions.

At the communion service on Sunday afternoon Rev. J. J. Wichert spoke, substituting for Rev. J. A. Dyck, who was ill. Ministers and deacons attending the conference took part in the communion.

Delegates had come for the con-

ference from St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Toronto, Waterloo, Dunnville and Leamington.

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CORRECTION

to Peters — Pauls wedding report in Volume 1, No. 3.

Elsie Pauls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pauls, Abbotsford, B.C., and Arnold Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Peters (not Pauls, as printed), Mt. Lehman, B.C., were married on September 4 in the McCallum Road Mennonite Brethren church at Abbotsford. Rev. H. H. Nikkel officiated.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Peters (not Pauls, as printed), have been teachers and will continue to teach.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

— The Mennonite Brethren mission dispensary at Istmina, Colombia, was closed late in October by action of the Catholic Church. Pray that God's will be accomplished in this matter.

— A son Jimmy Dean was born October to John C. Ratzlaffs, who are the houseparents at the school for Mennonite Brethren missionary children at Ecole Belle Vue in the Belgian Congo.

— More than 360 students are attending the Hughestown Mission School in India this year. This is a city day school with all the children coming from their homes every day. All the teachers are Indian. A first-year high school course has been added to the curriculum this year. Mrs. J. H. Lohrenz teaches the first-year high school Bible class.

— A church building to accommodate 2,000 persons is being constructed on the Panzi station in the Belgian Congo, according to Rev. William G. Baerg. The native Christians are showing their interest in the work of the Church by contributing two-thirds of the cost. The remaining third has been contributed by the junior Sunday School department of the Harvey City Mennonite Brethren Church in North Dakota. More than 500 children are attending the school on the Panzi station. Seventeen Sunday School classes are taught on the compound each Sunday.

— India missionaries are enjoying the fellowship of their children who have been attending school at Kodaikanal. The school closed at the end of October for the Christmas vacation of two months.

— Edna Thiesen, R.N., serving in the medical work at Nuevo Ideal in Mexico, entered a short-term training course in a Chihuahua hospital on November 15. This course, which may run from six to eight months, will give her valuable training in hospital work and be an asset in the enlarging medical ministry in Mexico. So that the medical work will continue at Nuevo Ideal in Miss Thiesen's absence, Marie Schulz, R.N., has gone to Mexico. With Miss Thiesen's return, the urgently-needed medical services can be expanded.

Miss Schulz is a member of the Greenfarm Mennonite Brethren Church near Herbert, Saskatchewan. She is a graduate of the Herbert Bible School and Moose Jaw Providence Hospital. She enrolled in Tabor College for the fall semester, but stopped when she departed for Mexico.

Miss Schulz accompanied the David H. Toews when they returned to Mexico on November 9. Mrs. Toews, injured in an automobile accident in August, has recovered sufficiently to go back to

Mexico. Mrs. Toews will assist the nurses in the medical work and Mr. Toews will construct buildings needed in the Mexico work.



Miss Marie Schulz, R.N.

— The Mennonite Brethren mission in Japan sponsors a radio program every Sunday morning at 6:30 over the New Osaka Broadcasting Company. The program is produced by the Pacific Oriental Broadcasting Company in Tokyo with Hatori Sensai ministering from the Scriptures. Recently responses to the radio program have increased to 25 a week.

— Oxygen equipment purchased with money from children's Bible classes in the Corn, Oklahoma, Mennonite Brethren Church, is being used to good advantage in the medical clinic at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico. Children between the ages of 2½ and 14 gave money for the equipment last winter through a project known as "An Offering for Jesus." In the project it was emphasized the children should sacrifice such things as gum and pop for this cause. Last year these Wednesday evening classes raised \$130.

M. B. Missionaries Return from Trip

Mennonite Brethren missionaries in Paraguay have completed a third expeditionary trip in search of the Moro Indians—the wild and primitive tribe thought to be the one which has attacked Mennonite colonists on several occasions.

In September J. H. Franz, G. B. Giesbrecht and Walter Penner (who accompanied them part-way) traveled into Bolivia to investigate the Moro situation from the Bolivian side and to look into the possibility of mission work among the Munjui Indians.

In search of the Moros, the Mennonite Brethren workers learned of groups of tribes in Bolivia and Paraguay known as Ayoreos, of whom the Moros may be a part. Consulting the New Tribes Mis-

sion headquarters in Cochabamba, Bolivia, they learned that this mission has reduced some Indian languages in the area into writing. They were also told that the language difference between the five tribes in the area is negligible.

The Munjui Indians were found to be a primitive tribe and in a badly degraded physical and moral state. Brother Franz gives the following impression of their contact with these people: "Because there is no mission work among these Indians and because their language seems related to that of the Chulupies (among whom the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions now works), we feel a responsibility towards this neglected and misused tribe."

The trip was made part-way with a Mennonite truck driver who hauls gasoline from Villa Montes, Bolivia, to Filadelfia. In La Paz, Bolivia, the missionaries visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Wiens, who work under the United States Foreign Operations Administration. On their return trip they stopped at the Mennonite settlement at St. Cruz and had a service there.

M. B. General Board of Welfare Reports

— At a baptism held at Curitiba, Brazil, on October 9, 34 individuals publicly identified themselves with Christ and became members of the Mennonite Brethren Church. R. C. Seibel presented a message before the baptism.

— B. B. Janz, senior member of the Board of General Welfare, is writing an extensive account of the great emigration of 1921-1926, in which more than 20,000 Mennonites fled Russia for Canada. Brother Janz writes this story out of his crucial and dangerous role in this emigration. A beloved teacher and minister in our Church for many years, Brother Janz is preparing this account by request of the Canadian Mennonite Board of Colonization.

— The Volendam Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay plans to ordain Aaron Reimer as minister and Kornelius Abrahams as deacon in the near future, according to Kornelius Voth. Brother Voth is leader of the Friesland Mennonite Brethren Church and also leader of the South American Mennonite Brethren district conference.

— January 29 to February 5 are the dates set for the South American M.B. district conference to meet at Bage, Brazil. A good share of the conference will be devoted to worship and devotional services, with a minor part to business sessions.

— At the end of October Fernheim colony in Paraguay had not had the needed rainfall for the seeding of crops, according to a letter from Gerhard Balzer. Or-

dinarly this is the time of the year for rainfall. Instead the colony was experiencing a cold wind out of the southeast. Brother Balzer is leader of the Fernheim Mennonite Brethren Church and assistant leader of the South American district conference.

— Brother and Sister Willy Janz, workers in the Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay, are moving from Fernheim to Friesland. Here Brother Janz will continue his teaching and preaching ministry, giving particular attention to youth work. He will teach in the Friesland Bible School scheduled to open in March. Brother Janz received part of his training at Tabor College and the Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

HOPES TO ATTAIN UNION WITH GOD

(Why send missionaries to India? Cannot the religions of that country achieve a "spiritual, cultural and social regeneration" of that country? Read this article from "The Times of India" and decide for yourself. —Ed.)

Bound for godhead (!), a 27-year-old sadhu has been standing on one leg for the past three years in front of a temple in Jodhpur. The sadhu, known as Khareo-baba (which means the sadhu who keeps standing), will continue his austerity for the next nine years, when he hopes to attain union with God.

Khareo-baba, it is stated, undertook this mortification three years ago at the behest of his preceptor who promised that, at the end of 12 years of such austerity, the sadhu would attain godhead. His preceptor left for the Himalayas, promising to return to see his "chela" in communion with God.

Surrounded by a group of disciples, the sadhu is seen standing on one leg, which is heavily bandaged, in the ante-chamber of the temple. Invariably in a trance, the sadhu reclines his head against a swing when in deep meditation. The deathlike stillness of the atmosphere is only broken by the sadhu's muttering of verses from the Upanishads and the Vedas. He lives on milk and fruit offered by the large number of devotees who crowd round him to pay homage.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

In a certain town in England there is an orphanage for little children. The knocker on the door is not in the usual place, high up near the top of the door, but it is placed very low, in order that the smallest boy or girl can reach it. Perhaps some lonely motherless child, hungry and cold, hearing of the home where children are welcomed, comes to the door. There is a knocker low enough so that he can reach it and when the door is opened, he can ask for help. When he knocks, loving hands care for his needs.

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That's wonderful, isn't it? Maybe God has answered prayers for you some time. Wouldn't you like to write us about it?

Aunt Selma.

The Story of our Church

Mrs. H. T. Esau

SEEKING PLEASURE

(7th Installment)

As long as the Mennonites were oppressed in other lands they had a living faith in God. But in Russia they found freedom, wealth and comfort; and they lost the light they had. Since during the reign of the czars no one could be married except by the church, it caused many young people to join, not because they were saved, but because they wanted the rights of church membership. During the years the spiritual darkness increased because they did no mission work of any kind but lived unto themselves, seeking the pleasures of the world.

Although all studied the Bible in school, attended church on Sunday mornings, and had to learn the church creed and pass an examination before they were received as members, many Mennonites of Southern Russia had lost the true meaning of salvation in Jesus Christ. They believed that no one can know for sure before he dies if he will reach heaven. Therefore the teaching of the new birth was no longer stressed. As a result the long sermons which were read to the people no longer moved anyone nor taught that all men are sinners and must be born again.

The drink evil took hold of many and with it came other evils. The old people and the preachers did not like it, but they were unable to do much about it, except during the time each spring when the young people went to church to study the teachings of the Mennonite faith. In one village a group of young people gathered in a home while the parents had gone on a visit, and they had a so-called "good time." They played, danced,

and drank that night. But the leaders of the church watched them and as punishment the greater part of the catechism class was



not taken into the church that spring. Therefore a number could not be married that year. This period has been called "the dark age" and we may also call it the pleasure-seeking period of the Mennonites in South Russia.

(To be continued)

Building Houses

Elsie Beth

Jesus loved boys and girls. He loved to tell stories for them. This is one of the stories He told.

There were two men who each wanted to build a house. Each one had to find a place for his house to stand upon. One of the two men was wise. He would not build his house before he found a place where it would be safe. He looked here and there until he

found exactly what he wanted, a big rock. It was so big that a house could stand upon it. Right on that rock he built his house.

The other man did not think that he had to go to all that trouble to find a good place for his house. He liked sand and built his house on the sand. Jesus said that this man was foolish. I wonder why.

After the houses were built the wind began to blow. A regular storm came along. Oh, how it huffed and puffed at those houses. It blew so hard that a lot of sand was picked up and blown along with the wind. No one liked that dust storm.

Then the rain started falling. It beat down upon those houses almost like a sheet of water. More and more came down until it made little rivers all over the place. As these rivers ran along they took with them much sand and mud. How happy the people were that they could stay in their houses in such a terrible rain storm.

The wise man was very happy about his house. The rock upon which his house was standing did not move. No matter how hard the wind blew or how much water came down, the rock remained firm.

But there was one man who was not so happy. It was the man whom Jesus called foolish. Guess what happened to him. I'm sure that you all know. That wind and rain took away so much sand that there was nothing left for his house to stand upon. It fell down and broke into pieces. Jesus said that it had a great fall. How sad that foolish man was now that he hadn't looked around more and also built his house on a rock like the wise man had done. But it was too late now. His house was all smashed up.

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(9th Installment)

"Why, so you shall!" exclaimed David. "I'm not much good with machinery. You can run the boat for us."

Soon back to Santa Juanita sped the beautiful new launch and in it were two happy, eager men. Evangeline and Alba were thrilled when they saw the boat. On its dazzling whiteness were the words printed in black which proclaimed its mission: "Buenas Nuevas," meaning Good News.

All hands were busy for several days unpacking the delicate instruments and medical supplies. The shelves in the tiny galley were stocked with food. The bunks were made up and as soon as all was shipshape, the long anticipated trips down the river were begun.

The little launch was on its fourth trip down the Magdalena River. David and Evangeline had been heartily welcomed at every stop. Now as they neared Magangue they saw a crowd gathering. Manuel, beaming with joy, started singing in his melodious baritone as they reached the shore "Cristo mi Salvador (Christ my Saviour)." Then in a final burst of praise "What a wonderful Saviour." In spotless white, Alba stood proudly by to help the white-clad doctor and nurse as the sick were brought to the tiny, floating clinic for treatment.

All the while Manuel was handing out tracts, offering Spanish Bibles and other spiritual books for sale. Bits of personal testimony and snatches of song greeted all who came near. Just two years before, Manuel had lived in this very town, a drunken, worthless rowdy. Surely these people who had known the old Manuel could see what the grace of God can do to change hearts and lives.

"We will stay here for the Lord's day," announced David. "We'll have a meeting tonight, and three meetings tomorrow."

As the crowd gathered for the evening service, Evangeline anxiously watched the one man who had ever caused any trouble at their meetings in Magangue. Pedro had been one of Manuel's companions in his old, dissolute life. They had never been friends, but had engaged in many a drunken brawl and had often been rivals for leadership of their outlaw gang. Now Pedro had discovered Manuel's new position and was doing all he could to arouse the old hatred. He could not understand Manuel's changed condition.

While David proclaimed the Word, Manuel prayed earnestly that his old enemy would receive this wonderful Saviour into his heart. But Pedro, using his broad-

headed cane for a seat, and planting himself in the very center of the group, would shout and create all possible disturbance. Pedro was a cruel bully and the people were afraid of him. Some of those who had become believers during the former visits of the missionaries told them that Pedro had persecuted the Christians. He would appear just as they were ready to eat a meal and seize their food. If he didn't care to eat it he would trample it under foot or throw it into the water. Many of them could not afford to buy more food. He often used his cane on the children of the Christians. This continued disturbance and persecution was becoming a real problem. Far into the night prayers went up to the throne of grace from the little launch.

At the close of the morning service, Pedro planted himself directly in front of Manuel and began speaking to him in low rapid Spanish. David could not hear the conversation, but he could see the expression on Manuel's face change from fear to dismay mingled with dread. With an expressive shrug of his shoulders, Manuel turned to David.

"Pedro wants me to go with him down the Cauca River to a village where his uncle lives. He wants me to go in a canoe. He is determined that I shall go. I am afraid to go with him, and yet, this may be the opportunity I have prayed for."

"Ask him to wait just fifteen minutes. We will have prayer on the launch before you go," was David's reply.

Anxiously, the three on the launch watched their coworker being rapidly rowed to the center of the river by his enemy. Suddenly the canoe stopped at a tiny island. Pedro dropped the paddle and began waving his arms violently above his head. Jerking Manuel from the canoe, he shoved him ashore. In the jungle-like growth, both disappeared from view. With prayers on their lips the Nielsens and Alba kept their eyes fixed on the distant island.

Meanwhile, the two men had reached a small clearing. Manuel was watching Pedro's every move. When he raised his arms, Manuel fully expected a blow, but to his relief and joy, Pedro sobbed, "Poor wretched, sinful me! I can stand it no longer. I must find peace with the Saviour who has done so much for you."

So Manuel knelt amid tall grass and ferns and prayed for this sick soul. Then, taking his Bible from his pocket, he pointed out the many precious promises for those who seek Him with their whole hearts. "He that heareth

my word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

Then Pedro prayed and the joy of salvation flooded his heart and shone in his beaming eyes.

For half an hour, the canoe swayed gently at its island mooring, while anxious hearts kept vigil on the "Buenas Nuevas." Then two figures appeared and Pedro started rowing again. The Nielsens saw that he had turned and was moving swiftly toward the launch. In a few minutes the two men were standing hand in hand before the astonished missionaries and they were soon rejoicing in God's wonderful answers to prayer.

Now Pedro must do something for his Lord. There was no room for him on the launch, so it was decided that he should take tracts and Bibles in his canoe to some of the villages along the Cauca River. When Pedro had witnessed for his Lord at the afternoon meeting the people marvelled at this second remarkable conversion and several others surrendered their hearts to God because of his joyful testimony. When the launch left for the return trip up the river, a zealous new evangelist was left behind to carry the good news to villages that could not be reached by the launch.

Down each tiny tributary sped the messenger in his frail canoe. Sometimes he lost his way in the maze of small streams. One night the darkness, which descends so suddenly in the tropics, found him hopelessly lost. Seeing a light twinkling from the river bank, Pedro guided his canoe in that direction and knocked on the door of a rude hut. A woman received him with great hospitality and how he rejoiced that he had such glad tidings to give them.

He only awaited an opportune moment to tell the household the joyful news of salvation in Christ and he found that God had already prepared their hearts. They questioned him eagerly and so great was their interest they could hardly stop long enough to prepare and eat the evening meal. Then they gathered again. Pedro told them the story of the prodigal son, then of Cornelius and Peter, pointing out that God seeks in different ways to lead each and everyone to a knowledge of Jesus Christ, who is the only way to God.

The following morning as Pedro was preparing to depart, the woman and two of her daughters expressed their desire to accept the Lord as their Saviour and to live their lives for Him. Before this Pedro had only visited the villages and as he went on he praised his heavenly Father that he had lost his way so this isolated family might also have the gospel. As he glided over the water he joyfully murmured to himself. "No hay gozo mas grande en el mundo que vive con Jesus el Senor. (There is

no greater joy in the world than to live with Jesus the Lord.)"

At another time Pedro stopped at a village a short distance from Magangue where one woman especially had shown such an interest in the Word. She had a sick child and Pedro offered to take them to meet the launch, so that David might see if medical treatment would help the child. The woman's husband was angry at her interest in the gospel and not even the hope of help for his son kept him from doing something to prevent her going. He insisted that his wife plant seven hundred sticks of yucca before breakfast. The eager woman arose very early and finished this almost impossible task in time to go with Pedro. David was successful in treating the child and Evangeline quietly led the mother to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. With a heart full of joy, the woman went back to face her enraged husband.

"I'm going higher, yes higher some day." Pedro had heard Evangeline singing this victory song and had been struck by the tune. He put it into words of his own, and up and down the river people heard this song as the canoe swung in and out of the swamps to reach some out-of-the-way village or one which had been inundated during the rainy season. He made countless trips to carry the sick to meet the launch in its visits to Magangue. Soon many people from the hamlets nearby were coming to the meetings held by the Nielsens. At each trip the missionaries marvelled at the souls Pedro was leading to the Lord. A chapel had been built in Magangue and, under Pedro's direction, work had begun on chapels in Loba and Retira.

"I'm going higher, yes, higher some day," sang Pedro joyously one day as his canoe shot up the river to meet the launch. But the song stopped suddenly. Pedro had seen a child fall into the river and had jumped in after it. Soon the child was restored to its frightened father, but Pedro slipped back into the water. When he was brought unconscious to the Nielsens, David remembered Pedro's weak heart and realized that he would not be able to rally from this severe strain and shock. (To be continued)

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A Date with the Past

The rooms in the newer part of the castle were quite luxurious and had beautifully carved ceilings, large porcelain stoves that were fired from the hallway, chests elaborately carved and huge clothes closets also ornately carved. The walls were covered with beautiful tapestry on which were depicted famous battles or lush love scenes.

We were led to their chapel, a long narrow room with an altar, typical of the 17th century, at the far end. Along the walls were numerous statues of former kings and inhabitants of Heidelberg Castle. Some were in full armour, some in court attire and some wearing crowns. Their hips and thighs seemed enormous. There were also some statues of the ladies of that time, clad in flowing dress and exhibiting their femininity, looking rather fragile beside the men.

We were next escorted into the underground cells where the huge wine barrels were stored. One huge barrel, the largest in any castle I'm sure, has a capacity of 50,000 gallons of wine. Were those people ever thirsty!

It was suppertime when we came out of the castle. The last rays of the sun were illuminating the old fortress, and touching it up with rose, gold, and purple shadows.

It was dusk when we walked down to Heidelberg again. We went to stand on the bridge that spanned the Neckar River and watched some children fishing. Then we re-traced our steps across the bridge and went through the ancient gate, the key entrance to the city.

On the train going home we were besieged by a group of about 40 eight and nine-year-old hikers. They were very tired, for it was past nine o'clock, but well-behaved nevertheless. Their parents met them at the station and were as excited about the reunion as the children. The weary, worn children perked up at the prospects of mother's arms and gleefully stated, "Da ies mei Mutterli und Vaterli." Sweet!

Bomb Shelters and Ruins

Ludwigshafen was one of the cities that suffered from heavy bombing attacks during World War II. Consequently skeleton structures of walls and buildings were a common sight everywhere. There were still large craters filled with debris and weeds and stone stairways as a grim reminder of the horrors of war.

On one of our strolls Anneliese and I came upon an unusually

"fine" ruin and wanted to take a picture of it from the most advantageous angle. We walked around to the back, which was very weedy, and encountered a housewife, armed with a pitchfork, battling the weeds in her back yard. When we told her our mission she proved to be most friendly so that we had no difficulty in carrying on a conversation. She told us the "inside" story of the bunkers, those massive six-story cement structures that harboured the hundreds of air raid fugitives. These contained a few beds reserved for mothers with small children. Every evening the mothers took their babies and put them to bed in one of them. The adult people came with a small suitcase containing their indispensable personal belongings. Some had little folding chairs, but usually there was standing room only, for the people were packed in like sardines and stood all through the night. Since the heat was intense the hapless occupants were drenched with perspiration. The wash rooms were on the sixth floor. When the great door was unlocked in the morning the people poured out to see if their home could be located, after which they carried on with their day's work. How brave and gallant those people were, and how utterly horrible war.

The Bombers Attack

The lady went on to tell us how she happened to be an eye-witness of the last air attack on Ludwigshafen. She was out in the fields when the alarm sounded. Immediately everyone dropped his tools and ran for the safety of the bunker. Because she was so tired of alarms, bunkers and bombs, and because she had no way of getting to the city in time, she decided to stay in the field, come what may.

She did not have long to wait until she saw the first squadron of bombers coming over from the north-west, carrying death and destruction in their holds. Goose pimples appeared on her arms while she went on with her story. The squadron of bombers came nearer and in a matter of minutes were over Ludwigshafen. It was then hell broke loose in all its fury, as the bombs screamed, exploded, burned, demolished, and blotted out the day with their death and destruction. In a short while the bombers were gone, the city lay smoking, reeking, and burning, while the people poured out of the bunkers and went to look for their homes.

A Trip to the Black Forest

One of our days was reserved for a trip on a bus into the Black Forest (Schwarzwald). We started off early Sunday morning. The

other people on the bus were elderly couples, for all the younger ones ride on motorcycles. The landscape in this section was very much like the scenery around Dover, England. Tiny patches of grain, potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, hops, and vegetables covered the fields, while the always orderly, beautiful trees bordered the different fields. We had not gone very far when the ladies produced generous-sized bags and drew out hard-boiled eggs, sausages, rolls, wieners, buns, nips, cheese, etc., and had an after-breakfast "snack." No wonder they had comfortable, 40-inch waists.

At eleven o'clock we arrived at a famous health resort, Liebezell. It was a beautiful place, lying cradled in peace and contentment in the lap of the mountains, while the benign sun sent down its strengthening rays and the cool mineral springs sent up their healing waters. Numerous houses, hotels and chalets hugged the wooded mountain side, while little springs gurgled in sheer delight as they splashed and tumbled over stones and pebbles.

We had dinner outside at a charming little place beside a small lake, where the hills rose in silence all around us. Anneliese had "Kalbsbrust," while I had tongue floating in mushroom gravy and "Spatzel," home-made macaroni, just like my mother used to make. They were delicious, and I wasn't counting calories either.

After lunch we went farther into the hills and forest. The bus stopped at a certain place so that we could come into direct contact with the Black Forest. It was beautiful indeed. The pines stood straight and tall, with the first 40 feet of trunk bare and the branches thick and dark at the top. The branches are so thick that the sun does not penetrate properly, making the forest very dark, almost black in its hue.

Breathtaking Scenery

All too soon the horn honked, for we had to be on our way. Again we passed through mountain country literally breath-taking in its beauty. We saw storks feeding in the fields, big birds that looked so out of place on the ground. Incessantly the song, "Oh Täler weit, oh Höhen," ran through my mind. The German poets are not exaggerating either when they write about Germany.

Dusk was falling as we sped homeward. The day had been long. We were all looking forward to the comfort of our homes, when suddenly 30 voices burst forth into song. Our hearts were stirred by the beautiful, both sad and gay, immortal folk songs of the German people. What a heritage in song!

Auf Wiedersehen!

This has been a description of a few of the happy days I spent

with Anneliese. All too soon July 30 came along, which meant curtains for us. Anneliese accompanied me as we joined the group at Mainz and came with us to Mannheim, while we proceeded to Basel. The silver lining on our cloud of farewell was that I had stirred a desire in her heart to come to Canada and see the "New World." God knows, we may meet again.

Luxury

We arrived at Basel after 8:00 p.m. and had our rooms at the "Drei Könige Hotel." It was a lovely place, all rugs, winding stairs, music, soft lights, oil paintings, and the gurgling Rhine outside. My room was on the top floor and their very newest one, the bell hop proudly informed me. It was truly a luxurious room having off-white walls trimmed with rose-wood and gold, eight pieces of matching furniture, also trimmed with rose-wood and gold, three full-length mirrors, three lamps, thick rugs, radio, telephone, a tiled bathroom that sparkled like crystal, another telephone in the bathroom, emergency cord, and two glass doors that opened out onto a balcony overlooking the Rhine. At this point the Rhine is unharnessed and undammed, and consequently gushes and rushes, and roars and pours past the bridges and towns, and ever on.

Since next day was Sunday our courier, Lois de Baeza, gave us a choice of attending a service in the Münster Cathedral or going to the zoo. Three chose the cathedral, and twenty-four chose the zoo. At eleven our train left for Innsbruck, Austria. (To be continued)

BUILDING HOUSES

(Continued from page 6-3)

Jesus never told a story just for fun. He wants us to think about it. So let's get out our thinking caps. Are you all set? Here we go.

Every girl and every boy is building a house. Your life is your house. On what you build your house will show whether you are wise or foolish. No one wants to be foolish, does he? So we all want to build upon a rock like the wise man did.

But what is the rock on which we can build our life? If you open your Bible to I Corinthians 10:4 you will read that the rock is Jesus. The Bible says too, that our life's house can stand on only one thing; that is Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 3:11). If we ask Jesus to come into our life we can know that He can hold us in all of our troubles. With Jesus we are always safe for heaven. But without Jesus we never know when we shall fall and be lost forever.

Won't you be wise and ask Jesus to come and live with you right now?

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Chicago Radio Scriptor Announces 'Visit With Genie'

An entirely new type of evangelical radio program, evolved in the fertile mind of a skilled scribe, was announced for nationwide release next fall. The new interview-type program "Visit With Genie" will feature Eugenia Price, several of her most successful radio colleagues and a full roster of evangelicals, including prominent clergymen, missionaries, doctors, lawyers, educators, athletes and editors.

The announcement was made in Chicago by Miss Price simultaneously with a confirmation of her resignation as producer-director of the radio program "Unshackled." The new series, as conceived by Miss Price, will provide local evangelical pastors with a weekly transcribed radio program on which they may participate each week. This close identification, designed to help the local pastor minister to the spiritual needs of the unchurched in his community, is also a safeguard against the listeners becoming "fastened onto a nebulous radio personality."

"Visit With Genie" will be made available for sponsorship by evangelical churches across the country, each being granted exclusive rights in its own community. A further tie-in with the broadcasts provides for Spiritual Life Clinics to be conducted by the sponsoring church. Miss Price would be available for counselling at these clinics.

Miss Price, an atheist at 17, has been a Christian only six years. Her accomplishments have been remarkable. She has produced and directed 260 "Unshackled" programs for Pacific Garden Mission, 52 "The Way Out" programs for Christian Amendment Movement, three "best-seller" books (*Discoveries*, *The Burden Is Light* and *Never A Dull Moment*) and made hundreds of personal appearances all over the country. (ERA)

U.S. Department of Labour Frowns on Voluntary Church Work

Churches and church groups which consistently use volunteer labor to accomplish their purpose may be heading into serious trouble with the U.S. Department of Labour. This warning, based on recent events and current governmental decrees concerning wages, was voiced by Carl Seet, an attorney of wide experience, in a recent issue of *Liberty*, "a magazine of religious freedom."

The warning is timely, since carried to a logical conclusion the circumstances which provoked it would prohibit such voluntary ser-

vice as membership in a church choir, serving as an usher or distributing of religious literature. Social service and charity work could not be done by unpaid workers.

Furthermore, putting such workers on the church payroll would entail much unnecessary expense if the Department of Labor's insistence on minimum wages, adequate and accurate records of hours worked and overtime pay were to be literally complied with according to the federal court's and the Secretary of Labour's interpretation of the First Amendment. (ERA)

New Wave of Violence and Murder in Colombia Charged

A new wave of persecution in Colombia, in which at least 11 Protestants have been murdered and an American clergyman severely beaten, was charged in a protest filed with the State Department by Donald H. Gill, Assistant Secretary of Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"Seven evangelicals were killed on the night of October 4th near Sevilla when the house of an evangelical pastor was attacked by 18 armed men, according to reports from Colombia," Gill declared. "An American missionary, Rev. Julius A. de Gruyter of Charleston, W. Va., was hospitalized with a double fracture of the skull after an unprovoked beating by two policemen on October 17th," Gill said.

Gill called on the State Department to lodge a protest with the Colombian Government.

"In recent weeks there have been numerous outbursts of violence against Protestants in South America," he stated. "Recent reports from Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia tell of assaults, destruction of homes and disruption of worship."

"In La Morano about 150 men, women and children have been driven from their homes and farms, and one young man was killed. (ERA)

Chinese Christians Reported to be Thriving Under Reds

A Pentecostal missionary in Hong Kong, J. Rutherford Spence, writes in *Pentecost* as follows: "Just out from Shanghai have come two CIM missionaries who decided to stay on when the Communists came in. He got a job with a large English shipping firm. The good news is that the Church in China is carrying on and is writing a wonderful page of Church History. Special meetings are being held, souls are being saved, and the Chinese Christians are being deepened in Christ." (ERA)

CANADASCOPE

Catholic Women on Drive for Purity in Print

The Catholic Women's League drive to purify Ontario newsstands got under way on Nov. 14 amid mixed reaction.

About 1,000 specially-trained observers, mostly housewives, started out to check dealers' books and periodicals against a list of 300 books blacklisted by the National Organization of Decent Literature of Chicago.

Any listed book which an observer found on a newsstand was pointed out to the dealer and he was asked to return it to the distributor.

Mrs. W. J. McDonald, league publicity convener, said:

"Most of our people were treated with courtesy. Most dealers agreed with our campaign and asked for a list."

Court Decision in Favour of Farmers

A rush of drilling on some 75,000 acres of Manitoba's best oil land is expected to follow the Supreme Court ruling in the Wardle oil rights case.

J. G. Cowan, deputy resources minister for Manitoba, said that oil companies have held back drilling on land where mineral rights were disputed.

The World Today

Rate of Crime Rising in U.S. Reports Hoover

In a report FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover recently revealed that for seven consecutive years the trend of crime has been upward with the rate of crime outstripping the population rate of growth nearly four to one in the U.S.A. Since 1950 the population increased 7 per cent; crime, 26.7 per cent.

In the first six months of 1955 a major crime was committed every 13.9 seconds, with a murder, manslaughter, rape or assault with intent to kill every 4.2 minutes. The picture in respect to juveniles is even grimmer. In the year 1954, offenders under the age of 18 accounted for 57.6 per cent of all car thieves in 1,389 of the cities reporting statistics to the FBI; 49 per cent of all burglars; and 43.6 per cent of all persons arrested for larceny.

Cost of crime in the U.S. has been estimated at 20 billion dollars annually. This represents an outlay of \$23 per capita, or \$485 for each family in America.

Hoover concludes that, disgraceful as is the cost of crime in terms of money, it is as nothing to the loss of spiritual values. When spiritual growth does not keep pace with material expansion, the signal flags of danger—crime and

Both the province and farmers claimed mineral rights on lands which, during the 1930's, had been taken over by the Farm Loans Association. The Supreme Court has now declared farmers to be owners of the mineral rights.

Far-Reaching Decision on Religious Rights

The November 15 ruling that three Quebec police officers must pay damages after raiding the home of Ezymier Chaput and breaking up a meeting of the Jehovah's Witnesses is welcome news for all denominations. This Supreme Court ruling overturns a Quebec court ruling which held in effect that practice of their religion by the sect was outlawed in the province.

"It would be a shocking error," says Mr. Justice Taschereau, "to believe that one serves his country or his religion by deaving in one province to a minority rights which one rightly claims for itself in another."

Aside from the Supreme Court's stirring reaffirmation of religious freedom laid down for Canadians in the statute of 1851, the judgment has established that no provincial legislature has the right to pass laws protecting its police officers from the consequences of unlawful deeds merely because they were acting under orders.

subversion — are hoisted. When cynicism replaces faith, the whole structure of free government is imperiled. ***

Russian Aim to Break Nato Reports Pearson

External Affairs Minister L. B. Pearson has returned from Moscow more than ever convinced that the first objective of Soviet policy is to "weaken and break up" NATO. As a secondary objective he feels sure that they will try to detach Germany from NATO.

In contrast, the minister said that there had been no reference during his Moscow talks to the defence plans in the Canadian Arctic. He did not believe that at the moment the Russians were planning an offensive military campaign. ***

Foreign Ministers' Talk a Total Failure

The Big Four foreign ministers' conference broke up without naming time or place for another meeting. The brief they issued registered by implication the total failure of the meeting to provide solutions or make substantial progress on any of the great East-West issues, and particularly on Germany.

Britain's Foreign Secretary MacMillan said in his closing address that the conference at best could be regarded as a stalemate, at the worst "a step backward."

SILVER WEDDING FOR SIEMENS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siemens of Flowing Well, Sask., celebrated their Silver Wedding on November 20 at the Gnadenu M.B. church.

The service began by the reading of I Samuel 7:12, where Samuel declares, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." With A. Barkman, a brother of Mrs. Siemens, in charge, a well-planned program followed. Songs were sung by a quartet, a trio and a soloist. The Junior Band also played. Several poems were recited. The message was given by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Buller, who spoke on Isaiah 40:31. He especially emphasized that "They that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength."

After the closing remarks by Mr. Peter Priebe, an uncle of Mrs. Siemens, the entire congregation partook of a lunch in the church basement. Before the lunch began a tri-light floor lamp was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Siemens by the church.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Priebe, Mrs. Jake Priebe, Mrs. John Priebe, Mrs. J. Siemens, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Siemens from Herbert, Sask.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siemens, Main Centre, Sask.; Miss Bertha Priebe and Miss Erna Siemens from British Columbia; and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Priebe and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knelson from Kelstern, Sask. The oldest son of the Siemens, Alvin, and his wife were unable to attend the anniversary service.

The church and all their friends wish them many more happy years of married life.

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SILVER WEDDING FOR WARKENTINS

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. G. Warkentin celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on October 9. Special speakers were Mr. Frank Kroecker of Brotherfield and Mr. P. J. Harder of Hepburn. Special songs were sung by relatives and the church choir. A reception in the church basement followed the program.



PARAGUAYAN MISSION TO LEPERS

For ten years the MCC has worked with the Paraguayan Mennonites to develop a leprosy treatment mission for Paraguayans. This is one way in which the Mennonites can express their appreciation to the government of Paraguay for the religious freedom and asylum offered to Mennonite im-

migrants when they were without home or country.

Dr. John and Clara Schmidt of Mt. Lake, Minn., went to Paraguay in 1950 to begin this service. Paraguayan Mennonite young people assist them on a voluntary service basis.

The workers found that it was hard to overcome a natural distrust of a foreigner, hard to deal with the popular misconception about leprosy and even harder to win the confidence of those who suffered from the disease. To win the confidence of their neighbors they began giving general medical service also. The clinic records show that well over one thousand have been treated.

There are now three clinics for the treatment of leprosy, or Hansen's disease. The first and largest is at Barrio Grande, the second at Km. 81, and the third and most recent at Coronel Oviedo. From these clinics they also go out to find the sufferers, for here as everywhere else, those called "unclean" are often deserted and forced to live apart.

Mrs. Schmidt describes one patient: "She had been found right in our neighborhood the week before, deserted because of the dreadful disease. We found her hut of logs with a grass roof in a rocky no-man's land. Inside on a cot we found our patient, a scrawny, scabby, drawn-together heap of misery. She was bedfast, and her only attendant was her 12-year-old boy who also showed the early signs of the disease. She was literally starving to death and all hope was lost!"

The Schmidts gave the woman warm clothes and fixed a meal for her. Now her son comes regularly to the clinic to get food for his mother.

"We are doing what we can to ready one room of a house which is under construction now so that we can bring this patient here for treatment and care."

FIRST PEACE MEETING IN TOKYO CENTER

November 6 was a "big day" for the MCC unit in Japan as they held their first peace meeting. Each Sunday afternoon a group of young students gather at the Tokyo center for Bible study, fellowship and discussion. On November 6 the Melvin Gingerichs and Norman Wingerts invited Mrs. Nonomiya, a Japanese Christian pacifist, to speak on the Christian peace movement in Japan to these young people.

Thirty-two gathered at 3 p.m.; the last young man did not leave until almost eight. They held a long discussion and eagerly checked books out of the new peace library.

The Melvin Gingerichs recently came to Tokyo to present the peace

testimony in Japan. They find interest in the topic of "peace," but great need for presentation of the Christian peace position. As part of their witness they plan to hold a similar peace meeting about once every two months.

JOINS MCC IN EUROPE

Katherine Penner of Jordan Station, Ont., who has served with the MCC in the Waterloo, Ont., and Akron, Pa., offices, sailed aboard the S.S. Ryndam on Nov. 17 for two years of service in Europe. At Frankfurt, Germany, she will be in charge of the refugee migration work and the processing of European young people who are to attend Mennonite colleges in the U.S. or come as trainees for a one-year period. Elmira Kliever, Mountain Lake, Minn., has been doing this work for the past two years.

Katherine is the daughter of Dietrich and Catharina Penner, themselves at one time refugees from Russia. She is a member of the United Mennonite Church at Vineland, Ont.

Remembrance Day at Bethany

E. J. Andres

Hepburn, Sask. — There is a time in every Christian's life when he needs to stop, look, and listen. He must stop to reconsider the past, to reconsider his attitudes and accomplishments. He needs to look, not down, but up into the future, and as he does so, he needs to listen for God's promises, for guidance and advice. Especially in the life of an alumnus of a school this should occur periodically. That is why the alumni of the Bethany Bible Institute met on Remembrance Day at Hepburn.

Friday morning, Nov. 11, was Open House at Bethany Bible Institute and many former students shared in the blessings of the classes in session during the day. How wonderful to recall some of the blessings received while still attending the Institute.

A hearty meal at noon brought even greater enthusiasm, partly because of the tasty food and partly because of the renewal of former friendships. The afternoon meeting thus was heart-stirring and inspiring. In their testimonies many referred to Bethany Bible Institute as the place where they had begun to serve God more fully.

The alumni executive had attempted to contact, by means of a tape recording, most of Bethany's alumni members now on the foreign mission fields. The special Alumni Rally in the evening was highlighted by a number of these

heart-stirring recordings. The impact of these reports and testimonies will continue to linger with all who were present. How we need to support these missionaries in prayer.

The evening's program also included a discussion of projects to be undertaken during the next year. Rev. J. H. Epp concluded the eventful day by directing the all-important question to us; "What then shall I do with Jesus?"

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Colleges

TABOR COLLEGE

Mr. E. J. Peters, president of Maple Leaf Industries, Inc., Wasco, Calif., and chairman of the Education Committee of the Mennonite Brethren General Conference, addressed members of the Tabor College faculty while in Hillsboro recently.

"The future is what is important," he said, "for the present is past even as we speak. When we teach students, we deal with the future. That is why the work we are doing is of such tremendous importance and why it must succeed."

Mr. Peters reported on the progress being made in implementing the unified educational program which was approved by the general conference of the church last year. He stated that the response to the budgeted-giving plan proposed by the board has been good.

Commenting on the Christian ideals which prompted the founders of Tabor College to establish the school, he said, "We have discovered that the only way to keep this philosophy is to share it."

"Such a philosophy is vital for our times. Unless we actively spread it, we shall have chaos and anarchy—and therefore dictatorship," he concluded.

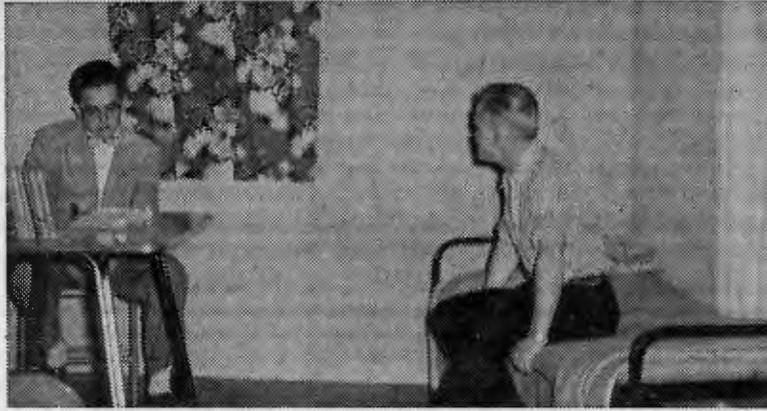
CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

The recently organized male octette made its first visit on Monday, November 14, bringing a program for the young people at Altona, Man. In addition to the songs by the octette, two messages were given, the German one by Menno Epp and the English one by Peter Letkemann.

The octette, under the direction of Mr. George Wiebe, is composed of Bill Wiebe and Donald Krause of Abbotsford, B.C.; Jake Heinrichs, Winkler, Man.; Dave Braun and Vernon Neufeld of Didsbury, Alta.; Menno Epp, Mt. Lehman, B.C.; Victor Fast, Steinbach, Man.; and Peter Letkemann, Waldheim, Sask. The pianist was Irma Wiens of Herschel, Sask.

A recital that was enjoyed by all was presented by the Music Society on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15. Both local and outside talent participated. Students who participated were Bill Wiebe and Victor Fast, who sang solos, Henry Olfert and Vernon Neufeld, who sang a duet, Mrs. Wiebe, who played a piano solo, and the ladies choir, under the direction of Katie Bergen. Special guest was Franz Seidler, a professional clarinetist.

Because November 11 was a school holiday the students were as busy or busier than usual on that day, taking advantage of the opportunity to work on their term papers. Margaret Voght.



"... When you consider your abilities as a singer, as an above-average thinker and especially as a speaker, don't you believe that God could use you in a more direct service for Him?" Peter Wiebe, seated at left, is asking Roland Sawatsky in a one-act play, "The Weighing of the Spirit," presented at the M.B. Bible College on Friday, Nov. 18. The remonstrances of his friend could not deter him from entering law, but God did. The submission to God's will is the central theme of the play.

Bible Institutes

ROSTERN BIBLE SCHOOL

During the first week of November we had the privilege of having two workers from the States in our midst. Miss Anne Berg, missionary on furlough from Arizona, presented the cause of missions in several addresses. Rev. Abram Wiebe, manager of the General Conference Book Stores, found time to serve us in chapel one morning.

Throughout the same week, Rev. J. C. Schmidt, pastor of the local church, served as the speaker during Christian Life Emphasis Week. Although the weather was cold, our hearts were warmed by the messages, based on God's Word, under the theme "The Right Use of Life."

Various committees have been organized to take care of the student chapel programs, prayer meetings and social activities.

The highlight of our term thus far was the annual Sunday School Teachers' Course, Nov. 9-11. This course serves all friends and teachers of the S.S. in the province. Rev. John Adrian, instructor at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, presented a series of lectures on "Methods of Teaching" in the German language.

Several papers were presented by the teachers from the Junior College during the course. Mr. Norman Bergen discussed "Singing in the Sunday School", while Miss Esther Wiens lectured on "Counselling in the Sunday School." At the sessions during the day, the following topics were presented: "The Art of Leading a Discussion" by Rev. Arthur Wiens; "Developing Good Reading Habits" by David Reimer; "Challenging our Young People" by Rev. J. C. Schmidt; and "Making the Most of the Sunday School Schedule" by Mr. John Boschman. The last period of Friday was devoted to a panel which discussed the "Question Box".

Rev. H. T. Klassen presided as chairman during the sessions.

Lodging and meals were provided by the school for the many guests who attended.

GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE

A \$15,000 goal was reached on November 1 at the Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska, on the 13th annual Grace Fellowship Day. One-half of the proceeds will go for the building of the new auditorium, which is to be built in the near future on the campus of the Grace Bible Institute.

Faculty and staff members, students, members of the Board of Directors, Advisory Councilmen, and friends gathered in the chapel on this festive day to hear our speakers, Dr. Curtis Akenson, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Rev. E. G. Steiner, Berne, Indiana, deliver messages on God's Word. Special musical talent featured during the course of the day included a 25-voice Preacher's Chorus and the premiere appearance of the Grace Chorale for the season of 1955-56.

The members of the Board of Directors and Advisory Council met for prayer following this day of fellowship to praise our Lord, from whom all blessings come, and to prepare their own hearts for the two-day joint business meeting that was to follow.

Grace Acres

Members of the Advisory Council also had a separate meeting to consider further the GRACE ACRES project that they undertook last spring. It was reported that 50 acres of grain were set aside last summer by interested farmers in areas where Advisory Councilmen reside. The proceeds amounted to approximately \$2,000, which was designated for the new auditorium. The Advisory Council went on record to promote the GRACE ACRES project with a goal of 1,000 acres for the coming year. The proceeds of these acres are also earmarked for the new auditorium.

BETHANY BIBLE INSTITUTE

Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener, Ontario, M.B. Church,

conducted a week-long revival campaign at Hepburn. Students at Bethany Bible Institute shared in the blessings of the evening services and served with special numbers in song. For three days Rev. Toews also conducted a Bible study from 10:45-12:00 a.m. The topic under discussion was "Sanctification."

Rev. Toews graduated from Bethany Bible Institute in 1935 and served on the teaching staff in 1946-47. This is the school where some of the great issues in his own life were decided, he stated, and now he challenged today's students of Bethany: "If we will be on fire for Christ, the world will come to see us burn." This fire must be kindled at Bible School. Luella Wiebe.

High Schools

M.B. COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, WINNIPEG

Bible Week at M.B.C.I.

During the last week at school we had the privilege of gaining a deeper insight into the Bible. The two speakers at our Bible Week were Rev. D. K. Duerksen, our teacher in Bible subjects, and Rev. David Ewert, teacher at the M.B. Bible College next door.

Rev. Duerksen led the morning service, held just before classes began. The fifth chapter of the first book of Thessalonians was studied. Some of the main points that were emphasized are:

1. The Christian must be watching for Christ's coming.
2. The Christian must reveal true Christian characteristics, such as joy.
3. The value of prayer is inestimable.

It was refreshing to listen to Rev. Ewert explain the verses which we studied during the last period of the day. He dealt with the Sermon on the Mount, making it very interesting and worthwhile because of his explanations of the Greek expressions, which of course we had not heard before. Two of the points he discussed were:

1. The kingdom of Heaven.
2. The Christian living in the world must be seen—he cannot be hidden.

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Nigerian Student Speaks at Fireside

The foreign mission field was spotlighted at the monthly meeting of the Christian Endeavor in the South End M.B. church in Winnipeg on Sunday, November 20.

The main item on the programme was a dialogue, in which a graduate of a school is shown as perplexed about what she should do in the future. First conscience speaks to her about her responsibility to those without Christ. Then representatives of

the women in various mission fields come and appeal to her for help. She finally places her life upon the altar as a sacrifice unto God.

After the programme the young people met in the basement for a "Fireside." Guest speaker was Theo Dedeke, a third-year university student from Nigeria. He passed around newspaper clippings from home and answered various questions about conditions in Nigeria. He threw out a challenge to the young people to come and do mission work, for the Moslems are still in the majority in Nigeria.

has become an integral part of the city mission programme.

Bolstered by help from the churches and the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, the Gospel Light Mission has regular Sunday morning and evening services, a Bible Study on Tuesday nights, Sunday School, young people's meetings, girls' club, and a hobby-club. Living in the former parsonage are Mr. and Mrs. Pauls and family, caretakers of the mission.

Among the 11 candidates are several Mennonites who had stopped attending church, but are now born-again believers, Mr. Thoms, a former elder in a United Church, and his wife, the Bert Andersons, and the Jim Smiths. Among those joining the mission are Miss Junko Matsuno and Mr. Takashi Niwa, Japanese students at the M.B. Bible College.

First Baptism for Gospel Light Mission

At 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, in the South End M.B. church the faith of all those who have worked at the Gospel Light Mission in Winnipeg will be rewarded. Eleven candidates will follow the Lord in baptism and 18 others will join this group to organize a mission church.

Five years ago the city mission in Winnipeg centralized its activity when it bought the church on Logan Ave., that was vacated by Grant Memorial Baptist Church when it built a new one. A beginning was made in Sunday School and evangelistic services on Sunday night. Today the Gospel Light Mission is a beehive of activity, with Rev. John Schmidt the director. He is also the director of the Gospel Light Hour, which

On the Horizon

November 26 — The choir directors of the M.B. churches in Manitoba will have their annual conference on Sat., November 26, 1955, in the Elmwood M.B. church in Winnipeg. The morning session begins at 11 a.m., with the afternoon session convening at 1:30 p.m.

November 26. — The annual meeting of the Mennonite Mutual Aid Society will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 26, in the old United Mennonite Church at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario.

November 27. — The East Chilliwack Bible School will present a program, Sunday, Nov. 27, at 8:00 p.m., in the East Chilliwack Mennonite Brethren Church.

November 28. — Dr. Bob Cook, president of the International Youth for Christ, will speak at the Youth for Christ Rally in the South End M.B. church in Winnipeg.

November 29 - December 2. — A Sunday School teachers' course will be held in the Elim Bible School at Altona. Speakers will be the Bible school teachers and Rev. J. D. Adrian, Winnipeg.

December 4. — At 3 p.m. the baptism and organization meeting of the Gospel Light Mission will be held in the South End M.B. church in Winnipeg. Everyone is welcome.

December 27 to 29. — The annual Bible Conference at the Elmwood M.B. Church will discuss John 14:31 - 17:26. Rev. H. H. Janzen and Dr. A. H. Unruh will speak. Rev. Abram G. Neufeld of Ninga, Man., will speak at the evangelistic meetings in the evening.

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