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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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Speakers at conference described below. L. to r., Rev. P. W. Martens, M.B. Colporteur; Rev. H. Lenzmann, pastor, Yarrow, B.C., M. B. Church; Ed Janzen, Canadian Sunday School Mission; Rev. J. A. Froese, M.B. city missionary in Calgary; and Capt. Stabbert, Marine Medical Mission. (Rev. Elmer Warkentin not on picture.)

4-Day Bible and Missionary Conference

Months of planning and preparation laid the ground-work for one of the most blessed Missionary and Bible Conferences ever held by the M. B. Bible College. Special prayer-meetings during the week before the conference, held from February 23 to 26, prepared students and teachers for this four-day concentration on the missionary challenge. Attended by many other believers from Winnipeg and environs, the sessions in the Elmwood M. B. church revealed not only the tremendous need, but also the church's responsibility in view of this need.

Main speaker for the conference was Rev. Herman Lenzmann, former missionary to the Belgian Congo, member of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, and now pastor of the nearly 800-member M. B. Church in Yarrow, B.C. He not only gave a challenge for greater efforts in behalf of missions, but he also called for more consecrated, sanctified and witnessing church members at home.

"God's children are scattered over the whole globe for one purpose—to witness. Every day that God gives us here on earth is a new opportunity to let our light shine," he declared. "Christ did not give His all merely to prove that man is a sinner, but to meet the need of man in taking away that sin." As Christians we must do our part in this program.

Speaking of the church member's part in the missionary program, Rev. Lenzmann asserted that "every job is transformed into a mission. We have no business being

in a business that is not God's business." Yet this is not the total extent of the responsibility. The M. B. Church of North America alone is solely responsible for the evangelization of 7,895,000 people

Sunday School Convention Successful at Hepburn

By Walter Wiebe

Hepburn, Sask. — "Conventions have always put new life into the Sunday school," the Rev. P. J. Wiebe, district Sunday school representative, declared as he opened the district-wide Sunday School Convention held in the Dalmeny Mennonite Brethren Church, Feb. 25 and 26.

"The Sunday School Convention is an occasion to stir up the gift of God in the S.S. teachers," the Rev. G. B. Dyck, pastor of the host church, said as he led the congregation of about 240 in opening devotions.

"We must thank the Lord for

on the mission field. Ten thousand children in schools on the mission field must be cared for yearly, as well as 110,000 patients in clinics and hospitals. For every 127 M. B. church members there is one missionary on the field, needing not only support on the field, but also his traveling expenses.

A call to discipleship, to follow Jesus all the way, was sounded by Rev. Elmer Warkentin, home on furlough after one term of mis-

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Relief Appreciated

Congregations and individual members have responded generously and promptly to relief needs in the Belgian Congo and Paraguay as presented by the Board of Welfare and Public Relations of the M. B. Conference of North America. A total of \$2,000 has been dispatched by the Board and \$4,000 from the M. B. Conference of Canada treasury.

These sums have helped to alleviate the immediate need, although relief will be needed until the next crop comes, which will be about two years. At the present time manioc can be purchased and transported from Panzi, 100 miles away, for about half a cent a pound. In addition, the Kajiji mission staff has purchased dried milk and dried fish to distribute to the needy children and women.

Rev. J. B. Toews writes, "The heart-breaking responsibility of sending natives away to die in the

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villages has been greatly alleviated. We are very grateful to the Lord and our people."

Youth Workers Meet

Vineland, Ont. — The Ontario Youth Workers' Conference took place on Saturday, Feb. 25, in the Vineland M. B. church. A departure was made from the usual lecture method, in that the whole conference divided into separate discussion groups.

The three topics for the morning discussion groups were: The Organization of our Conference, conducted by C. J. Rempel of Kitchener; the Organization of the local church, conducted by Rev. H. P. Penner of St. Catharines; and The Educational Program of our Conference, led by Rev. D. H. Neumann, Virgil.

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock. The following were the topics for discussion: Missionary Activities of our Conference, conducted by Peter Doerksen, Vineland; Social Relationships of a Christian, led by Rev. J. J. Toews, Kitchener; Stewardship of Time, Talents and Funds, by Rev. I. H. Tiessen, Leamington; and The Christian and Recreation, led by Geo. Wichert, Virgil. After each period of discussion both in the morning and in the afternoon, the assembly met in the main auditorium to hear reports from the representative of each group.

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EDITORIAL

Continuous Orientation Necessary

The Canadian press recently reported that the bill for the incorporation of the Western Gospel Mission caused quite a stir in the Canadian Senate at Ottawa. However, the storm apparently abated when it was explained that this was a mission organization formed by the Mennonites. That this event merited recognition in the press is noteworthy.

Of greater significance than the above, however, is the way several members of the Senate who come from provinces where Mennonites reside, reacted. They quickly came to the defence of the Mennonites, praising them and declaring that they were "among the best and most peace-loving" citizens in Canada. This shows a high regard for the Mennonites and reveals particularly that our position of non-resistance has not gone unnoticed.

The time to pat ourselves on the back has not come yet, however, for an election is not far distant and a good word at the right time might win votes. But even if we give them the benefit of the doubt, a question that forces itself upon us in spite of this positive testimony could lead to some serious soul-searching. How complete has our testimony been to those about us, to those governing us? The statement as recorded by the press would indicate that our most forceful testimony has been in the area of non-resistance, of peace. But what about the other facets of our Christian life?

Mennonites used to be known far and wide for their complete honesty. Businessmen sold threshing machines, tractors, and other farm machinery on credit without so much as a signature in by-gone days. Is that spirit of trust still evident—or have we through dishonesty forfeited the right to be trusted implicitly? Is the name Mennonite still synonymous with honesty?—We dare say that all too often it is not.

Mennonites down through the centuries were known for their simplicity. Dwellings and churches were at times almost severely simple in design and furnishings. Are we still known for our simplicity? It would hardly appear that way to hear the cost of a modern residence, with its 1,000 dollar picture-window and even more expensive interior. And to listen to some of the suggestions when a new church is to be erected one might not think so either.

The true followers of Menno Simons have also been known for their daily witnessing to the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Are Mennonites known for that today also or has our testimony for non-resistance and peace so over-shadowed our evangelistic witness that we are known as non-resistant, yet not as evangelistic? Have we somehow failed in our true mission as part of the church of Christ—the evangelization of the world?

It is necessary for a continuous orientation of our position in the world if we want to maintain a Christ-pleasing testimony.

OUR READERS SAY

A Timely Warning

Since it is not uncommon for me to meet people in my work here who are very enthusiastic about some of the more spectacular manifestations which attended the gift of the Holy Spirit to the early church, such as tongues and faith healing, it was most interesting for me to note that TIME magazine in its February (13 issue ran brief stories on two of the most notable faith healers, so-called, Rev. Jack Cole and Rev. Oral Roberts.

The former was exposed by a Baptist religious editor of the Miami Herald while he was conducting what TIME called his "tent-show evangelism" with a

6000 nightly attendance in that city. After witnessing some "cures", the religious editor found out that a crippled woman who "ostentatiously flung aside a pair of crutches" had never ordinarily used them. Emboldened by this expose, three Churches of Christ ministers offered Cole \$2500 if he could heal anyone who had been duly certified as ill by two doctors and certified again as cured. He really didn't have to accept this challenge because he stood to take \$30,000 with him from Miami.

The Rev. Oral Roberts, who as TIME says is really "somebody" in the United States because of his tremendous coverage by tent campaigns, radio and TV, on his recent arrival in Australia was de-

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Devotional

Holding Forth The Word of Life

By A. J. Konrad *

"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life."

Selfishness is very deeply rooted in human nature. To find something that gives self joy, exalts the ego, or gives a personal advantage and then to jealously guard and retain these things is the universal inclination of the natural man. The attainment of this personal happiness or joy is, however, very limited and often frustrated through the bondage of sin and evil habit. Only Christ can fully set the sufferer free and give complete happiness. Through regeneration the heart is cleansed and a new life-principle imparted. Old fears and inhibitions are driven away and the peace of God rules in the heart.

Yet even in the life of the Christian we often find the old selfish nature manifesting its power. We love to rejoice in the good things that are ours in Christ. We use to our fullest advantage and delight the means of spiritual blessing provided for us. But too often our interest in the Gospel ends there. We selfishly try to keep it all for ourselves.

In the above-quoted words, the Apostle Paul clearly shows our responsibility with regards to the Gospel. Not holding or jealously hoarding for ourselves, but "holding forth". The words here mean "to hold forth so as to offer", to bring the Word of Life within the grasp of the unconverted soul. To offer salvation to a lost and dying world should ever be the concern of the Christian. This task is done in a two-fold manner: shining as lights, which refers to our testimony through our life; and holding forth, which emphasizes our active responsibility.

Much of the beauty of a shining light lies in its unassuming quietness. There is no loud fanfare to announce its benefits; quietly, yet with great strength its rays penetrate the darkness. It matters not whether it be the dusk of twilight or the blackness of midnight; the light still shines in all its beauty and power.

Equally impressive is the matchless purity of a shining light. It may vary in intensity, but the light is always of the same quality. Of the Christian Paul says: "blameless . . . without rebuke" and that in the midst of a wicked world. The Christian has no brightness of his own, but only shines forth the brightness of Christ in him. As the electric light dies out when the current is switched off, so shall we

be a light only as we are in the Lord. Silent, pure living, which allows the secret of a new life to witness by itself is one way for Christians to hold forth the Word of Life.

Yet our responsibility does not end here. To be fully effective in our testimony we must add positive action. Many people are so preoccupied with present pursuits that they pay little attention to a silent witness. They pass him by as a familiar landmark, whom they would perhaps vaguely notice if he were removed from his place. They give but little heed to the claims of the Gospel. To personally offer salvation to an indifferent multitude is our highest calling.

To do this we must present the Word of Life as something desirable, valuable, yes, indispensable. An holy urgency, deep sincerity and loving concern must be seen as we seek to draw men out to God. Our witness must be so arresting that it cannot be ignored.

Then also, we must stretch forth, reach down, so that the Gospel is within grasping distance of a humanity mired deeply in the pit of sin. Christ stooped from heaven to Calvary to reach us—are we willing to bend down to reach others? Often the hand that offers salvation will be spurned, coldly brushed aside or even cruelly mutilated. But only as we forget self and unreservedly lay ourselves out to rescue others are we living up to the high expectations of these verses.

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Here may be seen parts of the seven displays prepared by the students of the M. B. Bible College for the Missionary and Bible Conference. Partially facing the camera at left are Lillian Konrad, British Columbia, (foreground) and Annette Hiebert, Ontario.

FOUR-DAY BIBLE AND MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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sonary service in Borneo, in his message on Sunday morning. At other services he reported on his work in Borneo and showed slides of the work he and his wife pioneered there. In one term of service they founded 6 churches where before was only gross spiritual darkness.

The great need for consecrated teachers here in the homeland who are willing to go and teach in areas where there is no Gospel wit-

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nounced by clergymen and press alike as a fraud. Roberts is supposed to have registered in one of the most expensive Sydney hotels under an assumed name. When discovered, he is supposed to have said: "Christ has no objection to prosperity." Attendance at his meetings in Sydney was small because of the protests.

Having lived in Winnipeg when the "faith healer", Valdez, held his inglorious campaign there several years ago, I can never forget the damage done to the evangelical witness in that city by him and such like him who are responsible neither to God, church or local community. Is it too much to predict that congregations sympathetic to such men will sooner or later invite Oral Roberts or some others of them to Winnipeg? And since he is widely listened to in southern Manitoba, no doubt he would have an audience of those who seek healing in the spectacular way.

Peter Penner, Home Missionary, Thornhill, Man.

ness was presented by Rev. P. W. Martens, M. B. colporteur for Manitoba, Ed. Janzen, superintendent in Manitoba for the Canadian Sunday School Mission, and by Captain Stabbert of the Marine Medical Mission on the West Coast.

In addition to teachers "we need more prayer warriors who not only pray perforce of habit, but who have a vital interest in missions and are willing to constantly bring mission work and missionaries before God's throne," Rev. Martens asserted.

"Not only the foreign fields need the Gospel, but all who are without Christ in our own land, both those on skid-row and those on easy-street," maintained Rev. J. A. Froese, M. B. city missionary in Calgary, Alta. "The Gospel is the answer to the problems of man. We have this Gospel—shall we deny it them?"

Rev. Froese gave a report on the mission work in the city of Calgary as well as delivering several challenging messages.

Students testifying at the various sessions were Hans Kasdorf, senior student at M.B.B.C., who will go back to Brazil this summer to serve in the churches there; Takashi Niwa, a teacher from Japan, at M.B.B.C. for his first year of study; Abram Boschman, a third-year student from Paraguay; and Junko Matsuno, a senior student who will return to her homeland, Japan, this summer.

Miss Linda Banman, on her way back for a second term at the children's home in Curitiba, Brazil, gave a brief testimony on Friday afternoon, while Peter Penner, M. B. home missionary at Lindal, Man., led in the invocation at the Saturday afternoon service.

Special children's services were

held while the general meeting was in progress on Friday and Sunday evening. Rev. Davies of the British and Foreign Bible Society showed a film at the children's service on Friday night.

The display this year dramatically portrayed the need on the foreign field and showed us our responsibility in the light of it. Posters, curios, informative placards and an abundance of missionary literature to a remarkable extent revealed the missionary challenge of today.

SYSTEMATIC STUDYING BY YOUNG PEOPLE

By John Bartel

Leamington, Ont. — The young people at the Leamington M. B. Church have not been content with a haphazard approach but have been systematically studying and serving.

In order to acquaint themselves with the principles and doctrines of the M. B. Church they have been studying the booklet "Fundamentals of Faith", which is published by the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America. This study has proven to be such a great blessing that the committee decided to undertake another study project. This time the booklet, "Christian Character Course", written by Keith L. Brooks, was chosen. Both booklets are in question and answer form, allowing us to take them home for private study in preparation for the next session.

Study and service must always go hand in hand and the young people here serve at the Home for the Aged. They hold regular services in the chapel of the home, where the young people sing and minister to the occupants in a per-

sonal way. These people appreciate the service very much and are richly blessed by it.

Let us pray for one another as we as young people serve the Lord.

AMUS Announces Workshop for Bethel Mission Church

The Association of Mennonite University Students has announced that its voluntary service workshop will be held in the Bethel Mission Church, Carter and Stafford, Winnipeg, on March 11. Speaking will be Harvey Toews of the Canadian MCC and Elmer Ediger of the Board of Christian Service in Newton, Kans.

The first of two sessions will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, March 11, and will feature messages by the two speakers on the work that the MCC is doing at present, the opportunities for service available now, the nature of the work, and the qualifications necessary for participating in the various phases of it. The emphasis will be on personal contact. It is also hoped to have a panel discussion on the questions raised so that each person will be given the opportunity to express his or her ideas. Mennonite young people who have been active in various types of service will testify.

During the intermission, 4:30 to 5:30, a lunch will be served in the basement of the church for all attending the workshop.

The second session will again feature messages by Mr. Toews and Mr. Ediger, who at that time will present the spiritual challenge. It is to close at 6:30 to allow those participating to get back to the services in their church in time.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Hepburn Girl Wins Speaking Contest

Hepburn, Sask. — Miss Voleda Harder, Grade 11 student at the Hepburn High School and 16-year-old daughter of Mr. P. J. Harder, won the Superintendency Speaking Contest over eight others in Waldheim on February 10. She was to speak in the provincial semi-finals of the Bryant Oratory Contest in Saskatoon on Friday, Feb. 24. Her topic was "The Road of Safety".

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Pastor Goes to Winnipeg

Yarrow, B.C. — Rev. Herman Lenzmann, pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church here left for Winnipeg last week to speak at the Missionary and Bible Conference of the M. B. Bible College and sit in on a meeting of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. Rev. J. A. Harder, the assistant pastor, is also absent on a speaking tour in Ontario and Alberta.

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Funeral Service for David Heinrichs

Yarrow, B.C. Funeral services for Mr. David Heinrichs, Sr., of Central Rd., Yarrow, were held in the M. B. church here on Saturday, February 18, at 2 p.m. He had been a resident of Yarrow since 1930 and a member of the M. B. Church since 1935. He was 75 years of age and is survived by his wife and several children.

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Student Fellowship in Program at Manitou

Manitou, Man. — The Student Christian Fellowship of the Manitou Collegiate Institute presented a program in Elim Temple on Friday, February 17, 1956. The theme of the service was "The Life that Counts". The program was well attended.

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Missionary to B.C.

Swift Current, Sask. — Miss Catharine Epp, missionary to Africa now on furlough, has gone to British Columbia to visit friends and relatives. She will be spending some time with the Isaac Epp family, Kelowna, and the Jake Nickel family, Abbotsford. In addition she will be visiting various churches to report and show slides on the mission work in Africa.

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Young People Enjoy Evening of Fellowship

Swift Current, Sask. — On Friday, Feb. 24, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Peters sponsored a tobogganing party for the young people of the district. Twenty-five "kids" en-

joyed rough tumbles on toboggans, several indoor games and an excellent lunch of hot-dogs, sandwiches, pickles, do-nuts, cake and coffee. During the brief devotional that followed several choruses were sung and four people told "What Jesus Christ Means to Me". Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Peters!

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Bid Farewell to Pastor

Regina, Sask. — The Regina Mennonite Church bade farewell to its first pastor, Rev. Paul Dyck, and his family on Feb. 10. The Dycks, who have been serving at this church for six months, are going to India as missionaries.

Rev. Dyck is one of those who has had a large part of his education in Mennonite schools. He attended the Menno Bible Institute at Didsbury, Alta., the Rosthern Junior College, the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Bethel College, Newton, Kansas, where he gained his BA, and the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, where he received the BD degree after three years of study.

The Dycks will be leaving for India from New York toward the end of March. They have two sons, Rodney, two, and Curtis, three months.

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Dr. Warkentin to Retire this Month

Dr. H. A. Warkentin, Supervisor of Immigration for the Canada Colonization Association (CPR) at Winnipeg, will retire from active service this month.

Joining the immigration and settlement bureau of the Canadian Pacific Railway upon his arrival in Canada in 1925, Dr. Warkentin has been instrumental in settling thousands of Mennonites in Canada upon their arrival from Russia and Germany. His ability to speak most of the central European languages made him especially valuable in his work, for he could make them feel at home.

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Returns Home After Operation

Swift Current, Sask. — After two and a half weeks in the Swift Current Union Hospital, Mrs. Jake Epp has returned home. She is recovering satisfactorily after an operation to remove gallstones.

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VISIT PINCHER CREEK M. B. CHURCH

Pincher Creek, Alta. — A group from the Coaldale Bible School visited the Mennonite Brethren Church in Pincher Creek on Feb. 12. Two teachers, Mr. A. Konrad and Mr. Victor Pankratz accompanied the group.

At the morning service a male quartet and a ladies' sextet sang. Mr. Abe Konrad delivered the message.

The theme for the afternoon service was "Missions". The program consisted of singing by the ladies' sextet, the male quartet and group singing, a recitation, and a story for the children. Mr. Victor Pankratz brought the message from God's Word.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT HEPBURN

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verse up until the morning of the day of the first session. A heavy snowstorm had closed not only low, narrow rural roads but all main highways in the area. Bright, calm weather returned just in time for road clearing equipment to do the necessary job.

Mr. P. J. Harder, principal of the Hepburn High School led in the convention addresses by speaking on the topic, "The Sunday School and Modern Education."

Pointing out the value of a philosophy of education even in our Sunday school teaching, he stated, "If education is aimless, it is useless." The Sunday school, in line with the best of educational philosophy, ought to recognize the worth of every individual. "If nothing has happened in the child, then you haven't taught," Mr. Harder said.

The Rev. Wesley Klassen, instructor in Christian Education in the Briercrest Bible Institute, Carletonport, spoke on "The Sunday School and Problems of Youth," in his first message to the convention. Indicating the character of the typical youth of today he pointed out how the Sunday school is suited to meet youth's needs.

Speaking on the topic, "The Sunday School and the Church Program," the Rev. Nick Willems, pastor of the Woodrow M. B. Church, said, "We do not consider the Sunday school as a separate agency, but rather as the arm through which the church does its task of evangelization."

In the final message to the convention on the topic, "The Sunday School and Modern Home Life," the Rev. Wesley Klassen traced the place of the home in the program of God through the ages. The modern home has failed, and there the Sunday school must take over to make provision for meeting the spiritual needs of every age group from the high chair to the rocking chair.

Sixteen workshops gave the large audiences ample opportunity for further thought and discussion. Numerous ministers and Sunday school workers of the district aided the visiting speakers in handling these sessions.

Special folders containing the outlines of the workshop discus-

sions had been prepared in advance and were made available to the visitors for a small charge. The supply of these was sold out long before the convention was over, an indication of the large crowd which increased in size from session to session.

The Saturday evening banquet was a time of fellowship for Sunday school workers. In a brief after-dinner talk, the Rev. Orlando Wiebe pastor of the Dalmeny E. M. B. church, pointed out our responsibility to convey our spiritual heritage to our children, "lest there follow after us a lost generation, lost to God and the church, and themselves lost for all eternity." In this great responsibility the parent and the Sunday school teacher must work together.

In his closing remarks to the convention, Mr. Ed Buller of the district Sunday school committee paid tribute to the part played in the entire work of planning and execution by the Rev. P. J. Wiebe, chairman of the convention. It was a discordant note that Brother Wiebe was not able to attend the sessions of the final day due to a sudden illness.

What such a convention will really mean to the Sunday School work in the district only time will tell and eternity reveal.

Bethany Bible Institute Visits Saskatoon

Saskatoon, Sask. — The radio choir of Bethany Bible Institute of Hepburn, Sask., under the direction of J. K. Schroeder, presented a program of music and testimonies in the M. B. Church in Saskatoon, Sask., on Feb. 19. Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of the school, spoke of the school as a unifying force to link our churches together.

As the choir members were introduced by Waldo Lepp, Bethany faculty member, each responded with a verse of Scripture. Two students gave personal testimonies. Marjorie Wiens, part-time student and piano teacher expressed the desire to use her musical talent for the Lord in spite of those who think she should go into concert work or study music abroad. Delmar Doerksen, student president, told of how he had resigned at the bank to become grounded in the Word of God at Bible school.

The choir, with Myrl Neufeld at the organ and Marjorie Wiens at the piano, sang among others the well-loved songs "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know", "Harbored in Jesus", "Follow Me", and "The Beatitudes".

The message of the evening was on sin, as the Christian comes in contact with it. Rev. J. H. Epp based his message on Rom. 6-8, with emphasis on the truth in Rom. 6:14: "Sin shall not have dominion over you."



This is the Indian Residential School at Birtle, Manitoba, where the author of the article below is teaching.

These Boys and Girls Need Christ

By Helen Dueck

"Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth; unite my heart to fear thy name" (Ps. 86: 11). This was my prayer and my heart's desire when I graduated from the M. B. Bible College in 1953 and started my new teaching career. I wanted to walk in God's ways and serve Him faithfully.

While still attending college I had become interested in Indians and prayed that God would open the door for me to teach in an Indian school. God answered my prayer, for now I am teaching Indian boys and girls who know very little about Jesus—and yet without Him they are lost.

Every morning I read a Bible story to them, followed by some explanations. Never have I seen boys and girls listening more attentively when God's Word is being read. Then we sing some choruses and Gospel songs, such as "Jesus Saves", "Christ Arose" or "The Old Rugged Cross". Indians love singing and they sing very well, too. (If you would like to hear them singing German songs come and see us. They would be only too glad to sing them for you.) The older children take turns in Bible reading.

In fall when I started teaching I was rather discouraged. Again and again I told them the stories of God's love and Jesus' sacrifice for our sins, but they seemed not to understand them. They seemed to be so indifferent to God and His Word. They had the idea that going to church, reading the Bible, praying, etc., was something you had to do on Sundays. The other six days of the week you could cheat, lie, steal—in other words, live as you please.

How happy and humble I felt one day when J. came and confessed she had told a lie to Mr. R. She was unhappy and wanted to know what she could do to get a clean heart. All of a sudden she had realized that telling a lie was sin and with sins hidden in her heart she could not meet Jesus. God's Word had worked in her heart.

M. is very poor in arithmetic and very often needs individual

help. She doesn't know her multiplication table and, instead of studying it, she looks at the back of her scribbler. I watched her doing this while she was writing a test. When I asked her half an hour later whether she had written the test honestly, she insisted that she had written it without the help of her scribbler.

After school M. and I had a little talk. I told her that God had seen everything that she had done. When she heard that she said, "I didn't think God would come into our classroom and watch us writing a test." We had a little prayer-meeting together then. When she prayed, repeating my words, tears came streaming down her cheeks and she could hardly finish her prayer. Afterwards she said, her face beaming with joy, "Now Jesus loves me again, doesn't he?"

All the boys and girls from grades one to four belong to the Mission Band, which is organized by the Presbyterian Church. Every Monday we gather in our classrooms to learn about missionaries and their work in the various mission fields of the world. Here we as teachers (one of the day school teachers and the girls' supervisor, two fine devoted Christians, and I) have another opportunity to tell our boys and girls about Jesus. Mission-graphs and special guide-books sent to us by the church are a great help in teaching these boys and girls about Jesus' command to go out into all the world to preach the Gospel to all nations. God blesses our Mission Band. Pupils and teachers look forward all week to that one evening and its blessings.

All the children, even the high school students, attend our Sunday school. Most of the Sunday school teachers are not saved themselves (they are our Indian boys and girls who attend high school downtown), and teach only because they are paid for it. The older children show very little respect for God's Word. They would rather dance or go to a show than go to Sunday school. Quite often you hear them swearing, mock-



Above you see a group of Indian boys and girls. Christ died for them also. In the picture below you can see two Indian girls on skates. Every day the children at the school skate for several hours on the rink on the school yard.

ing God, or laughing at Christians.

Last week one of my girls said that she could not read her Bible in the dormitory because the older ones would laugh at her, call the Bible an old-fashioned book and mock God. These girls and boys need Christ!

Quite often our hearts are burdened and it seems as though our prayers are weak and without power. Hundreds of boys and girls have gone through this institution without learning to know Christ. Christians are looked upon as too religious and dangerous.

Daily our prayers go up to the throne of grace, asking for the salvation of precious souls, especially for the salvation of our intelligent, very capable principal. We hope and believe that God will save him when His appointed time has come—and change this institution into a missionary school where boys and girls will meet Christ and learn to serve Him.

A Personal Testimony

By Edith Pankratz, R.N.

(Miss Pankratz is nursing in the 50-bed Wrinch Memorial Hospital at Hazelton, B.C., about 3 miles from the W.C.C.M. chapel at New Hazelton. —Ed.)

I would say that service here in northern British Columbia is a real privilege. It is truly wonderful to follow the Lord as He leads, no matter what it costs, in terms of earthly possessions.

Up here the Lord has shown me that it is He alone who is able to give strength to be a living testimony for Him. You cannot de-



pend upon friends you have known all your life or the form of worship you are used to, but "The Faith" in God is truly your strength. Each new step following Him brings richer experiences daily. It is not without trials, but even these draw one closer to the Saviour's side. "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Luke 9:23).

God has an appointed place for each one of us and if we let Him He will lead us there. Let us be open before Him, willing to give up all, to be used of Him where He wishes.

And the glorious truth is that His Gospel may be put into the crucible of human experience. Man can personally know whether Jesus can give peace to the troubled conscience, whether He can give light for life's bedarkened problems, whether He can give healing for earth's staggering sorrows.

—George Truett.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Many centuries ago a Greek slave, Aesop, wrote fables about animals. These well-loved stories were to teach a lesson to the people who read them. Here is one with a real message for all of us.

A wasp one day met a bee and said to him, "Can you tell me why it is that men and women are so fond of you and so cruel to me? We are both very much alike, only I am prettier than you are. We both love honey; we both sting when we are angry. Yet people hate me and try to kill me, while they feed and take care of you, and build warm houses for you."

To this the little bee said, "It is because you never do men and women any good; but they know that I work all day long to make sweet honey for them."

You want to be like the bee, don't you? You want to help make the world a little better for being in it. We are not perfect yet, but it is the "little acts of kindness" and "little words of love" that show we are in His service.

Can you think of boys and girls in the Bible who grew up to serve the Lord? Already in their childhood they were faithful in their service of the Lord. The stories of Joseph have always been particularly wonderful to me. Would you like to write and tell us of your favourite Bible heroes?

Aunt Selma

Children Write

MacGregor, Manitoba.

Dear Aunt Selma,

I read your page every week. I enjoy it very much.

I've drawn a diagram for the solution to your puzzle. The word is LOVE.

Here is how I did it. I took the top one off of the first block. I left the next square alone to form O. Then I changed the position of the two in the next block to form a V. I put the last one in the middle to form an E, so it spells the word LOVE.

Yours truly,
Mary Ann Penner.

Box 221, Manitou, Man.

Dear Aunt Selma,

Here is my solution to your diagram: LOVE.

I like your children's page.

I am eleven years old.

Ruth Penner

(Another one who sent us the right solution to the puzzle was Edwin Boschman, 275 McKay Ave., Winnipeg, but since he did not write a letter I could not put one in this page.

I hope all of you will remember that God is love, that Jesus loves you, and that you should not only love Him also, but also all those you meet.)

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(10th Installment)

PETER AND MENNO SIMONS

Peter had once been over to Makkum with his father and had seen the harbour and the many fishing boats which were anchored in it. The large ocean-going ships could not venture into the shallow waters of the Makkum Bay. They moored at Rotterdam, discharging and taking on their cargo there.

Peter felt himself strongly drawn to the sea. He wanted to sail the Seven Seas and to see the world. "High tide cannot harm you if you sail far enough outside of the dikes," he once said to Menno, as they were standing again in the shade of the lime-trees and looking wistfully toward the far-off dike.

"Many ships go far out upon the open sea," replied Menno, "and you are much safer behind the

dikes of your homeland. Our fathers built them strong enough to withstand the onslaught of tide and storm."

"Are you going to be a farmer?" Peter asked sneeringly.

"Our father is a dairy farmer and an upright, honourable man at that," Menno answered reprovingly. "But I am going to be a priest."

"Black Coat!" sneered Peter.

"Whatever you call it," Menno said. "At any rate it is better than being a good-for-nothing."

"Just wait!" threatened the irate Peter. "When the time is ripe I shall come upon you like a flood and wash you and your hypocrisy away."

"Be quiet," said Menno unperturbed. "Be careful that you do not break your skull storming



This little girl is teaching her doll some manners. She is holding the doll's eyes closed while someone is praying on a radio program, even though she herself does not have her eyes closed. What do you do when someone is praying over the radio? Do you also close your eyes and pray, or do you romp around?

against the solid wall of the church."

As soon as Menno had finished the course in the public school he asked his father's permission to take lessons in Latin with the village priest. This permission was given him.

From then on he could be often found with his books, while Peter spent most of his time helping with the work on the farm.

(To be continued)

OLD TESTAMENT QUIZZ

By D. Elmer Lapp

1. What high priest stopped a plague by swinging a censer between the living and the dead?
2. What group of people were saved by using mouldy bread and old shoes?
3. Upon which mountain did Noah's ark finally rest?
4. How was the bunch of grapes brought from Canaan?
5. What men were slain because they could not pronounce the letter H?
6. What prophet did fifty men search for three days?
7. Who was the oldest man who ever lived?
8. What general was cured because he obeyed the advice of a little slave?
9. What king asked a witch to help him out of trouble?
10. Who put his hand on the ark of God and what happened?
11. What leader did the Lord bury?
12. Who wrestled all night, without knowing whom he wrestled with?
13. Who pretended he was a mad man?
14. Who heard a voice through a whirlwind?

(Answer next week.)

Heroes of the Cross

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THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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(4th Installment)

Just as Gerrit drew up to the men, the great tree swayed threateningly; the two cutters drew back with frightened haste; a shout went up. Gerrit stopped short, uncertain where to go. He looked up to see the distant top moving slowly in his direction. Very deliberately at first, and then with increasing speed the towering stick swished through the air. Kolf scurried to safety, and watched the forest giant fall with a resounding thud across the open clearing, smashing like a bit of paper the little lean-to of the men who had felled it. Before the land had been fully cleared many sturdy Dutchmen were to meet a sudden death under the crushing weight of some huge oak or maple, as a price for the fair fields and fruitful harvest of their children.

Gerrit was acquainted with one family of settlers, and with them he arranged to stay with his family until the arrival of the rest of the company. In the meantime he occupied himself with going over the colony, looking for a favorable plot of ground for his farm. But his explorations led him to become dissatisfied with the soil, for he noticed that it was lean and sandy. He much preferred to entrust his crops to richer, more fertile country. Accordingly, he resolved to await the arrival of his friends, and then with some of them to explore the surrounding regions with a view of finding a more suitable location. In the interim he helped as much as he could in the clearing of the land and the erection of shelters.

It was soon apparent that a scarcity of food existed in the settlement. Provisions had been expected from Allegan, a well-established town some thirty miles away, but they had failed to come. Many of the colonists had nothing whereon to subsist except the game which they were able to kill in the forest. Kolf was generous with the sack of meal which he had received, and shared it with the friends with whom he had secured lodgings.

The belated arrival of the merchants of Allegan with their much-needed stores relieved the situation for a time, but the food question was a matter of great moment during the whole of the first year. There were no roads connecting the embryonic settlement with the outside world, and all the stores had to be carried in on the back, over narrow Indian trails. The hope of the colonists lay in the success of

their first crop and consequently they gave precedence to the clearing of sufficient land over all other things, even to the providing of shelter for their wives and children.

At length the company which Gerrit had left on the beach of Lake Michigan arrived. The men of the band were in accord with Kolf as to the desirability of seeking out better land for their crops. A group of the most adventurous was organized and authorized to take the proper steps to carry out this decision. Kolf was numbered among the landseekers.

It was early in the morning when the handful of men set out upon their purpose. Dominie Van Raalte, the leader of the first band and the moving spirit in the entire immigration, accompanied them. His knowledge of the country and his superior judgment made it highly desirable to have his opinion upon the site which they should choose.

There were no guide posts or highways through the forest. A few Indian trails, narrow, winding, rough, were the only channels of travel. Over these the explorers tramped, crossing swamps of black, oozing mud, dipping into steep ravines, fording small brooks, climbing over windfalls, barking their shins, scratching their arms and legs, panting and sweating and toiling as Gerrit Kolf had no idea of toil when strolling over the meadowlands of his native country.

They had traveled thus for quite a distance when suddenly they came upon a small enclosure. A string of split rails bound from tree to tree shut off a small, grassy park, in the middle of which rose a small hill.

"What have we here?" exclaimed one of the party. "Does someone live here?"

"None of my people," answered the Dominie. "This is the first time I have seen this place."

"Let's look around," volunteered another, and to carry out his suggestion he placed his foot upon a rail as if to leap over it. A great dog, a wolf-hound, rushed from the hillock with furious barking and a great show of hostility. So ferocious was the demeanor of the dog that the whole party withdrew from the fence into the edge of the protecting woods. The hound stopped at the railing and contented himself with low growlings and an occasional bark to warn the intruders.

Reassured by the watchful policy of the animal, the men examined more closely the place from

which it had come, and to their surprise they discovered a small shelter of boughs built upon the side of the hill. Through the open door of the hut, they beheld a man.

He was apparently disconcerted at his discovery for he quickly arose, donned a great cap, threw on a cloak of animal skin, strode out of the shelter, and disappeared instantly behind the trunk of a colossal elm.

"The 'Man in Bearskin'!" exclaimed several in unison.

"Your friend, Gerrit Kolf!" excitedly said another.

Gerrit had seen the strange apparel of the man and was strongly inclined to believe it to be identical with the bearskin cape he had picked up on the beach. His interest was keyed to its highest pitch. Now he would discover who his benefactor was. The mystery of the buck and the sack of ground corn would be unravelled. The moment of revelation seemed at hand.

A great deal of uncertainty was evident among the members of the party. They fain would have rested themselves at the dwelling of this strange man, but the hostility of his dog, and the unaccountable disappearance of the man himself set them at a loss as to the proper course of action.

"Is this the home of that fellow?" asked Kolf of Dominie Van Raalte.

"I guess so," replied that individual. "He has the ground marked out and seems to live in that hut. But I don't know enough about the man to speak with certainty, for he appeared at the village only once or twice, for what reason no one knows. He did not harm anyone, and disappeared to where none of us knew. This is as much of a discovery for me as it is for you."

"It is quite singular that he should be so heavily clad in that great bearskin, especially on a warm day like this," observed another.

"A queer fellow, indeed! I'd like to get a near view of him," said Gerrit. "But I'm not anxious to meet his dog," he added with a rueful glance at the watchful beast. "What does he want with an ugly animal like that?"

"Probably for company, if he lives alone. But shall we visit him, or continue on our exploration?" asked the Dominie.

"I think we're safe in going in," suggested a sturdy fellow by the name of Van Harm. "We can keep the dog at bay and I don't think the man will object very strenuously."

"But what if he should? He may be a vicious character," said Kolf, not at all certain of the propriety of invading a man's premises, especially after he has shown his inhospitality by hiding himself.

"If he is nasty, we have all the

more reason for going in. We want no undesirables living unnoticed and unwatched in the proximity of Holland." As usual Dominie Van Raalte was thinking of the welfare of his followers.

"Look, there he is again! Up that great tree!"

All eyes were turned in the direction of the elm behind which the man had disappeared. At a height of ten or twelve feet, in the crotch formed by the lowest limb, sat the "Man in Bearskin" surveying the situation with evident concern, and eyeing the company of unexpected visitors with no small degree of malevolence. In his hand he grasped a rifle which he fondled with some uneasiness.

The rifle was not a very reassuring sign. It seemed best to retire from the scene and to leave the owner in full possession of his land, but on the other hand the weapon strengthened the argument for visiting him advanced by the Dominie. A person free to flourish firearms before amicable settlers was a very undesirable neighbor to have among them.

But now the man had disappeared. He had slipped from the bough to where no one could see. It appeared as if the trunk of the elm was hollow, and that the mysterious personage had enveloped himself in the great cavity.

"He seems to wish to avoid us! Can he be man-shy?" asked one.

"I'm going over the fence to find out who this person is. We have a fine opportunity to make his acquaintance, and I for one am not going to let it get by. We can hold off the dog with a club. Who is going to follow me?"

So spoke Gerrit, as he picked up a formidable stick of dry chestnut and trimmed it down to fit his hand. Having thus armed himself, he placed one hand upon the top rail and vaulted over the fence. He had scarcely landed on the other side when the great wolf sprang growling toward him and leaped with a snarl at his throat. Gerrit was conscious of his danger and with a dexterous stroke of the club turned the furious beast from him. But the now enraged dog was quick to return to the attack, and for a moment it seemed as if Kolf would go down with the animal at his throat. As the great beast sprang, Gerrit swung with all his might, and caught the dog squarely upon the side of the jaw while he swung in mid-air. The force of the blow changed the direction of his spring, and the beast missed the man by an inch or two. Kolf shuddered as he heard the great jaws click within a few inches of his neck. The situation was now extremely perilous. The wolf was doubly maddened by the sharp pain of the blow. Gerrit was excited and somewhat rattled by his narrow escape.

(To be continued)



To the left: In Ethiopia all water-carrying is done by women and children, and they start training them young. To the right, above: A native village in northern Ethiopia. Some houses are of stone, others of mud.

More from Ethiopia

By Frank H. Klassen

(From a private letter.) I hope you are not eating supper when you get this letter. I thought you and I could have supper together in a little grass hut in southern Ethiopia, where I took pictures for a missionary during the holiday.

You haven't tasted sour sawdust, I know, but roll that over your tongue in your imagination for a while. What actually is this food? It is the root of a banana-like plant. This root has been dried, chopped or ground up and placed in a leaf and buried until it is fermented. The really good stuff stays under for at least a year. Then it is mixed with a little water, put in a dish and placed before you. You take a handful, squeeze it into a ball and with a smile chew it—you know what kind of a smile that is.

Your throat is somewhat dry at this point, so you get a little cup of coffee to wash your food down. The ingredients of native coffee are one pound of freshly ground, burnt coffee beans and one or two cups of water. This mixture is boiled for an hour, when you drink it. Sugar? Never heard of it! But everybody has salt, and in it goes. Since we are special guests a dab of "Kibbi", fermented butter, is added to produce a greenish cover floating on the surface. You drink this in little sips until your complexion matches the color of the coffee.

Supper over, we grab our host by the ears, buss him soundly on each cheek, get bussed in return, and part with his "Kitne Kario" (may your burdens be on me) still ringing in our ears.

Actually, the trip was very interesting. On my way back I picked up Patricia and Kathryn in Ambo and we drove to Addis Ababa. There we left the car in the garage to be repaired and flew to Jimma. That was on January 23. Now we are back to normal routine and resting after all our activities. We still plan to arrive in Rome on July 11, 1956.

WHAT IS MAN?

By Jake Letkeman

(This speech won third prize in the Public Speaking Contest staged by the Association of Mennonite University Students in Winnipeg.)

David, the Psalm-writer, poses the age-old question, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" When Darwin proposed his "Theory of Evolution" he did not solve the question, but merely poured new oil on the fire. The question has not yet been fully answered, and I will not be able to give a conclusive answer, but I do intend to suggest a few thoughts for your contemplation.

The topic can be viewed from various angles. We all know that the scientist, for instance, is a rather gruesome fellow. His work consists of tearing down, analyzing. If he can but get a human corpse into his laboratory he quickly analyzes him as 70% water, 7 lbs. ash, 2.5 lbs. calcium, 1.5 lbs. phosphorus, .25 lbs. sulfur and .25 lbs. common table salt. He is quick to say that he will not pay one dollar for this conglomeration. Yes, when analyzed physically, man rates cheap.

With a shudder we rush from the laboratory, only to enter upon the vast arena of man in his trouble, affliction and infirmity. Large camps are vying for supremacy or merely co-existence. Man is grappling with nature in order to wring from her a subsistence.

Neither has the most advanced stage of civilization solved the problem, especially with reference to disease. Man has drugs which help to curb it. He has institutions where suffering is alleviated. But if we enter these institutions we see one suffering from internal ulcers, another from external, running ulcers, a third has an amputated limb, while another lies drawn and white as the sheets between which he is lying. Soon he will pass away and leave his loved ones in sorrow and grief.

However, if we go deeper into the matter it is even worse. I think only the foolish and wilfully ignorant will deny the presence of sin. A recent incident comes to mind where a man lived peace-

fully in his country cottage. The neighbors saw in him a very decent fellow. He was sociable and friendly. His wife found him to be an ideal, Bible-quoting husband. Yet deep down he was constantly aware of that gnawing canker-worm, sin. He was living on stolen goods.

Or we are reminded of the man who was married and had a family when his father died. He was disappointed when the inheritance was divided and felt that he had not received his due. Envy set in. He tried to repress it, but it gradually developed into hatred. Finally, in a state of fury he eradicated the whole family and made off with the money. We are horrified with this sin! And we cry with David, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

Yet surely we are not so pessimistic that we see only the dark side of man. No, he also has many positive qualities. Surely man is also attractive and beautiful. Stalwart youth in its prime, bubbling with vigor and vitality, treading the earth in a smart, upright position, is beautiful. When he has reached old age, where his hair is white and he no longer possesses his youthful energy, but where he still has retained his cheerful personality and is prepared to use his mature mental qualities for the good of mankind, he is no less attractive. Permit me also to say, in all sincerity, that I think we seek in vain for a creation more beautiful than a virtuous maiden with her lustrous hair, her glowing cheeks, her sparkling eyes and her jolly laughter. Yes, man is beautiful.

Moreover, he is also creative and given to invention. In the engineering and scientific field he has taken the mighty, turbulent waters and harnessed them. Then he has used this power to drive invisible electrons along wires. As a result man's dwellings and streets are illumined, he speaks across continents and views from his living room in one city what is taking place in another. We say that it is wonderful. Yet in the artistic field his creative powers are no less marvel-

ous.

We need be reminded of only one piece of artistry. In the second part of Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation", we have the orchestra playing softly and lightly while the soprano sweetly sings:

On mighty pens uplifted soars
The eagle aloft, and cleaves the sky
In swiftest flight to the blazing sun.
His welcome bids to morn the
merry lark;
And cooing calls the tender dove
his mate.

From ev'ry bush and grove resound
The nightingale's delightful notes.
No grief affected yet her breast,
Nor to a mournful tale were tun'd
Her soft enchanting lays.

How this enralls the weary soul. It lifts a person from the drudgery of his daily cares into a state of ecstasy. Man is creative and is also endowed with capacities to enjoy his own created product.

Yet that is not all. Dorothy Thompson in an article entitled "The Need for an Adequate Philosophy", writes how among university students there is a deep yearning for an adequate philosophy. This philosophy is presented to us in our sacred book, the Bible. It reveals to us the communion and fellowship of the soul with God, which has been made possible through the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, man can have intimate communion with his creator, God. So once more, but now with awe and admiration, we exclaim with David, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him?"

A Week of Special Services

The days from February 12-17 were times of special blessing for the South End M. B. Church, Winnipeg.

In January it was decided to invite Rev. A. Neufeld of Margaret, Man., to conduct revival meetings in our church. He promised to come if he could have the week of Feb. 12. We gladly accepted. Prior to his coming we had prayer meetings each night for a week, praying that the Lord might bless Brother Neufeld and his messages. All the meetings were well attended.

Rev. Neufeld's messages were inspiring. The first few nights he spoke especially to born-again children of God who had back-slidden or who had allowed sins to enter into their lives. His last messages were invitations to sinners to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

Although we don't know of any decisions for Christ being made these days, we know that the work will not be in vain. The seeds have been planted and it is up to us Christians to water them with our prayers that they may grow and bear fruit.
J.H.N.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

Seventh Dead Sea Scroll is Genesis, Not Lamech

The seventh and last of the Dead Sea scrolls, which at one time was reported to be the only known copy of an ancient apocryphal work by Lamech, a descendant of Cain, is now considered to be an Aramaic version of parts of the book of Genesis plus other stories and legends about the lives of some of the biblical patriarchs.

This new description has been given by Dr. Benjamin Mazar, Hebrew University president, who reports that this scroll has been successfully unrolled. It was left to last because of its extreme fragile condition. Thousands of fragments remain to be deciphered, but this is the last complete scroll of the find.

(ERA)

Hebrew Bible Still Israel's Top 'Best Seller'

The Bible continues to be Israel's top "best seller", according to a report on book publishing in that nation, issued by the Public Information Office. The report revealed that more than 1000 titles were published by Israel firms last year. This was a five per cent increase over the previous year.

The Hebrew Bible, prayer books, Bible commentaries and devotional books were high on the list of books published. Some 18,000 Bibles were printed during the year. This is amazing when compared with other figures. An average novel in Israel sells between 2,000 and 2,500 copies, and the sale of 6,000 copies classifies a book as a "best seller". One notable exception, *The Hebrew Encyclopedia*, now being published, has almost 40,000 subscribers.

Evangelical missionaries working in Israel point out that "sales figures do not accurately reflect the total extent of Hebrew Bible reading in the country, since the use of public and circulating libraries is very common". Furthermore, the acquisition of a Bible, or any other book, by a collective settlement usually implies its reading by a large number of members in the community.

(ERA)

They Gave More

Willis E. Garrett, pastor of the Independent Presbyterian church of Miami Beach, Fla., led his congregation in what he calls "a challenge to smaller churches to do more in the way of mission giving". The story: With only 312 members, his church gave \$68,035.21 to the cause of Christian missions during 1955, thus marking an \$11,000.00 increase over the previous year's gifts. This amount went principally toward the par-

tial support of its 72 missionaries. "Personal interest in each missionary," together with "keeping the privilege and responsibility of missions constantly before our people", were given by the pastor as the secret of this testimony. (ERA)

Anniversary Dinner for Waldensians

Achille Deodato, Moderator of the Waldensian Church of Italy, was the guest of honor and principal speaker at an anniversary dinner of the American Waldensian Aid Society in New York last January 18. Dr. Deodato is visiting a number of other cities in America, including Valdese, North Carolina, founded by Waldensians who came from northern Italy in 1898. Once reduced by persecution to 400 members, Waldensians throughout the world now number about 100,000. There are almost as many in Uruguay as in Italy. (Waldensians still hold to the rule of low salaries for their church workers and operate on a small budget. Regular churches are self-supporting and give to the maximum of their economic ability to general educational and social welfare work.) (ERA)

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CANADASCOPE

Winter Hits Eastern Canada Hard

Ontario and Quebec bore the brunt of winter's most vicious storm in eastern Canada. Wind threw communication and power lines into chaos, while sleet and snow made death traps of the highways over the last weekend. Thirteen persons died in traffic crashes during the height of the storm Saturday in the two provinces.

Manitoba May Implement Nearly Whole Bracken Liquor Report

The liquor bill as introduced in the Legislative Assembly in Manitoba follows the unanimous recommendations of the Bracken Inquiry commission almost 100 per cent. It will mean a real liberalization of Manitoba liquor laws, although much of the new law can be instituted only on a local option basis.

Resigns to Fight Bribe Charges

Robert Sommers, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines in B.C.'s Social Credit government, resigned his cabinet portfolio last Monday after announcing that he will channel all his energies into fighting what he said are bribe charges. Mr. Sommers has been under al-

most continuous fire during the last year for his forest management policies. He will retain his seat in the B.C. legislature however.

Duplessis Joins Federal Tax Scheme

Premier Duplessis has announced that Quebec will accept federal payments under the new federal-provincial tax-sharing plan announced by Prime Minister St. Laurent. This means that for the first time in ten years Quebec will fall in line with Canada's other provinces in taking part in a federal-provincial tax agreement.

Religious Issue Sent Back to Committee

Youth for Christ in Winnipeg has sought permission from the city's school board to use high school classrooms outside school hours for study sessions. Last week the school board side-stepped the issue for the second time and sent it back to its policy committee.

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The World Today

Alabamans Reveal Nasty Mood

University of Alabama students reacted violently to a telegram sent by the University of Manitoba students' union protesting the treatment of the Negro student Miss Autherine Lucy. In letters received from University of Alabama students, they reveal an ugly mood, denouncing University of Manitoba students as "meddlesome Canadians", and believers in "lousy British justice". Others used much stronger language.

Warm Air Now Covers Europe

The worst cold wave in the living memory of Europeans was breaking up as temperatures rose. The cold is estimated to have cost 915 lives and \$2,000,000,000.

Britain Decides for Light Brigade

Britain has decided to have an independent infantry brigade of approximately 2,500 men for "immediate readiness to move to any part of the world" and specially trained to "nip disturbances in the bud which otherwise would require large-scale operations later". A flight of light aircraft will support this brigade.

194 Suffocate in Sudan

One hundred and ninety-four Sudanese cotton farmers suffocated in an airless jail at Kosti, 240 miles south of Khartoum, Sudan. The men were arrested for failure to make deliveries to managers of

cotton projects in the Kosti area. The Sudanese government reportedly is investigating the incident.

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FAO'S CORN AND GRASSLAND PROJECTS

The marked change in the world's food situation since the end of World War II was emphasized by Dr. L. E. Kirk, who recently returned to Canada after eight years service in the Plant Production Branch of FAO.

When Dr. Kirk left his post as Dean of Agriculture in the University of Saskatchewan, to join the technical staff of FAO, in 1947, the world faced a terrific crisis in food production. All the energies of the World Food and Agriculture Organization had to be devoted to a quick increase in staple food products. Today food supplies are available to meet present standards of living and FAO is now working with underdeveloped countries to improve their living standards by increasing not only the yield but the variety and quality of their food products.

Projects initiated by FAO are frequently of a regional character. Hybrid varieties of maize (corn) have been introduced from the United States and Canada into 15 countries in Europe.

Dr. Kirk, who spent the years from 1931 to 1937 as Chief of the Forage Crops Division at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, was keenly interested in a grassland project conducted by FAO in the countries bordering the Mediterranean. Here, following a somewhat similar method to that used with hybrid corn, 26 grass nurseries were established with up to 200 species of grasses and clovers under test to determine their adaptability for grazing under the varied conditions prevailing in the Mediterranean area.

In the Far East, 15 countries are participating in the rice improvement project. Dr. Kirk had just returned from India where he conducted an intensive advanced course in rice breeding for 20 students from 13 countries. Six of the best qualified rice experts in the world were on his staff.

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TESTIFY IN VINELAND M. B. CHURCH

Vineland, Ont. — Rev. Hugo Jantz of Virgil, Ont., was the speaker Saturday evening, Feb. 18, at the monthly meeting of the Young Couples' Fellowship in the Mennonite Brethren church, Vineland. He spoke on his intended work in Ecuador.

The following evening the Jantz's were again in Vineland, this time speaking to a larger congregation, with the message along the same lines, but in the German language. Mrs. Jantz also spoke on both occasions.

Deaths

MRS. PETER A. PENNER

Mrs. Peter A. Penner of Saskatoon, Sask., passed away in Saskatoon on February 13, 1956, after suffering from cancer for six years. The funeral service was held in the M. B. church at Saskatoon.

Mrs. Maria Penner (nee Schapansky) was born on July 24, 1897, in Morden, Manitoba. In 1903 she moved to Clarks Crossing, Sask., with her parents. In 1915 she accepted Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized the same year, becoming a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church at Dalmeny, Sask. In 1918 she became the wife of Peter A. Penner. They moved to Saskatoon in 1951.

Mrs. Penner suffered from cancer for six years, being bedfast the last eight months. In her trials she found comfort in the words of our Lord in John 14:1-6 and in the song "We'll Say Good-night Here, but Good-morning up There".

At the funeral in the M. B. church in Saskatoon, Sask., Rev. H. S. Rempel spoke on the three-fold rest, according to Matthew 11:28-30 and Heb. 4:9. Rev. A. J. Sawatsky spoke in the English language on I Cor. 15, giving a very appropriate message on the resurrection.

Interment was at Warman, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Penner is survived by her husband, two sons, Edwin and Art; two daughters, Linda and Anna; and 14 grandchildren.

MR. JOHN P. GIESBRECHT

Mr. John P. Giesbrecht of Hepburn, Sask., passed away in the Waldheim hospital on Monday, February 13. Death resulted from cancer. The funeral service was held in the Hepburn M. B. church on Sunday, February 19.

Mr. Giesbrecht was 67 years of age and a sincere and hard working citizen in the community. He is survived by his wife and three children.

INFANT DIES SUDDENLY

Evelyn Kroeker, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kroeker of Chilliwack, B.C., died suddenly on February 17. Death is attributed to a brain tumor.

About a month before her death Evelyn started complaining of recurring headaches. At 3:00 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, her condition suddenly became serious and she was rushed to the hospital, where she died at 1:15 p.m.

The funeral was held in the M. B. church at Chilliwack on Feb. 22, with Rev. Peter S. Thiesen and Rev. Jacob Bergen speaking. Herb Brandt sang "God understands", while the Ladies' Sew-

ing Circle, of which Mrs. Kroeker is a member, sang, "When Comes to the Weary a Blessed Release". The choir also sang.

Surviving are her parents and a younger sister.



TWO NURSES SAIL FOR VIETNAM

Margaret Janzen, R.N., of St. Catharines, Ont., sailed Feb. 25 for Europe. There a Dutch Mennonite nurse, Juliette Sebus, R.N., of Utrecht, will join her on the rest of the trip to Vietnam. These two nurses will join the Dr. Willard Krabills of Louisville, Ohio, who



Miss Margaret Janzen, R.N.

have been in Vietnam since last October. They will form a medical team working with the refugees and tribes people of Vietnam.

Following World War II Margaret Janzen served with MCC in Italy and Germany for two and one-half years. She is the daughter of John and Katharine Janzen of St. Catharines.

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MCC IN KOREA SHARES CLOTHING WITH 14,000

In January MCC workers distributed clothing and bedding to over 14,000 Korean refugees in three "guns" (counties) near Taegu. Pax men Howard Burkholder, Harry Harms, Woodrow Ramseyer, Valentine Yutzky and their Korean helpers devoted three weeks to the actual distribution.

During this time the workers also gave clothing and bedding to 380 people whose homes had been burned in Taegu fires.

The refugee houses are poor protection against the bitter Korean winter, so warm clothing and bedding are appreciated—especially as they carry the warmth of love and concern of U.S. and Canadian Mennonites "in the name of Christ".

KANSANS DONATE 48,000 CANS OF MEAT

Mennonites in Kansas canned about 48,000 cans of meat and lard for overseas relief during this winter. The totals are: 24,337 cans of beef, 13,896 cans of pork, 10,683 cans of lard, 710 cans of chicken and 246 cans of cooking fat. Figuring current prices this meat is valued at \$40,984.

All this meat will help to supplement the low-protein diets of needy peoples in the overseas countries where MCC workers serve.

Communities in Illinois, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri and Oklahoma also canned meat for MCC this winter, but the totals are not yet in.

Peter Harder, Aldergrove, B.C., and Wilmer Wedel, Burns, Kans., operated the MCC portable canner during this season. In each community where the canner was set up all Mennonite congregations cooperated in this all-Mennonite program of sharing our abundance.

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GOVERNMENT SURPLUS ORDERED FOR SECOND QUARTER

For the quarter April-June, 1956, MCC has ordered 360,000 lbs. of wheat, 924,000 lbs. of rice and 136,000 lbs of powdered milk from U.S. government surplus commodities. This food will be shipped to countries in Europe, the Middle East and Far East where MCC workers share it with those who are hungry and in need.

With the present possibilities for sending government surplus foods, \$1 contributed to MCC will send \$20-\$25 surplus grains or milk products to the needy peoples of the world.

Reynold Siemens in Recital

By Peter Klassen

Notwithstanding a fine performance, the attendance at the Siemens cello recital on Wednesday, February 22, was rather disappointing, with only about 250-300 people present. The recital was given in the Young United Church, Winnipeg, by the 23-year-old Winkler cellist now studying at Curtis Institute of Music, Philadelphia. It was sponsored by the Mennonite Symphony Orchestra.

It is true that the cello is not as popular a solo instrument as others in the string family, but in the hands of an artist of this calibre it is always a rewarding experience to hear it played. The choice of a Wednesday night for the performance was rather unfortunate, for many churches have mid-week prayer-meetings then.

Mr. Siemens' performance was of commanding interest and of high artistic quality. He plays with authority and precision and made the most of all the subtle possibilities of tone colour avail-

able from the instrument. In spite of this, however, I did have the impression that it was somewhat of an "off" night because of some of the weak spots in the performance.

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Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bartel of Leamington, Ont., a daughter in the Leamington District Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Bartel is the former Erna Klassen of Leamington.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Tiltzky of Yarrow, B.C., on February 22, a healthy son, Rodney John.

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COLLEGES

CANADIAN MENNONITE BIBLE COLLEGE

Mr. Davies of the British and Foreign Bible Society visited us in the Chapel on Monday, Feb. 13. He discussed some of the work that is being carried on in the world by that Society and showed how all churches and missionary efforts are dependent upon their work. Rev. Poettcker in his chapel message on Feb. 14 spoke on the phrase, "in Christ" (II. Cor. 5:17), showing how this involved a complete identification with the Lord in all our life. Christ is the element and sphere in which the Christian has his being.

The topic for our Wednesday Student Chapel was "The Bible, the Guide for Christian Life". Victor Fast, a first year student, brought the message.

During the latter part of the week the Board of Education and Publication held their annual meetings in the College Conference Room. Evangelist Rev. A. G. Neufeld of Margaret, Manitoba, and Rev. H. T. Klassen of Rosthern, Sask., brought the chapel messages on Thursday and Friday.

HIGH SCHOOLS

SHARON MENNONITE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, YARROW, B.C.

During the days from January 23 to 27, we at the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate had the special privilege of having Rev. John G. Baerg in our school to give us a number of talks on the Christian life. Rev. Baerg, who is the pastor of the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minnesota, had in the previous week already been used of the Lord to shower the blessings of revival on our community.

The talks given in school were divided into two main divisions, which were entitled as follows: "The Negative or Former Life" and "The Positive or Present Life". Under the former were two sub-topics: "How Does Sin Come into and Affect the Life of a Christian?" and "Confessing Sin". Under the positive aspect of the Christian life the following topics were discussed: first, "The Victorious Christian Life", second, "What is God's Will For My Life?" and third, "A Recipe for a Happy Christian Life".

The whole series of talks proved to be a great blessing to our school in that many Christians re-dedicated their lives to the Lord and some who had thus far been living in the darkness of sin accepted the Lord as their Savior.

We trust that the spiritual standard of our school will continue

At our Saturday evening prayer meeting Miss Grethe Anderson, who is going out as a missionary nurse to India under the Oriental Missionary Society, visited us, giving her testimony and showing pictures of the work in India.

On Sunday, Feb. 19, the male octet once more visited two churches, Homewood and Morden. Rev. G. Lohrenz was the speaker.

TABOR COLLEGE

Four students from Canada are among the 59 students on the Dean's honor list for the first semester at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas.

The students and their grade-point averages are: Sally Schroeder, 2.79; Elmer E. Schmidt, senior, son of Mrs. Helen J. Schmidt, 2.42; William Schmidt, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Schmidt, 2.37; and John Neustädter, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Neustädter, 2.37.

Students are placed on the honor roll if they have earned a grade-point average of 2.01 or higher. Grade-points are awarded on the basis of 3 points for each semester-hour of A, 2 for each hour of B, and 1 for each hour of C.

to climb as we unitedly "... press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

J. Schmidt

MENNONITE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE NORTH CLEARBROOK, B.C.

On Tuesday, February 21, the M.E.I. girls' prayer group visited the girls' prayer group at the M. B. Bible Institute next door.

Dr. Joseph Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Nebraska, spoke at a joint morning devotion period on Wednesday, Feb. 22. He emphasized that just as physical records, from birth to death, and educational records are being kept, so also spiritual records are being kept.

On Friday, Feb. 24, Rev. Goertzen of Fresno, Calif., who is executive secretary of the M. B. Pacific District Conference Home Mission Board, spoke during the senior high testimony meeting. He dealt with our mission work to those living around us.

On Wednesday the M.E.I. intermediate boys' basketball team played host to a team from Sharon Mennonite Collegiate, Yarrow, B.C., with M.E.I. winning easily.

The M.E.I. senior basketball team has been very active during the last few weeks. On Thursday they played and defeated the team from Abbotsford Senior High. Elmer Stobbe



This picture was taken at the Ontario M. B. Conference Bible School at Kitchener, Ont. On the extreme left you see Rev. I. T. Ewert, the principal. Next to him are Dr. and Mrs. Risinger (Dr. Risinger is chairman of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association), Rev. A. Block and Mr. J. Hamm (who left Feb. 10 to become musical director at the Emmanuel Academy, Reedley, Calif.).

BIBLE INSTITUTES

GRACE BIBLE INSTITUTE

The "Forward in Faith" rally of February 15 started at 7:00 p.m. with several selections played by the Grace Band under the direction of Henry D. Wiebe. The rally initiated the Grace Family Budget Plan campaigning which will be in effect for the succeeding months.

Recurring financial needs were shared at the service and the Grace Family Budget Plan, based on Malachi 3:10: "Prove me now, herewith, saith the Lord," was presented as a challenge to faith giving. A graph and specially prepared literature set forth the \$5,000 monthly goal, with an appeal for faith promises whereby the income of our school may be stabilized.

Musical numbers were presented by the Music Department. A feature number, improvised by our president, wherein prose was put to music and sung by the faculty quartet, undergirded the rally theme "Forward in Faith Through the Grace Family Budget Plan". Great blessings also came to our hearts through the "Forward in Faith" testimonies given by students, staff, alumni, faculty, and board members, led by Leon Detweiler, director of the Grace Family Budget Plan.

The challenge of the evening was brought through the message from God's Word delivered by our president, Dr. Joseph W. Schmidt. He spoke on the topic, "Faith is Fundamental".

ONTARIO M. B. CONFERENCE BIBLE SCHOOL

For various reasons there have been frequent changes in our teaching staff this year. Rev. J. J. Toews, a part-time teacher, has twice left us for lengthy evangelistic campaigns. His first absence was during the first week in November, when he conducted a

week-long campaign in Hepburn, Sask. It resulted in the salvation of several, for which we praise the Lord.

On January 31 Rev. Toews left us again for a campaign in Adams, Oklahoma. He also attended several board meetings at Tabor College during the next week at Hillsboro, Kans.

During the periods when Rev. Toews has been absent, Mr. Paul Siemens, an M. B. Bible College graduate now a senior student at Waterloo College, filled the gap. He came for several hours during these weeks and lectured to us on missions, false cults and doctrine.

On February 10 our music teacher, Mr. Jacob Hamm, had to leave us after making a sudden decision. He received a call from California to work at the Emmanuel Academy at Reedley. He is to replace Mr. Ben Horch, who had to leave suddenly to take up other work. Besides his work in the music department at the Academy, Mr. Hamm will also direct the church choir of the M. B. Church at Reedley, California.

The Lord also provided a replacement for this vacant position. Mr. Henry Goertzen, a graduate of the M. B. Bible College and now studying at the Waterloo College, directs the school choir and teaches music theory.

We had the privilege of having Rev. and Mrs. Hugo Jantz in our midst last week. They are visiting the Ontario M. B. churches before they leave for Quito, Ecuador. Since they are both graduates of the Eden Bible School, they felt quite at home in our midst. Mrs. Jantz gave a short testimony on her conversion, her preparation for, and her call into the mission field. Brother Jantz spoke on the challenge of Jesus Christ in His invitation, His ideals, His example and His commission. He also told us about the work that they will be undertaking in Ecuador. They

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ONTARIO M.B. CONFERENCE BIBLE SCHOOL

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will primarily do radio work in the German language over HCJB, but they will also be active among the German-speaking people in Quito. Mrs. Jantz, a graduate nurse, will be working in the newly-opened Rimmer Memorial Hospital in Quito.

We were certainly challenged by their visit to study diligently during these days of preparation for some future service in life for our Master and Lord.

TO PRESENT PLAY AT CHILLIWACK

Vancouver, B.C. — The young people of the Vancouver Mennonite Brethren Church will present

the play "Pilgrim's Progress" in the M. B. church at Chilliwack, B.C., on the evening of March 11.

This German condensation of John Bunyan's best-seller vividly portrays the experiences of a pilgrim on his way to the eternal city.

Already presented in the Vancouver M. B. church on February 5 and at the First United Mennonite church in Vancouver, the play has been a blessing to those who heard it.

REYNOLD SIEMENS' RECITAL

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The Vivaldi Adagio was played with warm, sincere tone and was a fine opening number. The Haydn concerto which followed was, in my opinion, a rather unsatisfactory performance. The tempo was too slow and the accompaniment too ponderous, while there were a number of weak spots in the higher registers of the cello in some of the more difficult passages. The Brahms Sonata in F Major was one of the highlights of the evening. The interplay between the two instruments was well managed on the whole and the accompaniment seemed to suit the impetuous taste of Anton Kuerti. Of the La Folia variations the pizzicato section charmed the audience. Some fine lyrical playing was heard in the Debussy and Granados numbers. The ever-popular Flight of the Bumblebee climaxed a well-rounded program. Mr. Siemens played two popular numbers as encores.

Mr. Kuerti, the accompanist, was hampered by having not the best of pianos to play on, but his performance was such that one would have liked to hear a solo or two from him also.

On the Horizon

March 4. — The choirs of the Mennonite and Bergthaler churches in Steinbach, Man., will sing the cantata "Am Meeresstrand", by K. H. Neufeld, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mennonite church. Mr. K. H. Neufeld will conduct the choir.

March 4 to 7. — Rev. A. G. Neufeld of Margaret, Man., will speak at evangelistic services in the Mennonite church, corner of Sargent and Furby, Winnipeg.

March 5. — The M. B. Collegiate Institute parent-teachers' meeting will be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church in Winnipeg. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

March 5 to 9 — This is "Bible Emphasis Week" at the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C. Rev. Henry Unrau will be the guest speaker. Prayer is requested for the services.

March 7. — A public meeting will be held in connection with

EDEN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE VIRGIL, ONTARIO

Bible Emphasis Week

The climax of the school year thus far was reached on Sunday, February 12, as Rev. Hugo Jantz conducted the first service of our annual Bible Emphasis Week in the school auditorium. During this week, as also during the preceding week, the Grade 11 and 12 girls held prayer-meetings every noon recess, praying that God would send a mighty revival. On Friday, the last day of the services, every class held a prayer-meeting to thank God for the wonderful way in which He answered prayer.

Ten services were held, five in English and five in German, with Rev. Jantz speaking on "Living for Christ in Christ" at the English services and on Christ as the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, the Good Shepherd and the Door, the Resurrection and the Life, and the Way, the Truth and the Life, in the German services.

We thank God for every decision that was made. It was wonderful to see students turn their back on the so-called pleasures of this world and begin life anew with Christ. Continue to pray for those who still reject Christ. Pray also that we as Christians in school may not falter in our lives, but that we may grow stronger in the knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ, our Saviour, day by day.

In January the school was shocked by the news of the illness of our dear principal, Rev. Neumann. Mr. Herman Kroeker, dean of the dormitory, replaced him during his absence. We are thankful that Rev. Neumann was able to return after eight days.

Joyce Redekop, Gr. 11

the annual session of the Canadian Board of Colonization and the Western (Mennonite) Relief Committee. The service begins at 7:45 p.m. in the First Mennonite church in Saskatoon. Rev. B. B. Jantz and Rev. H. M. Epp will speak.

March 9. — Counselling services will be available at 7:30 p.m. for New Canadians on employment, housing, education, health, business, citizenship, legal services, etc., in the YWCA, Dunsmuir and Burrard Streets, Vancouver, B.C.

March 10 to 11. — "MCC Shop Talk" and workshop, sponsored by AMUS. Saturday at 2:00 p.m. in Convocation Hall, United College, Winnipeg, especially for professional workers, nurses, doctors, teachers, social workers, etc. Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Bethel Mission church, Carter and Stafford, Winnipeg. General information, testimonies, interviews.

March 11. — The choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College will present the oratorio "St. Paul" in the First Mennonite church in Winnipeg.

March 15 to 18. — Sunday School Conference at Steinbach, Man. Rev. Clate Risley and others will speak. Twenty-four workshops will be held.

March 23, 24. — The Alumni Association of the Mennonite Educational Institute will present a three-act drama, "Brueder in Christo" in the auditorium of the Mennonite Educational Institute at North Clearbrook, B.C.

March 24. — The Mennonite students at the Manitoba Normal School will present the German play "Der Segen des Wohltuns", which depicts the life of Christian Gellert, in the Tech. Voc. auditorium, Winnipeg.

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