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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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Students at the Ontario M. B. Bible School

Vineland, Ont. — Pictured above are the five Vineland students returning from Bible school on Friday afternoon. They attended the M. B. Conference Bible School in Kitchener, Ont. From left to right they are: Victor Koop, Edmund Janzen, Martha Wall, Anne Wiebe, Rudy Isaac. Three other Vineland students, Katie Duerksen, Eleanor Dyck and Ed Koop did not continue on since Easter; Katie Duerksen had completed her course then.

The majority of the students attending the Bible school come from the Vineland, St. Catharines and

Virgil area, with Vineland a distance of about 60 miles from Kitchener and Virgil even farther. Since last October until the end of this May the students have driven back and forth each weekend. God's protecting and guiding hand has accompanied them; we praise Him for it. It is no small matter to traverse the 60-odd miles in inclement weather (or in heavy traffic—the A Cappella Choir of the M. B. Bible College will testify to that). As Edmund one time remarked, "Whenever it is my turn to drive it is sleeting, raining and snowing"—often a mixture of all three.

Great Influence of Teachers Reaffirmed

By Jake Loewen

Justice, Man. — The influence exerted by a Sunday school teacher is so powerful that it cannot be halted, it is unlimited because it fixes itself permanently in the lives of the children, and it is far-reaching, for it extends beyond the present generation and even beyond the grave, asserted Dr. G. D. Huebert during the course of the Sunday School Conference held at the Justice, Man., M. B. church on May 12 and 13.

In a series of three messages presented Saturday night, May 12, and Sunday afternoon and evening, May 13, Dr. Huebert dealt with many aspects of the Sunday

school teacher's responsibility and his influence.

Not only should all age-groups in the church be in Sunday school, but the church should also provide mission Sunday schools in the community, Dr. Huebert maintained at the first meeting, where he discussed "The Standard of a Sunday School Class". To maintain a high standard, teachers should be qualified, and set a standard in ethical living. Since they have personally experienced Christ as Saviour, their first aim must be to win children for Christ.

Child converts present a sure
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Graduate 29 in Impressive Ceremony

Closing exercises of the M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg brought out parents and friends from all over Manitoba for the afternoon and evening programs in the Elmwood M. B. church on May 20. More than a 1000 filled the church to overflowing in the evening to witness 29 graduates receive diplomas.

Variety was the keynote of the afternoon closing program. A 17-piece instrumental ensemble with organ accompaniment and a violin solo by Hanneliesel Unruh provided the music. The whole student body, a concert choir, and a small group took turns in singing religious and nature songs. With one exception, they were all in German. Poetry was recited by Miss Margaret Redekopp and Miss Katie Krahn. Four students discussed some of the subject material taken in classes. Leonard Peters and H. Schroeder delved into the mysteries of sound waves, J. Friesen gave a short talk on chemistry, and A. Reimer discussed

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what they had learned about Daniel in "Bibelkunde". Miss Velma DeFehr presented a brief historical sketch of Mennonite settlement in Manitoba. She stated that practical Christianity is responsible for much of their success and for the goodwill they have among the

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Death of Missionary Arden Wipf

By Doris Kruger

Saskatoon, Sask. — Arden Wipf, of Huron, South Dakota, was taken from missionary service in French West Africa to be with the Lord on May 8, 1956. News of the close of his short, but fruitful life of service reached the parents by telegram: "Arden with the Lord. Stop. Heaven's gain."

Eight days of illness, thought to be malaria complicated with jaundice, preceded his death in hospital at Bamako, French West Africa. But doctors are baffled as to the real cause of his death, since blood tests revealed no malaria.

His survivors, sustained by the presence of the Lord, are his wife, Mrs. Myrtle Wipf (nee Friesen) and daughter, Geraldine Louise. Mrs. Wipf is a member of the M. B. Church in Saskatoon, Sask.

Recently Arden wrote in a letter, "We want to be used for Christ's greater glory." Courageously his

wife wrote, on the day of his passing, "I believe his desire is answered today. . . Rejoice with me that this will be for Christ's greater glory in all our lives."

The funeral service on May 9 was conducted in three languages: French, English, and Bambara. It centred around the theme, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." (II Tim. 4:7,8). Arden's favorite Bambara hymn, "All for Jesus", and his favorite French hymn, "For Jesus Loved Me So", were sung. The French governor's representative attended the funeral. Shaking Mrs. Wipf's hand, he thanked her in the name of the French Government for what Arden had done.

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EDITORIAL

Devotional

"Come Ye Yourselves Apart"

By Victor Pankratz *

For Every Church Member

Conference days are fast approaching. During the next weeks and months Mennonites will get together on a provincial, national and international level to examine past accomplishments and trends and to plan for future activity. Momentous decisions affecting the religious, educational and cultural life of individuals, churches and conferences will be made. These decisions are of such far-reaching import that in some instances they can determine not only the course of the believer here, but also the eternal destiny of unnumbered multitudes at home and abroad.

Committees already are hard at work planning for the future expansion or curtailment of their work. Delegates are being appointed to represent their churches. The program schedule either has been or is being made up. During the days of the conference votes will be cast to elect executive committees, appoint workers, and to initiate new programs of action.

These are crucial years for the Mennonite churches, especially in Canada. The second generation of those who came to Canada after the First World War is growing up, and that is always a crucial period. Adjustments and adaptations must also be made in the field of language, culture, and organization to fit the changing pattern from a predominantly rural population to an increasingly urban membership.

It is during such a time that we as Mennonites need the wisdom that God alone can give. Either we increase our spiritual power and "strengthen our stakes" and "lengthen our cords" or we will lose out. Either we launch a stronger spiritual offensive in the churches and in our communities, or snipers will diminish our numbers as we retreat.

NOW is the time to begin praying earnestly for the coming conferences. Now is the time to plead earnestly for divine wisdom and understanding for our leadership and for the delegates appointed to the conference. If we as churches, as young people's groups, as families, and as individuals begin seeking God's face regularly and purifying ourselves so that we can approach His throne boldly, God will reveal Himself as never before during the conference days. Then we will see the unity we desire. Then we will see the courageous daring that a vital faith manifests. Then we will see programs launched that can make us a mightier power for God as a church. We have the potential—but we need more of the power.

The responsibility for the success or failure of the conferences and the church is so easily relegated to individuals, to committees. Yet every member carries a responsibility that he cannot shrug off. WE must pray, intercede, agonize—or else the church will fail in spite of aggressive, competent and Spirit-filled leadership. You may never go to a conference, but you can help shape the destiny of the Mennonite Church in its many conferences by appearing regularly before the throne of grace in prayer and intercession.

Through the Looking-Glass

TRAVELING SECRETARIES FOR YOUTH WORK

It would be well for Canadian Mennonite youth groups to consider and promote the idea of installing regional full-time traveling secretaries who might organize and coordinate an extensive youth program. The expense of such an undertaking would be considerable, of course, but the possible advantages gained could make the venture worthy of sacrifice to many. Several observations on the work of such travelling "youth workers" in Northern Germany may help to reveal some possibilities of such an arrangement.

The knowledge of one youth group in a particular locality, say Krefeld, that members of other youth groups—in Bielefeld, Cologne and elsewhere—share in a desire toward constructive youth endeavours, even as they do, is a binding factor that adds importance to their work. The same can be the case in Canadian localities, wherever effective current liaison is maintained. The "Gruesse" of these German groups to one another are encouraging things to witness. They are one evidence of a definite progress toward spiritual unity.

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Traveling life's many ways we become concerned about the details of the pathway we pursue. The traveler, though sure of his ultimate goal, will stop to glean information about the immediate stretch ahead. The sports team, although familiar with the techniques and rules of fair play, can be seen in a huddle, receiving new tips on strategy from their coach. The suggestions offered by the coach are expressly for his team. The builder also time and again refers to the blueprint in order not to deviate from the original plan. If the ordinary man deems it necessary to pause for orientation, how much more should Christians who claim to be Christ's disciples.

Again and again we find references in Scripture calling men to observe quietness before God so that He can speak to each one individually. The degree of our spirituality will, in a measure, be determined by our personal fellowship with God.

In Mark 6:31 Christ requests His disciples to meet Him privately. It is of note that the request concerns itself with and applies to the individual: "Come ye yourselves apart." Of what import and significance is the Master's plea for us?

Notice the pleading invitation in the word "come". In order to be enriched, blessed and touched by the Master's voice, we must remove ourselves from the activities of life and retreat to a quiet, secret place. Shall we respond to His bidding!

That apparently inconspicuous pronoun "we" implies that the request concerns all Christians. No matter from what walk of life you may hail, the welfare and development of your soul demand your presence alone with God.

The word "yourselves" narrows the general call to a concentrated focus of individual application. Worship as a group or larger body is necessary, but to be alone and fellowship with God as an individual is indispensable. "Come ye yourselves apart." Come from your business and occupation. Refrain from pleasure and leisure.

The idea of being alone is becoming rather obscure and vague in our day. Satan knows that solitude and quietness are conducive to thought and meditation. He therefore employs every possible means to provide diversion and distraction. It is sad to note that many Christians are cunningly lured away from something that is essential to Christian growth. If we check ourselves, how many excuses can we muster and how

many alibis can we find for not being able to step aside from the humdrum of life to meet the Master? We say that we have no time—yet we can chat to a friend sauntering by, unaware that an hour slipped by. It is also true that if something novel and interesting beckons us, we do not have much trouble inserting the item in our already over-crowded schedule.

Busy-ness and activity, even in the Master's service, is no substitute for devotions with God. Have we learned to pause, retreat and withdraw apart by ourselves in order to be alone with God?

The efficient counsellor may offer general advice, but when trying to solve my problem he wants to speak to me privately. Our character, habits, and way of life are different from those about us. God knows our individual needs and His heart yearns to meet us alone. He is anxious to give us pointers and directions which will enable us to make our lives successful and count for God.

We read of Moses that his face shone after having been with God—and the people knew that he had been with God. A luminous dial when subjected to light for a longer period of time will in turn also glow longer. Shall we meet Christ apart and grow into closer union with Him!

* Mr. Pankratz was teacher at the Coaldale Bible School during the last winter.

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These are some of the mothers with their children at the Mothers' Day program at the Stoney Creek Mission in Hamilton. Below you see Ernie Reimer of the Vineland M.B. Church directing the Sunday school choir at the Mothers' Day program held Sunday afternoon May 13. (Photos by Martha Janzen)



Mennonite Influx Results in Church

By Abe Nikkel

Calgary, Alta. — Many are unaware of the rapid strides made in the city of Calgary towards the organization of an M. B. Church. Only weeks ago a group of interested church members gathered in the home of city missionary J. A. Froese to discuss organization possibilities. Today, in answer to much prayer and decisive action, there is an organized M. B. Church here.

Over the past few years there

has been a steady influx of Mennonites into this city of opportunity. Just three years ago the mission committee of the province deemed it necessary to start a mission here, for a two-fold reason. For one thing, the missionary was to do mission work among the residents of the city. But he was also to meet the spiritual needs of Mennonites working in the city.

The growth of the mission group, comprising mostly M. B. Church members from all over the province, has been remarkable. Out of this growth came the desire to organize an M. B. Church

OUR READERS SAY

Untimely Death On Mission Field

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

We wish to express our great appreciation for the gift subscription to the *Mennonite Observer* from

Several copies arrived at the same time as your card. We have enjoyed reading the news of the activities of the various churches and young people, thus also keeping in contact with our foreign missionaries. It makes us feel closer to home and brings news which otherwise we would not hear.

The articles have been a blessing to us spiritually. May we just say, "God bless you in this enterprise for the glory of God."

. . . At present we are at our rest home seeking new strength physically away from the Sudan heat, and also the spiritual refreshing in quietness before the Lord.

Just yesterday we received the sad news from Bamako that Arden Wipf, husband of Myrtle (Friesen) Wipf from Saskatoon, Sask., has gone to be with the Lord. This is the third sudden death on our field in the last six months. Two were young men and the other a two-year-old boy. Though we feel that we needed them so much, yet we know that God never makes a mistake and His way is perfect.

Sincerely in Christ,
Mark and Rose Gripp,
B.P. 158, Bamako, S.F.,
French West Africa.
A.O.F.

Present Mother's Day Program

By Martha Janzen

Grimsby, Ont. — The Lake Ave. Sunday school of the Hamilton City Mission presented a special Mother's Day program on Sunday afternoon, May 13. We were glad so many mothers were present.

Several children recited short poems and the Sunday school sang several songs, with Brother Ernie Reimer leading. Brother John Unger, missionary for the area, spoke for a few minutes on the parent-child relationship as found in Eph. 6:1-4.

Interspersed throughout the program were songs by the male choir of the Glorious Gospel radio program of St. Catharines. Jake Pauls is the director of the choir. Rev. J. F. Redekop of N. Clearbrook, B.C., directed two short stories to the children and then spoke the closing prayer and benediction. Rev. Redekop is at present serving the Vineland M. B. church as evangelist for the week May 8 to 15.



Two of the Sunday school pupils, Judy McEwen and Gail Webb, of the Stoney Creek Mission reciting, "I Love You, Mother", at the Mothers' Day program on Sunday afternoon, May 13.

experienced that in his missionary work in Borneo, the land of the head-hunters.

Only a few days later Mrs. Bilow, an aged widow living in Harrison Hot Springs, had an accident that proved fatal. She left the testimony that the Lord is able to save even at the age of 84. That was her age when she accepted Christ several years ago.

When an aged person is taken home to be with the Lord, it is oftentimes accepted as a general event that comes naturally to all human beings. But the thoughts of the funeral of this old widow were still lingering in our minds when all of Harrison Hot Springs was startled at the news that a prosperous, strong, healthy, middle-aged man had suddenly been flung into eternity. Helping to clear a lot of its heavy timber, he was struck by a log and killed instantly, giving him no opportunity to leave a testimony of a hopeful future.

We pray, and ask others to help us pray, that the Lord may have His way in the hearts of men and women.

God Speaks in Varied Ways

By Elizabeth Jantzen

Harrison Hot Springs, B.C. — The Lord uses various ways and means to answer the prayers of His children. Here at Harrison Hot Springs God's children have been praying earnestly for a revival. The Lord has in the past sent evangelists to present the message of salvation in a very clear way; yet the response was not such as one would expect. Now the Lord is using a more serious method to cause people to stop and think of eternity.

First, missionary Elmer Warkentin of Abbotsford, B.C., showed that the Lord is able to save and keep the vilest of sinners. He had

WEEK OF EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

Steinbach, Man. — Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of the Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., held a week of evangelistic services in the M. B. church here. He also served at the morning service on Pentecost Sunday, basing his message on Romans 8:1-16. His evening message was based on John 16:1-15.

Rev. Epp stressed the need of salvation for those without faith in Christ and growth in the knowledge of Christ for those who are Christians.

HERE AND THERE AND EVERYWHERE

Vancouver Male Choir at Black Creek

Black Creek, B.C. — A male choir from the Vancouver M.B. Church visited the M.B. Church here on Sunday, May 20. The members of the choir, under the direction of George Wiebe, presented the play, "Pilgrim's Progress." An estimated 200 people crowded the church almost to capacity.

The play was very well presented, with appropriate supporting selections by the male choir. Mr. Arthur Dueck directed the play.

An offering was received that is to go to Pacific Grace Mission in Vancouver, B.C.

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Principal in Hospital

Waldheim, Sask. — Mr. J. B. Neufeld, principal of Waldheim School, spent the last week in Saskatoon City Hospital with a severe back ailment. Because of ill health he has been forced to give up his teaching position for the remainder of the term. Mr. Rueben Richert of Kinistine, Sask., is filling the vacancy.

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Boy Run Over by Car

Waldheim, Sask. — Beryl Berg, 6, of Waldheim, Sask., was sent to the hospital on Saturday, May 19, when he was hit and run over by a car while walking home from a ballgame. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Berg.

Beryl was rushed to the Rosthern Union Hospital but later transferred to Saskatoon City Hospital. Latest reports are that he is in fairly good condition.

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Linden Mothers Receive Corsages

Linden, Alta. — On May 13 the Young People's program centered around items concerning mothers. Many fine readings, poems and songs were rendered. Perhaps the most touching of all was when the younger mothers of the local Ladies' Fellowship Group presented the older mothers, that is, mothers and grandmothers who had already celebrated their silver anniversary, with beautiful corsages of live flowers. Many were moved to tears at the token of love given to them.

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Opens New Feed Business

North Clearbrook, B.C. — Mr. Jake Falk, a member of the South Abbotsford M.B. Church, has opened Valley Feeds Ltd., a new feed outlet, in this rapidly growing business section two miles west of Abbotsford.

Mr. Falk, formerly associated

with Clearbrook Grain and Milling and a large-scale poultryman, has also announced that his firm will begin construction in the near future on a \$30,000 feed mill in Abbotsford. It will be erected on the CPR right-of-way.

Accountant for the firm is Harold Klassen, former teacher at the MEI and the Princeton High School. Mr. Klassen is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and gained his teacher's certificate at UBC.

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To Meet Russian Delegation

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the M. B. Bible College, has been asked to help with the interpretation and join the talks that the MCC has planned with the Russian Baptist delegation visiting the U.S.A. Rev. Janzen will join the talks in Chicago for May 28 and 29. He will also serve in the Russian language in some of the Chicago services.

Also going to Chicago for the meeting is Rev. J. J. Thiesse of Saskatoon, member of the MCC executive and chairman of the Canadian Board of Colonization.

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Two New Doctors for Steinbach

Steinbach, Man. — Dr. J. B. Dick and Dr. B. J. Froese are two new doctors in the Steinbach community. They recently opened an office in the Goossen Block on Main St. in rented quarters.

Dr. J. B. Dick comes from Coaldale, Alta., while Dr. B. J. Froese hails from Manitou, Man. Both are graduates of the Medical College in Winnipeg and took their internship at the St. Boniface Hospital. They are both members of the M. B. Church.

Dr. Dick moved here on May 15 and will be followed by Dr. Froese in early June.

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Challenges to Mission Work

Foam Lake, Sask. — On Sunday, May 6, Mr. Danny Kroeker of the Gospel Missionary Union was the visiting speaker here. He is an accepted candidate for the mission field in Ecuador. In the two services held Sunday morning and Sunday evening, he spoke of the tremendous need of Ecuador and the Christian responsibility towards the Gospel. His messages challenged those present in a real way.

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Canadian Appointed to College Faculty

Waldemar Janzen of Waterloo, Ont., a member of the senior class at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Chicago, has been appointed

to the faculty of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg.

Mr. Janzen has only been in Canada since 1948, but during that time he has gained his B.A. from the University of Western Ontario and has attended the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada for two years. Born in Ohrloff, Russia, he left his native land in 1943, living in various parts of Germany for five years. He received his Canadian citizenship in 1955.

Consecration Service for Eight Missionaries

Dalmeny, Sask. — An impressive consecration service for eight missionaries going to the Belgian Congo within the next few months was conducted in connection with the annual meeting of the Board of the Congo Inland Mission in Chicago, May 9 and 10.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Graber and children, returning to the field for their second term, and Miss Huldah Banman, R.N., going for her first term of service, were scheduled to leave by boat from Montreal on May 11. Miss Sara Dyck, of Alberta, was to join the party at Montreal.

Scheduled to leave in July are Rev. and Mrs. Allan Wiebe and family who are returning to the field as educational missionaries. Accompanying them will be Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Regier, of Mt. Lake, Minn., who will be instructing missionaries' children at Ecole Belle Vue, an elementary school operated jointly by the CIM and Mennonite Brethren Mission Boards.

Miss Susie Schmidt, from Abbotsford, B.C., was present at the meeting to give her testimony and was accepted as a missionary candidate for educational work to be appointed within the next year.

GREAT INFLUENCE OF TEACHERS REAFFIRMED

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guarantee for good church members in the future, was Dr. Huebert's contention in his second talk, which dealt with child conversion and the nurture of the child. It is essential that every child be born again, since all are born in sin. If they decide for Christ early in life they have a long term of service for God in prospect. In summary, child conversion is essential, it is possible, and it is advantageous.

The rearing and nurture of children should concentrate on instilling wholesome attitudes and forming healthy habits in the children. Dr. Huebert averred. Things that should be guarded against are carelessness and an "easy-going" attitude, idleness and worthless deeds, vanity, quarrelsomeness,

and untruthfulness. Desirable traits to be developed are obedience, friendliness, a love for service, regularity in Bible reading and regularity in prayer.

The text for the final lecture was Psalm 112:1-6. Dr. Huebert dealt with the "Influence of a Sunday School Teacher", emphasizing that the ways in which Sunday school teachers influence their children are by acts which the children will try to imitate, by words spoken before the children, and through certain principles which the teachers adopt. These attitudes may be apathetic, constructive, or destructive.

In closing, Dr. Huebert exhorted Sunday school teachers always to remember that the children under their influence have immortal souls.

TRAVELING SECRETARIES FOR YOUTH WORK

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A central office, where the main business is youth work, may issue many useful directives, help to bring about a cooperation between groups toward worthwhile projects by maintaining a central treasury and publishing comprehensive, interesting surveys plus challenging material of many kinds. All this was carried out efficiently by the headquarters of the "youth workers" in Hamburg, with a bare minimum of manpower and facilities at that.

The greatest need that could probably be met in this way is the need for an extension of the youth retreat program. Someone must be given the job of promoting the idea and taking concrete steps toward a realization of it in many more areas, to say nothing of planning and supervising camp programs. Hardly a week goes by without some one group or another of the German Youth Organization conducting a retreat. Granted, conditions are vastly different, but many of the excellent results achieved there are very necessary in many Mennonite churches and can be realized along similar lines.

Certainly the whole idea depends to a very great extent on the availability of suitable workers. If means of livelihood were assured, however, and demands on the office made at a sufficiently challenging level, chances are excellent that young people, even those currently studying at or graduated from universities, would consider the work seriously.

Alfred Siemens,
Ottawa, Ont.

Postscript:

A Challenge: for anyone to take an objective look at the activities and the organization of the Baptist Young People's Union and other similar organizations with a view toward learning some vital lessons for our own situation.

Raising Hospital Standards in Korea

By Margaret Wiens, R.N. *

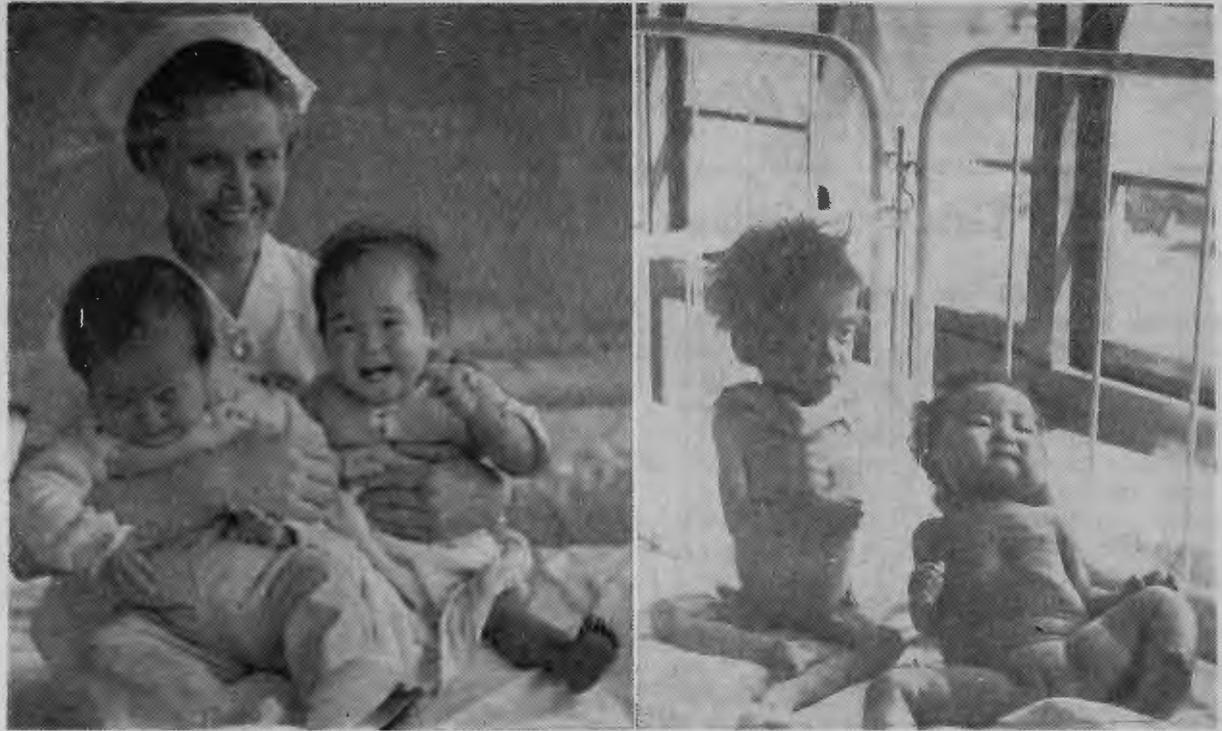
Our work at the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital has had many variations during the past six months. Our assignment was to help raise the standards of nursing and to take care of donated supplies and equipment. We did not know exactly what was included in such an assignment, but were soon to find out.

The first day Bertha Kornelson (from Abbotsford, B.C.) and I were on duty we saw many things that disturbed us greatly. Since we could not speak Korean, and most of the nurses understood little or no English, we realized that the best thing to do was to show by doing. And until this day we find it very necessary to work along with the others if they are to do a good job.

Even the graduate nurses, some of whom were trained in missionary hospitals, still need a lot of supervision. When we first arrived at the hospital we found the children dirty, the bedding dirty and dusty, and the diet inadequate. Only the small children, about two years old and younger, received milk. And although the hospital had a good supply of powdered milk, we were told that the children did not need milk—they only received large abdomens from drinking milk and were not hungry when mealtime came. The doctor said it was more important that they ate their rice three times a day. We still insisted that they must have milk, especially since we have quite a lot of children with tuberculosis of the bones. And ever since, at 10 o'clock in the morning, they all receive a cup of milk—and they certainly enjoy it.

It amazed us at first that the nurses showed very little concern about the individual patients. We would never see them playing with a child or being too concerned when a child was very ill. But as they have seen us playing with the children, teaching the one and two-year-olds how to walk and showing a real interest in the individual child, they are also showing more interest and concern. We feel that this has helped to make their work much more enjoyable.

Since most of our patients come from orphanages, we notice again and again how much they long for love and sympathy. They seem to have such a dull look in their eyes and it is almost impossible to make them smile. Yet after several days, in which we have cared for them and tried to show them that we love them, they seem to gradually change, until one morning we are greeted with a smile when we come into the room. We feel so rewarded then. And then when



To the left you see Miss Margaret Wiens, R.N., with a little boy and a little girl in Pusan, Korea, who both had T.B. meningitis and were very ill. Improvement came slowly, but the girl was discharged several days before the report was written. The boy had a slight set-back when he contracted the measles but now was nearly recovered and a happy child. — To the right are two little girls suffering from severe malnutrition. The baby had been abandoned and was found wrapped in an old blanket beside a garbage can. It is about four months old—but we doubt if it had ever been bathed. It was very ill for several weeks, but it can smile so sweetly and is improving daily. The larger girl was always hungry and would eat anything given to her. She gained weight rapidly and when discharged was able to walk by herself. She was about two years old.

we see the child sitting on the bed, singing to himself, we know that a bit of happiness has entered his life. But when the day arrives when he must go back to the orphanage, the smile vanishes and big tears roll down his cheeks. Yes, we have been moved to tears to have to send these children back to where no one cares, where the food is poor and scarce, and where the struggle for a mere existence has to be begun all over again. Not all orphanages are this bad, but there are more bad ones than good ones. Most of the children that come to us from the various orphanages, and there are over 70 of them in and around Pusan, are undernourished and so thin and pale.

Besides teaching and working with the nurses, we also have to make repeated check-ups on the cleaners, kitchen women and laundry women. When we see that the wash that is being hung out does not look much different than what was put into the dirty laundry, it is time to call for an interpreter and tell the women that they must do a better job. We emphasize again and again that a hospital must be cleaner than a home, since we have various diseases in the hospital, some of which are infectious. The Koreans have a habit of always saying "yes" to everything and smiling—even if they do not agree. So we sometimes have a difficult time getting something across to them and be sure that they understand what we meant.

It also took us several months to get the cleaners to do a fairly

good job of cleaning the floors and windows. It wasn't until Bertha Kornelson took the scrub brush and demonstrated in a practical way, that they finally saw that the floors were very dirty. Then they finally agreed to our method and we have given them many a compliment for their work. But lately we have noticed again that they are gradually slackening, so we again have to encourage them to do better work.

Often when we request improvement, they will excuse themselves by saying, "It is Korean custom. We have always done it this way and you cannot expect us to change." For example, when we tell them that a nurse must not be absent from work unless she is ill or when she has a day off, they say, "It is Korean custom. The nurses always take extra days off in all the hospitals." It is very difficult to change the Koreans." We do not let them get away with it. When one nurse tried us out by staying away for four days when she had promised to be back after two days, we asked her to resign. This was a good lesson for all the others and we have had very little trouble along this line ever since. When a nurse is absent due to illness in the family, she will usually apologize humbly and will not blame it to Korean custom any more.

The work with the children is indeed a great pleasure and we thoroughly enjoy it. But we still need to learn much to be able to fully understand the adults. I doubt if that will be possible in the three years that we will be here.



Above you see a typical home in one of the Korean villages.

So we try to do the best we can. God has richly blessed us and daily gives us strength and health to carry on.

* MCC Voluntary Service worker in Korea from Vancouver, B.C.

51 MENNONITES AT PBI IN 1955-56

Linden, Alta. — Of the approximately 86 denominations that were represented in the Three Hills Bible Institute in 1956, the Mennonites were represented by 51 students. According to the records of the school, 29 of their former graduates are now actively engaged in Mennonite missions. Of course there are many, many more who are working with interdenominational groups.

At the 34th Annual Missionary Conference, PBI graduated 91 students. They came from five Canadian provinces, 23 states of the U.S.A., and four foreign countries. The majority of the graduating class are looking to the Lord for full-time Christian work on foreign fields.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

The other day I read about a quarrel between something that was very little and something that was big—between a penny and a dollar. This is how it began and how it ended. The dollar said to the penny, "Little penny, you're just no good. You can't buy anything any more and you're not worth carrying around. It takes a hundred of you to make one of me and even I can't buy much but you're just no good. You might as well go out of business."

When the little penny heard that, it turned over twice, and, looking straight into the face of the big dollar, said, "Mr. Dollar, most of what you say is true. Everyone knows it's true. But when you say that you are better than I, that is not true. I am much better than you, for I go to church every Sunday and you only go once in a while."

And that is how the quarrel ended, for out of the pennies, the nickels and the dimes, missionary schools and colleges have been built. Big things are always quarrelling with little things and all the time the little things go on with their work.

We like to remember that Jesus loved little things best of all, for once when the disciples were quarrelling about who was the greatest, Jesus took a little child on his knees and told them that a little child has first place in the Kingdom of God.

Aunt Selma

Cross-Bearers For Christ

By J. H. Janzen

(21st Installment)

LIFE BEGINS ANEW FOR MENNO

Menno thanked God for His forgiving love and His mercy and moved into a little, deserted cabin at the west end of Witmarsum, where formerly the day laborers of the Simons' farm lived.

Menno fixed up the dwelling with his own hands and began to earn, by hard labor, what he needed to live. He studied his Bible during his spare time, of which he had but little. He managed, however, to take off an hour here and there, and to devote some of his time after work, at night, to learning more about his beloved Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A priest can never be divested of his priesthood according to the rules of the Catholic Church. He may be a sinful, and even an apostate priest, but he will still be a priest in the estimation of the Catholic Church. In this way they looked upon Menno. His leaving the priesthood and engaging in secular work in order to provide for himself was treason to them and punishable by life imprisonment or even death. But the authorities left him alone for the time being, hoping he would return to his duties of his own free will as soon as he would be fed up of his self-imposed poverty.

But Menno did not return. He rejected his membership in the Catholic Church, as well as his

priesthood in the same. He was satisfied now to be one of the chosen generation, the royal priesthood, who show forth the excellencies of Him who has called men out of the darkness into His marvelous light. Quietly he taught those who came to him for instruction in his little hut.

Thus Menno became a great blessing to the Fellowship of the Cross long before he formally joined it. He helped the Faithful to love one another in spite of the existing differences on controversial questions. In regard to church affiliations he was noticeably leaning toward the Quiet Baptismal-Minded, although it was quite a while before he was willing to accept adult baptism.

The missionaries visited his cabin secretly, and Menno fed them, body and soul, and kept them overnight, helping them to proceed on their secret ways unnoticed.

Menno divided the single room of his cabin by a wooden partition into two small closets. The front part served as a combined parlor-diningroom, bedroom, and study. It could, if necessary, be transformed into a classroom, on short order. The back portion seemed to be the library, pantry and kitchen. There was nothing suspicious about the whole arrangement.

Menno had placed his bed in the front room against the partition in such a way that he could look out

of his small and low window, while lying down, without lifting his head from the pillow. He used to explain to his visitors that a proscribed priest must sleep like a hare, with his eyes open. Lying on his bed he could overlook the highway to Pinjum-Harlingen for a goodly distance.

The boxes in the pantry could easily be shoved aside to free a place in the middle of the floor, on which a bed could be spread. The bedding was hidden in a big box, into which it could be easily returned if necessary, and the lodgers could escape by the back door if pursuers were near.

(To be continued)

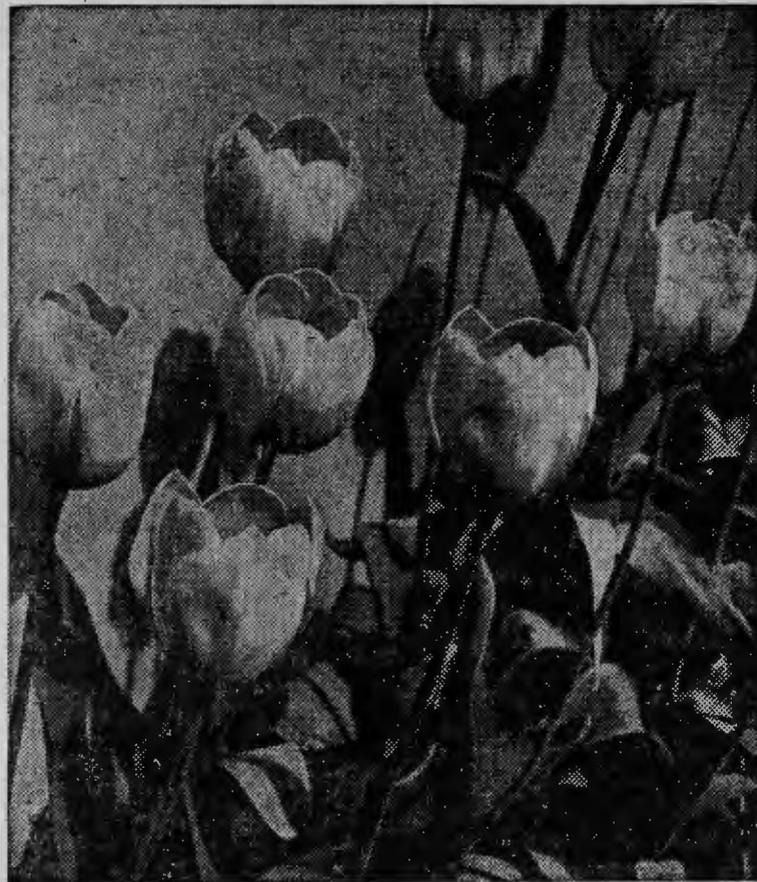
FORGIVENESS

Two big dogs, a Newfoundland and a mastiff, got into a fight on a bridge, and, being blind with rage, they went over into the water. The banks were so steep and high that they were forced to swim some distance before they could find a landing-place.

This was no trouble for the Newfoundland, who was as much at home in the water as a seal, but the mastiff, worn with fighting, made little headway. When the Newfoundland reached shore, he turned to look at his enemy, and seeing his plight, plunged in again, seized him by the collar, and keeping his nose above water, towed him to shore. As they shook their wet coats they touched noses in a friendly way and were never known to fight again.

Do you have as forgiving a spirit as that Newfoundland dog?

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THE MAN IN BEARSKIN

By J. Keuning

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Grietje, the second child, became ill, evidently from the same ailment which had stricken Jacob. The day following, Vrouw Kolf was indisposed and took to bed, and a day after that the remaining two children, both very small, became sick. Wife and three children lying helpless on the moss bed, held in the clutches of the insatiable plague! And only a half-sick boy to help him! Gerrit felt depressed in spirit, and though he said nothing, the cast of his face bespoke a new, unprecedented bitterness in his soul. To add to his misery, he began to feel ill himself. He dared not say so to Jacob, but the boy noticed it upon his father and asked him anxiously if he were sick.

"I don't know, son," Gerrit had said. "It seems as if the very worst is going to happen after all."

"I believe the fever has attacked you too, father."

The father had turned away to hide his flushed countenance, for he dared not deny the truth of the boy's supposition. As if to drive off the insidious symptoms of illness which Gerrit knew were present, he set himself to accomplish the many duties which now fell to his lot. An hour later he came in from outdoors, pale and tired, with a haggard, driven look in his eyes. He turned to Jacob who was trying to attend to the wants of his little sister and could not suppress a groan.

"Jacob, my boy, it has come. I can't, I can't withstand it. I'm sick, deathly sick, and I must lie down."

Jacob turned to his father with blanched face and tearful eyes. He felt the newly-returned strength run out of his frame, and for an instant he groped about him as if to find support for his sinking body. He recovered in a moment, but his voice was almost a whisper as he answered, "If it must be so, we cannot help it. I will try and what I cannot do will have to go undone. God give me strength to bear up under the strain. I must hold out, I must get strong, I must . . ."

"Don't, Jacob, don't exhaust yourself from the very start. I will get you a pail of water, and if you can manage to give the fevered lips a little drink once in a while, you will have done your duty. Food none of us will care for. Keep yourself as well as you can, and trust in God for the rest."

And thus it was that Gerrit laid himself down upon the moss beside his wife and children to engage in his turn with the invisible forces of a terrible foe. He laid himself down with a heavy sigh, a sigh of weariness, of despair,—a sigh that spoke of a father's care and a father's dread. Ere he rose again, the sun of many days had tinged the leaves of the forest, the stars of many nights had blinked unknowingly above the little hut. Ere he rose again, the Scythe-bearer had come in through the crude door and had mowed down two souls for a harvest.

But the days were longest to Jacob, the nurse of the whole family. The passing hours meant nothing to the prostrate forms whose minds rioted in fantastic imageries, whose hot bodies tossed and rolled in unconscious restlessness, whose parched lips knew no sound but "Water!" To them the long nights meant nothing but a flitting nightmare of horrible forms and a ceaseless, involuntary moaning. But to Jacob they were eternities multiplied upon each other. He heard the moans, he saw the writhings, he felt the dry lips and the burning foreheads. To him the suffering of the patients was always present. Upon him lay the burden of relieving, of caring for, of soothing. Sleep was unthinkable. Food was distasteful. The lonesomeness was unbearable! The long, slow hours of the night passed like the heavy grinding of a great engine, imperceptibly slow, wearisome, mechanical. If he could but talk to some one, or hear a reassuring word from his father, or mother. But the beloved lips moved only to utter incoherences; the vacant eyes looked only to plead for water.

It was natural that Jacob should begin to feel the effects of his trying vigil. He had entered upon it at a disadvantage. His body had been weak, his spirits had been low. The continued strain of anxiety hollowed his cheeks to an ominous gauntness, and sapped the youthful courage with which he had begun his watch. He had tried to be faithful in his care, but the call of sleep was too strong for him. On the third night after the beginning of his father's illness he was so completely worn out that he knew he must permit himself a good sleep.

He did not want to sleep. On a previous occasion he had fallen into unconsciousness and had guiltily slept for three hours. The restlessness of his charges, their increased moanings, and their pitiful

pleadings for water had shamed him greatly for his negligence, and he had promised himself not to repeat the performance. But tonight it was different. The evening had passed in most wretched loneliness, the sufferers had been quiet, and the lightening of his duties had given no small advantage to the subtle power of sleep.

Finally, the drowsiness which assailed him could not be checked. His eyes closed, his head drooped, and he slipped from the log seat into a prostrate position on the floor. The demands of nature were taken. The boy had sunk into a deep, restful sleep.

It was sad—this little drama in the Michigan woods. A small, dark hut in the forest, shrouded in the dense black of a woodland night, brought into indistinct outline by the blinking light of the fall stars. An appalling stillness in the primeval wilderness—a stillness made more awful by the slight noises in the tree tops, by the sighing of the wind. A square, unlighted room, bare, cold, dark; five shadowy forms, prone, helpless, suffering from fever and thirst, moaning softly, sometimes very still. And separate from the rest, in the center of the hut, upon the hard ground, a sleeping boy.

While the boy slept he dreamed. He was no longer in the rude cabin with the sick, but in a green park filled with brilliant sunshine. The trees were tall and broad, heavy with deep-colored foliage. The pathways were winding and narrow, leading through beds of fragrant jonquils and gorgeous gladioli. The air was sweet and wholesome, filled with winged flashes of color, and the thrills of warbled song. As he meandered about the pleasant paths, he came upon a rushing fountain set in a marble basin. Its waters were thrown like sparkling jewels into the gentle air, and were scattered into gems of iridescent vapor which fell like the mist of a celestial cataract into the hollow marble. Here, the clear water formed a shimmering pool, dancing with goldfish, and licking the soft pads of the lily. When the wandering lad reached the brink of the fountain, he was overcome with a strong longing to remain where he was, and he sat down upon the soft turf to enjoy the balm of the air and the glory of the glittering spray.

As he sat there, a band of people came hurrying toward him, disrupting the calm peace of the park with loud cries and pitiful moans. They came staggering on in disorder until they reached the green sward upon which the boy rested. Suddenly, they sank down upon the earth as if in great weakness, and though they strove continually to reach the brink of the basin,

they could get no nearer. The begging looks, the hollow eyes, the hanging tongues of the exhausted pilgrims moved the youth to give them succor. But when he tried to arise to give them drink, he found himself rooted to the ground. He could not move to give them aid.

For a long while he sat in anguish watching the suffering of the thirsty. Suddenly a great white bird of unfamiliar kind swept down out of a tiny silver cloud, bearing a golden cup in its bill. It rested in the midst of the struggling sufferers, and Jacob saw the hands of two of them take the cup and lift its contents to their lips. Then there was a most startling transformation. Two of the party, those who had drunk of the golden cup, rose to their feet, seemingly restored to strength by the libation. But scarcely had they risen when a swirling whirlwind rushed upon them, swallowing up the entire group. When the roar of its passing had left Jacob's ear, the two who had risen were borne away by its irresistible power.

So terrified was Jacob by this supernatural occurrence that he cried out in great fear. His own cry awakened him, and he found himself on the floor of his father's cabin.

He immediately hurried to the side of the nearest patient, little Hendrik. Bending over the dim form, Jacob felt the forehead and cheeks of his brother, and sought to give him water. At the first touch Jacob turned chill with fear. When last he had tended to the child, the forehead had been hot and dry, the cheeks had burned with fever. Then had the little voice whimpered for its mother, and the eager fingers sought the hand that caressed it. But now the head was cold, the cheeks chill, the voice was silent. No restless movement responded to the loving touch, not the faintest sound answered to the anxious inquiries of Jacob. The little heart lay still.

Jacob was panic-stricken. His brother Hendrik was dead. He had died while Jacob slept. For a moment the boy's senses numbed into a semi-consciousness, the restored strength of his limbs vanished, and he sat upon the bed of moss and wept. How long he sat he did not know, but the flood of tears and the giving vent to his first sharp grief brought momentary relief. Fearful lest more dreadful things had happened, he turned to the remaining patients.

He was relieved to find his father sleeping, although feverishly, and his mother resting quite easy. Grietje, too, was still sleeping. Jacob found some comfort in these reassuring results of his rapid examination.

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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

AFRICA

Veteran missionaries — Brother and Sister A. A. Janzen — were scheduled to arrive in New York May 4 or 5. From there they traveled to Mountain Lake, Minnesota. After leaving the Belgian Congo, they visited the Holy Land and Belgium, where they fellowshipped with Mennonite Brethren missionaries in study.

BRAZIL

Satisfactory operation of the new high school at Curitiba, Brazil, thus far is reported by Olga Pries of Alexander, Manitoba. Of the 32 students enrolled, 14 are from the Curitiba children's home. Subjects offered include Latin, Portuguese, English, French, Bible, History, Geography, Mathematics, Music, Manual Work, and Physical Education. High school classes are in session in the afternoons while grade school classes are offered in the morning. A total of 110 students are enrolled in the grade school. Twenty-seven of these students are from the mission children's home.

COLOMBIA

— Kathryn Lentzner of Larslan, Montana, reports the following from La Cumbre, Colombia, concerning recent revival meetings: "I would like for us to sing 'I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back'. Thus one of our school children said one night after accepting the Lord as we came home from the revival meetings. The Lord wonderfully blessed our meetings held April 22 to 29. National brethren from the Gospel Missionary Union — don Anibal Aguirre and don Ruperto Velez — served with messages in word and song respectively. The Lord spoke to young and old alike. All our evangelical work in the Choco has come to a standstill. But we trust the Lord will again do the 'exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think', if it so please Him. Pray unceasingly for the work here because the enemy is working overtime to do away with evangelical work in Colombia."

— Two Christian young people from the La Cumbre Mennonite Brethren mission station in Colombia were graduated from the Christian and Missionary Alliance Bible Institute in Armenia in March. Four other young people from La Cumbre attended the school. Kathryn Lentzner, who attended the graduation, reports that the two graduates feel led of the Lord to teach in the Mennonite Brethren national school (Colegio "Los Andes") at La Cumbre next year.

— Colombia missionaries John A. Dyck of Aberdeen, Saskatchewan, and D. A. Wirsche of Hep-

burn, Saskatchewan, went to Bogota to see whether medical and evangelization work could be opened again.

EUROPE

H. K. Warkentin, member of the Board of Foreign Missions from Fresno, California, left for Europe April 25, following the Board meeting. From their living quarters in Karlsruhe-Durlach, Germany, Brother and Sister Warkentin will conduct evangelistic meetings in that country and Austria.

MEXICO

J. B. Toews of the Board office and R. M. Baerg of Buhler returned to Hillsboro May 9 from a week's visit to the work in Mexico. They consulted with Board workers at Piedras Negras and Nuevo Ideal.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— H. C. Born of Chilliwack, B.C., Board worker in Volendam colony, Paraguay, reports 42 students enrolled in the "Zentralschule". In addition, seven students are enrolled in a first-year teacher-training class. Brother Born, one of the school's five teachers, is responsible for some of the school's religious instruction.

— The Mennonite Brethren Bible School in Friesland colony, Paraguay, traveled to Volendam colony for Palm Sunday and presented three programs. The school consists of 25 students in three classes. Willy Janz is the school principal.

— Peter Klassen, minister and teacher in Fernheim colony, Paraguay, conducted evangelistic meetings in Friesland colony, Paraguay, in April, with the result that the Lord's blessing accompanied these services. A Bible school student accepted Christ during these services on the day of his 16th birthday and thus celebrated a second birth.

— At the conference held this past January and February, the South American Mennonite Brethren Churches made decisions and appointments to promote evangelism, youth work and Sunday schools. The following brethren were asked to visit the churches and do evangelistic work: Kornelius Voth of Friesland colony, Paraguay; Victor Toews, Board of Foreign Missions worker in Fernheim colony, Paraguay; H. C. Born, Board of General Welfare worker in Volendam colony, Paraguay; Hans Legiehn, Bible school teacher of Curitiba, Brazil; and Hansi Goertz of Curitiba, Brazil.

— Willy Janz of Friesland colony was selected to promote youth

work. A small allowance was voted to pay for his traveling and time spent in youth activities. A recommendation from the conference youth leaders was accepted which provides for youth workers' meetings to be held in Paraguay and Brazil. Youth workers from Uruguay will attend the meeting in Brazil.

— Peter Rahn was appointed by the conference to promote Sunday school work in the district churches. Another step forward in the promotion of Sunday school work was the decision to hold Sunday school workers' conferences in connection with the Bible schools.

— G. H. Sukkau of Yarrow, B.C., ministered in the villages of Altenau and Waldrode in Neuland colony, Paraguay, during Easter week. "One soul experienced forgiveness of sins and peace with God," Brother Sukkau writes.

— The short-term Bible school classes of the Fernheim Bible Institute in Paraguay are scheduled to begin June 4, according to the principal, G. H. Sukkau. The advanced theological course currently in session now has nine students enrolled.

DEATH OF MISSIONARY ARDEN WIPF

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Arden Wipf and his fiancée, Myrtle Friesen, left in August, 1952, for Switzerland and a year of language study. On April 11, 1953, they were joined in marriage. They worked with the Gospel Missionary Union in a girls' school at Bamako, French West Africa. Lately Arden did evangelistic work in the villages while Myrtle conducted women's classes. Arden's joy was in preaching, and the natives loved him. Since November, 1955, over 40 have accepted Christ through their work in the villages.

God has seen fit to take Arden at 28 years of age from the midst of a fruitful work among receptive people. "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter" (John 13:7).

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Arden Wipf, who recently gave his life for the Lord in Africa, was held in the M. B. Church at Saskatoon, Sask., on May 13. Rev. A. Martens opened the service with I Cor. 15:53-58: "For this corruptible must put on incorruption. . . O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? . . ." The message, delivered by Rev. Martens, was Luke 20:37,38—a revelation of God, a comfort, and a challenge. "In His presence death cannot reign," he stated.

Music included a duet, "God's Way is the Best Way", and a solo by Wilmer Neufeld, "Sometime We'll Understand".

GRADUATE 29 IN IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY

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non-Mennonites. She challenged those present to demonstrate the same courage and initiative in the spiritual and educational field that our fathers had shown in their agrarian culture.

Speaking on John 12:32, Rev. F. H. Friesen of Morden, Man., emphasized that all Christians are co-workers with God in drawing men to Christ. The supreme responsibility is to draw the children to Christ. Because the home and the church cannot fully carry out this responsibility in view of the present-day pressures and because of a shortage of time, the Christian school is the only answer.

The graduation exercises in the evening not only presented a tremendous challenge to all those present, but also revealed the fruits of concentrated effort in building a Christ-centered high school. The 29 graduates, all of whom profess to have received new life through the new birth, are a tremendous potential for Christian service.

Valedictorians Dietmar Goertz and Elfrieda Toews spoke in German and English respectively. Miss Toews declared, "We have had many prerogatives, but these are now transformed into responsibilities." Miss Mera Klassen, another of the graduates, recited "Dein Wort ist meines Fusses Leuchte", a poem written by G. H. Peters, one of the teachers. The graduates as a class sang "Give of Your Best to the Master".

The response to the valedictory, presented by Walter Huebert of Grade XI, paid tribute to the teachers and to the graduates.

Before handing out the diplomas, Mr. Victor Adrian, the principal, gave a broad characterization of the class, asserting that they were a promising group. However, only if they realized that, whatever their talents and accomplishments may be, they can do nothing without Christ—but all things, with Christ—will they be a success.

Speaking on the dependable leadership that God gives, Rev. J. A. Toews, teacher at the M. B. Bible College and father of one of the valedictorians, emphasized that in the Bible the graduates had been given a reliable compass.

"In a life characterized by change, we have unchanging leadership in Christ," Rev. Toews announced. "We have a light that can lead us home." This is the Word of God.

Both at the afternoon and evening services an offering was received for the school. Mr. J. H. Unruh introduced the offering at the afternoon service and Rev. H. H. Enns at the graduation service.

THE RELIGIOUS KALEIDOSCOPE

72 Years in Choir

Henry Howlett, before his recent death in England, set a record for long-time choir singing that will be hard to top. He had been a member of a regular church choir for 72 consecutive years. This record was made possible because of the British custom of using both juvenile and adult voices in church choirs.

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Have to Use Classical Greek Testament

In Greece, an order issued by the Ministry of Cults and Education warned school heads throughout the country that the use of any version of the New Testament, other than the original classical Greek, is strictly forbidden. (MNS)

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Primary Task Remains the Same

In England, visiting German churchman Martin Niemoller said: "The primary task of the Christian Church is always the same. It is just to listen to the word of God which is in Christ Jesus, and to profess and proclaim Him as the one word of God to which we have to listen and to draw the consequences from His being Lord of all. . . . The Church can side with the State only so far as the State is not asking the Church to do something contrary to the will of God as revealed in Christ. . . . She must always obey God first and cannot have any other definite loyalty." (ERA)

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Communism Attracting Intellectuals

In Asia, communism is not making its greatest advance among the poverty-stricken classes, but among the well-to-do intellectual classes, Billy Graham told more than 50 members of the House and the Senate who gathered to hear a report on his crusade in the Far East. "We are losing ground with the very persons who count most—the students and the intellectual leaders", he reported. (ERA)

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Bible Institute Planned For Mexico City

At the invitation of evangelical leaders in Mexico, the Central American Mission is undertaking a program of Bible training for Mexican youth. Scattered among Mexico's population of some 30 million there are groups of evangelical believers, outside of denominational lines, for whom there is a great need of Bible training.

Rather than being an entirely new venture, the program will be built upon foundations already laid in a Night Bible School now

functioning in Mexico City. This Bible School is the outgrowth of the vision of Edward Pentecost, Inter-Varsity representative in Mexico, who began evening Bible classes in his garage about four years ago. After the first year Edelmiro Espinoza, Mexican evangelist and Bible teacher, was invited to assume the directorship of these night classes. With additional faculty, the classes have continued for three years. (MNS)

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Indulgences for Reading Bible

In the Philippines, Roman Catholics can now purchase a "Holy Family" Bible. All they need is \$34.75 with which to buy a copy. Indulgences have been announced, to encourage the use of this "open Bible." 1) For reading the Bible at least 15 minutes a day "with great reverence", a three years' indulgence. 2) For "piously" reading "some verses" and reciting one of three designated invocations an indulgence of 500 days. 3) For reading verses from the Bible and reciting the invocations daily for a month, a plenary indulgence "at the hour of death." 4) A plenary indulgence at the hour of death is also granted to those who have "often during life" performed the pious exercise stated in 2) above. (ERA)

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CANADASCOPE

Citizenship a National Consciousness

Manitoba's experience has taught Canadians that newcomers from other countries "can and do adapt themselves, and can and do become just as good Canadians as those who have lived here all their lives," Hon. J. W. Pickersgill, minister of immigration stated in Winnipeg on May 18 at the Citizenship Day Rally.

The chief purpose of Canada's immigration program should not be to obtain "more workers and more producers of wealth", but to obtain people who would become "good citizens" and "help us to go on building up the kind of nation we have already created here in Canada."

In listing Manitoba's contributions to Canadian nationhood, he mentioned that Manitoba had made better progress than any other part of Canada in integrating Indians with newcomers. Manitoba had received the first mass immigration and proved that the races can live and work together creatively. In referring to the Mennonites he said, "They came from Russia to teach us the value of settling the open prairie."

Before a consciousness of national citizenship can be awakened, the newcomers must create their own little Canada and feel at home there. Only then can they feel at home in the larger Canada. Citizenship is more than the possession of legal status, it is the consciousness of belonging to Canada as a nation.

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Final Payment of '54-55 Wheat Crop

Payment was begun this week of the final settlement of the Canadian wheat board's 1954-55 wheat pool. An average payment of 12.46 cents a bushel will be made. Payments for durum wheat, a premium grain in high world demand, are much higher, averaging over 50 cents a bushel, with the net price realized for No. 1 amber being \$2.34 a bushel.

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Strike Settled

One hundred and twenty-five tied-up ships went back to work rushing prairie wheat to market after the Great Lakes wage-labor dispute ended on Friday, May 18. In the agreement the union gained wage increases of 16 per cent to seamen and 19 per cent to deck officers and engineers.

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Fire Destroys CNR Car Shop

A \$500,000 fire destroyed the Canadian National railways' Fort Rouge, Winnipeg, freight car repair shop on Monday night, May 21. Three hundred men were temporarily out of work, but were to be relocated in existing buildings in the yards and in the Transcona area.

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The World Today

Cheap Soviet Cars in Latin America

Russia has put Soviet-made automobiles and trucks on public sale at cut rate prices in Buenos Aires in a bid to take this market away from the U.S., Britain, West Germany and France. This seems to be the first time Soviet vehicles have appeared for sale in the Western hemisphere. It represents a challenge to capitalist countries, especially the U.S., on their own economic territory.

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Violence Still Flares in Cyprus

Cypriot terrorists hiding among rioting schoolgirls tossed bombs at British troops trying to restore order in Nicosia, Cyprus, on May 21, killing one young British conscript and wounding three others.

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Tear up "Iron Curtain"

Communist Hungary recently sent two squads of soldiers to begin dismantling its iron curtain frontier

with Austria. The official Hungarian news agency said this work had been started as promised by the Budapest government as part of the Soviet coexistence policy.

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Russian Charm Turned on Israel

On May 18 Premier Nikolai Bulganin stated that he believes Israel wants peace in the Middle East. He told this to Israel Ambassador Joseph Avidar at a reception in the French Assembly.

The premier's remarks were judged by diplomats in the room to be more friendly to the little Middle East state than the recent tone of the Soviet press which has played up border clashes and blamed them on aggressive circles in Israel.

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MCP FOR HEMP NETTLE CONTROL

The chemical MCP will control hemp nettle in oats if applied at a rate of not less than 6 ounces of acid per acre when the nettle is in the seedling stage. H. A. Friesen of the Lacombe Experimental Farm, Canada Department of Agriculture says that although only 30 per cent of the nettle plants were actually killed by MCP in tests over the past two years at Lacombe, the surviving plants were so suppressed that their competition with the oat crop, and seed setting ability was greatly reduced.

Treatments using 2,4-D did not control hemp nettle, nor was chickweed controlled by either MCP or 2,4-D. Annual weeds however, such as stingweed, ball mustard, lambs' quarters and Russian pigweed were completely killed by the different forms of 2,4-D and the chemical MCP.

Herbicides used in these weed control experiments at Lacombe were 2,4-D amine, ester and low volatile ester, and MCP ester, amine and sodium salt. Each was applied at rates of 4, 6, and 8 ounces per acre in 7 gallons of water per acre. One portion of the oat crop was sprayed when the crop was four inches high and another portion at height of eight inches.

There was an increase in the yield of oats following the early spraying with MCP due to hemp nettle control, but no evident increase following 2,4-D. MCP applied at the later date did not notably increase the yield of oats although it did control weeds.

Treatments with 2,4-D ester and low volatile ester at this later date killed stinkweed, ball mustard, lambs' quarters and Russian thistle, but injured the oats and reduced crop yield. The 2,4-D amine gave similar weed control but did not depress yield to nearly the same extent as the esters.

Weddings

SIEMENS — DYCK

Hertha Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Dyck of Saskatoon, Sask., and Henry Siemens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Siemens of Gem, Alberta, were married on May 5, 1956, in the Mennonite Brethren church in Saskatoon. Rev. Art Martens, pastor, officiated.

After a trip to Yellowstone National Park, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siemens (Jr.) are making their home in Saskatoon.

Obituaries

CORNELIUS HEIDE

Mr. Cornelius Heide of Warman, Sask., passed away on May 14, 1956, after collapsing suddenly in his home as the result of a heart attack. The funeral services were held in the Warman M.B. church on May 17.

Mr. Heide was one of the first residents of Warman. He was born in Russia in 1879, migrating to Manitoba at the age of 18. Later he settled in Warman, Sask., where he worked as a shoemaker. At the present time he was retired, although he was considered to be in good health.

The Sunday before he died he was at church, reciting a Bible verse as testimony and naming a favorite song. No one suspected that by Monday afternoon he would be in the presence of his Saviour. Everyone took note that his first wife, with whom he lived for 54 years, passed away the same Monday in the month a year ago. They have been separated only one year.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, Corney of Winnipeg, Man., and Jake of Alberta; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Brown of Warman and Mrs. Tena Falk of Dalmeny; and 19 grandchildren.

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Rev. and Mrs. Nicolas A. Rempel.

REV. NICOLAS A. REMPEL

(Augmenting obituary in May 11 issue.)

Rev. Nicolas Abram Rempel was born on July 20, 1888, in the village Augus-Jobe Crimea, South Russia. When he was four, his parents moved to the Molotschna, where he enjoyed his childhood and youth. Because his father passed away when he was 17, he was compelled to apprentice himself in a business at Schoenfeld, 30 miles east of Alexandrowsk.

After some years of service here, he was married to Miss Katharina Peters on July 20, 1909. They were both saved in 1910. When war broke out in 1914 he and his six brothers were called into compulsory service. He testifies to God's protection and provision during the revolution and famine following the war.

In January, 1924, he was ordained as a minister of the Gospel, in which capacity he has served the Lord with gladness. In July, 1925, both he and his wife were baptized and received into the Mennonite Brethren Church at Alexandertal. On September 26 of that year they left for Canada. Their first stay in Canada was with Mr. Wm. Redekopp of Sunny Slope, Alta.

For nineteen years the family resided in the Sunny Slope-Swalwell-Linden area, enjoying the love and fellowship and receiving continual spiritual and material blessings. However, in 1944 the family felt led to move to Chilliwack, B.C., where they have resided since then.

Rev. Rempel was widely known for his chiropractic activities. He faithfully utilized the opportunities therein to minister to the spiritual needs of his patients as well, and has been a great blessing in that way.

In March of 1955, the first signs of illness disturbed his heretofore good health. But it was not

until Nov. 1, 1955, that it was discovered that he had cancer. During November both he and his wife went to hospital, his wife for cancer treatments and he for an operation.

They found special comfort in Isaiah 41:10, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strength-



VS'ers WORK TOWARD RACIAL UNDERSTANDING

Betty Jane Barkman of Hillsboro, Kans., is in the Voluntary Service unit at Camp Landon, Gulfport, Miss. Recently she has been helping with the kindergarten, and she writes of one little boy who is typical of the youngsters they work with:

"Paul is six years old. He is a bright child, but his home life is unsettled. He is living with his aunt. I don't know where his parents are, or if they are married.

"Yesterday he came to the center in an awful mood. He went around hitting the other children for no reason. When I asked him what was wrong he answered, 'I guess I didn't sleep well last night. My aunt was drunk and there was a man at our house.'

"Then I noticed that he had welts on the side of his face, so I knew he had been beaten. Most of the time he comes to school without breakfast and sometimes without lunch.

"So many of these children need love and care, but we don't have enough time to do all that is needed."

With the tensions between races

en thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." Mrs. Rempel passed away on December 8, 1955.

Nothing could be done for Rev. Rempel since the cancer was too far advanced. With peaceful submission to God's will he bore his illness for nearly five months after his wife's passing. He was at home, but it was no hard task to care for him, since he was content and so thankful for every minor attention and service. Instead of others comforting him, he comforted them—his face radiant with the joy and peace God gives. He passed on to his reward on May 2, peacefully and quietly.

He had reached the age of 67, enjoying 46 years of married life. He was the father of twelve children, of which two sons and a daughter predeceased him. Surviving are: Mrs. Henry Unger and Mrs. Henry Fleming of Chilliwack, B.C.; Mrs. Frank Willms, Mr. John Rempel and Mr. Bernard Rempel of Vancouver; Mrs. Nick Langemann of Coaldale, Alta.; Mr. William Rempel of Prince George, B.C.; Mr. Herman Rempel of Vancouver Island, B.C.; and Mr. Ted Rempel of Wasco, Calif.

rising in the South, the outlook for this two-color community is not peaceful. In the kindergarten, in the recreation center, in home visitation, in the youth worship services the Volunteers at Camp Landon are breaking down prejudice with love and understanding service. One colored boy expressed it: "These people are white but their hearts are black."

MENNONITES, BRETHREN AND FRIENDS TO MEET

"The Expression of Christian Love in the World Today" will be the theme of the third Church of the Brethren, Friends and Mennonite study conference July 24-27 at Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind.

Mennonite representation, numbering 50 persons, will be selected through conference representatives of the MCC Peace Section or through respective peace and service committees. Friends and Church of the Brethren each will have 50 representatives.

Sponsored by the continuation committee of the Historic Peace Churches, the conference is designed for fellowship and study through discussions and addresses.

Mennonite speakers will be Don E. Smucker of Mennonite Biblical Seminary at Chicago who will talk on "Strategies of Christian Love". Paul Erb of Scottsdale, Pa., editor of the *Gospel Herald*, will address the conference on "Spiritual Resources for Our Task".

COLLEGES

TABOR COLLEGE

Upperclassmen Hear Mission Official

Rev. J. B. Toews, Deputation Secretary of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions, was the guest speaker at the annual junior-senior banquet at Tabor College Friday evening, May 11. The speaker's words to the upperclassmen were in keeping with the theme of the banquet, "Your Mission Field is Where You Are."

Walter Sawatsky, Yarrow, British Columbia, serving as master of ceremonies, welcomed the senior class and guests. Special music was furnished by John Neustaedter, Hepburn, Saskatchewan, Joel Hoffer, Freeman, South Dakota, a quartet and a trio.

In his remarks to the guests, Rev. Toews spoke of the responsibility which the Christian young person has toward his fellowman in the place he occupies, emphasizing that every man has a responsibility to God, both in choosing his vocation and place of service and in fulfilling the spiritual mission which is set before him to the best of his ability.

Rev. Toews recently returned from an extended trip during which he surveyed the mission work of the M. B. Church in Africa and Europe.

President Completes Study of M. B. Education

"The Coming of the Mennonite Brethren to the United States and Their Efforts in Education" is the title of a thesis recently completed by President Frank C. Peters. It fulfills in part the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Theology, for which he is a candidate at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Kansas City, Kansas.

President Peters hopes to complete requirements for the Th.D. degree at the end of the summer; he is also working toward a Ph.D. degree in the field of philosophy and psychology. He will spend this summer teaching, six weeks at Goshen College in the area of Bible and psychology, and six weeks at the University of Kansas City, where he will teach a graduate course, "The School and Society".

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLE COLLEGE

Since the day of Pentecost would be commemorated on Sunday, May 20, Dr. Janzen decided to draw our attention to the teaching of the Holy Spirit on Monday, May 14, already. His text was Romans 8:27 and 28.

On Tuesday morning the dean, Rev. J. A. Toews, reminded us of the danger of losing our equip-

ment and becoming ineffective, even as the student in II Kings 6:1-7.

Dr. G. D. Huebert addressed us on Wednesday morning and drew the lesson, "Walking with Jesus", from the experience of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus. Dr. Huebert is a Bible school teacher at Winkler.

The graduate testimony on Thursday morning was given by Hans Kasdorf, who is returning to Brazil in the early part of August.

Rev. D. K. Duerksen, instructor at the M. B. Collegiate Institute, came to speak to us on Friday morning. His theme, "Consecration", was based on John 15:5 and Luke 14:26.

The Friday night student meeting consisted of reports from the Europe and Far East prayer groups and a short missionary play, "Is It Nothing to You?" A number of group songs were interspersed throughout the program. The whole program made an effective challenge, especially for men to work in the foreign mission field.

MENNONITE BROTHERS BIBLICAL SEMINARY, FRESNO, CALIF.

Fall Registration Date Announced

The Dean of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, Calif., Dr. G. W. Peters, announces that the registration date for the Fall Semester will be September 10, 1956. Classes will begin on September 11. This will be the second year of the Seminary and the first year at its new location.

Course offerings are listed in the 1956-57 catalogue, which will be available by the end of May. The Seminary brochures are already off the press.

Missionary Candidate Gives Testimony

Miss Esther Wiens, R.N., student at the Seminary and candidate for mission work in Colombia, gave her personal testimony of her Christian experiences and told how the Lord had called her to missionary service. The occasion was a chapel period at the Pacific Bible Institute for which the seminarians were responsible. Another student, Mr. Paul Hiebert, basing his message on Isaiah 40:31, emphasized one of the essentials in Christian and missionary witness, challenging the listeners to "wait on the Lord". The Seminary male chorus added to the mission emphasis by singing two missionary songs.

Hiebert Completes Thesis

Mr. Paul Hiebert has submitted the first draft of his thesis on the subject, "The Impetus of India's Nationalism on the Indigenization of the Indian Church". The the-



Miss Elfrieda Toews, winner of the public speaking contest at the M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg, receiving the trophy from Mr. J. H. Epp of Independent Credit Jewellers.

HIGH SCHOOLS

M. B. COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, WINNIPEG, MAN.

Public Speaking Contest

On Friday, April 20, parents and friends were invited to the public speaking contest held in our school. A goodly number came to hear four speakers compete for the trophy. The contest was sponsored by the Students' Council of the MBCI and we hope that it will be possible to make this contest an annual event.

The four contestants and their topics were: Elfrieda Toews, speaking on "Whither Bound, Mennonites?"; Walter Kehler, who elaborated on "Red Smog over America"; Agnes Huebert, who outlined "Why I am a Christian"; and Anita Warkentin, who spoke on "Student Life Can be Interesting".

The judges included Rev. I. W. Redekopp, Mr. Henry Voth and Mr. G. Peters.

The winner of the contest was Elfrieda Toews. A splendid trophy was presented to her by Mr. J. H. Epp of Independent Credit Jewellers.

Marlene Wall

is in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Arts degree in Missions. Mr. Hiebert, a graduate of Tabor College, is hoping to pursue graduate studies in Cultural Anthropology after completing his work at the Seminary.

The Seminary Student Executive is planning a social gathering for Seminary students and faculty at the new campus on the afternoon of Sunday, May 20.

Robert P. Heinrichs

Nineteen Students for Seminary in Uruguay

When the Seminario Biblico Menonita in Montevideo, Uruguay, began its first year of existence it marked a historic milestone in the South American Mennonite Church. On April 10 the new seminary was dedicated under the chairmanship of Bishop Nelson Litwiller, the president.

Not only were representatives of South American Mennonites present, but also representatives from nearly all the evangelical churches of Uruguay.

A student body of 19 welcomed this opportunity to obtain a seminary training in South America. Spanish will be the principal language used, although some courses will also be offered in German. The faculty is composed of Bishop Nelson Litwiller, a veteran missionary in the (Old) Mennonite mission of Argentina; his son, John Litwiller, whose wife will also direct the school chorus and teach piano; Rev. H. H. Epp, a Canadian who has served for over three years in Asuncion, Paraguay; and Rev. LaVerne Rutschman, who is on a two-year leave of absence from the (General Conference) Mennonite Mission of Colombia.

The seminary is a cooperative project of the Mennonite colonists of Paraguay, Brazil and Uruguay, the (Old) Mennonite Church and the General Conference Mennonite Church. It is governed by an official board, the majority of whose members come from South American Mennonite colonies, although both North American conferences are represented.

