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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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Manitoba Program Heard in Russia

Winnipeg, Man. — A letter from central Russia brings the joyous news that the German radio programs broadcast over HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, are being heard by Mennonites in Russia. One of these programs is "Licht des Evangeliums", sponsored by the Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba.

A letter from Orsk, Tschkolowskaja, Russia, relates that a German Gospel broadcast is being heard daily at 10 to 10:30 a.m. The letter further states that these broadcasts are from Manitoba, but originate in Quito, Ecuador. Upon consulting the time maps it has been ascertained that these are the broadcasts sent out at midnight, Quito time. There is a daily German broadcast at that hour, with the Thursday program being "Licht des Evangeliums". Other German programs broadcast at that hour are "Sonntagssegnen", "Jugendprogramm", "Hafen der Hoffnung", "Wortbetrachtung" and "Briefkasten". Some of these are undoubtedly prepared by the Hugo Jantzes and Sally Schroeder, M. B. radio missionaries at Quito, Ecuador.

Many Turning to Christ

The writer of the letter enquires who the speaker is on the program (presently Rev. Gerhard Fast on "Licht des Evangeliums") and expresses thankfulness to God that they can hear His Word in this fashion. Another bit of interesting news in the letter is that since a year ago they have been able to hold prayer meetings and Bible studies in the homes. Several men of God are proclaiming the Word, with many turning to Christ. A very large baptism is expected this spring. However, it is very difficult to stand true to Christ in that area, the writer states.

That God is using the medium of radio to spread His blessings is revealed in other letters received by The Gospel Light Hour, which is the radio arm of the M. B. Church in Manitoba and sponsors "Licht des Evangeliums". In one such letter a Manitoba teacher writes from Koostatak, "Last night I talked to one of the Indian Christians on our reserve. He told me that he had

been listening to your program (The Gospel Light Hour) for a number of years and finds it a great help in his spiritual life. Others have told me that they always listen to the Gospel Light Hour, although they never attend any church service."

Response from Nicaragua

A Nicaraguan missionary writes, "Your program has been a wonderful inspiration to me in my work here in Nicaragua. I tune in quite often and listen to the beautiful

songs and the messages of love and comfort. . . I sit by my radio and pray for you good folks over there. I know God is blessing your ministry in a very special way.

"I speak to many people here about your programs, too, and get them to tune in. We are missionaries working in Bluefields, a small town in Nicaragua. My husband and I are Nicaraguans and we are Moravians, the United Brethren Church. My husband preaches in Spanish and English and visits the capital of our country quite often. Right at this time he is there, on a missionary trip. May the good Lord bless you all."

Light in the East

Purpose of Mission Saved

By H. S. Bender and David B. Wiens

(This is the first in a series of four articles reporting the official visit to Russia by Mennonite Central Committee. Dr. H. S. Bender is chairman of the Mennonite World Conference and dean of the Goshen College Biblical Seminary. Mr. David B. Wiens is a minister in the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America.)

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The two commissioners appointed by Mennonite Central Committee represented the North American Mennonite brotherhood on a goodwill visit last autumn to Mennonites and Baptists of Russia—David B. Wiens of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and H. S. Bender of Goshen, Indiana.

We entered Russia from Stockholm October 26 and left 20 days later by the same route. The trip was shortened from the original schedule due to the inability of the delegation to secure permission to visit any of the places on the requested itinerary except Moscow.

Four of the cities on the original itinerary—Karaganda, Novosibirsk, Omsk and Sverdlovsk—are on the restricted list of the Soviet Union and closed to all foreigners. The other cities on the itinerary—Barnaul, Slavgorod and Chkalov (Orenburg)—are not on the restricted list but are not listed as having available facilities for Intourist (Soviet travel organization for foreigners).

Permission to go to places not on the Intourist list is difficult to obtain and all our attempts to do so failed. We thought of going to Kuibyshev and Buzulvk (Samara

and Orenburg settlements) at our own risk, but decided against it.

Failure to secure the requested itinerary might have been due to getting the wrong type of visa (tourist instead of delegation), the stir about repatriation of claimed German nationals to Germany, and the troubled international situation in Egypt and Hungary at the time.

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Over 50 at Conductors' Course

Winnipeg, Man. — Fifty-one enthusiastic choir directors from five provinces in Canada had enrolled by the middle of this week in the first Canada-wide conductors' course offered by the Music Committee of the Canadian M. B. Conference.

The great majority of the participants in the course were younger men. They were choir directors, song leaders for young people and the Sunday schools, and those interested in entering these fields. Many of them had some musical training; some of them were grad-

uates from the Sacred Music Course at the M. B. Bible College.

If one walked into the auditorium of the M. B. Bible College, where the course is being offered, after one of the sessions the great enthusiasm of the participants was evident on every hand. Several groups could be seen at all times discussing some aspect of their work or the previous lecture, a pianist could usually be seen giving a small group an idea how some new music sounded. Even a tape recorder was pressed into service so that choirs and soloists from across Canada could be heard.

An unusual feature of the historic effort is the unusually fine representation from the provinces farthest away from Winnipeg. There are twelve participants from British Columbia, twelve from Ontario, six from Alberta (a car arrived Tuesday afternoon), four from Saskatchewan and 15 from Manitoba. In addition Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Hiebert came from Enid, Oklahoma.

Openings in Canadian Summer Service

Waterloo, Ont. — The Mennonite Central Committee Summer Service program in Canada has a number of openings still available for Christian young people who would like to spend a summer meeting the needs of persons in unfortunate circumstances. MCC has units in Mental Hospitals, Schools for Emotionally Disturbed, Schools for Mental Defectives, Tuberculosis Sanatoria, Hebrew Mission work and other areas of need.

There are a considerable number of openings still to be filled by consecrated persons willing to give a helping hand to those who have been set aside in these institutions.

Student-in-Industry Openings

There are still some openings in the Student-in-Industry project planned for Toronto this summer, in which MCC is pioneering an experimental project where students will work in factories at regular wages and study the problems of urbanization, labour and management difficulties, work on the assembly line

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EDITORIAL

A Struggle For Survival

An active youth program is vital to the survival of the church. If we lose our young people today, there may be no church members in a few short years. As Dr. Henrietta Mears put it, "Every church is only one generation removed from extinction. A church that cannot lead its youth into a vital Christian life today will be dead tomorrow."

When USA Columnist Stewart Alsop, for example, toured Moscow two years ago in a Soviet tourist bus he saw a church spire down the street. "How is that church doing?" he asked the guide. The guide smiled knowingly and replied, "That church will soon be empty. Only old ladies attend."

The condition in our churches is not as bad as in the above-mentioned church, but we have no reason for complacency. As long as we still have Mennonite churches where the total youth effort is confined to a spasmodic monthly meeting attended by a minority of young people, as long as the overwhelming majority of our young people (and even some youth leaders) have never led a soul to Christ, and as long as we are losing many young people from our churches as soon as they leave home to go to another community, we cannot sit back and rest. An appalling ignorance of the basic facts and truths in the Bible (especially of the Old Testament) in spite of our Sunday schools and Bible schools, should increase our concern. This is not the utterance of a prophet of doom, but they are facts that can be ascertained by anyone willing to study the situation honestly.

That much has been done in youth work during the past years is undeniable. Ten years ago weekly youth meetings were almost unknown. Youth retreats and inter-church Bible conferences for young people were just beginning to achieve prominence. Some parents are even complaining that there is too much activity for 15-year-old Mary and 18-year-old Henry. We cannot, however, shut our eyes to the fact that there are still many loop-holes in our program for young people.

One of the first steps we need to take to improve our youth program is to provide leadership training on a larger scale. Not only should the young people be encouraged by pastors, ministers, Sunday school teachers, and youth leaders to attend the Bible schools and Bible colleges, but leadership training should be provided on a local church level. Some youth committees are studying a leadership course at their monthly committee meetings. Others are contacting promising young people and organizing a class that meets either during the week or during the Sunday school hour to take a leadership course with the aid of one of the many fine leadership study books on the market. Sunday school teachers can also gain invaluable through such a course. Whatever the method used, leadership training must be given now if we do not want indifferent leadership in the future.

Another essential step forward is the institution of regular Bible study sessions during the week for young people in all churches, not only in some. As mentioned before, the great lack of Bible knowledge among young people will be noticed by anyone working in close contact with them. Young people need to be solidly grounded in God's Word to withstand today's temptations. A vital spiritual life is unthinkable without a thorough understanding of God's revelation.

That only a very small percentage of young people under 30 have ever led a soul to Christ or even taken a course in personal counselling is revealed every time a call comes for counsellors at evangelistic meetings. We must remedy this situation if we want to live up to Christ's commission. Not only that, but soul-winners who experience the joy of leading others to Christ are not easily attracted by the pleasures of this world. It is thus of utmost importance that we give basic training in personal counselling and that we lead our young people into personal work. Such training could be given during the Sunday school hour, at the weekly young people's meeting—or a personal workers' club could be organized for those interested.

Youth workers with a burden for young people and with a vision of the possibilities are not satisfied with a minimum effort. We cannot be—the lives of the young people, yes, the life of the church, is at stake. Thus every avenue for increasing the spirituality and service-ability of our young people should be explored and utilized.

DEVOTIONAL

"He Who Loses His Life Shall Find It"

By Jack Neufeld *

We are living in a fast-moving and complicated world. For a person, especially a Christian, to find himself is very often difficult, usually incomplete, far too often consumes many years, and sometimes remains tragically unrealized.

Why was I born? Where do I belong? Does God have one special place for me, or is it left for me to choose? What is my faith? That is, what do I really believe, accept and live out? What are my people? Are we one of many branches of religion or are we the true church? People respond to these problems in various ways.

Some people are unaware of these questions. They have subconsciously decided to follow their inclination. Controlled by opportunities and capabilities, they thoughtlessly drift on. There are also those who were aware of these problems but disregarded them "when the sun came up" and "were scorched".

Other people are sincerely trying to "find themselves". Often they realize their malady, but do not know where to go for a cure. Still others try to find themselves in pleasure, but only manage to "forget themselves".

Few there be who have really "found themselves" and are living an abundant life.

Is there some magic solution by which we will unerringly and immediately find our mission, unwaveringly follow our faith in the full assurance that it is right and joy-

fully serve and fellowship with kindred hearts? Assuredly there is such an answer—in complete identification with the cause of Jesus Christ.

Though in His day He was considered dangerously revolutionary, Jesus walked His way in the inner assurance that He was fulfilling Scripture. And when we consider all that is in store for us we cannot help but pray, "Take my life." As we lose our life in His life, we will "find ourselves". This is the application of the Biblical paradox that to give is to receive. The more we give up the more we gain; the more we lose ourselves in Him, the more we shall find ourselves.

Conversely, the more we withhold, the more we lose. In ourselves we are nothing and by ourselves we can accomplish nothing. Only as we become a part of His cause can we gain.

The devil has many under his spell. They sleep on in disregard of that which really counts, or at best live spellbound in hypnotic slothfulness. As a freezing man enjoys his sleep, so today many are sinking to their spiritual deaths without realizing it. Oh, that God could wake us from our sleep to a full life of service. Only in that way can we "find ourselves".

Christ gives the answer to life's problems to all who are willing to accept His life-challenge, stated as, "He who findeth his life shall lose it, but he who loses his life for my sake shall find it."

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Youth and Christ in an Age of Swing

What is the age of swing? It is an age in which the characteristics of our civilization are similar to the characteristics of its music.

First, it is light and frothy. Young America's wildness over swing music reveals the lightness and frothiness of the day. The blue disharmony and blaring terror of modern jazz is something which firmer, saner minds of other days could not tolerate. The America of Swing could not produce a Lincoln today any more than you could produce an oak tree in an ash pile.

Second, it typifies a lawless age. Swing music is lawlessness in music. Not only has it violated the laws of legitimate composition, but what seems infinitely more tragic to many minds, it has so lowered the standards of musical composition that it is almost impossible for good music to be presented before the public.

But this is music typical of our age. It is an age of crime in which youth is the chief participant. This

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Church Dedication at Clearbrook

Clearbrook, B.C. — The new Mennonite Brethren church here was dedicated on Sunday, April 14. After the opening Scripture and prayer at the door, led by Rev. Abram Friesen, Mr. Henry Hiebert handed the keys to Rev. A. Konrad, the leading minister, who led the congregation into the church. Approximately 1500 people witnessed the handing over of the keys.

Rev. Konrad addressed the church on Psalm 95. Dr. A. H. Unruh, the guest speaker, based his morning message on Psalm 26:6-8. Rev. Aaron Toews, Rev. Unruh and Rev. Konrad led in the dedicatory prayers. The choir also served with songs.

Provincial Moderator Speaks

During the noon intermission, the ladies served a delicious lunch to approximately 1,000 guests. After lunch Rev. Herman Lenzman, chairman of the provincial M. B. conference, spoke in English on II Chronicles 7:11-18, stressing the fact that hitherto the structure was no longer a mere place of worship—"it is God's sanctuary." It is a place where sinners are brought to repentance, a place of public confession of faith and a place of biblical and divine instruction where God's people receive His orders. In asking the question: What must we do so that this church can truly be God's sanctuary? he gave the following answers: "We must pray, attend regularly and we must surrender to the will of God."

During the afternoon service the senior and junior choirs served with four selections. The first two, "Who is the King of Glory" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name", were conducted by the director of the junior choir, Mr. John Lenzman. Mr. John Suderman then directed the mass choir in the singing of "So weit erglänzt der Sonne Schein" and "Das Haus des Herrn".

Dr. A. H. Unruh delivered a message in German which was based on Matthew 18:12-20. He stressed the point that the new house of worship might constantly be characterized by complete inner unity and harmony among its members. "Above all else, our services are to evoke within us a deep sense of personal responsibility for the unsaved," he said. It was his desire that the congregation at Clearbrook might at all times be characterized by "love" and "humility".

Dr. Unruh Serves During Week

In the evening Dr. Unruh spoke to the young people at their Young People's service. During the week he conducted Bible study classes, serving at two daily services Monday through Thursday. He deliv-

ered his last message during his stay with us on the morning of Good Friday. We are indeed very grateful for his services and trust that his words of admonishment, exhortation, encouragement, and challenge will long be cherished.

Construction of the building was started in May, 1956, with Mr. Henry Hiebert as contractor. The 56 x 116 feet structure cost about \$70,000, of which \$40,000 has already been received. Seating capacity in the old edifice was some 500, compared to 800 in the auditorium and 300 in the balcony of the new church. Another convenience is the full basement which provides the Sunday school with some 23 modern classrooms.

Designed along the lines of most Mennonite churches in the Fraser Valley, the Clearbrook sanctuary has a broad expanse of front steps leading to the three double doors. Two large turrets rise at each side of the front entrance. Flower boxes add color to the front of the church. The interior has a plaster finish and the exterior is of stucco. Considerable volunteer labour aided construction.

Sod-Turning for New Mennonite Church

Coaldale, Alta. — Many members of the General Conference Mennonite Church here gathered on Tuesday, April 16, at the site of their new church to observe the sod-turning ceremony.

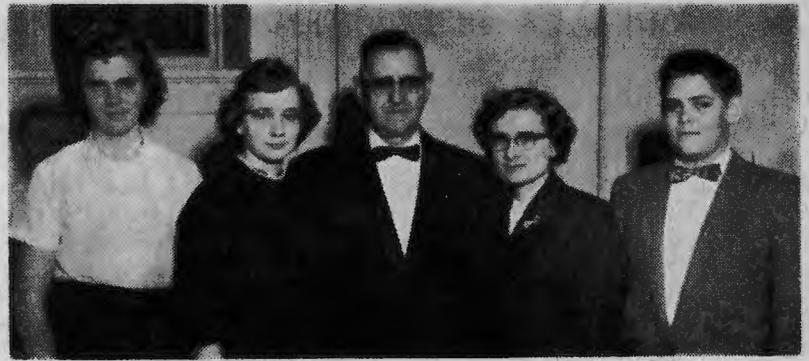
Rev. Peter Schellenberg, leading minister of the church, officiated at the service and dedicated the new ground to God's service.

The former church home of the congregation has been sold to the Lutheran Church. A need for more room, especially in the Sunday school department, prompted the move to sell the old church and build a new one. Mr. Henry Penner heads the building committee.

Research Work Interrupted By Plane Accident

Call, Colombia. — Rev. Jake Loewen, missionary of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Foreign Missions, reports that his research work with Indian dialects was interrupted by the recent plane accident which took the lives of Rev. and Mrs. John A. Dyck. However, work has again been taken up in the language study. Rev. Loewen writes:

"We began this year with an all-out effort to finish our field work by the end of March. Even in spite of an additional dialect which we found on the headwaters of the



Baptismal Service at South End

Winnipeg, Man. — Four candidates, Mrs. Sylvia Martens, Vera Fast, Nettie Quiring, and Fred Wiens followed the Lord in baptism at the South End Mennonite Brethren church on March 31. Rev. J. P. Neufeld led in the baptismal service and Dr. G. D. Huebert delivered the message.

Dr. Huebert based his message on Colossians 2:8-15. He pointed out that each candidate for baptism testified to being dead to sin and to having risen with Christ to a new life. The baptized Christian should not be satisfied with conversion.

True piety is revealed in service and in fellowship with God and fellow believers. The baptized believer has the two-fold assurance of sins forgiven and of victory over the enemy of his soul.

After the choir sang, "Mach' mich reiner, immer kleiner", Rev. J. P. Neufeld baptized the candidates. After the candidates had been officially welcomed as members of the church, the congregation joined in the communion service which brought the blessings of the day to a close.

Saint John River, we were nearing our goal when the 9th of March intervened. For about five weeks the search, memorial services, and legal matters absorbed our time.

"We want you to pray earnestly that the Lord may pour out upon us an extra measure of grace and strength as we still try to finish the work within the time allotted—August 15, 1957. In His strength we want to press forward."

Mrs. Ed. Stobbe Passes

Hepburn, Sask. — Mrs. Ed. Stobbe, who was seriously burned in a gasoline explosion in her home recently, passed away on April 16 in a Saskatoon hospital. The report on the accident appeared in last week's issue.

Funeral services for Mrs. Stobbe were held in the Dalmeny Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church on Saturday, April 20. Mrs. Stobbe is survived by her husband and four children.

Choirs in Song Service

Yarrow, B.C. — The "Seven Last Words of Christ", by Theodore Dubois, was sung by the choir of the Yarrow M. B. Church on the evening of April 14. Mr. Rudolph Boschman directed the choir. Hilda Martens was the pianist, while the soloists were Holda Reimer, Yarrow, soprano; Peter Koslowsky, Niverville, Man., tenor; and John Ratzlaff, Abbotsford, B.C., baritone. A local orchestra accompanied the soloists and the choir.

The Sharon Mennonite Collegiate at Yarrow presented the cantata, "The Easter Gospel", by E. J. Lorenz, on the evening of April 16. Mr. Rudolph Boschman directed the choir. The pianist and soloists were students of the school. The evening's program was made more complete by orchestra numbers and a message from Rev. J. A. Harder.

Reaches Her 95th Birthday

Steinbach, Man. — Mrs. Abram Giesbrecht, formerly of Lowe Farm and Altona, Man., but now residing in the Mennonite Invalid Home here, celebrated her 95th birthday on Monday, April 8.



For her age Mrs. Giesbrecht is still very spry and independent. She had resided in the Lowe Farm district for 56 years before coming to the Mennonite Invalid Home on January 3, 1956.

"And a Child Shall Lead Them"

What a sad world this would be if there were no children. Children are refreshing as a rain after a long dry spell. They are like a flower bursting into full bloom. They are like a laughing, bubbling brook.

The other night I took a young mother with her three children into town. While the mother and son went on their business, the girls and I entertained ourselves as well as possible with window shopping. In the company of two young girls that can be an exciting experience.

The Easter decorations were out, and oh, what a wealth of beauty the 5 and 10 cent store afforded us! A huge bunny was revolving on a flowered base, there were chocolate eggs, fluffy chickens, colorful brooches of dancing girls, children's clothing and innumerable other things over which we oh'd and ah'd for fully fifteen minutes. We rushed back and forth between the two windows, comparing and exclaiming, and I believe we noticed every detail.

We went on down the street. Even the very ordinary barbershop held something of interest for us—three beautiful sail boats were on display there. We passed the dairy, a few other stores, and again came upon a five-and-ten. Naturally, it was every bit as nice as the other, but smaller. We crossed the street, the girls clinging to my hands almost

made me feel like their hero.

We inspected the showcases of restaurants, grocery stores, and looked into "Offices for Rent". In one of the latter a local firm had set up its products for display—lawn ornaments. How thankful we were to the company for that exhibit! In the very middle of a tall bird bath sat a white squirrel, the tail beautifully curved and bushy. We saw two skunks, a mother hen with her brood, ducks, pussies and a huge green frog. We could almost hear him croak. On we went, slowly, so as not to miss a thing. Then we came upon the climax of the whole evening—the bowling alley. This was totally new to both girls. With keen interest they watched the ball being sent along the course, and when all pins went flying helter skelter, the small frame of the youngest girl just shook with laughter. That was very interesting. The evening was a great success although we hadn't spent a cent.

I thought of the many things we do and see that have completely lost their charm for us. A casual walk down the street, or along a country road, with a child can open our eyes to many wonders we would ordinarily miss.

The heart of a child can be gladdened by so many things, and in that respect we too would like to become like the children. —M.J.

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Purpose of Mission Saved

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We salvaged a good deal of our mission by two alternative measures: 1) extending our itinerary to the southeast Asiatic side of Russia beyond the Ural Mountains, where we hoped to find Mennonites and 2) telegraphing Mennonites from distant places to meet us in Moscow and Alma Ata.

Travel in Russia

Our travel in Russia was entirely without supervision so far as we could determine. There was no examination of baggage or papers at any point nor was there questioning by officials or police.

We walked about freely in every city. We had no tourist guide the first two days in Moscow. We used taxis as we wished. We could have brought books or papers along to Russia with us. We could send telegrams and mail freely.

In some hotels we were surprised to hear shortwave English language broadcasts of the Voice of America and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Our Mennonite friends received and replied to our telegrams. Eight persons from widely-scattered areas

traveled distances up to 2000 miles to see us. They asserted in response to our questions that they felt no sense of fear or concern about coming to see us and did not believe they were in danger.

Mennonites now travel back and forth, visiting each other. Some have traveled to their old homes in the southern Ukraine and elsewhere. It is now possible for them to change locations and occupations, which some have done.

Apparently a number are leaving their locations in the northern areas and moving to cities farther south where employment and living conditions are more attractive.

Other Conditions

We learned that it is possible to send money into Russia to individuals through regular bank remittance, although at an unfavorable rate of exchange. This should be checked with Soviet consulates in the country from which money is sent.

We found no particular openings for immediate Mennonite Central Committee projects in Russia. We inquired of Baptist leaders about sending a construction team to help build churches. They were skeptical of governmental approval and said they had no difficulty in getting members of their churches to help in building.

Our general impression is that the people of Russia are not under serious tension. Our Baptist friends talked freely to us, sought our fellowship, and did not seem to have fear about the meetings with us.

The people seemed to be fairly well dressed. We saw many good winter overcoats on both men and women. Children were particularly well dressed. People seemed to be in good health and well-nourished. The Mennonites we met told us not to send relief packages since they had sufficient food.

Next: Location of Russian Mennonites.

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and Christian city missions. MCC has engaged three qualified discussion leaders who are planning a very worthwhile course of discussions in these and related areas. The attempt to learn to know the city man and his problems and frustrations is thought to be especially helpful to prospective Christian workers or city missionaries.

In order to make this unit especially attractive to university students, arrangements have been made to have students begin any time after the first of May and continue on until classes resume in the fall, although the unit will not open officially until June 26.

A student serving in our program last year has the following to say: "Through last summer's work in London as well as through studies at the University, I have become very much interested in abnormal psychology. I would again like to spend the summer working in a mental hospital, . . . but above all I am really anxious to serve in the name of Christ together with a group of terrific young Christians as it was my privilege last year."

Holy Day in India

Winnipeg, Man. — In a letter to The Christian Press, Ltd. Miss Helen Harder, M. B. missionary in India, comments on some of her experiences and impressions after 11 years in India.

"Today is Holy Day. It is one of the most celebrated festive days of all festivals in India. Young and old 'go crazy', so to speak, in one of the most repulsive ways devised by Satan to celebrate the lust of the flesh under a religious cloak. 'The things done by them in secret are those one would not speak about in daytime.'

"Today it is 11 years since we landed in Calcutta in 1946. We landed on Holy Day. As we disembarked from the ship at 9 p.m. and

drove through the streets of Calcutta with our Sikh taxi drivers the celebrations were in full swing. To see thousands and thousands (Calcutta had about four million then) bow down to stone and idols left an impression that 11 years of close working and living with the Indian people has not erased. The beating of those drums is still in my ears and in my heart. The hollow sound of the drum expresses exactly the hollowness of the heart of the people. The constant beating and quick rhythm symbolize the heart-beat of a people that are trying to be free of the bonds of fear and superstition holding them. The mocking laughter and the monotonous singing show their hopelessness, now and for eternity. Four hundred million are under the sway of this delusion and this false security."

Nurse to Mexico

Olive Grace Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Yoder of Topeka, Ind., has gone to Cuauhtemoc, Mexico, to serve as a nurse in the regional hospital.

A member of Maple Grove Mennonite Church at Topeka, she received the R.N. degree from LaJunta (Colo.) School of Nursing. She is also a graduate of Goshen College. Her nursing experience has been at Elkhart, Ind.

The MCC service unit at Cuauhtemoc is in the process of transition to the General Conference Board of Missions.

STUDENTS

MCC has openings in its Students-in-Industry project

planned for Toronto for this summer. Jobs in large factories in Toronto are available to MCC appointed men students entering the Students-in-Industry study project. Also required is a mature couple or single matron to assume management of the home. Students may begin work any time after May 1st with official opening June 26. Inquiries may be addressed to H. W. Toews, 10 Union East, Waterloo, Ontario, on or before June 1st.

OPENINGS

Mennonite Central Committee still has openings in its Canadian Summer Service

program for young people who wish to spend a summer in Christian service in an area of need. Positions are still available at the School for Mental Defectives, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; the Ontario Hospital, London, Ontario; the Manitoba Sanatorium, Ninette; Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ontario and the Ontario Hebrew Mission, Kearney, Ontario. Address all inquiries to H. W. Toews, 10 Union East, Waterloo, Ontario, before April 30.

Home Again From Belgian Congo

Rev. Wm. Baerg, M. B. missionary to the Belgian Congo, has re-joined his family in Hillsboro, Kans. They arrived home some months ago to gain medical help for their daughter, Eleanor. Rev. Baerg stayed on the field until a replacement arrived at the mission station. The following is a report written by him while aboard ship on the way home.

"After arrangements had been made for someone to replace me at Panzi, and the day of departure was drawing nigh, my inner feelings could not be described. But knowing that the Lord had led and permitted things to come as they did, I was at ease, trusting the Lord for the future. The last days were filled with activities related to final arranging and giving over.

"I shall not forget the last Sunday service, nor the following Monday evening, when many came to the house individually to say good-bye. They were followed by a large group. This was a time of exhortation and heart-to-heart encouragement, with a prayer session under the open sky concluding the fellowship.

"After everyone had gone I watched the clear sky for a long time, committing these people to the care of God and His guidance. There are many blood-bought souls here that we will meet up there where there will be one shepherd and one flock. These few years here have meant much to us and we shall never forget the blessings that have been ours. The Lord brought about a great ingathering, reorganization and establishment of the church. May He continue to work and establish His church in the Congo.

Last Impressions

"We left very early the following morning, with Brother John Esau taking me to Leopoldville. Along the way we saw a man sitting by the roadside to say good-bye. Praise the Lord, he was one who had been restored into fellowship. As we continued along the road there were many others at the different villages. They had been waiting there since early in the morning to say farewell.

"We heard them singing as we came along. We stopped at every place and utilized the opportunity to give them a word of encouragement. We always closed in prayer, and with many voices greeting and calling 'Mbote', we left. Many had gifts along that we could not refuse, even chickens, worms and bananas.

"Oh, what a variety of impressions one takes along at such a time. Our prayer is that the Lord may keep these people and lead them to greater heights in the Christian life. May the Lord undertake for

the missionaries who remained with them.

On the Stormy Ocean

"Finally the day came when I boarded the cargo ship to again cross the large Atlantic. We did not know what awaited us on the vast expanse of water,

"The beginning of the journey was as usual. As Isaiah 57:21 states, it is "a sea that cannot rest". There are many lessons one can learn from nature, especially when one considers the continuous restlessness of the sea. The 21 days aboard ship became very "unrestful". Wind increased so much that waves were thrown upon the third deck and water came gushing down the stairs. Everyone was uneasy. The speed of the ship was reduced and everything was closed except one door. Inside you could hear things roll or fall. How good to know at such times that the Lord is our Pilot.

"The waves finally covered the front of the ship and we could see nothing except steam, as in a prairie blizzard. The ship came out again and again from beneath the waves, with water rushing to all sides. The night and day following was still very rough. We are thankful to the Lord for His protection and know that many are praying at home and abroad.

"I am writing this letter while still a few days from the New York shore. As I look ahead I must confess that as I will be touching the soil of our homeland once again, it is not really home anymore, since the fellowship of believers across the ocean has grown so rapidly. Let us continue to pray for the many across the ocean who need our prayers, living as they do in the land of darkness. Pray for the missionaries who are standing in the front lines. Pray for the advancement of the indigenous church in the Congo."

MORE ABOUT

Youth and Christ in an Age of Swing

(Continued from page 2-3)

lawless age flaunts its boasted freedom and shouts to youth who would be self-restrained and self-controlled, "Forget it, release your repressions! Flout all conventions! Express yourself—let go!" This spirit is plainly manifested in the rock-and-roll frenzy of the present day. But freedom is not licentiousness; freedom is not "following the dizzy whirl about a central emptiness," as one has put it. All freedom needs restraint or else life becomes like a careening automobile which lunges from the highway into twisted wreckage and death at the foot of the embankment.

Third, swing takes the lowest and exalts it to the highest place. Hitherto melody and harmony have been exalted, and rhythm has been incidental to those ennobling characteristics. In swing, rhythm is exalted and melody and harmony are blotted out or blurred unrecognizably. Today the highest ideal for many is the chorus girl, the bathing beauty or the prize fighter. The man of God is considered a freak. The priest and the prophet have been relegated to the background.

Youth is told by a pseudoscientific educational system to avoid inhibitions and to give free rein to its physical desires. Much stress is laid upon "experiences". But youth does not need to enter into experiences of sin to have a full life.

An old pilot was guiding a boat into a harbor. Beside him stood a young man who admired his skill and said, "Sir, you must know every rock, every shoal and every sandbar in this harbor." The old pilot said, "No, I do not."

The young man said, "But you have been piloting boats into this harbor for a half a century, have you not?"

"Yes."

"Have you ever lost a boat on a rock or shoal or a sandbar?" And

the old man said, "No."

"Then you must know," said the youth, "where these things lie."

The old man shook his head. Wisely he said, "Young man, you don't have to know the position of every rock and every shoal and every sandbar to bring a good ship into port. All you need to know is where the deep water is and stay in it." Youth does not need to know all the evil experiences to live a full life; all it needs to do is find the pathway of the will of God to keep steadily on the way.

Remember, the passing years have not changed the needs of any of us. Christ is still the answer to the hunger of the human soul. Our jazz age has tried to blare and rattle the knowledge of God and the need of salvation from the human heart, but the need is still there in spite of the noisy pestilence!

Christ wants you, my young friend. He wants your life, He wants your love, He wants your service. Will you turn aside from the degenerating influence of an age of swing? Will you turn to Him who Himself is able to bestow eternal youth, and who alone can save, keep and glorify throughout eternity?

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The Bible Today

Ghana, a newly born independent and self-governing country within the British Commonwealth of Nations has a well established Christian Church. The total membership is around 400,000 out of a total population of just over 4,000,000.

The whole Bible has been translated into the four main languages of the country. These are Ewe, Fante, Ga, and Twi. Gospel portions only have been published in Dagane spoken in the Northern Territories. Scripture distribution is mainly through Christian bookshops although work of translation and publication is still done by the British and Foreign Bible Society.

The first copy of the Scriptures to reach Ghana, formerly known as the Gold Coast, was probably taken there by an African school teacher coming from Free Town Sierra. This man, Joseph, arrived to open a government school for the training of trading company clerks. Mr. Smith read the Bible to his students regularly.

One of Smith's pupils was perplexed by some of the Scripture truths read in private study. He asked a British sailor, a Captain Potter, to carry a request to England for more copies of the Bible and someone to explain its message.

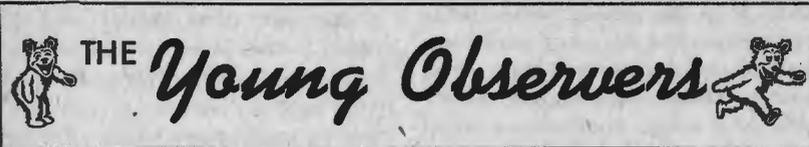
On January 1, 1835, Joseph R. Dunwell, the first of a heroic band of missionaries, landed at Cape Coast. His death, due to the rigours of the climate, occurred within six months of that date. His arduous

work however, resulted in the establishment of Bible teaching and translation.

The name Ghana is a curious term with which to designate the new country. It was the name of an obscure town. It's exact site is now unknown, but it was probably almost 1000 miles from modern Accra. The fabulously wealthy kings of Ghana are thought to have ruled the whole area at one time.

Ceylon Cancels "Hour of Decision"

In Ceylon, Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision" broadcast has been cancelled by the government, and all other Christian broadcasts are expected to be eliminated by the end of this year. Radio Ceylon, a government broadcasting agency, said a recent sermon by Mr. Graham contained anti-Communist remarks, including criticism of Russia and Red China. Cancellation was not exactly a surprise to the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The government has been objecting to the release of Christian broadcasts over Radio Ceylon ever since last April when Prime Minister Bandaranaike took office. A number of other missionary programs have been purchasing time on Radio Ceylon for several years, including Theodore Epp's "Back to the Bible Broadcast" and the Assemblies of God missionary program called "Introduction to Life". The station reaches listeners in more than 20 nations.



Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Andy was a very sick boy. The only thing that would save his life was to get blood from a strong, healthy person into his body.

Andy's father and mother did not have the right kind of blood for him. A friend was called, but his blood was not the right kind either.

The nurse knew she had the right kind of blood for Andy, but she would have to stop work for a day if she gave him from her blood. But she offered it anyway. Her blood saved Andy's life, but she would not take any pay for it. When Andy heard how the nurse's blood had saved his life he seemingly could not be thankful enough.

"My blood was not the only blood which was given to save you," said the nurse. "There is one who gave his blood to save you from eternal punishment for all the wrong things that you have done. His blood was shed for all because of our sins. He was the Son of God and He came down from his beautiful home above to give His blood for us."

"I don't suppose I could say thank you or pay him for it either," said Andy.

"No, you could not, but there is a way to thank Him. You can accept the Lord Jesus into your heart and live the way the Bible tells us to. God says in His Word, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved,'" the nurse told Andy.

Then and there Andy let Jesus into his heart because He was so thankful that Jesus had died for his sins. Have you opened the door of your heart to the Lord Jesus in thankfulness to Him?
Aunt Selma.

Resurrection Life Demonstrated

(Conclusion)

At first, after Geronimo entered the Governor's service, his master was pleased with his new slave. But then word came to him that Geronimo was one of the Christian believers. Enraged, the Governor was determined to destroy the young man's faith.

The cruel master tortured Geronimo again and again. Despite the unspeakable cruelty which he suffered, Geronimo stood firm. No denial passed his lips.

Puzzled by Geronimo's great courage, the Governor then tried to bribe him, promising the young slave great riches and rewards if he would openly deny Christ. Geronimo remained silent.

Determined to defeat the boy's growing testimony, the crafty officer had then offered Geronimo freedom if he would give up his Christian faith. Now Geronimo had coolly rejected even the offer of liberty. The Governor's anger was fierce. He would break Geronimo's faith once and for all, or kill him.

Now, as everyone in the Governor's court watched and waited for Geronimo's last words, even the Governor wondered what the young believer would say.

"Well, slave," the Governor said angrily, "we are waiting. What do you choose? Freedom or death?"

Geronimo knew all about the new

army barracks. More than once he had seen the bricklayers busily mixing their fresh batches of cement. But not a trace of fear passed over his face. He looked the Governor in the eye.

"Sir," Geronimo replied, bowing in respect, "by whatever means you choose, I prefer to die as a Christian than to live a day without my Lord."

The Governor spat at the brave young rebel. "Then you shall die!"

"Take him away," he roared at the guards. "Take him to the barracks and do with him as you have been told—at once!"

Geronimo stood unresisting as the guards bound him hand and foot and carried him out of the court and to the site of the new barracks, being built beside the sea. The bricklayers were busy filling large wooden forms with fresh cement. After becoming hard, the huge blocks were lifted from their forms and set into place in the walls of the half-built barracks.

Taking one of the largest wooden forms, the guards laid Geronimo inside and ordered the bricklayers to pour in the cement just as they had always done before. Frightened watchers looked on helplessly, knowing too well their own fate if they interfered. But as they watched the thick, wet cement rising higher as it poured over and

around Geronimo's still body, they begged the boy to cry out for mercy and to turn from his faith in time to save his life. But Geronimo only closed his eyes. Not a word came from his lips as the cement finally closed over his face and rushed into his nose and mouth.

When the block was set, workers removed it from the form with the body of Geronimo inside and placed it into the wall with other blocks.

"I never thought that a Christian would die with such courage," the godless Governor of Algiers exclaimed as he watched the block being set in place.

But in front of the Governor and all Algiers, Geronimo had proved again the meaning of the words of an earlier martyr, the Apostle Paul, who said, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

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History Tells the Tale

The true record of Geronimo's martyrdom has been recorded for all time. After he was killed, the news of his heroic death spread throughout all Algiers. Some time later a Spanish monk, Haedo, who had been a friend of Geronimo, heard the tale. Haedo investigated the story of his old friend and, finding it true, put it into writing in the year 1569, preserving it for following generations.

In 1853, almost 300 years later, the old barracks was to be torn down. The contractor who was to do the wrecking job had heard the story of Geronimo. He wondered if it were really true. To find out for himself, he ordered each of the huge concrete blocks to be removed with great care and carefully examined.

On December 27, 1853, the contractor found what he was looking for—the block containing the remains of the martyred Geronimo. The bones were carefully and reverently removed and placed in a special tomb of marble.

A plaster cast was made of the hole in the block formed by Geronimo's body. The result was a complete figure of Geronimo, which shows not only his features but also the ropes which bound his hands and feet, and the clothing he wore at the time of his death.

To this day the image stands like a statue in the government museum of Algiers, a permanent memorial to the faith of a young Christian who died after refusing to deny his Lord.

"Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy" (Acts 20:24).

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Does it Pay?

The first applicant for the position of office boy at Barclay and Hinman's was not attractive in appearance. His jacket was too large, and his trousers too short. There were holes in his stockings, and his

shoes were not brushed.

"What is your name?" asked the man at the desk.

"Martin Barry, sir."

"Where do you live?"

"Number 10, Veteran Court." Veteran Court boys were not in demand. Martin was dismissed.

As he passed out to the street, he spied a crumpled bit of green in a step corner. It was a dollar bill. He put it in his pocket, and went back into the store. For an hour Mr. Hinman was busy with boys. Martin waited. As soon as the last applicant had gone, he approached the desk.

"Did you lose this?" he asked. The merchant ran through his pockets. "I must have," he decided, "for I had one when I came in. Where did you find it?" Martin told him. Mr. Hinman eyed him keenly, and recognized him as the first applicant.

"Have you had any experience as office boy?" was the query.

"No, sir."

"Suppose I should hire you, and should want something done that you don't know how to do?"

Martin looked straight at his questioner. "I'd do it the best I could, sir, and the next time perhaps I'd do it better."

The position was his.

"I knew," said Mr. Hinman, in relating the story, "that a boy who would return a dollar bill to a man whom he had every reason to dislike, and wait patiently a whole hour to give it to him, was too honest and faithful a boy for us to miss. I'd trust Martin Barry with a million dollars."

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

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(7th Installment)

When the Russians passed Liesbeth's driveway, still singing, she walked between the house and the manure pile around the shed, where her father, no doubt, was having his Sunday nap, and onward toward the row of mulberry bushes. There she stopped. She looked toward the yellow-gray olive clumps at the outer eastern edge of her orchard and at the row of fragrant, blooming acacia trees on the ten-foot strip of land between the mulberries and the olives. The branches of the latter, in some places, did not touch the ground. Liesbeth had been all over that territory many times, looking for dry wood for the kitchen, for olives and for quail that frequently hid in the brush. She walked up to the ditch which was two feet deep with a wide embankment. Only the week before, a few feet away, she and David had dug up a mole, the first one she had ever seen. She had hoped that it might be suitable for a pet, but one look at the strong forelegs, the sharp claws and the naked tail had convinced her differently. She had insisted that it should be put back in the burrow. That David had done.

By that time the Russian servants had made themselves comfortable on the embankment and under the olives. In the sun, Liesbeth could see the heads of the Russians. There were more men than women. All lay on the sloping embankment, their feet pointing to the cattle road. Some were talking. Under the olive bushes farther away several were lying in the shade, in what seemed a conspicuous manner. Liesbeth considered the incident an immoral one and felt confused, but outraged. The path ahead of her through the olive clumps and the ditch was clear. That was her open door. There was her chance to be a pious Mennonite and, at the same time, to share her faith with those ignorant, unbelieving Russians.

Although Liesbeth was shaking from hand to toe and her teeth were chattering, she pretended to be perfectly calm. She walked through the ditch, up the embankment, and stopped at the highest point. The Russians were surprised to see her and watched her intently. In a loud, clear, deep voice she exclaimed, "Bog tjebja ljubeet!" ("God loves you!")

The servants stopped talking and looked at each other. One of the

girls chuckled. Then all of the others resumed talking. One or two men started to sing, others followed and soon all of them, including the ones under the olive bushes, were singing.

Liesbeth walked back to the house. She had done what she could, but without effect. She could not forget it, however. She tried to figure out what else she might try. She thought, "They like to sing. That's it! I am going to sing a religious song in the Russian language." It would sound better if someone would help her, she reasoned. Franz was playing in the front yard with his soft rubber ball. "Will you help me sing a Russian song?" she asked him.

He nodded his head.

"Come on, then," she cried, considerably encouraged, and they hurried to the cattle road.

Franz refused to walk through the ditch. He just shook his head, saying that he could sing where he was.

Liesbeth placed herself on the embankment for the second time that afternoon, signaled to Franz, and they sang, "Bog ljubov . . ." ("God is love . . ."). This time the Russians sat up and listened.

After a few measures, Liesbeth realized that she was singing a solo. She glanced in Franz's direction. He was gone! Immediately she, too, stopped singing, ran through the ditch and raced toward the house. In the distance, near the manure pile, she could see Franz running toward the front yard as fast as he could. At the end of the shed he stopped, looked back and, when he saw Liesbeth, ran around the corner and disappeared from her sight.

Liesbeth slowed down. She felt that she was a complete failure, but she was not ready to give up. She was going to try one more thing. She was going to show the Russians a picture. That should give them the idea she was trying to convey to them.

Liesbeth went to her clothes basket in the Kleine Stube. Carefully she reached down to the bottom and pulled up a six-by-nine-inch picture of Christ, a color title-page of an old German calendar. "Do you want to help me show this to the Russians?" she asked Franz.

He nodded his head.

They walked through the kitchen and into the front yard. Behind the straw stack were several rows of string-bean plants with their support sticks. Those were narrow

strips of wood with short cross-bars about six inches from the top that gave to the supports the impression of crosses. Liesbeth pulled up one of them and tacked the picture of Christ to the bean strip. "Isn't this lovely?" she asked Franz.

"Yes," he said with a smile, nodding his head several times. She let him carry it to the olive bushes; then she took it. She urged him to walk up to the embankment, but again he refused. It was clear to Liesbeth that he wanted no obstructions when he was ready to run home, and that time might arrive any moment.

He stood in the path and watched her walk through the ditch with the contraption. Once or twice she saw him look back to the house, just to make sure that the path was still clear.

For the third time that afternoon, Liesbeth placed herself on the embankment. Many of the Russians were watching her. As she held up the improvised cross with the picture, she started to speak, but before the words came, one of the servant girls suddenly shouted, "Christos!" and crossed herself. The others followed her example. Some fell on their knees. The servants under the bushes came out and, when they saw the picture, they too crossed themselves. Then they looked at each other with puzzled expressions on their faces. Quietly, one by one, they arose and walked away.

Liesbeth had gotten results but not those which she desired. For the third time she found herself running toward the house. There was Franz, far ahead of her, running without stopping or looking back. When she reached the front yard, she detached the picture, folded it, put the cross back in its place in the front row of the beans and walked into the house. She had tried to tell the poor Russians the story of Christ, but her efforts had boomeranged. Her entire scheme of being a pious Mennonite in an easy and interesting manner had flopped.

In the house, Mutter was fixing Vesper. That was a daily four-o'clock meal of a beverage and pastry. That day she was serving tea with Zwieback and Zuckerkuchen that she had baked the day before. The Zwieback were a Mennonite roll in two parts. Every Saturday, Mutter, and every other Mennonite Hausfrau, could be seen mixing a few cups of warm milk, sugar and yeast with five or six cups of flour, salt and about three-fourths of a cup of butter to form a soft dough which they kneaded slightly. After an hour or two of rising the Zwieback were formed. That process was always intriguing to Liesbeth. With the thumb and forefinger of her left hand Mutter pinched a small smooth ball of dough from a lump and placed it on the baking pan. Then she pinched a much smaller ball from the same lump

and pressed it onto the top of the larger one. After twenty or thirty minutes the rising Zwieback were put in the oven. Even before the baking was finished, a fresh, luscious fragrance permeated the kitchen.

The Zuckerkuchen were made of Zwieback dough sprinkled with sugar and cinnamon. On Sunday everyone was allowed to put sugar in his tea and to eat cube sugar with the Zwieback. Tea was served and sugar was used on the table only on Sundays, holidays and birthdays. On weekdays light-brown coffee or a drink called chicory made from the roasted roots of the succory plant were the beverages. Sugar was not in evidence.

After Vesper, Vater did the chores, gathering eggs and feeding his livestock. Then he went to his back orchard for a walk among the trees. Liesbeth frequently accompanied him on that stroll as she did that Sunday. The gooseberries, cranberries and Red Holland currants were beginning to ripen. In the back of the plum orchard were white mulberries that in a few days would be ready to eat.

Vater was examining his plum-tree grafting of a few weeks before. Every one of them was sprouting. Liesbeth recalled her grafting. Although she had used Vater's materials and technique, her grafted twigs had died. She asked, "Vater, why don't the Mennonites sometimes preach to the Russian servants?"

Before he could answer, she added, "I tried it this afternoon, but the results were exactly the opposite of what I had expected."

"I know," Vater said sternly. "You committed a serious crime. The law forbids Mennonites to preach to the people of the Russian Greek Orthodox faith." Then he explained: "On September 6, 1800, the Russian czar, through Paul, the Count of Rostoptschin, promised the Mennonites religious freedom and numerous privileges in exchange for agricultural development of the steppes and various other obligations. That chapter of privileges forbids the Mennonites to proselyte Russians of the state church. Violating that promise is punishable by withdrawal of the promised privileges and even exile from the Mennonite colonies."

Liesbeth was solemn and quiet. She realized the seriousness of her afternoon's activities. Somewhat less firmly, Vater added, "If I were you, I would first acquire a thorough preparation before I tried such a thing again. Among other things, I would gather knowledge. I would learn all I could at home, on walks, in books, in church, in school. In a few months we are going to visit Uncle Martin in Ekaterinoslav Province. That trip will give you an opportunity to see and learn a great deal."

(To be continued)

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Board Meets

Brethren of the Board of Foreign Missions met in Hillsboro March 26 to 29. A major consideration centered around methods of procedure and governing principles in the building of the indigenous church on the various mission fields. Circumstances indicate that the indigenous emphasis must be accelerated to utilize the strategic moment created through rapid political, economic and social changes in the various countries.

A second major concern of the Board meeting was a re-evaluation of the work in Colombia, particularly in view of the loss of missionaries, Brother and Sister John A. Dyck. A long-range plan was prepared which will be evaluated together with the field before it is effected.

A review of the financial structure of the foreign mission program was made in view of increasing demands thrust upon the Conference by open doors. In that connection an evaluation was made of the missionary response through financial support by the various churches and conferences. The Board expressed concern that a financial crisis not be experienced again this summer such as was encountered a year ago.

A fourth matter of major importance was the acceptance of several new missionaries. Details about these appointments will be made public later.

Famine Situation Improving

Concerning the famine situation at Kajiji, Belgian Congo, Dr. Ernest W. Schmidt writes: "The state is now providing three pounds of millet per school child per week in rations. Though this is not quite adequate, it is a great help and we are grateful for the co-operation on the part of the government officials. As for the hospital patients, the state has refused to provide rations. At present we have enough rice available for several months. Also, we have been able to stock up on dried caterpillars and small quantities of local cereals. We hope that in the future it will again be possible to find food at Panzi. At present the hauling of food is not a difficult problem as all sources have for the present been closed to us, and we have a small stock on hand. The school children have prepared a four-acre plot for a 'garden of multiplication'. The state is supplying the manioc sticks for this purpose, a variety that will be ready to eat in 18 months' time instead of the usual two years' time. This is also a hardier variety and more productive. Our mission people have co-operated in making much larger fields this year."

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Vogt and family were to leave Belgium, for the Belgian Congo the latter part of March, but were delayed by illness. Their departure is now expected shortly. Upon arrival they will study the native language and then pick up the medical work from Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Schmidt who will return for furlough.

Paraguayans Want School

Missionary J. H. Franz writes that Paraguayans living around the Mennonite colonies in the Chaco are interested to have a school started for their children. The school is to be government approved, but under the direction of the Mennonite Brethren Mission, according to their request.

Gerhard Hein, missionary among the Chulupie Indians in the Paraguayan Chaco, was married to Irma Foth on March 2. The bride is the daughter of Tobias Foth, leader of the El Ombu Mennonite Brethren Church in Uruguay.

Services Well Attended

Evangelistic services conducted by Brother H. H. Janzen in Neuwied, Germany, in March were well attended and many new and strange people came to hear the Word of God, according to Brother J. W. Vogt. One soul came to an open decision for Christ. Brother Vogt wrote: "Lutherans as well as Catholics, who attended, commented favorably on the plain and forceful presentation of the Word. The spir-

itual seed has been sown and God will send fruition to His glory. We are looking forward with anticipation to the return of the Janzens April 28, when they will be with us for Bible expositions." Following his ministry at Neuwied, Brother Janzen went to Austria for an extended ministry. Prayer is requested as he preaches in Linz, Vienna and other places.

Rededication in Mexico

The spiritual work at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico, although not without opposition or testing, brings encouragement. The national believers are beginning to take an increasingly larger interest and hold in the church work. Recently a series of revival meetings was held to deepen the spiritual life and to proclaim the Gospel to persons attending services who had not been present heretofore. The Lord heard the prayers of His people and blessed the messages to the end that a number of rededications took place among the believers and others without Christ heard the Gospel message in a clear manner in their own language by an evangelist of their own people.

Bible School in Japan

The Bible school in Japan is now being started. Brethren Kitano, Harry Friesen and Jonathan Bartel are teaching. Great things are expected from the Lord through this institution. May it please the Lord of the Harvest to prepare mighty men of God through this school for the evangelization of Japan and the building of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Medical Work at Shadnager, India

The Story of Laxmaiah, the Barber

By Helen Harder

In the long, seemingly unending, line of patients a familiar face appeared. With a white-toothed smile he gave his name. But when he named his village, I sat up. In Yellkarti was a former TB patient about whom I must know more.

"How is the barber, Laxmaiah?" I asked cautiously. In a sober manner he promptly replied: "He died yesterday afternoon, here in Shadnager where his sister had brought him because he was so short of breath."

So he was gone—this man for whom we had prayer so much had entered eternity. No wonder he was short of breath for he had three big holes in his lungs. But that was four months ago when his sister took him and went to the temple of Rameshwaram which is not far from Shadnager.

Though the patients kept coming one after another, my thoughts were still with Laxmaiah. How will I remember the first time he came as

an out-patient to Shadnager two years ago. We persuaded him to come to Shamshabad for X-ray and stay for treatment if necessary. Next Friday, his thin, gaunt, tall form met us upon arrival. Beside him was his sister and a gunny sack containing his provisions. In the evening we loaded everything into our '29 Chevrolet and started for Shamshabad. Many, many times thereafter that car carried Laxmaiah or his sister or provisions for him back and forth the 18 miles from Shadnager to Shamshabad. It was often a tight fit as we traveled in the vehicle.

When we took him to the city for X-ray, the analysis revealed well-developed tuberculosis. And so the fight for life commenced. With five other TB patients as partners in the race for life, he soon became accustomed to the hospital. But he could not be content to stay long. After he felt a little better, he left for his village to look after his affairs. He had a panchayat (case) about his second wife whom he had married a few weeks before he was

admitted into the hospital. His in-laws refused to give her to him because of his disease. His nine-year-old son who already was an expert barber could not carry the family load financially so his father stayed at home. Slowly he lost what he had gained in the four months of treatment.

When he returned the second time, I was discouraged. The disease had grown by leaps and bounds and any treatment seemed a race against death. Though he fought a losing battle during the next nine months, he gained the knowledge of a Savior. He was so open to the Gospel and soon learned to pray. How often he assured me that he would remember the place because he had found the Lord here. Sometimes he expressed the wish that once he was better he wanted to be baptized. Then they left for home and later for Rameshwaram's temple.

And now he was dead.

Death comes to all, yet when you fight it every inch of the way, every day for months and through the years, it leaves you helpless when it has passed. This helplessness was only deepened, and threatened to engulf me as the patients kept appearing before my desk. There were so many with TB, which you could spot at a glance, so many undernourished children and so many I as a nurse could not help.

Hopeless and helpless, though it was, yet they had all heard the Gospel that day. Some had sat for hours listening, awaiting their turn at the desk. As the last group was released to come and stand in line, the sun was setting in red splendor. But my thoughts were with Laxmaiah. Why had he gone to Rameshwaram?

Into my brooding thoughts the voice of my teen-aged, home-trained druggist broke as a ray of light. "How he could pray."

"Yes," I echoed back, "and yet he went to Rameshwaram."

Surprised, she looked up from packing her medicine tins into boxes and said: "Well, that was because his sister is evil and she wanted to go there."

Loading the medicine boxes into the new Studebaker station wagon, I felt the cloud already lifting from my soul. He who had given us this vehicle to come here would also give the harvest; He who supplied us through His children with necessary medicines and gasoline would also heal the sick who had come that day; He who had given us consecrated men and women to give the Living Word to their own people would also hear when someone called on His Name. For His promise was unto all peoples: "They that call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved."



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Hungarian Government Controls Church Appointments

In Hungary, the government reasserted its power to control church appointments down to the parish level in a decree published last March. A Government source said that the state had exercised such power under an unpublished regulation in 1951, but that this was the first time it had been embodied in such detail in a public decree.

Unusual Bedquilt

In Canada, a group of church women in Windsor, Ontario, have finished a most unusual bedquilt. Eighteen months ago the women began accepting contributions from persons who wanted their names embroidered on the quilt. Three hundred names were inscribed on the quilt before it was sold and \$300 is in a special fund which the women contributed to help erect a new Sunday school building for their children.

To Reach Primitive Tribes

In Australia, two church groups have asked the government for help in reaching primitive native tribes living in the remote western interior. The groups have asked for funds for welfare work among the aborigines, who are said to be leading a stone-age existence.

Find Church

In India, road construction workers have found what may be the missing link in a chain of churches believed founded in that country by St. Thomas the Apostle, India's first missionary. Workmen uncovered what is believed to be the church's basement and adjoining it an altar and sacristy.

China Missionary Resigns

In China, Paul A. Mackensen, Jr., who preferred to remain in the communist-controlled area after his release from prison, told newspaper reporters that he had resigned as a Lutheran missionary. His statement: "I resigned as a Lutheran missionary simply because of my private plans and because at the moment I am not interested in working under the foreign mission of the United Lutheran Church in America."

Poland Permits New Church

In Poland, Roman Catholics are jubilant over the fact that the government has finally granted per-

mission for the erection of a Catholic church in Nova Huta, the nation's largest steel city. It has a population of 600,000. The city, built according to Russian specifications and with the help of many Soviet technicians, was designed not only to be the greatest steel center in the satellite countries but a model communist stronghold. According to the original plans, there was to be no church in Nova Huta. Each time a church was requested it was turned down. But now there is to be a church in the big steel city, and priests will not have to offer Sunday Masses in hired halls any longer.

Gospel Musicians Eyeing New Musical Instrument

Gospel musicians across the country are eyeing with interest a new musical device said to combine the advantages of an accordion and an electric organ. The new device has been introduced by the Thomas Organ Company of New York City, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Pacific Mercury Television Manufacturing Corporation of Sepulveda, California.

"Any one who can play the accordion is a prospective customer" for the new instrument, according to Joseph Benaron, Pacific Mercury president. He said it combined the 120 bass accordion keyboard with the musical tones and flexibility of an electronic organ in a single console.

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Market New Drug for Diabetes

A new drug—tolbutamide, a distant chemical cousin of sulfa drugs—which is claimed to be successful in the oral treatment of diabetes is now on the Canadian market, two pharmaceutical houses have announced.

(Commenting on the report of the new drug, a leading Manitoba doctor said the drug had a limited use, and was not capable of replacing insulin in the treatment of diabetes. "In our experience we have found it effective only in its use on elderly diabetics. We should be very cautious in our appraisal of the drug.")

Winnipeg Airport Extension Soon

Construction of \$10,000,000 worth of additional facilities for Winnipeg's Stevenson field, including a new terminal, will start this year, it has been announced. Plans include a power house, equipment garage, radio and radar facilities, the

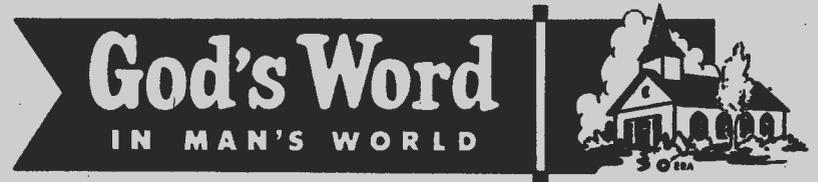
extension of one runway to 8,700 feet and construction of a new taxi strip.

Mental Health Number One Problem

Total admissions to mental hospitals have increased in the whole of Canada by 150% during the past 10 years, the Canadian Mental

Health Association announced in its news release about Mental Health Week, April 28 to May 4.

Many requests for admission cannot be granted because of a lack of space. In Manitoba the overcrowding was 15% at the end of 1955. At the same time staffs in mental hospitals are half as large as needed to care for the patients according to modern techniques.



Man Must Face Himself

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

Intensive investigations have been taken up and renewed of late against the so-called "expose" magazines which poison far too many of our news-stands. One sincerely trusts that drastic house-cleaning will be demanded.

It is an interesting commentary on these times that so many seem to be afflicted with the "itch for the inside". These guttersheets pander to the base and vile, while claiming to give inside information, intimate secrets of the great and the near-great, boldly placarding their foibles and follies. And the people are willing to have it so, and eagerly await the forthcoming issue of their favorite "dirt-data". This "itch for the inside" is a very marked thing in our society.

This desire expresses itself on other levels as well. There is the "itch" for the inside track on stock manipulations, secret information on business machinations—it has long time ago passed the borderline of the legitimate.

Yet where such an "itch" could really "pay off" in terms of worth and profit, it is almost totally ignored, or coldly by-passed. Where is the man who has the desire of looking inside . . . himself to see him exposed as he truly is, what makes him tick, where improvements could be made . . . and more vital, a desire to search out for the "one thing needful" where eternal verities are concerned? "The chief study of man is man," and every man seemingly would have it so . . . so long as it is the other man.

— But man must face himself. This is the beginning of true wisdom. There must be the admission of the divine verdict, "the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked" (Jeremiah 17:9); "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint" (Isaiah 1:5).

The Word of God, in this application is—may we not say it?—the divine "expose" Book, and there must be the desire of gathering the "inside track" of what is written therein for spiritual welfare. Beneath the sin, there is a solution centered in a Saviour, resulting in

the joy of a new creation (II Corinthians 5:17), and nothing is correct unless and until this expose has issued into personal experience with the Lord Himself.

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12,000 Miles By Land Rover

By Mary McCombe Orr, 192 pp.

This is the story of a 12,000-mile trip from Brazil to Canada in an English Land Rover, similar to a jeep. The Orr family, two adults and seven children, made the unbelievably difficult trip in a little over six months, going through the dense jungles, barren plains and vast rivers in Brazil, Colombia, Latin America, Mexico, the United States and on up to their home in Alberta, Canada.

Now you can read the exciting adventures of this family in Mrs. Orr's dramatic style. You can accompany them as they stop at the Mennonite Brethren orphanage in Curitiba, visit many other mission stations along the way, camp out at night, go through countless customs offices, cut Latin America's red tape—and finally arrive at home.

"I would advise anyone reading this book to start early enough in the day to finish at a proper hour for retiring, because it is hard to lay down, once you start reading," Mrs. L. E. Maxwell suggests in the Foreword.

Children, young people and adults—all will follow the adventurous trip of the Orrs with intense fascination (and learn a lot of geography incidentally).

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Weddings

Voth—Kaethler

Burnaby, B.C., will be the home of Dr. Abe R. Voth and his bride, the former Erika Justina Kaethler, who were married on Saturday, April 6, in the Fraserview M. B. church, Vancouver, B.C.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Kaethler of Vancouver, B.C., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Voth of Coaldale, Alberta.

Rev. P. R. Toews performed the double ring ceremony and Rev. Henry Dueck, uncle of the bride, spoke in the German language. A reception was held in the lower auditorium of the church, where Mr. Jake Kaethler was master of ceremonies. Immediately after the wedding the couple left for a trip to the United States.

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Silver Wedding for C. K. Reimer

The Fellowship Chapel (E.M.B.), Winnipeg, was the scene of a lovely silver wedding on Sunday, April 14. The happy couple was Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Reimer of Winnipeg.

A full program was brought during the course of the evening by the family. This consisted of recitations, trios, duets and a solo. The message of the evening was delivered by Rev. John Eveland, pastor of the church.

After the service a lunch was served to the guests who had come to wish the couple well and thank the Lord together.

Mr. Reimer is a well-known building contractor in Winnipeg. The family consists of ten children. They moved to Winnipeg from Steinbach some 15 years ago and have lived there since. Mr. Reimer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Reimer of Steinbach, were also present for the occasion.

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Celebrate Silver Wedding Anniversary

Grossweide, Man. — Many relatives and friends gathered at the Mennonite Brethren church here on Sunday, April 14, to join with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Neufeld in praise and fellowship as they celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Rev. A. W. Klassen led in the introduction for this festive occasion, reading 1 Samuel 7:12, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." He pointed out that Samuel had erected this stone because he was full of gratitude for what God had done for him. At the same time it challenged Samuel to repentance, thankfulness and trust.

The choir sang "Count Your

Blessings" and "Du allein". "Anchored in Love Divine" was sung by Albert Karlenzig, accompanied by Mrs. Verna Froese. The Misses Loretta and Margie Neufeld rendered a piano duet called "O Perfect Love", and Miss Sarah Heide had a recitation.

Ronald and Leona Neufeld sang, "Angry Words, O Let Them Never", and Leonard Neufeld, the oldest of a family of six presented his father with a Bible and thanked his parents for all the love and prayers for them as children.

Rev. J. J. Neufeld chose for his topic Isaiah 40:26-31, dwelling especially upon the last verse, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." "All of God's resources are at our disposal," said Rev. Neufeld, "if we will but wait upon the Lord."

Mr. Neufeld, the husband and father, spoke of the many blessings received during the twenty-five years of wedded life. He thanked God for an obedient and God-fearing family. As to the future he quoted Exodus 33:15, "If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence."

Mr. Neufeld has been active in Young People's work for the past seven years and has faithfully served in the choir for 29 years. Mrs. Neufeld is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Jakob J. Heide.

All guests were invited to a lunch in the church basement.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake Loewen of Rivers Camp, Manitoba, on March 27 a son, Donald Keith.

Obituaries

Mr. Wm. Voth

William Peter Voth, 58, of Coaldale, Alta., passed away at his home on Tuesday, April 16, after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 20, in the Mennonite Brethren church, with Rev. D. J. Pankratz officiating.

Mr. Voth was born in the Ukraine, South Russia, and came to Canada in 1926. He settled at Mervin, Sask., and moved to Coaldale, Alta., in 1939. For a few years he operated a general store and trucking business in Nortondale. Later he had a store in Coaldale. Mr. Voth was also active as a cattle dealer and farmer.

He is survived by his wife; four sons, Edmund and William of Lethbridge, John of Vancouver, B.C., and Allan of Coaldale; one daughter, Mrs. Velora Kodesl' of Tacoma, Wash.; and nine grandchildren.



New Chairman for Mental Health Services

Dr. H. Clair Amstutz of Goshen, Ind., was elected chairman of the new Mennonite Mental Health Services Inc. in an organizational meeting in Chicago April 6.

This is the first step in the formation of a new administrative pattern for the three Mennonite mental hospitals established by MCC during the past ten years. Plans call for local boards to be responsible for actual operation with coordination established by this new seven-member policy making group.

Additional officers chosen were H. A. Fast of Newton, Kans., vice-chairman; Robert Kreider of Bluffton, Ohio, secretary; and Orie O. Miller of Akron, Pa., treasurer. Frank Peters of Kitchener, Ont., Dr. Norman Loux of Souderton, Pa., and Dr. Otto Klassen of Topoka, Kans., complete the board responsible to Mennonite churches through appointment by MCC.

The organization is actively working through subcommittees on various aspects of church and professional concern to be taken into consideration in maintaining and developing the program of the three hospitals and in the formation of a fourth.

Dr. Amstutz is on the faculty of Goshen College and is widely known as a columnist and author in the field of Christian living and health. Through his private medical practice, his lectures and in lay church activities he has become distinguished as a counselor and is looked to as an informed advisor to the Mennonite church in matters relating to techniques and philosophy of institutional service.

Drs. Loux and Klassen add the specialized skills and knowledge of psychiatrists to the educational and church-service leadership of the non-medical members.

H. A. Fast is former president of MMHS. Robert Kreider has been active in MMHS since its inception. Frank Peters combines experience in the ministry and psychology for service in this program.

This approach toward decentralized administration of Mennonite mental hospitals has grown out of the recommendation of a specially-selected committee after a year-long study of the three hospitals and their programs.

The new plan is designed to tie the hospitals more closely to the needs and other medical services of the local community, with administration more directly linked to responsible church groups.

The next meeting of MMHS will be May 18 when medical directors

and other staff members from all MCC mental hospitals will share and interpret the program at each hospital and explore goals for the coordination of all mental hospital programs.

Byler Reports on Refugees

The need for offering temporary care to Hungarian refugees in Austria is tapering off, but thousands of refugees in Germany and the Arab states are still in great need.

This is the report of J. N. Byler, director of foreign relief and services for MCC, who just returned from an administrative mission in Europe and the Mideast.

He spent three months in Austria working with the three temporary homes for Hungarian refugees. There are still approximately 42,000 Hungarian refugees in Austria but they are being moved out of Austria rapidly and many private refugee homes are closing. He expects the MCC homes to be needed no longer than midsummer.

Many Hungarian refugees staying in the the MCC homes appreciated the home-like surroundings and the opportunity for religious expression.

While the needs of Hungarian refugees are being resolved, Byler pointed out that many people have almost forgotten the refugees moving from East Germany to West Germany at a rate of more than 500 persons a day. He noted there are also some 900,000 Arab refugees in Arab states whose situation has remained virtually unchanged the past nine years.

Byler and Ernest Lehman (Wakarusa, Ind.), MCC Mideast director, visited the Gaza strip where some 315,000 Arabs are crowded into that tiny tract. They report the United Nations is giving aid and that MCC probably would not attempt operations there.

All MCC projects in Jordan are in full operation, Byler said, even though the political situation continues to be shaky. He has no fear for the workers' safety.

Hungarian Family Resettled

Mr. and Mrs. János Pinter and daughter Éva, 3, of Hungary have moved to West Liberty, Ohio. They are the first Hungarian refugees to be resettled by Mennonites.

After fleeing from Hungary, the Pinter family found refuge at the Karlsschule in Vienna, Austria, where MCC and Church of the Brethren I-Ws serve. Forrest King of West Liberty, who works on the Karlsschule project, helped arrange for their sponsorship by the West Liberty people.

The MCC Mennonite Aid section worked with Church World Service in processing their immigration. The United States is taking only a limited number of refugees now, primarily close relatives. So there is little opportunity for Mennonites to resettle Hungarian families.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Pacific Bible Institute

Students Witness

Each week the students of Pacific Bible Institute scatter throughout the city of Fresno for Christian service assignments. On Sunday nights a team of ten or more takes charge of a service in the Fresno Rescue Mission in west-side downtown Fresno. On Tuesday evening a dozen students sing at the Rest Haven Home for the Aged. On Wednesday nights several teach Bible classes.

On weekday afternoons four students go to outlying districts of the city to teach Jewels classes. On Saturday mornings a team goes to the city jail for services. On Sunday mornings four students travel fifty miles to a Sunday school in the mountains of Yosemite National Park to teach, sing and preach. Ten others teach Sunday school classes in various churches. Some are youth leaders and assistant pastors, or go out on preaching assignments. Twelve students are on call for special music, traveling as far as Paso Robles on the coast to meet requests; this work is in addition to the choir programs.

What results are obtained through such a program of activities? Last semester alone the students reported dealing with some 160 persons for salvation; of these 46 professed being saved. About 2500 tracts were distributed, as well as 100 gospels and testaments. The people of the mountain Sunday school would have no preaching were it not for the PBI volunteers.

The PBI group is the only religious organization allowed to hold services and conduct a Sunday school in the large Hammerfield Air Base camp.

Closing Exercises at Herbert Bible School

By Hildegard Wiebe

Herbert, Sask. — The graduation exercises of the Herbert Bible School on April 14 highlighted the two-day conference that was held at the Herbert M. B. church auditorium. The guest speaker for the conference was Rev. Henry Baerg, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

The services commenced on Saturday morning, with the meeting in the student chapel of the school. Rev. Baerg spoke to the students on the topic, "Failure and Success." He emphasized the fact that failure evidently leads to success. Even though we fail again and again it is important that we succeed finally.

In the afternoon Rev. Baerg again addressed the students and congregation, delivering a message on "Discipleship". We also had the

privilege of having Rev. J. J. Kasper, missionary to India, in our midst during the conference days. Rev. Kasper directed a German message to the audience, choosing II Peter 1:1-11 and Col. 2:18 as his text. Each one of us as Christians are to have a goal and this goal we have in Christ Jesus, our eternal hope and glory.

The auditorium was filled on Saturday night when many came to hear the report given by Rev. D. B. Wiens on his visit to Europe and Russia. The blessings received were abundant, for which we are thankful to God. The radio choir was present and sang several songs.

Sunday afternoon the graduation ceremonies took place, which were highlighted by the presentation of diplomas to the graduates. The graduates receiving their diplomas were: Elsie Voth, Hildegard Wiebe, John Wall, the valedictorian, Harry Wiebe and Victor Rempel.

In his challenge to the graduates Rev. Baerg spoke on "The Key to Knowledge", according to Luke 11:52. First of all he stressed the value of knowledge, then he pointed out that mere knowledge in itself is tragic, and finally he enumerated the blessings of true knowledge.

The last service of the conference was held on Sunday night, with Rev. Baerg giving his concluding message, entitled, "Divine Wisdom" (James 1:5-6). Throughout the evening Rev. Baerg maintained that "wisdom is synonymous with spirituality. While knowledge is obtained by studying, wisdom can be obtained only by prayer."

Closing Exercises at Winkler Bible School

By Margaret Harder

Winkler, Man. — Last week the closing exercises of the 32nd year of the Winkler Bible School were held. These included a missionary conference, a "Deklamatorium", a Baccalaureate service and graduation exercises. Main speakers were Rev. J. F. Redekop, Abbotsford, B.C., and Rev. J. Kasper, missionary from India.

Balmy spring weather and capacity audiences added to the beauty of the Sunday services. At the Baccalaureate service, Rev. Redekop used Is. 58:11 as a basis for a challenge to the graduating classes, stressing that the Lord guides, satisfies, and makes a Christian to be a fountain of blessing to others. The school choir, under the direction of Mr. John Boldt, sang several songs. Adina Goertzen, graduate of the fourth class, had a story for the children.

Graduation Service

The highlight of the afternoon graduation came when 19 graduates received diplomas from Rev. G. D. Huebert, principal of the school.

Five were graduates of the Bible Course (Fourth Class) and fourteen graduated from the Sunday school course (Third Class). Henry Krickhan, representative of the fourth class, delivered the farewell message, and Laura Hiebert of third class gave the reply. Both spoke of numberless spiritual blessings received during the years of school, and expressed their appreciation to teachers, parents, and friends for the opportunity given them to study God's Word.

Rev. G. D. Huebert used the example of God's dealings with Joshua to draw attention to the promises held out to every Christian. Among them was God's presence, which was a guarantee of future blessing, guidance, and a great comfort in troublesome times.

He exhorted the students and the audience to heed God's Word, to meditate on it, also to speak and live it. The choir sang several numbers, among them "The Creation", "Osterspalm" and "Thine is the Kingdom". Rev. D. K. Duerksen, teacher, spoke the closing prayer.

Graduates of the Bible Course were Adina Goertzen, St. Anne; Louise Derksen, Morden; Bert Dyck, Krongart; Henry Krickhan, North Kildonan; Eliese Neufeld, Vancouver. Those graduating from

the Sunday School Course were Henry Borne, Winnipegosis; George Buhler, Winnipegosis; Elsie Dyck Boissevain; David Froese, Newton Siding; Edward Hamm, Morden; Gordon Hiebert, Port Rowan, Ont.; Irmgard Huebner, St. Catherines, Ont.; Laura Hiebert, Port Rowan, Ont.; Henry Janzen, Elm Creek; Katie Konrad, Manitou; Abe Loewen, Elm Creek; Linda Neufeld, Grossweide; Nick Sawatsky, Holmfild; and Louise Thiessen, Arnaud.

Missionary Conference

The missionary conference was held on April 9, 10 and 11, with two services during the day held at the Bible school and an evening service at the local M. B. church. Rev. Redekop emphasized the need for a sanctified life, while Rev. Kasper presented the need for prayer, workers and the work being done in India. Other speakers were Rev. William Dyck, Niverville; Rev. J. H. Quiring, local pastor; Mr. Takashi Niwa, Japanese student at MBBC; and Miss Nettie Redkopp, Winkler, who has served in Europe with the MCC.

"Die Hochzeit des Lammes", a "Deklamatorium" by Ernest Schreiner, was presented by the students and teachers in song, poem and sermon on Friday night.

COLLEGES

TABOR COLLEGE

A Gift of Land to Tabor College

A substantial gift in the form of a 160-acre tract of fertile farmland was announced by Tabor College this week. The donors are Mr. and Mrs. John D. Goering of Burrton, Kansas.

The valuation of this quarter-section of land, which lies three miles south of Halstead, Kansas, has been placed at between \$20—24,000, and represents an outright gift by Mr. and Mrs. Goering, who are vitally interested in Christian higher education. The college is to take possession immediately, with one-third of this year's crop going to the college.

Board Chairman Speaks

Mr. Ed. J. Peters of Wasco, California, chairman of the Mennonite Brethren Board of Education, spoke in chapel services at Tabor College Thursday morning, April 11.

Speaking of life, he said, "We have the opportunity to criticize or to be thankful. The choice is ours. But remember that when we criticize we have completed only one-third of our responsibility."

"Now we must take the second step, finding the solution, and this is harder. But the third step is the hardest—carrying the solution to completion. We must do this ourselves. We cannot depend on others to move first. Ours is the only life over which we have com-

plete control."

"We must use our own talents, not others'. Opportunity comes disguised as hard work, and success is the result of hard work," he concluded, adding that it was Christ who taught us that the common things of life are important in the realization of lofty ideals. Mr. Peters was on the Tabor campus in preparation for the semi-annual meeting of the board here May 1 and 2.

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary

Dr. David Laurie addressed students at the seminary on the general theme of the Spirit-filled life in a series of four lectures. With his text from Ezekiel 47, he discussed the topics: Walking in the Spirit; Praying in the Spirit; Living in the Spirit; Overcoming by the Spirit. He repeatedly reminded students that a man can be a Christian, yet not be Christ-like. A man may be bought, yet not possessed. A man may be converted, yet not conquered. Dr. Laurie, a world-travelling Bible conference speaker, was in the city conducting revival services at the Fresno M. B. church.

Miss Ruth Wiens, a student at the Seminary while on furlough from her first six-year term of missionary service in Japan under the M. B. Foreign Mission Board, recently presented a very informative illustrated talk on conditions in that land.

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Teachers Discuss German and Religion

By John Stoesz

Winnipeg, Man. — Close to 200 Mennonite teachers, trustees and ministers assembled in the lower auditorium of the Elmwood M. B. church on Tuesday, April 23, to discuss the teaching of religion and German in Manitoba public schools. The late afternoon session featured addresses by Dr. K. W. Maurer of the University of Manitoba and Rev. H. Regehr, teacher at the M. B. Collegiate Institute.

Dr. Maurer delivered an address in German on "The Importance of the German language". He based his talk on two personal experiences, which had impressed him with the importance and the beauty of the German language. The first

was that of meeting a Dutch professor, whose speech betrayed German words. An inquiry revealed that this Dutch professor had a better knowledge of the German language than of his native Dutch. This revealed the importance of German in the world today, Dr. Maurer indicated.

Poetry Illustrates Beauty of Language

To illustrate the beauty of the German language, Dr. Maurer read some poetry, written by a lady who had endured the hardships of losing an inheritance and beginning life anew in the forests of northern British Columbia. He stressed the inner strength that the woman possessed because she was able to put her experiences, emotions and thoughts into beautiful German poetry. To quote Dr. Maurer, "Man kann durch ein kleines Wort in die Ewigkeit hinausblicken."

A brief discussion followed this address, in which it was pointed out that we can acquire a love for the German language only by striving diligently towards that aim.

New Curriculum Introduced

Of particular interest to those present was the introduction of the newly-planned curriculum for the teaching of German and religion in the public schools. Mr. J. J. Janzen, Plum Coulee, reported on the progress that has been made towards a curriculum that will standardize the teaching of German and religion in the schools, beginning with Grade one. He reported that the 21-member committee of teachers, trustees and ministers had decided on a completely new series of text books. Trustee Henry Wiebe of Winkler reported that the trustees have begun a \$5,000 fund to assure publishers of the financial stability of the plan. He informed the gathering that the minister of education and the curriculum branch of this department have been contacted for approval of the plan. This approval, it is felt, will be forthcoming.

Rev. D. K. Duerksen pointed out that this new curriculum for the instruction of German and religion would be a success only if teachers, trustees, parents and churches cooperated and actually made use of the language in everyday life.

1957 a Red Letter Year for Mennonites

In his comments, Mr. A. J. Thieszen, chairman of the Manitoba School Trustees Association, referred to 1957 as a red letter year for the Mennonites of Manitoba.

After a delicious meal the conference proceeded to a discussion of the teaching of religion in schools. "Der gläubige Lehrer und die Seele des Kindes" (The Believing Teacher and the Soul of the Child), served as the theme for an address by Rev. H. Regehr. He emphasized that to be a soul-winning teacher, the believing teacher must: 1) be a friend to the child; 2) live in intimate fellowship with God so that pupils will learn to respect the Word of God; 3) seek daily guidance by the Holy Spirit; 4) pray for the students, and make personal contacts with those under conviction of sin; 5) be able to quote Scripture, necessitating memorization of Bible verses; 6) be tactful in making personal contacts. He should seek for true repentance, not a mere emotional disturbance, possibly aroused under great stress, Rev. Regehr declared.

"To be a successful soul-winning teacher you must win the child for yourself, for the Word of God, and for Christ," Rev. Regehr asserted.

Those gathered for the first meeting of this kind felt that a gathering of this nature was inspiring and beneficial, and thus decided to make it an annual affair.

Rev. J. P. Suderman was chairman at the program.

Rev. J. B. Toews and G. Christian Weiss the featured speakers, and the second week will have an evangelistic emphasis, with Dr. Theodore Epp the speaker. Services on week nights will begin at 8 p.m., with Sunday meetings starting at 8:45 p.m. On May 19 there will be two final rallies, one at 2:45 p.m. and the other at 8:45 p.m.

Prayer meetings will be held daily during the crusade. Men's prayer meetings will be held at 7 a.m. in the YMCA, led by Thomas Haire, "Ireland's Praying Plumber". The ladies will meet every afternoon at 2:30 p.m. in the Grant Memorial church for prayer meetings.

Counsellors and ushers are being recruited in the various participating churches and organizations. All those wishing to serve as counsellors should have their application in by April 27, with no one accepted as counsellor unless his application has been received by then.

College Teachers Serve in Ontario

St. Catharines, Ont. — Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M.B. Bible College, and Rev. D. Ewert, registrar, served at the annual Easter Bible Conference at the M.B. church here.

The three-day Bible Conference began on Friday, April 19, and continued until Sunday night, April 21. A very good attendance marked the services. The brethren also served in other Niagara Peninsula M.B. churches at Friday morning and Sunday morning services.

On the Horizon

April 26 to 28. — National Sunday School Convention of the M. B. Church in Canada, to be held at Herbert, Sask. Dr. Paul Lederach of Scottdale, Pennsylvania and Rev. Arthur Flaming of California will be guest speakers.

April 28 and 29 — "The Messiah" will be sung by the Oratorio Choir of the Coaldale M. B. Church in the church on Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. and in the Southminster church, Lethbridge, Alta., on Monday night at 8:00 p.m.

April 28 to May 5. — Rev. H. G. Thielman, city missionary at Calgary and formerly from Kitchener, Ont., will serve at evangelistic meetings in the Calgary M. B. church.

June 7 and 8. — The Mennonite Brethren Church in Manitoba will have its annual conference in the Winkler M. B. church.

July 6-10. — The Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church will meet in Herbert, Sask., for its annual sessions.

October 19. — The General Conference of the M. B. Church in North America will begin its triennial sessions in British Columbia.

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Faculty News

President Braun is serving during the Easter season at the South End M. B. Church in Winnipeg, Canada. Dr. D. Hiebert has scheduled nightly services during the Passion week at Winton, Calif. Dr. R. Lange is at Orland conducting a series of Bible studies. Dr. G. W. Peters is to speak at a student-faculty prayer evening on "The Spiritual Impact of the NAE convention." Dr. Peters only recently returned from the convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Buffalo, where he represented the Fresno district of the association. Recently Rev. Dan Friesen, pastor of the Reedley M. B. church, brought the students helpful hints for their future ministry. Pastors must recognize that the church is Christ's body, he said. Don't think yourself so important that you must have your way at the expense of the church, he commented.

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Mennonites to Participate in Crusade

Winnipeg, Man. — The Mennonites of Winnipeg have joined forces with the evangelical churches of Winnipeg for the planned Greater Winnipeg Crusade for Christ, May 5 to 19, sponsored by The Christian Business Men's Committee, Pastors' Evangelical Fellowship and Youth for Christ.

The crusade will feature the personnel of the "Back to the Bible Broadcast" of Lincoln, Nebr., including Dr. Theodore Epp and Rev. G. Christian Weiss, plus Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. A 250-voice choir directed by Corny Balzer, director of the North Kildonan M. B. Church choir, will sing. Additional music will be provided by soloists Norman Voth, tenor, and Samuel Wall, bass, both of whom are also song leaders. Norman Voth also plays the trumpet.

The first week of services in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium will have a "deeper life emphasis", with