

Mennonite Observer

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2.

★
YOUR CHRISTIAN
FAMILY WEEKLY

May 31, 1957

The Christian Press, Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Vol. III, No 22



Teachers come 45 miles from Newton Siding, Man., every Sunday to tell these boys and girls of the Lord Jesus, who died for them, too. They are just as happy as other children to be able to go to Sunday school. In the left, at the back, is the teacher. See article below for the story of this mission to Indians.

Mission In a Log Cabin

By Abe Dyck, Jr.

Newton Siding, Man. — Twenty miles southwest of Portage la Prairie, Man., lies the Long Plain Indian Reserve. There, not more than a few miles from one of the Indian places of worship (a mere skeleton of a building), stands a small log cabin where Mennonite Brethren young people from here proclaim the message of salvation every Sunday.

In order to give you a picture of this lighthouse of hope built firmly upon the rock, Jesus Christ, and surrounded by heathen customs and religion which make us wonder how such darkness can prevail in a Christian country, a short history of the mission is given.

Some twelve years ago Brother Jake Froese, recently city missionary in Calgary, served as pastor in the United Church on the reserve. Two young couples were won for Christ at that time and became true witnesses among their people. Later several more were saved. When Brother Froese moved away these

believers were left without an evangelical witness from the pulpit. Their faith, however, has not wavered during the years in spite of the few opportunities for fellowship. They were visited but seldom by ministers or missionaries.

Several years ago some Christian teachers started a Sunday school in the home of Mr. Bill Myron. This gradually grew into a full scale
(Continued on page 4-1)

Rev. D. B. Wiens Accepts Vancouver Pastorate

Saskatoon, Sask. — Rev. D. B. Wiens, formerly active among the Russian people in Saskatchewan, has accepted the pastorate of the Vancouver Mennonite Brethren Church, 43rd. and Prince Edward. He and his family will move there shortly.

Rev. Wiens served in Europe for six months in 1956 as missionary under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions during the furlough of the

J. W. Vogts. Later he was one of the two delegates sent to Russia by the MCC to visit the Mennonites there. During the months since his return he has reported extensively in the U.S.A. and Canada on the delegation's visit to Russia.

Special Blessings At Chilliwack

Rosedale, B.C. — The East Chilliwack M. B. Church experienced special spiritual blessings during the week of May 12 to 19. Rev. George Schroeder, a Baptist minister from California, was the messenger God sent.

Rev. Schroeder spoke to the congregation each evening on various inspiring topics. Musical numbers by special singing groups were also enjoyed. God blessed the work and souls were saved. Much prayer preceded the meetings, and God answered bountifully. Prayer is still continuing that all will come to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Rev. Schroeder also served the local Bible school for a week of morning devotions. He delivered a series of messages on the cross. Each student was challenged to take up his cross and follow Christ all the way.

Final Meeting Hears Challenging Talks

Winnipeg, Man. — The season's final meeting of the ministers and deacons of the Mennonite Brethren churches in and around Winnipeg heard challenging and inspiring talks on music and hospitality.

Together with their wives, the choir directors, youth leaders and Sunday school superintendents and their wives, they gathered in the Elmwood M. B. church's lower auditorium for inspiration and fellowship on Monday night, May 27. Rev. Wm. Falk, chairman of the monthly gatherings, welcomed all those present and led the program.

Special features on the program were a talk by Corny Balzer, choir director of the North Kildonan M. B. church and the Gospel Light Hour, on "Music in the Home and in the Church", a panel discussion

IN THIS ISSUE

	Page
• Will You Be There	2
• Refined or Removed	2
• On Growing Old	2
• Manitoba Mennonites Discuss Mental Hospital	3
• Closing and Graduation Exercises	3
• Writing Pays Dividends	4
• Two Valuable Missionary Conferences	4
• Biggest Crusade in History ..	5
• Challenge of India Brought To Brandon	5
• Facing the Draft Around the World	8
• The Prettiest Bad Day	8

by several ladies on "Biblical Hospitality", and a report by C. A. DeFehr on the purpose of the mission trip to the Orient. Practical issues were pinpointed and a challenge to greater service extended.

Biblical Basis for Singing

Mr. Balzer pointed out the Biblical basis for singing that praised God. He illumined some of the values of family singing and singing by the congregation and choir. Then he outlined some of the ways in which singing in the home and church could be improved. He particularly emphasized that the Christian does not only sing for the sheer joy of singing or to be heard, he sings praises unto God. For the Christian singing is an expression of worshipful adoration, joyous thankfulness and heart-felt supplication.

To give music its proper emphasis in the home, and to make it the joyous experience that it should be, Mr. Balzer recommended the singing of songs at family devotions, the setting aside of special times for singing as a family when church festivals (such as Christmas and Easter) are approaching, the purchasing of instruments for children and encouragement in learning to use them proficiently, and the systematic learning of new songs.

In order to improve congregational singing Mr. Balzer recommended a sound foundation of hymn-singing in Sunday school. Children should learn to appreciate the fine church music—and not only the carefree

(Continued on page 4-2)

EDITORIAL

Will You Be There?

The season for provincial and national Mennonite conferences is upon us. In larger and smaller groups delegates and visitors will assemble to consider matters of vital interest to every church member. But if we would ask the average church member if he will be at the conference, he would probably answer, "Why should I go to the conference? I'm not a delegate and cannot influence decisions anyway. From previous experiences I know the sessions can be quite boring at times."

No doubt some of those attending the Council of Jerusalem described in Acts 15 were also rather frustrated at not being able to add something to the discussion—what Peter and James said was the final word anyway. Yet those who were at that session of elders and apostles received a description of God's work among the heathen seldom accorded to others, for Paul and Barnabas reported. They also gained an insight into the working of the Holy Spirit in the church when decisions were being made, that no doubt stood them in good stead later. Finally, they were there when one of the most far-reaching decisions ever announced was made—even though some at the time likely thought it was quite a trivial matter.

You can make similar experiences if you take off time to attend some conference sessions this summer. You need not participate actively in making decisions to gain from them. You must not necessarily have something to say to benefit spiritually at a conference. You will unconsciously gain more than you will ever realize.

Some of those who attended the pipeline debate in the House of Commons at Ottawa surely must have been bored at times by the stalling tactics of the opposition. Yet this at times "boring" debate not only resulted in legislation that will bring natural gas to many homes, but it was also a history-making example of parliament in action. In the same way, some of the apparently boring discussions at a conference can lead to action that will affect every member in the conference brotherhood. You can be there when history is being made.

Everyone should be vitally interested in what his church and denomination are doing. At conference time you can show this interest by attending the sessions, at least on a provincial level (if not on a national level). If you come with a right attitude you will go away a richer man in experience and knowledge. Your horizon will be much wider and the work of the conference will have taken on a new significance. With new zeal you will support church and conference projects.

If, however, you cannot attend conference sessions, you owe it to God and to your church to spend at least some time in intercession for the delegates meeting to discuss issues that have eternal value. Much more intercession is needed today for the Lord's work, especially in view of the complexity of church and mission work.

On Growing Old

By James H. Hunter, Noted Author,
Editor and Commentator

"I sit where youth was once, and feel that I am growing old", one of our poets has written. Many of us have felt as the poet did even though we may not have expressed it in as felicitous rhyme. But it is a shock to us all to wake up on the morning of one's birthday and find oneself forty, or fifty, or sixty. Then we wonder what has become of the years that have fled so rapidly as we bemoan, perhaps, the little done and the vast undone. We suppose many who have reached, say, three-score years can recall the days of our youth "when all the world was young" and we were con-

vinced that we would never grow old.

We have often heard the words on the lips of the young and have read them in books of sermons about the beauty of "growing old gracefully". It sounds very nice and idealistic but it is not so easy to exemplify, as witness the frantic efforts of men and women to stay the march of the years and wipe out the wrinkles and crowsfeet with cosmetics, dye, and powder and paint. We have not the slightest criticism to offer to anyone who tries to conceal the ravages of time behind the aids that dressmaker and beauty parlor have to offer. That will shock some readers but it will please others who peruse this little space. But we sometimes wonder

(Continued on page 8-4)

DEVOTIONAL

Refined Or Removed?

By A. W. Tozer

We Christians must look sharp that our Christianity does not simply refine our sins without removing them.

The work of Christ as Saviour is twofold: to "save his people from their sins" and to reunite them forever with the God from whom sin had alienated them.

For God's holy character requires that He refuse to admit sin into His fellowship. Through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus mercy may pardon the returning sinner and place him judicially beyond the reach of the broken law; but not the boundless grace nor the infinite kindness of God can make it morally congruous for a pure being to have communion with an impure one. It is necessary to the moral health of the universe that God divide the light from the darkness and that He say at last to every sinner, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

This certainly is no new thought. Christian theologians have all recognized the necessity for an adequate purgation of the inner springs of moral conduct and the impartation of a renewed nature to the believer before he is ready for the fellowship of God. Our hymnists also have seen and wrestled with this problem—and thanks be to God, have found the answer, too.

Binney felt the weight of this problem and stated it along with the solution in a little-known but deeply spiritual hymn:

Eternal Light! Eternal Light!
How pure that soul must be
When, placed within Thy searching
sight,
It shrinks not, but with calm de-
light
Can live, and look, on Thee.

O how shall I, whose native sphere
Is dark, whose mind is dim,
Before the Ineffable appear,
And on my naked spirit bear
That uncreated beam?

There is a way for man to rise
To that sublime abode:
An offering and a sacrifice,
A Holy Spirit's energies,
An Advocate with God.

The offering and the sacrifice and the sanctifying energies of the Holy Spirit are indeed sufficient to prepare the soul for communion with God. This the Bible declares and this ten thousand times ten thousand witnesses confirm. The big danger is that we assume that we have been delivered from our sins when we have in reality only exchanged one kind of sin for another. This is the peril that lies in wait for everyone. It need not discourage us nor turn us back, but it should make us watchful.

We must, for instance, be careful that our repentance is not simply a change of location. Whereas we once sinned in the far country among the swineherds, we are now chumming with religious persons, considerably cleaner and much more respectable in appearance, to be sure, but no nearer to true heart purity than we were before.

Again, pride may by religious influence be refined to a quiet self-esteem, skillfully dissembled by a neat use of Bible words that meant everything to those who first used them but which may only serve to disguise a deep self-love which is to God a hateful and intolerable thing. The real trouble is thus not cleared up, but only driven underground.

The gossip and troublemaker sometimes at conversion turns into a spiritual counsellor, but often a closer look will reveal the same restless, inquisitive spirit at work that made her a nuisance before her conversion. The whole thing has been refined and given a religious appearance, but actually nothing radical has happened. She is still running the same stand, only on the other side of the street. There has been a certain refinement of the sin, but definitely not a removal of it. This is Satan's most successful way of getting into the church to cause weakness, backsliding and division.

Many a business transaction which among worldly men we would brand as sharp practice when carried on by a Christian after he has prayed over it is hailed as a re-

(Continued on page 10-4)

Mennonite Observer

Our Christian Family Weekly
for Mennonites of All Age-groups

LESLIE STOBBE — Editor

The MENNONITE OBSERVER
is being published every Friday by
The CHRISTIAN PRESS, Ltd.
159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5,
Manitoba, Canada.

Address all correspondence to
the above address.

Managing Director — H. F. Klassen
Production Manager — J. K. Neufeld

Subscription rate: \$1.75 a year;
in combination with the
Mennonitische Rundschau — \$4.50 a year,
payable in advance.

Authorized as Second Class Mail,
Post Office Department, Ottawa.

The MENNONITE OBSERVER
strives to have Christ at the helm,
the salvation of man as its goal,
and the essential unity of all true
Mennonites as its guiding principle.

Manitoba Mennonites Discuss Mental Hospital

Rosenort, Man. — Delegates from various Mennonite church groups in Manitoba met on May 11 in the Evangelical Mennonite church here to discuss the founding of a mental hospital in Manitoba.

Present were 67 representatives from eight Mennonite groups. The initiative for the meeting came from the Evangelical Mennonite Church study committee that had been nominated to study the possibility of founding a mental hospital in Manitoba. The delegates elected Bishop Jacob Pauls of Winkler, Man., as chairman and Rev. P. J. B. Reimer, Gruenthal, as secretary.

A unanimous resolution of the meeting declared that because government hospitals were over-crowded and because these institutions were not in a position to provide spiritual care for Mennonite patients, the need for a Mennonite mental hospital in Manitoba is urgent.

A committee was elected to study the matter more fully and to investigate possibilities for realizing this objective. It is hoped that another meeting, to be called within a few weeks, will be attended by still more representatives, since such a project demands the united action of all to make it feasible.

Those elected for the study committee are: Bishop J. M. Pauls, Winkler; Bishop G. G. Neufeld, Whitewater; Rev. P. J. B. Reimer, Rosenort; Rev. Archie Penner, Steinbach; and Wm. Enns, Winkler.

The date and place for the next meeting will be announced later.

Rev. B. P. Epp Elected Leading Minister

Vauxhall, Alta. — Rev. B. P. Epp, former Bible school teacher and one-time missionary to the Lenguas in Paraguay, has been elected leading minister in the Mennonite Brethren Church here. Correspondence relating to church affairs should be addressed to him, Box 323, Vauxhall, Alta.

Congo Pastor To Visit Canada

Meadows, Ill. — A pastor of the native church established in the Belgian Congo Inland Mission is planning to visit churches of the supporting groups in the United States and Canada this summer.

He is Pastor Kazadi, one of the oldest native pastors on the Congo Inland Mission field and the successful operator of a coffee plantation. If possible, he plans to accom-

pany the Missionary Glen Rocke family to America the latter part of June.

Pastor Kazadi's conversion goes back to the early years of the Congo Inland Mission under the ministry of Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Haigh, pioneer missionaries who went to the Congo in 1911. He will visit the constituent churches in America as a personal representative of the Church of Christ in Africa.

The Congo Inland Mission is partially supported by the Evangelical Mennonite churches in Manitoba.

Youth Injured in Accident

Chilliwack, B.C. — Corney Kroeker, a 22-year-old member of the East Chilliwack M. B. Church was seriously injured in a truck and car accident on May 16.

He was hauling marl lime for Mr. J. C. Fast when his truck was hit at a crossroads by a car that failed to stop at the stop sign. The truck Corney was driving upset. His left leg was badly mangled and his back and collarbone are broken. He is recuperating in MSA General Hospital, Abbotsford, B.C.

AMAS Summer Trip by Secretary

Bluffton, Ohio. — The Association of Mennonite Aid Societies has asked Dr. H. D. Raid, professor of economics and business administration at Bluffton College, to make a summer trip. He will visit the Mennonite Mutual Aid Societies throughout the western part of the United States and Canada.

This trip is to co-ordinate the work of the Association and to acquaint the mutual aid societies with its various programs. It is also hoped that it will be possible to share the common experiences of the various societies so that all of them might benefit by these. This will also be used to encourage Mennonite communities to consider the organization of other mutual aid societies.

The Association has planned for a meeting of the directors and members of the local mutual aid societies with Dr. Raid. This meeting will consist of a brief presentation of mutual aid work followed by an open discussion from the floor.

Dr. Raid will continue his research in the field of mutual insurance as he visits each of these societies. His first research in the field was a study of the Federal Crop Program for the Federal Government. Since that time he has made annual studies of the operations of Mennonite Mutual Aid Societies. These have been summarized and presented at the annual conferences of the Association of Mennonite Aid Societies.



The Vancouver Mennonite Brethren Church had a baptismal service on May 5. Nine believers, seen above, followed the Lord in baptism. On the picture are: front row, left to right, Rev. Jacob Thiessen (who spoke at the service), Rev. A. D. Rempel (who performed the baptism), Gertrude Siemens, Mrs. Erna Sudermann, Laura Dirksen, and Mr. George Warkentin (church leader); second row, left to right, Paul Giesbrecht, Bruno Fast, Jacob Enns, Rudy Braun, Gerhard Dirksen and Peter Regehr.

Closing and Graduation Exercises

Winnipeg, Man. — The closing exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute were held on May 26, at 2:30 p.m., at the South End Mennonite Brethren church, while graduation exercises were held in the evening at the Elmwood M. B. church.

The theme of the afternoon, introduced in the opening by Mr. H. Dick, centered on the greatness of God as creator and sustainer of the universe, and the exhortation: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 150).

The same note was carried on and further developed in music, song, recitations, and in four short addresses by the students.

Short Talks By Students

The first address by J. Wiebe, a Grade XII student, revealed the magnanimity of God in science. The student, in the short time at his disposal, gave us a rudimentary sketch of the incomprehensible size and vastness of the solar system, as well as the incomprehensible minuteness and astonishing activity of the atom.

The second address, by G. Sempier, a Grade X student, portrayed God in mathematics. The infallible and immutable laws of mathematics correspond with the true character and essence of God.

In the third address, by Elenore Friesen, a Grade IX student, we saw God in history. It is the battle of God against evil and sin that makes history. "There can be no peace in the world until each individual is at peace with God," she stated.

The fourth address showed us God in his prophecies. The history

of Egypt is only one example of the fulfillment of His prophecies.

Dr. A. H. Unruh Speaks

The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. A. H. Unruh. His sermon was based on Colossians 1:9, 2:3, "... that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. . . . In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Dr. Unruh defined wisdom as knowledge of the purpose of life, and to know the means whereby to attain that purpose. Since "in Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge", the teachers try to lead the students to Christ. The student firstly has to realize these treasures of wisdom in Christ, look for them, and claim them in order to attain true knowledge and wisdom.

Another item on the program was the presentation of the scholarships and honour certificates.

Honour certificates were presented to 47 students with averages of 75 per cent and over.

The following eight students received scholarships: Lenore Redekop, grade seven; Viola Wilms, grade eight; Elenore Friesen, grade nine; Siegfried Schroeder, grade 10; Wilma Toews and Emily Warkentin, grade 11; Charlotte Peters and Annamarie Wiebe, grade 12.

Graduation in Evening

"You must not be satisfied with having attended a Christian high school," Rev. J. H. Quiring, guest speaker, told the 31 graduates at the graduation exercises in the evening. "You must study His Word, pray, and strive to gain His mind."

(Continued on page 11-1)

Writing Pays Dividends

By Frances Stolfus

Writing pays dividends. Perhaps not the kind of writing you are thinking of nor the kind of dividends you think of. But writing does pay dividends!

I remember an excerpt from an Edgar Guest poem I once read. It went thus:

"Though a letter I would write,
Wish today that I had penned it,

MORE ABOUT

Mission in a Log Cabin

(Continued from page 1-2)

service, including the adult class, two children's classes, prayer meetings and testimony meetings, singing, and a message from the Word of God. Often the small house seems to be bursting at the seams.

Brother John Froese of the Newton Siding M. B. Church is directing the weekly services. He and two Sunday school teachers, Miss Frieda Dueck and Miss Margaret Peters, have missed but a few Sundays at the reserve during the past year. Often a group of singers accompanies them and helps to bring variety into the program.

There are about 400 Indians living on the reserve. Most of them are not interested in the Christian religion, although some are being drawn to the meetings through their children, who are picked up and brought home by car every Sunday. There is much misery and poverty on the reserve because of the "fire-water" that is sold secretly to the Indians. Most of them live in houses erected by the government and gain their livelihood by working in the beet fields during the summer and hunting and trapping during the winter.

Recently two young girls accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. To leave their ancient customs and religion is a hard step for them to take. They are usually very superstitious and believe in evil spirits. When they bury their dead, they build small houses on the graves with a small door in them. In front of the door they place some toys to please the spirit as it goes in and out of the door. They still have their pow-wows, where much evil and sin prevails to sadden the hearts of the few Christians there.

The reserve is about 45 miles from Newton Siding. By the time the children have been gathered and brought home again, the speedometer usually registers over 100 miles.

The Newton Siding young people count it a privilege to be able to bring the Gospel to these people. We are praying the Lord of the harvest that many souls might be saved, even on this reserve where Satan seems to have the last word now.

Now his soul has taken flight,
Never knew I meant to send it."

My mind goes out to the lonely ones—the missionary on a foreign shore looking for that letter of mine, someone in voluntary service or 1-W work, an inmate in a prison, someone who had lost a loved one, an invalid, or some neglected grandma, grandpa, widow, or widower. You'll find them wherever you look.

Did you ever read an account in the newspaper of someone who had a misfortune? Did you ever drop them a note of encouragement? You'll say, "But I don't even know them!" What difference does it make? If your experience is like mine, you'll find that that is when it means the most, to have someone who doesn't know you take time to write you a line. Maybe it is just a five-cent card. With the added cost of two or three cents for the stamp, and a little of your time, you will bring a bit of cheer to some one. I regret to say that God has spoken to me different times to do just this, and because I didn't always heed it at that particular time, I later neglected it and lost a blessing.

Countless times it has been said, "Your letter came just at the time when it was needed most." And, too, maybe these notes of thanks will come back to you on a day you might need them most. Or, perhaps you may never hear anything in return, but the blessing cannot be withdrawn. I thank God for the experiences I have had along this line and give Him all the glory.

The checks do not come in for this kind of writing, but the blessings received are far more valuable and lasting. You'll be surprised how grateful some people are, just to know someone cares and is praying for them.

Emily Dickinson writes:

If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.

Gospel Herald

MORE ABOUT

Final Meeting Hears Challenging Talks

(Continued from page 1-4)

and lighter choruses. Congregational singing could also be improved through the learning of new songs regularly, possibly once a month, Mr. Balzer stated.

Sets High Standards

Mr. Balzer set up high standards for choir singers and choir music.

He declared that junior choirs should be instituted to serve as training for the church choir. Their primary purpose would be the preparation of singers for the regular service that the church demands. This would make possible the raising of standards for the church choir, whose primary purpose is service to the church and to God.

"If we demand homiletical training of our ministers and special training for our Sunday school teachers, are we not inconsistent if we have no training for our choir members? Are they not serving the Lord in as direct a way?" Mr. Balzer asked in discussing standards for choir singers. He maintained that when God called someone into His service, he also gave this person the talents. Yet so often just anyone can be in a choir, even if he cannot contribute musically to the choir effort. In this respect he also emphasized that singers in a church choir should feel called of God to this service. Then also their sense of responsibility will be greater.

Hospitality Discussed

The panel discussion on hospitality was led by Mrs. Corny Balzer. Others participating were Mrs. D. E. Redekop, Mrs. H. F. Klassen, Mrs. Albert Regehr, and Mrs. C. Peters. The ladies pointed out that according to Biblical injunction hospitality should not be restricted to a few, but that it should be given freely, not grudgingly, to all. The special blessing accompanying Christian hospitality also received emphasis.

Mr. C. A. DeFehr briefly outlined the reasons why Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. J. Kliever, and he are going on their tour of mission sta-

tions in the orient and India. The trip is to help pinpoint areas of need, provide background information for a re-evaluation of the missionary program, and serve to encourage the mission workers.

A light lunch was served to the guests by the Elmwood M. B. church. Dr. A. H. Unruh closed the meeting with prayer.

Your Health

— Mistakes in the choice of a bottle or tablet from the medicine cabinet have led to some tragic accidents. All poisons or drugs should be kept in clearly labelled containers and, as a special reminder in dim light, there should be a band of adhesive tape around the container.

— Sewing and reading should be done in a clear light, neither too bright nor too dim. Efficient lighting will help to prevent eye strain. At any indication of eye strain or faulty vision, it is advisable to have your eyes properly examined and, if necessary, glasses obtained. It is never safe to buy glasses at a store counter, since the eyes may not require identical lenses.

— Simple goitre is caused by a lack of iodine in the diet, which results in swelling of the thyroid gland. In order to ensure that everyone receives this very necessary but minute amount of iodine, it is added to the salt used in flavouring most of our foods.

— The lunch box should contain one third of the day's nourishment. Milk, fruit or vegetables, bread and a protein food should form the basic selection.

Two Valuable Missionary Conferences in Europe

Basel, Switzerland. — Rev. H. H. Janzen reports that during March and April he served in Austria and attended two valuable missionary conferences.

Rev. Janzen is serving in Europe under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. In addition to serving at evangelistic meetings and Bible conferences at the M. B. mission centres, he spends several months a year working in other evangelistic campaigns and Bible conferences.

On April 8 and 9 he attended a conference of Austrian Christian workers in the "Bibelheim" in Salzburg. This institution specializes in the training of deaconesses and was founded 10 years ago by Deaconess Lydia Haman of the "Volksmission". Rev. A. J. Neufeld, who serves at Linz, Austria, has assisted in the instruction there, travelling to Salzburg once a week to do this.

Mission Reports Helpful

Representatives of various missionary societies, workers of the "Volksmission" and other Christian

workers had gathered for this conference. Of particular interest to Rev. Janzen were the reports on the evangelistic work being done in Austria. He comments, "I learned as much during those two days about mission work in Austria as I could not have found out in a whole year otherwise."

Reports at the conference revealed that of the seven million people living in Austria, approximately 95 per cent are Catholics. Most of the rest are adherents of the Calvinistic churches (generally known as Reformed churches). Of these only about 5,000 are evangelical believers, the representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society reported. A tent missionary present declared that this figure must include the Seventh Day Adventists.

There is no Bible school for the training of Christian workers in Austria. The Methodists send their students to Frankfurt-Main, Germany; Baptist students go to Hamburg-Horn, Germany, and Brethren

(Continued on page 11-1)

Biggest Crusade in History

By George Burnham
News Editor
Christianity Today Magazine

New York City. — An exhausted Billy Graham intended to sleep late. It had been after midnight before he was free of duties connected with the biggest evangelistic crusade in history.

The fitful dreams of rest were routed by the press before 8 a.m. and Graham was off to another busy day. He granted interviews and greeted friends from throughout the nation until noon, when he left to address one of New York's most exclusive clubs. The membership reads like a Who's Who in the entertainment profession.

With evident freedom and power, the evangelist spoke about Jesus Christ. When Graham finished, an actress approached him and burst into tears. She said she wouldn't be able to appear in a sexy stage role that night after hearing about Jesus. She was later led away, still sobbing, by a man whose name is known around the world.

Interviews and visits continued through the afternoon. Then it was time to leave for Madison Square Garden, where 17,500 waited. (A regular Garden attendant gets a little more mystified each night when all the people show up. These New Yorkers will begin to fade away after the second or third night, he said with a knowing grin.) Graham sat on the platform with his head bowed, unaware that several photographers were being frustrated by officials in efforts to get pictures of a man sitting off to the left in a reserved section. The evangelist listened quietly as the 1500-voice choir, led by Cliff Barrows, sang "How Great Thou Art", and as George Beverly Shea presented the song he wrote, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

A pitcher of water was nearby, but he didn't drink. It had been placed there through the efforts of two members of the Stagehands' Union, who receive a total of \$300 weekly for the single effort. (The Executive Committee decided to pay and forestall picketing. It wouldn't be right, they reasoned, to keep someone away from Christ because of \$300.)

Graham touched hard on the Ten Commandments during his sermon.

"God warns," he said, "that you must place no other gods before Him. . . Anything that comes between you and God is your god. Pride is one of them. We used to have a busy Senator down South. A kindly man wanted to speak with him one morning about eternal things and he replied, 'If Jesus Christ wanted five minutes with me this morning He couldn't have it.' The Senator was dead that night."

"The Bible says you shall not take

the Lord's name in vain. . . . The Bible says, Honor your father and mother. . . . God says you shall not kill. . . . (The photographers looked toward the man they wanted to photograph. He was Mickey Cohen, the West Coast gangster who said in a Mike Wallace Television interview here this week that he had never murdered anyone who didn't deserve to be murdered.) "A gun isn't the only method of murder. You can kill with your tongue or with hate."

"I am asking you tonight to renounce your past and turn to Christ. He will give you a joy and a power you have never known. Will you do it?"

Several hundred said they were willing.

Mickey Cohen was not among them. He said he had to catch a plane for Chicago.

Second Release

NEW YORK CITY. — New York City's fortified walls of entertainment, pride and materialism—surrounded by prayer warriors from throughout the world—are being hit from within by the perpetual-motion team of Billy Graham.

Told many times that the task is "impossible", team members go ahead to get the job done anyway. Few opportunities are missed.

At 10 a.m., in the heart of Manhattan, religious leaders flock to hear Bible teaching by such internationally-known men as Dr. Paul Rees, Minnesota; the Rev. Tom Allan, Scotland, and the Rev. Stephen Olford, England.

Noon finds other members on a radio program, coordinating cottage prayer meetings throughout the metropolitan area. Leading the effort, at various times, are Dr. Armin Gesswein, California; the Rev. Joe Blinco, England, and the Rev. Grady Wilson, North Carolina.

Ministerial workshops are about to get under way in all the boroughs. Taking part will be men like the Rev. Leighton Ford, Canada; Dr. David Cowie, Oregon; Don Barnhouse, Jr., North Carolina, and A Haqq, India.

The main meetings in Madison Square Gardens are held each night. With Dr. Graham, Cliff Barrows, George Beverly Shea, Tedd Smith and Paul Mickelson bearing the major portion. Then comes the counselling of converts, under the direction of Lorne Sanny and Dan Piatt, leaders of the Navigators.

At 11:30 p.m., the nightly television program begins on a New York station. Led by Mel Dibble, Ohio, the program features a Crusade report by Jerry Beavan, Washington, D.C., and songs by Shea. Appearing on some nights will be Howard Butt and Dick Baker, Texas; Pat Campion, England, and "Redcap 42 of Grand Central Sta-

tion." Persons wishing to make decisions for Christ or receive personal counselling are asked to call a special telephone number, with 24 lines. The phones ring constantly until about 2 a.m.

Teen-age gangs are another prime target. Some have announced their intention of declaring a truce to hear Graham at Madison Square Garden. Special attention is given to work among show people. A few who have attended the meetings include Greer Garson, movie magnate Adolph Zukor and Pearl Bailey. High School and college students are appearing by the thousands.

To date, no meetings have been

scheduled for 3 a.m. But they might, if enough people want to listen at that time to what the Bible has to say.

Crusade Digest: Madison Square Garden management claims purse-snatching and pickpocket incidents at a minimum during the Crusade. — 200,000 persons, from as far away as Oklahoma City and Houston, have reserved seats at the Garden through June 30. — The Graham team has received many offers, of all types, since the opening, but so far the most plentiful offer has come from people who are willing to pose with the evangelist for a picture.

Challenge of India Brought to Brandon

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — Dressed in their native costumes, Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Buhler, who serve under the United Alliance Mission, challenged the young people of the Gospel Light Mission by presenting the spiritual needs of the people of India.

On Sunday night, May 26, about sixty adults assembled to hear the report on India. The Buhlers greeted us in the customary Indian fashion, after which they sang an Indian song accompanied by a pair of tiny brass sybols which Rev. Buhler manipulated with a drum effect. Rev. Buhler wore white trousers, a white shirt and a black tight-fitting vest. Mrs. Buhler wore a many-colored sari, made from five yards of cloth in one piece. It truly had many uses, from that of head-gear to carrying container.

Rev. Buhler spoke of the difficulty of winning people from the Hindu religion, so staunchly upheld by the women, who are kept in ignorance and seclusion from the world. Mrs. Buhler said that the only way to reach the women was to visit them in their homes. There are many educated people in India and, of the oriental peoples, the people of India are making the greatest progress toward literacy. The doors for new missionaries from the USA are closed, but older missionaries may return to the field and missionaries from Canada are still admitted. Mr. Buhler also stressed the emphasis that is placed upon making native churches independent both spiritually and materially. This would prevent the extinction of the church when the missionaries had to leave the field.

In his message, which was based on I Cor. 16:9, he emphasized the truth that the door to India was still open but there were many adversaries, like the Hindu priests and idol worshipers. The Buhlers are in need of a new jeep to carry on the work in the uneven terrain of India and since they work under an independent mission they must invariably depend upon God to move His people to give.

After the service many of the young people examined the utensils and wearing apparel on display at the rear of the building. Mrs. Buhler gave us a first hand woman's account of the articles.

Mrs. Buhler is the sister to Brother Lawrence Warkentin, the leader of the mission here, and besides preaching, the Buhlers also visited the Warkentins. Rev. Buhler was the main speaker at the "Youth for Christ" held in the city auditorium on Saturday night, at which time he also showed slides of the work in India. On Wednesday night of the same week he addressed an audience at the prayer and Bible study meeting.

The Buhlers left for the West Coast on Monday to visit their folks at Abbotsford, B.C. They are scheduled to leave India on September 7.

Titus and Philemon

By D. Edmond Hiebert, 126 pp.

This pocket commentary on Titus and Philemon by Professor D. Edmond Hiebert of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, is one of a series published by the Moody Press for the Moody Colportage Library.

Based upon a study of the Greek text, the exposition is both plain and practical. It can be read with profit by anyone desiring to study these two letters more closely. The book contains introduction, outline, outlined interpretation and bibliography for both Titus and Philemon. Within the reach of everyone's pocketbook, it will give you valuable hints for your Christian life and conduct.

Price: 35 cents

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS Ltd.,
159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg5, Man.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Most of you know the story of David. He was a shepherd who looked after his father's sheep near Bethlehem.

It was not always easy for David. In those days there were many wild animals, such as bears and lions, and many times David had to save his sheep from these wild animals. Yet he never ran from danger—even as he did not run when he saw the giant Goliath. Over and over again his life was in danger, but God was with him and helped him.

Much of the time David was alone, but it never made him unhappy or discontented. He would take his harp and sing praises to God. He would look about him and see all the wonderful things that God had made and praise God for them. It was during this time that David wrote many of the wonderful psalms that we have in our Bibles. I'm sure all of you know at least one of them, the Shepherd's Psalm (Psalm 23).

We read in the Bible that David was a man after God's heart. He tried to do those things which pleased God, although at times he failed. When he failed he did not keep on sinning, but he confessed his sins to God and asked Him for forgiveness. God forgave him and again made him happy when he did this.

Because David was a man after God's heart he became a great man. Are you living so that you are someone after God's heart, boys and girls? Is God pleased with what you do? He can use only those who live pleasing unto Him and do His will.

Aunt Selma.

The Ugly Onion

Peter and Pam were so glad that Aunt Betsy had changed her vacation plans and would spend three weeks with them instead of going to Florida. They always looked forward to her visit. They had anxiously been waiting for about 20 minutes with their coats and hats on for Daddy and Mother to take them along to meet Aunt "B", as they called her, who was coming in on the evening train.

The fragrance of spring was in the air as the four stepped out on the front sidewalk. Pam shivered under her new spring coat. She knew that it was much too chilly to wear the lighter wraps but the pleasure she had as she stroked the new garment, together with the excitement over Aunt B's coming kept her warm.

The train whistled as it rounded the curve, a mile south of the little town where the Grahams lived, and they heard it just as they stepped into the car. They arrived at the station just in time to hear the conductor call out "Fair-r-r-view." After affectionately greeting one another, the happy family with Aunt B drove quickly back home.

As they were walking into the house Aunt B said: "Pam and Peter, I have brought something for each of you. Your gifts are just alike. There is a story that goes with the gifts. I am just wondering if you twins with all of your ten years are old enough and big enough to think the gift and the story worthwhile."

Ribbons and wrapping paper flew in every direction and it seemed that Peter was a little quicker than Pam. With a very strange sound in his voice he shouted as he opened the package. "Aw, Aunt B, is this a joke?" By this time Pam's package was open and both astonishment and deep disappointment were registered on her round dimpled face. Tears broke through her voice as she threw herself on the davenport and cried, "Mother, how come? Aunt B used to bring us such beautiful toys and look—this is just an ugly old onion plant."

In her inimitable way, Aunt B took the situation in hand. As a bolt from out of the blue she quickly quoted from the Bible—Job 14: 14, "If a man die shall he live again?" "What does that have to do with onions?" asked Peter disgustedly. "Well, in this package," said Aunt B, "I have some flower pots with some very special soil in them. Let's just bury these two ugly 'onions' as you call them, which have made the two of you so very unhappy. Just bury them and forget them," said Aunt B. With that, Aunt B left the two children in the heat of their own tempers, and went away to visit with their Mother.

"Say, Sis," said Aunt B, "I brought you something, too, by the way. This is for you!" As the mother removed the gift wrapping there was a lily, the most beautiful her eyes had ever seen; not just a common lily but a most unusual



In this family the children sing some songs with "Grandpa" before going to bed. Sometimes they sing nature songs, but often they sing songs that praise God. In this way they are learning many new songs. Do you sing praises to God before you go to bed?

one. Its fragrance was indescribable.

"Where did you ever find such a beautiful plant?" said Mother.

"Oh," said Peter, "I can smell that clear over here!" Shamefacedly Pam drew herself from the davenport and rubbing her eyes said, "Oh, Aunt B, it is perfectly gorgeous. Where did you get it?"

Absolutely ignoring the outbursts of temper that had preceded, Aunt B continued quietly from John 12: 24—"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." "You know Sis, I've learned one of the greatest lessons of my life from one of those ugly onion plants, as the children call it, and this very beautiful lily."

"Do you mean, do you mean that this beautiful lily came from one of those ugly onions?" said the twins in unison.

"That is exactly what I mean," said Aunt B. "I buried one of those ugly onions, and this is what came forth. But remember it came forth only after the onion had died. I learned a lesson for myself from this. The next verse says, 'He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.'

"Sis, I don't know if you've noticed it but there is a real change in my life. Everything I did before and even thought was in regard to just myself. Of course, I accepted the Lord years ago, but it wasn't until just recently, after the Lord spoke to me through this simple little lesson, that I had to be transformed even like this onion, or I had to 'die to self'. My heart is rejoicing now. Each day I pray that the fruits of the Spirit might show forth instead of hatred, jealousy, bitterness, and temper that were so prominent in my life before."

That was enough—the lesson had struck home deep in the hearts of Peter and Pam. They stood there as though glued to the floor with tears in their eyes.

"Please, Mother and Aunt B, won't you pray with us," the twins said, "that the ugly things in our lives too might be washed away."

"I've known for a long time," said Peter, "that I wasn't much of an honor to my wonderful Lord."

The four knelt in prayer. There was a wonderful change in the hearts of both Peter and Pam and likewise in the home of the Grahams as all of them learned to be "dead unto self but alive unto God."

Daily Peter and Pam were reminded of the wonderful grace of God, as they watched their ugly onions transformed into the beautiful lilies.

The Evangelical Mennonite.

Rusty

By Frank Vanderberg. 85 pp.

It seemed that nobody cared what became of Rusty. Still too young to have a fulltime job, he wandered to a city where he got a new chance, and in a high school that was different. At the same time he found the greatest friend of all. 75¢

God Loves Me

By Elizabeth B. Jones.

These are devotional thoughts for boys and girls. Each is accompanied by a full-page picture. Youngsters will linger with delight and chuckle with happiness at the pictures of the kitten, the crab, the clouds, rain, the toad and the castle of sand. There are 28 beautiful photographs of boys and girls, God's little creatures, and God's great world. Board cover, lamcoted for greater wear. 8½ x 11 inches. ..\$1.50

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS, Ltd.
159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

Copyright 1956 by Elizabeth Schroeter. Used by special permission of the author and Exposition Press Inc., New York. All rights reserved.

(12th Installment)

One of the games Liesbeth liked to play with David was called People. In recent months Franz, too, had become a useful playmate in that game. It was common among the peasant children of eastern Europe and was one in which any number could play. The pastime was a recapitulation of village life. Under a shade tree in the loose earth, with bits of wood, the children built a one-street village. In it were homes, gardens, a cattle road, a river-bed, a forest, a church, a meeting place, a school and a cemetery. Occasionally there was an Apanlee reservoir or a grade with genuine water near the village. The people were sticks with parts of the bark removed to denote white collars, faces, belts and buttons. Adults were about two inches high, children and teen-agers correspondingly shorter. The people gathered for church services and celebrated Christmas with a decorated tree. They buried their dead in the cemetery and conducted weddings and baptismal services. Somewhere near the village narrow tracts of black land were plowed, hoed or harvested. Through David's, Liesbeth's and Franz's voices the little people preached sermons, went caroling or played games. Sometimes it rained real water over the people, and once in a while it hailed gravel. An empty kerosene can supplied the thunder and a mirror the lightning. The pastime constantly required individual and group responses, compromises and cooperation.

Franz had become a handy fellow to have around. Up to certain limits he was always willing to do anything, anytime. Sometimes he was actually helpful, but at other times he was merely amusing. Once he volunteered to go out to replenish the little glass bowl of the hanging lamp in the kitchen with kerosene from a five-gallon can under the mulberry bush near the unfinished summerhouse. It was at eventide on the second Pentecost holiday. An elderly lady was visiting Mutter in the Grosze Stube at that time. Anna and Liesbeth also were in the room.

Suddenly Franz rushed through the front door and into the Grosze Stube, screaming, "A snake! A snake!" His screams were accompanied by a clapping noise as if the snake had wrapped itself around his legs and the two ends of the reptile were striking Franz's shins.

In a second Mutter, Anna and

Liesbeth were on top of Vater's long sewing table, calling for David to come with the light. The elderly lady had not understood what Franz said. Helplessly, she looked toward Mutter, gathered her skirt into her hands and asked, "Shall I get up on top of the Kiste?"

Mutter nodded to her while she watched Franz stamping the floor wildly and crying for help.

David entered the room with a lit lamp from the Kleine Stube. Without saying a word, he pulled an entangled piece of rope from Franz's legs and showed it to the girls and women.

Franz laughed the loudest, with tears streaming down his cheeks, but Liesbeth and Mutter were close seconds.

So far the twins Katja and Mascha had been more bother than Liesbeth was inclined to believe them worth. Soon, however, they, too, would become worthy partners of their closely knit, humble family, every one of whose members believed in God and in himself. "When you get to know our family they are pretty exciting persons," Liesbeth said to the twins in the Kleine Stube as she rocked the downy cradle of dark-haired, brown-eyed Mascha and looked at the robust, blue-eyed blond Katja on her hard straw bed.

"Have you heard the big news?" David asked Liesbeth, as he entered the Kleine Stube through the kitchen door.

"No. What news?" she demanded, lowering her right eyebrow and raising her left, her forehead wrinkling in a puzzled expression.

"We are going to the Jahrmarkt in Tokmak tomorrow. We will visit Mutter's relatives in Halbstadt," announced David.

"Who told you?" Liesbeth asked.

"Mutter did. Vater was there when she said it too," David declared. Mutter's relatives were exciting people. Furthermore, Tokmak was a Russian community and Liesbeth would have a chance to practice speaking Russian. While she was rocking the cradle, she was eagerly looking forward to the important annual business and pleasure trip.

CHAPTER V

IN A PREDICAMENT

Everyone rose with the chickens on that first Thursday after Pentecost. Of course, no one could possibly be up earlier than Vater. He

always was first, no matter what day of the year it was. In the morning he made the coffee or sucory and set the table. Sometime later, while he was at his sewing machine, the children and Mutter had their breakfast. Usually there was a lively conversation at the breakfast table. Vater's presence there had a dampening effect on the conversation, but when he was at his work they made up for lost time.

That morning the topic was the impending trip to Tokmak. Anna was given explicit instructions on how to care for the twins. Liesbeth said they could play with her old rag boy-doll. They needed much attention. Franz would have the ball and the whole yard to himself. He already had a certain amount of inner resources and would be able to take care of himself. However, Mutter cautioned Anna and Vater to watch the sewing machines, because there was no doctor in Margenau and it was not easy to pull a broken sewing-machine needle out of a young boy's finger.

As Liesbeth was leaving the house, Vater gave her a five-kopeck copper coin and told her to spend it at the Jahrmarkt, or market place. She added the coin to the ten kopecks which she had in her clothes basket and put her money in a handkerchief in her apron pocket.

The black mare was hitched to the box wagon, and the three passengers seated themselves in the comfortable cushioned seat with springs. In back of it on the floor there was feed for the horse, also silk yarn, eggs and butter, all of which Mutter had packed to sell or to give away. David was on the left, in the driver's seat, with the reins in his hand. When he clicked his tongue and yelled "Noa!" — the Low German for giddap—the carriage and its occupants were off to Tokmak.

Halbstadt was the first stop. There Mutter's sister Rosa and her family lived. They had barely enough time to converse briefly and to exchange a few news items about their families and relatives. Aunt Rosa and her family spoke High German, like the educated Mennonites and teachers. Liesbeth and her family, on the other hand, spoke Low German at home. That was a dialect the Mennonites had developed sometime during the centuries of their sojourn in Prussia. It was a mixture of the Flemish-Friesian and the Prussian tongues. Liesbeth had no trouble speaking High German, because that was the language of the books, the church and the school. She was too reserved to say very much, however. Her three cousins, all girls, were sociable, and the visit was most pleasant. Liesbeth managed to get enough words out to invite the girls to come and see her in Margenau and to inform them that in a few

months she would be going to school.

Aunt Marie of Tokmak had expected the Margenauers and had a steaming hot bowl of borscht ready for them. Groszvater (grandfather) was his jolly old self. He was a shoemaker by trade, making and fixing felt boots and slippers. However, that morning he was taking time out from work in order to give the day to the visitors. Ever since Groszmutter (grandmother) had died, he had made his home with his daughter Marie. There was a time many years before, when he had not talked to Mutter. That was by way of punishment for her shift to the Mennonite faith. That was all forgotten, though, and he seemed to enjoy the visit.

David was feeding the black mare. He contemplated going to the Jahrmarkt. Mutter and Aunt Marie planned to shop at the big Pecker store and to go to the Jahrmarkt, where Mutter wanted to exchange butter and eggs for whatever she needed. What to do with Liesbeth was a problem that would have to be solved first. It would be too tiresome for her to go with the women or with David.

Groszvater had a solution. He volunteered to take care of Liesbeth. With a smile on his round chubby face and in his blue eyes he said, "We'll have more fun than all the others put together. Won't we, Liesbeth?"

Politely she said, "Yes," but actually she was wishing that she could go with the women.

When they left, Groszvater opened his purse and gave Liesbeth a shiny silver coin, the first silver coin she had ever owned. It was a ten-kopeck piece. She untied the knot in the handkerchief that had reposed in her apron pocket and added the silver coin to her treasury.

"Would you like to ride on the merry-go-round?" Groszvater asked.

Grinning, she replied, "Yes, I certainly would."

"And how about an auction sale? You want to go to one?"

A twinkle showed itself in Liesbeth's eyes as she said, "That should be interesting. I never have been to an auction sale. I should like to see one."

"That settles it! Let's go," Groszvater said happily. He took Liesbeth by the hand, and the two started out for the Jahrmarkt and the auction sale.

They passed many peasants with bundles and a number of refined persons with baskets or neatly wrapped packages. Everyone seemed to be going to the Jahrmarkt or coming from it. Groszvater did not go on the merry-go-round; recently he had had trouble with headaches and considered it advisable to keep his feet on the ground. He let Liesbeth have three rides. She was fond of horses and rode a different one each time.

(To be continued)

Facing The Draft Around The World

(MCC Release)

You can be a peacemaker. One of the ways to express yourself as a Christian peacemaker is to perform, in lieu of military service, recognized work for the government that has a positive contribution toward preserving and edifying humanity. In the United States this is called 1-W service.

Young men in other nations also must choose whether or not to become a part of the military machine, which tends to represent a negative and destructive philosophy of life. For most of them the choice is not as easy as for young men in the United States—because for many there is no alternative. They must take up arms or suffer consequences.

Here is a thumbnail survey of situations in other nations pertaining to military objectors:

Austria

There are no provisions for objectors yet. There is a small and active Roman Catholic peace group. Johannes Ude, a professor at the University of Vienna, is an active pacifist.

Belgium

No provisions for objectors. A small protestant peace group is organized. There is a choice between 18 months imprisonment or three years of underground work in coal mines, losing their civil rights. A number of Roman Catholic objectors have registered in the past few years.

Canada

No conscription law exists at the present time. A number of religious objectors enter church-related service.

Denmark

A law provides alternative service for the state, chiefly in forestry. Religious, ethical and political objectors are recognized. A hundred objectors register annually—most of them base objections on ethical arguments. The War Resisters International contacts and recommends them to the government.

England

In World War II there were 67,000 objectors. Almost 3000 were free from all types of service and 26,000 were free from every military service. They are assisted by the Central Board for Conscientious Objectors founded in 1939. Delegations of English pacifists have visited communist nations several times and built up much good will, it is reported. The Society of Friends is a leading group and the Labor Party has a peace group.

Finland

Objectors serve eight more months than soldiers. Alternative service is offered only in peacetime.

Many go to prison. In wartime it is considered a crime to be a conscientious objector.

France

There are no provisions for objectors, although there are many pacifists. Many flee to Switzerland. In the past five years 80 objectors were in contact with the peace movement. They represent both protestants and Roman Catholics. Forty men from this group were in prison many years where conditions are reported to be bad. Advocates of a well-organized alternative service plan are Mendes France, former prime minister; Abbe Pierre, a Paris priest; Andre Philippe, member of Parliament; and clergymen Henri Rosen and Andre Trocme.

India

All recruitment for the armed forces is voluntary. Thus the objector would be free of any obligation.

Italy

No provisions. Objectors are sentenced to several years imprisonment. It is reported that when a member of parliament tried to bring up the question the assembly decided that pacifism is a protestant affair—Italy being solidly Roman Catholic, it did not want to discuss the proposal.

Netherlands

Present laws are to be revised, it is reported. Objectors now serve 12 more months in alternative service than soldiers. Projects: dyke work, soil conservation, teaching in children's camps, mental hospitals, administrative jobs in government offices and one work camp (whose secretary is a Mennonite). Two hundred objectors register annually of whom about 75 per cent are recognized while others are imprisoned two or three years.

Norway

Forestry and road construction are offered as alternatives to military duty to religious objectors. Objectors serve one and a half times as long as soldiers. The War Resisters International is active.

Paraguay

Mennonite men are exempt from military or alternative service.

Sweden

Sweden has had provision for objectors since 1920. Alternative service is a third longer than military service. Projects are forestry and road construction. There are 180 men who register as objectors annually. The War Resisters International is active.

Switzerland

There are no provisions for alternative service. A law of 1949

states only religious objectors will be sentenced to prison: in peacetime one to two years, wartime 20 years.

Soviet Russia

In the past Mennonites had special rights as objectors. Until 1937 a law provided alternative service. Between 1917-21 some 30,000 objectors registered annually. Today there are no official provisions, but the local draft boards follow in general the policy whereby object-

ors are asked to volunteer for alternative service: forestry, epidemic control and soil conservation projects. Some apparently are free from all kinds of service while many are apparently in prison.

There are no provisions for conscientious objectors in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, Rumania, Spain and Yugoslavia. In these nations the idea of peace as a means to solve problems is not accepted.

Kitchen Cathedral

The Prettiest Bad Day

By Dorothy C. Haskin

"Mommie, isn't this the prettiest bad day?" the boy called gleefully as he ran into the kitchen, water dripping from his rain coat.

"Yes, dear, it is," Mom answered, glancing out of the window. She could see the rain beating against the sprouts of grass, and the wind blowing the slender buds. Then she sighed as she thought of the years of heartache that had taught her there was good in everything, if one looked for it. All of life had been a mixed blessing. There were always bugs and birds at the picnic. It depended upon which a person watched—the pesky ants, or the singing birds. Life was continually a matter of attitude—"It's up to you how you take it!"

Isn't that the truth expressed by the teaching of the Beatitudes? "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). If you take your troubles with a gracious spirit, then you are acting like a citizen of that kingdom. How much more important is the spirit in which we accept life than the things which come to us!

The too-small income which keeps us from having all the things the family want has its advantages. It should bring a man and wife together as they plan the budget, taking into consideration the true worth of the things they would like to have. It challenges the ingenuity of the people to provide more for their children on less. Can you buy unfinished furniture and finish it yourselves? Can you make braided rugs for the floor? The handmade chair or rug will give a feeling of achievement that a manufactured article cannot give.

Even the sick child brings a challenge. The weak one demands more of the father and mother, but often it is that demand which brings out the best (or the worst) in them. Lord Byron's mother hated him because he had a club foot, and because of it maltreated him. But those who carry this burden with the Lord's help know that, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4).

It is not easy to take disappointments, large or small. It takes a cheerful spirit to see that rain on the day of the planned picnic will give you opportunity to do things which you had postponed. And it takes blind faith to be cheerful when the other man gets the promotion you desired, without an apparent reason. Those are the times when you have to remind yourself there is not one exception in the promise in Romans 8:28—"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

A man came to his pastor, and told him of all his troubles. He exclaimed, "I tell you, preacher, it is enough to make a man lose his religion."

"It seems to me," the pastor replied, "that it's enough to make a man use his religion."

It's in the time of trouble that you derive the most benefit from your relationship with the Lord.

(Copr. ERA, 1957)

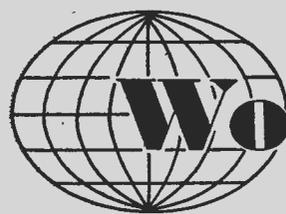
On Growing Old

(Continued from page 2-2)

if behind the made-up face and the gay apparel that looks silly to you and me there may not lie the saddest of tales, the tragedy of a lonely soul, a broken heart or a frustrated life. They may not have what we have nor be in possession of the inner glow and radiance that comes from a heart at peace with God. For the heart so often is much younger than the flesh and it is difficult to say "Good-bye" to youth and beauty.

Even among Christians we have known many, as you no doubt have also, who have clung passionately to responsibility, power, place or position when their usefulness has long since ended. There are few people, we are convinced, who can accept the limitations that age imposes sooner or later on us all. They are the exceptions who grow old gracefully since the things we have lived for during life's little day become dearer as they fade away.

(Copr. ERA, 1957)



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Japanese Ministers For Canadian Churches

For the first time in the history of the United Church of Canada two Japanese ministers now serving congregations in Japan will be brought to Canada to service United Church Japanese congregations in Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Bicycles to Services

Celsino de Oliveira Paradella is a Methodist minister in the mountainous hamlet of Jerico in Brazil's interior. He services six Sunday schools, two women's societies, two young people's groups, two children's groups and a men's group. All this activity is accomplished because the pastor uses his bicycle, often covering 60 or 70 miles on Sunday, for transportation. But now, Celsino doesn't know how much more pedaling he can do on account of his health. And besides he needs his strength to preach. So he's praying for a jeep. And—when he gets the jeep—what's he plan to do? He says he intends to enlarge his parish!

78-Year-Old Grandmother Becomes A Foreign Missionary

A 78-year-old woman from Abilene, Texas, arrived in Nigeria by plane to serve as a volunteer missionary for six months. Mrs. J. L. Anthony, a Southern Baptist, said she came to Africa because "I figure I can help win more people to Christ in Africa than anywhere else." She will assist the Rev. Milford Howell, a missionary in the Warri Province of Nigeria. Her main job will be to teach native Bible classes.

Mrs. Anthony has taught Sunday school for more than half a century. A seamstress by profession, her 9000-mile trip was financed by her local church and personal friends. Too old to go overseas as a missionary for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, this great grandmother undertook the African venture as a self-styled "tourist".

President Urged to Encourage Southern Church Leaders

President Eisenhower was urged to come South and "add a personal word of encouragement" to churchmen who are working "to establish a more democratic order" in their communities.

The plea was made in a telegram to the President, authorized by the Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations which was held at

Nashville, Tennessee. More than 300 white and Negro church leaders of various Protestant denominations attended the conference, which was called by the Tennessee State Council of Churches. The three-day meeting was the first major inter-church conference to be called in the South on the racial question.

Speakers at the conference voiced cautious optimism over the progress and the future of race relations in the South. One of the most promising signs, they said, is the fact that inter-racial ministerial associations have been organized in 20 Southern communities, including Richmond, Virginia; Little Rock, Arkansas; Charlotte and Asheville, North Carolina; and Knoxville, Nashville and Cleveland, Tennessee.

Religious Agencies Handle Most U.S. Surplus Food

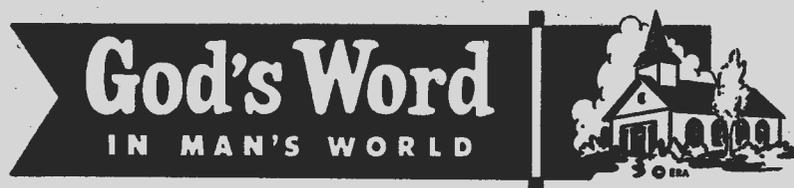
Overseas relief agencies of the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths are distributing the lion's

share of all U.S. surplus foods made available by the government.

A report by the American Council of Voluntary Agencies shows that in the nine months ended March 31, 1957, religious agencies shipped approximately \$100,000,000 worth of foods overseas. This represented 91.3 per cent of all U.S. surplus foods distributed to the needy around the world. Of the non-religious agencies, CARE distributed practically all the rest—or 8.09 per cent. In addition, the United Nations Children's Fund distributed U.S. surplus dried milk valued at almost ten million dollars.

150 Years of Missionary Effort In China

Hong Kong. — Protestant Christians are celebrating the 150th anniversary of missionary efforts in China this year. Even though foreign missionary work is at a standstill in China today, the church is giving thanks for the many hundreds of missionaries who have served God in China and the many thousands of converts who have been won since that day in 1807 when a British missionary named Robert Morrison, who later translated the Bible into Chinese, arrived in that land.



"Home for the Soul"

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

An intensive study has been undertaken to effect the restoration of "Sunnyside", the palatial home of the American author Washington Irving, at Tarrytown, New York. Built between 1656 and 1680 as a rather humble abode, the place was "mansioned" by Irving when he purchased it in 1835. For quite some time it has been regarded as a "must see" for those interested in the history and former glory of earlier day earthly dwellings.

One cannot escape the spiritual underlining to this item. Strange! men appear greatly concerned for the dwellings of yesterday and very heedless when it comes to the pertinent matter of the personal "home of the soul" for eternity. After all, this life shall soon be written in the past, along with all other past matters, and the soul ushered through grave's gates into "the land beyond". For many, crumbling bricks of earthly yesterday create the stronger tug upon the heart than the desirability of stately mansions on the other side.

One must consider the solemn reminder of the Word: "It is appoint-

ed unto men once to die but after this . . ." (Hebrews 9:27) Those last three words have been sent away into the "never-never" land by far too many. Men dream of yesterday, do their deeds for today; and discount or deny the sure tomorrow which is written large in the Divine Record.

It has been aptly remarked, "the poorest man is he who has no home in eternity," and there is a penetrating measure in spiritual economics which needs re-emphasis. This kind of poverty is pointed up by the ways in which men are trapped by the things of time. Of certain preachers of the old school it was said, "they had the smell of eternity about them," and such fragrance is nigh forgotten in today's frenzy. Men are so tragically unprepared for that tomorrow which one of these days will become today, this hour.

The emphasis on eternity is so desperately needed in these "timely" hours. Men may be willing to restore earthly "Sunnysides" and forget that internal restoration (II Corinthians 5:17) which assures for the "sunny side" of eternity. Strange void of values!

(Copr. ERA, 1957)

CANADASCOPE

Queen May Open Next Parliament Session

Prime Minister St. Laurent said on May 27 that he hopes it can be arranged for Queen Elizabeth to open the next session of Parliament next fall. He also told reporters that while there is correspondence going on in connection with the proposed visit of the Queen next fall, he still cannot say whether she will make the trip.

Tree Planting in Manitoba

Tree planting machines have planted more than 1,000,000 trees in belts on Manitoba farms since May 1 for the prevention of wind erosion, the Manitoba department of Agriculture reports.

Shelterbelt planting is expected to cover some 277 miles in the province. Half of the trees are caragana and the rest ash, willow, maple and small numbers of other varieties.

One Disease Stops Another

A deliberate infection with malaria and an accidental case of measles have renewed four-year-old Carol Joyce's lease on life.

Carol was stricken last November with nephrosis—a little-known kidney disease in which the kidneys fail to perform their function of removing water from the body tissues. The body accumulates water and swells as a result.

When various treatments, including large doses of cortisone, had failed, doctors decided to infect her deliberately with malaria. This had little effect, but about two weeks later Carol caught measles—also known to be helpful in curing nephrosis.

Six weeks ago, Carol's health suddenly improved to the point that she was able to go home and resume the life of a normal four-year-old.

RC Church Rules Out Dances on Church Property

The apostolic delegate, Archbishop Giovanni Panico, has reminded all bishops of the Roman Catholic Church that dances on church property are forbidden. The action followed the May 3 street-fight death of Rene Jodoin, 17, outside Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Ottawa after a parish youth gathering described by the pastor as a "social evening" that included dancing.

The ban dates back to about 1910 and was reaffirmed by Rome in the 1930's. The main reason for the ban is that organizing dances is not considered a proper work for priests whose energy should be devoted to spiritual matters, nor a proper use of church property.

Weddings

Isaak—Peters

North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren church was the scene of a double-ring wedding ceremony on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m., when Hildegard, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Peters, North Kildonan, Man., became the bride of Peter Isaak, youngest son of Mrs. M. Isaak and the late Mr. Isaak. Rev. Wm. Falk officiated. Mrs. H. Peters, sister-in-law of the bride, was soloist.

Miss Katy Dyck was maid of honour, while the bridesmaids were the Misses Helga and Hedy Peters, sisters of the bride. Mr. Fred Wieler was best man. Ushers were Mr. Oscar Epp and Mr. John G. Klassen.

The wedding had a double significance, since at the same time Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Peters, parents of the bride, were celebrating their silver wedding. Rev. Falk used the same text for his message as had been used at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Peters 25 years ago.

The newlyweds left on a wedding trip to the United States after the wedding. They will reside in Winnipeg.

* * *

A. C. Penners Celebrate Silver Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Penner of Arnaud, Man., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in the Arnaud Mennonite church on Sunday, May 19.

Rev. J. Poetker of Arnaud made the opening remarks. Bishop John Bueckert of the Blumenort Church, who officiated at their wedding 25 years ago, spoke on the same text used then, Psalm 95: 2. Mr. P. R. Harder of Arnaud spoke in English. Rev. C. Krahn, the father of Mrs. Penner, also delivered a message.

The choir sang several songs. Mrs. John Penner of Morden recited a poem. Miss Susie Janzen of Arnaud presented them with a gift on behalf of the choir and the young people's organization. A reception in the church basement followed the program.

Obituaries

Mrs. Peter Riediger

Mrs. Peter Riediger, 83, passed away on May 18 in the Coaldale, Alta., Hospital. She had been ill for a lengthy period. Funeral services were held in the Mennonite Brethren church at Coaldale, Alta., on May 23, with Rev. David J. Pankrat delivering an English message and Rev. A. P. Willms speaking in German.

Mrs. Riediger was born in Russia and came to Canada in 1926

with her husband, Peter. They settled at Stavely, Alta., later moving to Vauxhall in 1934, where they farmed for 14 years. In 1948 they moved to Coaldale.

Mr. and Mrs. Riediger celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in the hospital on March 7.

Mrs. Riediger has been predeceased by six children and one grandchild. She is survived by her husband, Peter; two sons, David of Vauxhall and Jacob of Tofield, Alta.; seven daughters, Mrs. D. Unruh, Mrs. J. Enns and Mrs. J. Reimer of Vauxhall, Alta.; Mrs. B. Osborne of Balzac, Mrs. S. Bailey of Calgary, Mrs. H. Reimer and Miss Margaret Riediger of Coaldale; 48 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

* * *

Rev. J. A. Goerz

Rev. J. A. Goerz, 74, of Black Creek, B.C., passed away on May 10 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held from the M. B. church at Black Creek on May 14, 1957.

Rev. J. A. Goerz was born in Russia in 1883. He started teaching school at the age of 20. In 1912 he was married to Helena Regier. They immigrated to Canada in 1925 and lived in Hepburn and Davidson, Saskatchewan, during the first years.

He taught Bible school in Dalmeny, Sask., for 13 years and at Didsbury, Alta., for one year. He came to Black Creek in 1942, where he served the M. B. Church as minister for about 15 years. After a lengthy illness the Lord called him home to higher service.

He is survived by his wife, Helena; four sons, Rudolph, Widewater, Alta., John and Walter, Kitchener, Ont., and Abe, pastor of the M. B. Church at Main Centre, Sask.; four daughters, Mrs. W. Becker, London, Ont., Mrs. W. Duerstein, Kitchener, Ont., Mrs. A. Wedel and Mrs. H. Falk, Black Creek, B.C.



Bethel Man to Head MVS in Europe

Erwin Goering of North Newton, Kans., director of public relations for Bethel College, will become director of Mennonite Voluntary Service in Europe.

He succeeds LaMarr Kopp (Ephrata, Pa.) who served as director of MVS the past three years. The Goering family expects to go to Europe in July.

Goering will take a leave of absence from Bethel College to perform his two-year assignment. He directed the Mennonite student tour in Europe last summer and served

with MCC at Akron headquarters in 1945.

MVS, now in its ninth year, is administered by a council composed of Mennonites from the Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland and North America (MCC workers).

Its principal activities are international and interfaith workcamps which are formed to meet particular practical needs and to provide a common-ground fellowship and understanding for young people of many backgrounds.

Last year approximately 200 persons from 15 nations participated in MVS workcamps in the Netherlands, Germany, France, Austria and Spain. They helped construct orphanages, aided flood victims, built or rebuilt churches and participated in other helpful projects.

Chickens in Greece Thriving

Paxmen in northern Greece villages have been busy distributing 1500 chicks to villagers to start commercial poultry and egg enterprises.

Villagers interested in the project receive at least 25 chickens to raise. "Everyone is doing nearly a perfect job of raising the birds without us having to give the same advice a number of times," writes one Paxman.

Meanwhile the dairy project is progressing satisfactorily, the men report. A house-to-house milk market is being set up. The cows, donated a year ago by Lancaster Conference Mennonites, are each producing at the rate of 3.09 gallons a day.

Meat curing is also on the list of village improvement projects. Bulletins with instructions on how to cure meat are distributed to villagers. Consideration is being given to enlarging the cannery for commercial use.

Other projects include introducing new and improved strains of swine and turkeys. Rabbit raising is becoming popular with village youth. An experiment in apple storage is proving beneficial.

Refugee Homes In Austria To Close

Two MCC refugee homes for Hungarians were scheduled to close May 31 and the third is slated to terminate services on June 30.

The three homes served small groups of refugees who fled from Hungary at the time freedom fighters rebelled against the communist government. An estimated 180,000 persons left the country between November and this spring.

Most refugees have been resettled in many nations while a few remain in Austria because of filled immigration quotas. One MCC worker in each home helped with immigration procedures. MCC Akron helped resettle two cases.

Nikolas Taljak, a 17-year-old

lathe worker, is now living with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tyson of Kouts, Ind. He was recommended by MCC worker Glen Good of Kouts. The Janos Pinter family is now living in West Liberty, Ohio, as a result of the interest of MCC worker Forrest King of West Liberty.

Irene Bishop (Perkasie, Pa.) gave administrative leadership to refugee services in Austria. She continues to direct MCC work in Vienna. Staff workers in the homes, composed of Paxmen and Pax matrons, are resuming their housebuilding work in Germany.

To Serve in Brazil MCC Center

Emma Schlichting of Weatherford, Okla., with MCC the past 12 years, has taken up a year's work at the MCC center in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

She will serve during the one year's absence of Mr. and Mrs. Abram J. Dick (Kitchener, Ont.), who directed the center the past five years.

The Sao Paulo center serves as a meeting place for fellowship for more than 60 Mennonite girls from outlying communities who work in the city. Thursday night Bible discussions are provided. Sunday morning worship services are usually conducted by Mennonite ministers from Brazil churches.

Latest census figures show Sao Paulo to be the largest city in Brazil with a population of more than two million persons. The MCC center, a large residence, is located near the center of the city and is supported by both MCC and Brazil Mennonites.

Approximately 1500 Mennonites live in southern Brazil. Most went there from Russia in 1930. They are engaged chiefly in agriculture, dairying and small industry.

Miss Schlichting is a member of Corn Mennonite Brethren Church and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schlichting of Weatherford. She previously served in Paraguay, Germany, Austria and in the Akron headquarters.

Refined or Removed? (Continued from page 2-4)

markable answer to prayer and a proof that God is a "partner" in the affair. . . .

The temptation to spare the best of the sheep and cattle is very strong in all of us. Like Saul before us we are willing enough to slay the scrubby sheep and the old sway-back steers, but Adam and the devil join to try to persuade us to keep the fattest beasts alive. And many of us fall for the old trick. We make pets of the cattle we should have destroyed and their bleatings and bellowings are heard throughout all Christendom.

The will of God is that sin should be removed, not merely refined. Let's walk in His will.

The Alliance Weekly

COLLEGES

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

Twelve girls and two recreational instructors, all from the Manitoba Home for Girls, took part in a social gathering at C.M.B.C. on Monday evening, May 20. After some outdoor sports and a wiener roast everyone assembled for a devotional hour in the College. The College octet rendered various numbers and Victor Fast gave a brief gospel message.

We are grateful for the confidence placed in us by the Manitoba Home for girls and for the opportunity to witness of Christ's redeeming love to these young women.

Tabor College

Harms To Teach Biology

The president's office at Tabor College has announced the appointment of Clarence Harms as instructor in biology, effective September 1. Mr. Harms is at present engaged in graduate study at the University of Kansas. An assistant instructor in zoology at the university the past two years, he will receive the degree master of arts in June.

Harms graduated from Tabor with a biology major in 1955, coming here from the Corn, Oklahoma, Bible Academy, where he was salutatorian of his graduating class. At the university he was elected to Phi Sigma, the national honor biological society, and holds membership in several professional scientific organizations.

A native of Ulysses, Kansas, he is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Isaac Harms, and is married to the former Mary Ann Wall of Dallas, Oregon. Harms will assume the position held this semester by Don C. Peters, who has accepted a research position on the staff of the University of Missouri.

Yearbook Appointments

Miss Rene Toewes, junior from Kremlin, Oklahoma, has been elected editor of the Blue Jay, student yearbook, at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, for the coming year. Eunice Wichert, Fairview, Oklahoma, will be the assistant editor.

Closing and Graduation For MBCI

(Continued from page 3-4)

Rev. Quiring addressed the students on the motto that the class had chosen, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." He reminded them that this was a high calling. It was not enough to have this motto on the wall, it must be the expression of their life's purpose if it is to be of any value.

"The primary occupation of all Christians is to be an ambassador for Christ," Rev. Quiring maintained. All vocations are secondary to this, he said. He also pointed out the work of an ambassador and dealt with the qualifications of an ambassador for Christ. "You are in enemy territory. It is your responsibility to create peace, with the terms of peace dictated by God," he told the graduates.

Interests of Country First

An ambassador puts the interests of his country first. A Christian must also place the interests of Christ first in his life, Rev. Quiring declared. When this is done many questions as to what we as Christians may do are answered.

In speaking of the qualifications of an ambassador, Rev. Quiring mentioned that he must be a citizen of the country he is representing (i.e., born again); he must love his country and be loyal to it, and he must know the desires of his king.

Jim Friesen was class valedictorian, while Annemarie Wiebe gave the farewell message. The student body's representative was Emily Warkentin, grade 11. Diplomas were handed out to the graduates for their work in religion and German by Mr. Victor Adrian and Mr. Henry Dick.

Musical features included the class song, a girls' ensemble and a violin trio. Miss Wilma Toews served as organist.

Before the offering was received, C. C. Warkentin, school board chairman, Rev. A. A. Dyck and Rev. I. W. Redekopp briefly addressed the congregation.

After the graduation service a banquet was held in the church's lower auditorium in honor of the graduates.

MORE ABOUT

Two Eventful Missionary Conferences

(Continued from page 4-4)

members attend Wiedenest, Germany. This has resulted in a serious shortage of Christian workers. Rev. Janzen believes that it is imperative that an interdenominational Bible school be started, since a denominational school would meet with a lot of opposition. In spite of their small groups, the various denominations are in competition with one another—competition that often leads to vigorous opposition. To be effective, a Bible school would have to be on a neutral basis.

Evangelistic Work Difficult

Evangelistic work among the Austrians is very difficult. Rev. Janzen maintains that there is not another German-speaking country where there is so much superstition and such fanatical clinging to traditional beliefs. Religious leaders are very powerful and oppose any

efforts to let the light of the Gospel shine into the darkened hearts. Yet in spite of this there is a gradual enlightenment and awakening becoming evident. This can be attributed to the fact that even in the Catholic church there is an increasing emphasis upon Bible reading. For instance, a Catholic priest has written a booklet on, "How Can I Learn to Read the Bible?" Except for two paragraphs, the booklet is worthy of recommendation to any Bible-believing Christian, Rev. Janzen reports.

Rev. Janzen writes that the work of colporteurs is very important. They go from house to house selling Bibles and telling the people about Jesus Christ. In order not to offend the people they refer to the Bible as "Holy Scripture", since that is the Catholic term. The term "Bible" reminds the people too strongly of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Although the government is Catholic-orientated, religious tolerance is practised. For every public meeting a permit must be obtained, and the police will provide protection if there is danger of a disturbance.

Inter-Mission Conference

The second missionary conference of significance attended by Rev. Janzen was held on May 6 in the European Bible School at Bensheim, Germany. Here representatives of 12 organizations dedicated to evangelism in Europe met for discussion and planning. Delegates had come from various parts of Europe, Canada and the United States to try to found a permanent organization that will assist in more effective evangelization of Europe. Particularly noticeable was the preponderance of Mennonites or former Mennonites at the conference—representing different evangelistic organizations.

A loose organization was effected, which is to tie the various missionary societies and evangelistic organizations together for mutual assistance and encouragement. It was decided to call another conference in the middle of April, 1958, at Basel, Switzerland.

Church-Centred Work Needed

Rev. Janzen comments that of all the evangelistic efforts in Europe being sponsored by missionary groups from outside Europe (United States, Canada, etc.) only one has as yet led to the founding of churches. Only the Mennonite Brethren mission has united its converts into churches and is striving to institute a Biblical church life. Some of the missionaries present at the two conferences realized the inherent weakness of their efforts without the founding of churches, however.

Persecution is not a cure for a weak church, but can spread a strong faith. —Erland Waltner.

Exciting New Books

Faith With a Pick and Shovel

By Arthur Ballard, 121 pp.

These are "the experiences of an ordinary man in his search for God. The author of this book lost faith, and almost lost hope—an experience that all too many have shared. Yet few can have tackled it as he did; few indeed have gone to the lengths of borrowing a telescope and going out at night on a lonely hill-top to see if he could find among the stars the God he had lost. The story of how the author found God, not so much in the things that God had made, but in the still, small voice that speaks in the secret places of the soul, is the subject of this spiritual autobiography.

Price: 75c

History, Prophecy and God

By Robert Rendall, 126 pp.

Today's history was yesterday's prophecy; tomorrow, today's prophecy will become history. Therefore history and prophecy are but different aspects of the same process, and must share a common origin and end. This book seeks to show that Biblical history and prophecy point to a Divine movement within and behind the flow of human affairs, and have their common origin in the purpose of God as it culminates in Christ.

Price: \$1.90

The Growing Day

By F. F. Bruce, M.A. 192 pp.

This book traces the history of Christianity from 70 A.D. to 313 A.D. It shows that, from the first, Christianity was organized for catastrophe: the blood of the martyrs always proved to be the seed of the Church. In the fiercest of persecutions Christianity proved its capacity not merely for survival, but also for ultimate triumph. And that triumph was effected by spiritual weapons alone.

Price: \$1.25

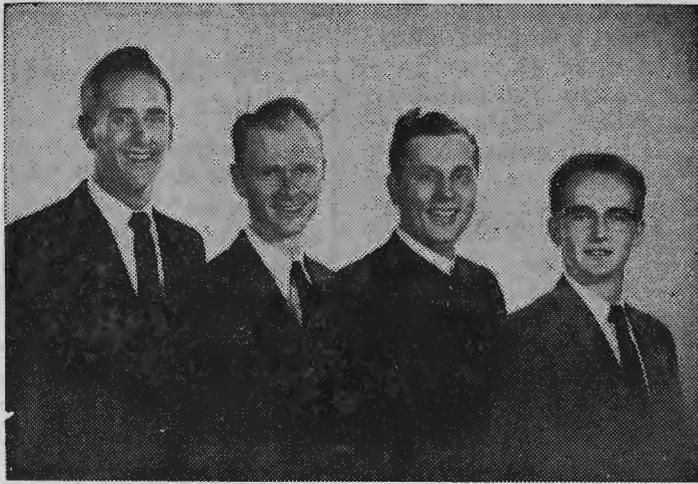
Light in the West

By F. F. Bruce, M.A., 160 pp.

The first half of this book surveys the fortunes of Christianity in the Roman Empire from the reign of Constantine onwards, with special reference to the period of imperial decline in the west; the second half traces the rise and progress of Christianity in the British Isles from the days of Roman provincial government to the ultimate conversion of the English. The book is written in a delightfully fresh and easy style.

Price: \$1.35

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS Ltd.,
159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.



This is the Mennonite Hour Quartet. Together with Associate Pastor Norman Derstine of The Mennonite Hour, it will visit the following Ontario (Old) Mennonite churches during June: Zurich, 8:00 p.m., June 20; Wideman (2 miles north of Markham), 8:00 p.m. on June 21; Preston, 8:00 p.m., June 22; St. Jacobs, 11:00 a.m., June 23; Poole, 2:30 p.m., June 23; Erb Street Mennonite (Waterloo), 7:45 p.m., June 24. The Mennonite Hour can now be heard on CFAM, Altona, at 9:00 a.m. CST (10:00 CDT).

Announcement Concerning Russia Trip

We regret to have to announce the tabling of all plans for a delegation to visit Russia this year in connection with the World Conference. Since I have not yet received a visa to go to Moscow to make the necessary arrangements for the delegation trip, there is no longer adequate time to arrange for the trip following the World Conference. The considerable number who have applied to join the delegation will now have to make other plans.

Harold S. Bender.

The Bible Today

What's in the name, Manus? Many readers have never heard of the name. Manus is both an island and a language.

It is one of the largest islands of the Admiralty Group, lying north

of New Guinea. The Manus New Testament translation was almost completed at the outbreak of the Second World War. Two copies of the New Testament manuscript were ready for submission to the Bible Society. Then in 1940, the island was occupied by the Japanese. The chief translator, the Rev. R. Goebel and six members of the staff were killed. The manuscripts lay hidden in the roof of a native hut.

In 1944 the Americans bombed Manus Island, and the hut and manuscripts were destroyed. Fortunately, however, it was discovered that a third copy had been sent to Germany before the war, and it is this manuscript which, after revision, now forms the basis of the Manus New Testament.

On the Horizon

June 2 to 16. — Brunk tent evangelism at Steinbach, Man.

July 3 to 21. — Tent evangelism by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Winkler, Man.

June 7. — Northern Saskatchewan Mennonite Brethren churches will have their provincial conference on Friday, June 7, in the Hepburn, Sask., M. B. church. The mis-

sion workers of the M. B. Mission of Saskatchewan will present a missionary program that evening at 7:30 p.m.

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

June 8. — The semi-annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in British Columbia will convene in the new Clearbrook, B.C., Mennonite Brethren church.

June 8. — Graduating class program of the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg in the college auditorium.

June 9. — Twenty graduates of the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg will receive their degrees at graduation exercises in the Elmwood M. B. church at 7 p.m.

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

June 14-16. — Saskatchewan Mission Conference at the First Mennonite church and arena at Saskatoon. This is sponsored by the ministerial and provincial youth organization of the Conference of Mennonites in Saskatchewan.

June 15 and 16. — The General Conference Mennonite Church in Alberta is sponsoring a Sunday school workers' conference at the Springridge Mennonite church.

June 16. — Graduation exercises at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

June 28 to July 1. — Youth Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

June 28 to July 15. — British Columbia Mennonite youth will have their retreat at Clayburn camp near Abbotsford, B.C.

June 29 to July 3. — The Conference of Mennonites in Canada will meet at Winkler, Man., for its annual sessions.

July 2, 12 and 23. — Opening dates for the three children's camps at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

July 25 to August 11. — Tent meetings by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Altona, Man.

August 3 to 5. — Christian Business Men's Committee Retreat at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

August 9 to 18. — A special Family Retreat at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba.

August 16 to 26. — Mennonite World Conference, Karlsruhe, Germany.

August 18 to September 1. — Evangelistic meetings in a tent by Brunk Revivals, Inc., at Winnipeg.

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

For the Christian Family

Christian Nurture of Children

By Alta Mae Erb. 178 pp.

Parents looking for a manual which will guide them in nurturing their children in genuine Christian faith will want this book. Many books on child psychology and child study are secular and humanistic in their emphasis. This unique book combines the principles of child psychology and pedagogy with a distinctly Christian viewpoint and emphasis\$2.00

**

Life and Love

Clyde M. Narramore, Ed.D. 186 pp.

The sub-title indicates that this is "A Christian View of Sex", but it is much more. It is a Bible-centered view of marriage, sex, and children. In the first chapter teen-agers discuss 18 questions, giving answers that stimulate thought. Then the author, widely-known as a thoroughgoing Christian psychologist, discusses dating and rating, a Christian view of sex, looking toward marriage, how our bodies grow, God's masterpiece, the story of birth, special problems of sex, and gives a series of definitions.

What makes this book valuable is its frequent reference to and quotation of Scriptures, its evangelical tone throughout, and its sane approach to sex.....\$1.50

**

So You're Going to Be Married

H. Clair Amstutz, M.D. 82 pp.

Dr. Amstutz is firmly convinced that the spiritual aspects of marriage are more important than the biological ones. He believes that an insight into the nature of love and the anatomy of happiness will give a strong foundation for the perpetual experience of love, which in turn is the basis for happy and satisfying living. He does not neglect the biological aspects, however, but has an extremely illuminating and helpful discussion on them 50¢

**

Living Happily Married

John R. Mumaw. 30 pp.

This booklet strives to give hints on how to live happily married. It proceeds from a completely Biblical and spiritual standpoint and covers all the areas of normal wedded life. Written in an engaging manner, it is an excellent booklet, as is also "So You're Going to Be Married", to give to young couples when they visit their pastor. 35¢

THE CHRISTIAN PRESS, Ltd. 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

LORNE A. WOLCH
B.Sc., R.O., O.D.
Optometrist and Optician
Eyes Examined
272 Kelvin St., Elmwood
Phone: 50-1177

ORDER FORM for the
MENNONITE OBSERVER
Subscription rate: \$1.75 per year.
The Christian Press, Ltd.
159 Kelvin St.,
Winnipeg 5, Manitoba.
Please send me the MENNONITE OBSERVER for year(s).
 New Subscriber Renewal
Enclosed please find \$..... in
(Postal money order or bank cheque, including exchange.)
Name:
(Please print)
Address:
(Sample copies mailed free upon request.)