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

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GANG WAY, JUNGLE... Canadian Walter Fast of St. Catharines, Ont. (right) sizes up one of the big tree rollers built by the LeTourneau Foundation and used in clearing jungle in Peru colonization. Fast is one of three Paxmen who recently went to Peru to work on the LeTourneau roadbuilding and colonization project. The others are Harry Moyer 3rd of Perkasio, Pa., and Alden Swartz of Sebawaing, Mich. Fast is a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Delegation Arrives in India

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. J. P. Kliever and Mr. C. A. DeFehr arrived at Hyderabad, India, on July 5. At the airport to greet them were the P. V. Balzers, A. A. Unruhs, and the Misses Marg. Willems, Edna Gerdes, Anna Ediger, Frieda Neufeld, Anna Lepp, Margaret Suderman and Anna Suderman, and some of the national Christians from the surrounding M.B. churches, a letter from Mr. C. A. DeFehr reveals.

When they stepped out of the plane the national Christians came forward and greeted them, placing floral wreaths about their neck. After the welcome the group drove to the Hughestown station, where the Misses Margaret and Anna Suderman provided a lunch. Thereupon the P. V. Balzers took the three brethren to their mission station at Shamshabad. The next day Rev. Balzer showed them the station, which includes a hospital, with Miss Helen Harder as matron, and a Bible school. A new building has been erected for the Bible school, which was to be dedicated on July 7.

For Saturday night the brethren had been invited to Hughestown for an official welcome. There they sat at the front, together with the

P. V. Balzers and the Misses Anna and Margaret Suderman. Again floral wreaths were placed about the necks of the guests (they are so large that they reach nearly to the ground). Official greetings were given by representatives of the church, the young people and the women. One after another portrayed their condition when they were still without Christ, mentioning the missionaries who had brought them the word of the cross. Hughestown now has an M. B. Church with a membership of 500.

After the welcome by the national Christians, the three brethren and the missionaries each were asked to speak briefly. Songs by a choir added to the effect of the service.

Large Baptism at North Kildonan

Winnipeg, Man. — A large group was baptized at the North Kildonan M.B. church on Sunday morning, July 21. Twenty-six believers followed the Lord in baptism at the early morning service.

The baptism was held before the morning worship service at an outside site. Rev. Victor Toews spoke

on Acts 8, the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch. Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the church, performed the baptism.

Membership of the North Kildonan M.B. Church now stands at 525. A new church, to be ready in fall, is now under construction.

David Schultz Evangelist at Glenbush

By Henry Barger

Glenbush, Sask. — The M. B. Church here has been richly blessed through the week of revival meetings conducted from July 14 to 19. Rev. David Schultz of Oregon served as evangelist. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

We felt the moving of the Spirit of God as Christians rededicated their lives to God, those burdened with doubt found assurance, and sinners found salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The theme of the last evening was, "Victory at Midnight". Rev. Schultz depicted the return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His bride, the Church. The message was preceded by a testimony meeting, in which many expressed the joy within their hearts.

Miss Schultz had a special feature for the children every evening. She also served as soloist. Local trios and other groups provided other special music.

Two Canadians to Newfoundland

Winnipeg, Man. — Two Canadian Mennonite Brethren teachers are going to Newfoundland under the MCC's Voluntary Service plan. They will augment the staff of teachers and nurses already active there.

Mr. Jack Neufeld of Morden, Man., left for the orientation course at Akron, Pa., on Sunday, July 21. The other teacher is Mr. Ernie Reimer of Abbotsford, B.C., who also left for Akron last week to take part in the orientation course.

A teacher with three years of experience, Jack Neufeld is no newcomer to "mission" teaching. He taught one year northeast of Brandon, one year among Indians at Na-

tional Mills in northern Manitoba, and during the last year at Home-wood, helping along at the Carman Gospel Light Mission as choir leader.

Mr. Neufeld received his elementary school training at Morden, later attending the M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg, the Winkler Bible School, the M. B. Bible College (two years), and the provincial normal school. He has served in the MCC Summer Service unit at Brandon Mental Hospital for one summer. He will be teaching in Newfoundland for at least one year.

Mr. Reimer is a member of the South Abbotsford M. B. Church. He received his elementary school training in the district, taking part of his high school by correspondence and through attendance at the Mennonite Educational Institute, Clearbrook, B.C. He is a recent graduate of the Bachelor of Arts course at the University of British Columbia. In the church he has been active in young people's work.

First Baptism in Seven Years

By Peter Penner

Thornhill, Man. — Seven years have elapsed since the last baptismal service at the M.B. Mission Church at Thornhill (Lindal). Thus it was a special joy when seven believers took this step of obedience on July 14.

The previous baptismal service was in 1950. A lack of young people is largely responsible for the dearth of baptismal candidates since then. But in 1951, while Rev. Abe Goerz served as pastor, the Rev. George Dugard conducted evangelistic services at Lindal. At that time a number of children, ranging in age from six to ten, were converted. Through systematic instruction in the Word of God in the local Sunday school, the worship services, as well as through their annual attendance at the Winkler Bible Camp, these children, now intermediates and young people, grew in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In due time these young people saw the need of being baptized, and on July 14 the church had the privilege of holding a baptismal (Continued on page 4-4)

EDITORIAL

"Let's Have Fun!"

In an effort to forget the personal moral and religious dilemma, the average person today is out to have fun. While the atom and H-bomb are poised menacingly over a world seemingly bent on sealing its own doom, an entertainment-seeking populace is crying, "Let's have fun!" And sadly enough there are Christian young people—and whole churches, too—who have lost their vision of Christ's mission for them and are bent on having fun. Dr. A. W. Tozer writes: "We insist upon making our religion a form of amusement and will have fun whether or not."

This all-consuming drive to have fun is not restricted to the United States. It is noticeable in many areas of home and church life in Canada, too. Only too often the events at Sinai are being repeated today. While Moses met God on the mountain, the people encamped at the foot of the mountain danced and feasted—under the leadership of one of their spiritual leaders, Aaron.

The "let's have fun" idea permeates almost every area of personal and church life if it is not held in check. It affects the basic attitudes and influences the big programs. It changes man's worship of God into a carnival, removing all sense of the holiness and majesty of God. This then affects the ethical standards and weakens the moral conscience. Stewardship is replaced by selfishness. A sense of responsibility is changed into irresponsibility. Disciples in union with the living Christ through the new birth are led into a league with Satan and his cohorts.

One area in which the "let's have fun" idea is gaining ground is music. While the Scriptures teach that music and song should be raised in praise of God, many modern Christians (and song leaders at evangelistic services, too) use it largely to make an emotional impact upon the people. Unless singing is "peppy" and "snappy", unless it affects the feelings—and sometimes the feet—it is frowned upon. Choral singing that praised the Saviour in majestic and heart-stirring tones is cheapened by arrangements that express the light-hearted gaiety of the modern age. Songs that bade the soul approach God on bended knee in holy awe now ask us to skip into His presence unabashed to have a "little talk with Jesus". Instead of preparing hearts for worship, some choruses and gospel songs prepare young and old for a session of "jive". We do not advocate a return to the Psalms, but we do wish modern music, and the music used in some of our churches, would have more of the spirit of worship inherent in the Psalms.

Another area in which the "let's have fun" idea is wreaking havoc is youth work. A frequent excuse of young people not attending the youth meetings of the church is, "Aw, we don't ever have any fun there anyway." So they stay at home and watch the unrealistic gambits of a comedian on television—or have "fun" with the gang. Some youth workers, seeing attendance dwindle, think to remedy the situation by providing "fun" at the church. Yet they can never rival the entertainment produced by beer and tobacco sponsored programs. Nor should they. Their task is to lead young people into the presence of God, not to provide them with a "good time" (in its modern connotation). Too many are saying, "Come to young people's for food and fun." Too few are saying, "Come and meet the Lord in His holiness, love and mercy at young people's." That can be a much more vital and glorious experience.

These are but two of the areas in which the "let's have fun" idea is gaining ground. We need to be constantly on guard that work and worship is not displaced by "fun". An example in point is the story concerning a church's building committee chairman, who challenged the men at church, "Come out and let's have fun nailing the boards onto the outside of the church." There are others who give up their Sunday school class or refuse to engage in other Christian activity in summer because it would spoil their fun (they call it vacation).

We are not enemies of relaxation. Nor do we begrudge a man his vacation. But Scripture never condones indolence and light-hearted disposal of the responsibilities God has given us so that we can have "fun". We need to realize more and more that we have not been called to have "fun", but to be ambassadors for Christ. Our work has eternity's values in view. It is not the enjoyment of the empty froth referred to as "fun".

DEVOTIONAL

"A Man Found Faithful"

Throughout history much emphasis has been placed upon loyalty. Governments desire their subjects to be loyal. Business leaders are concerned about the loyalty and faithfulness of their employees. The Church of Jesus Christ must consist of loyal and faithful members, or it will be ineffective.

Loyalty and faithfulness go hand in hand; they are twin virtues. If you are really loyal to your church, for example, you will also be faithful in the service of the church. If, however, you are not faithful to the tasks given to you, you cannot be said to be loyal.

Faithfulness and loyalty are increasingly becoming an issue in the church. The church cannot function efficiently, nor can it bear fruit for eternity, if it does not have faithful members and workers. Whether it be in Sunday school, in the choir, at prayer-meetings, at the church business meetings, or at worship services, the church requires faithful and loyal believers.

Faithfulness should be considered the natural outgrowth of a Christian's experience. Paul includes faith, or faithfulness, in the list of virtues that are the fruit of the Spirit. The Moffatt translation renders this word as fidelity, while another translation puts it as loyalty. That faithfulness should be a fruit of the Spirit is not unusual, for the primary work of the Holy Spirit is to represent Jesus Christ in us. He is continually giving us a greater knowledge of the Christ of Calvary in order to bind us closer to our Saviour, and thus increase our loyalty and faithfulness. When Jesus was on earth He stated the mission of the Holy Spirit in these terms: "He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you" (John 16:14).

Our attitude to our Lord will reveal whether we are loyal and faithful. Is He in the centre of our life, or have we relegated Him to the "back room"? Are we carrying on the work that He gave us, or have we become discouraged and slackened off in our efforts? Was Satan able to persuade us that our lack of outstanding talents excused us from being faithful? If so, we need to remember that the Bible states: "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2).

Faithfulness as a fruit of the Spirit will also manifest itself in our relationship to our church. Non-Christians judge the validity of our claim to having been transformed by Christ upon the basis of our actions, and faithfulness and loyalty to our church weigh heavily in the balances. As Christians we will not be respected if we are not faithful to our church, but are found skipping out on services, mis-

sing out on church functions, and neglecting the responsibilities given us. Even the unbelievers' code of ethics includes faithfulness—although they do not always live up to it.

Some reader may be a Sunday school teacher. Are you faithful in the preparation of lessons, or are you one of those who take a quick look at the lesson on Saturday night, or possibly Sunday morning? And are you there early enough on Sunday morning to welcome the pupils—or do they have to welcome you into the classroom after they've turned it topsy-turvy? What about your personal interest in your pupils? Do you notice it when they are absent and try to find out the reason for their absence? Are you faithful in visiting them when they are ill, and in speaking to each one individually about their soul's salvation?

Other readers may sing in a choir. Are you in the black book of the choir leader because you regularly come late to choir practice or because you make a grand entrance on Sunday morning when the choir members are already in their place? Can the choir leader depend upon you to be out regularly at rehearsals or at services when the choir is to sing? You have a great responsibility, and none other than Jesus Christ expects you to be faithful.

Others of you are ushers, youth workers, deacons and ministers. To all of us the Apostle Paul has written, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." If we have the Spirit of Christ in us, and if we let Him perform a perfect work in us, faithfulness will be a fruit of the Spirit.

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Work Progressing at McConnell Creek

By Nick Dyck

(Mr. and Mrs. Nick Dyck went to McConnell Creek, B.C., as full-time mission workers in early 1956. They are serving under the West Coast Children's Mission.)

"The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us" (Psalm 115: 12). We share the experience and the trust of the Psalmist, as he expressed himself in this verse. We are thankful for God's redemptive and sustaining grace during the past. He has truly been mindful of the prayers of His people, blessing His Word to the salvation of souls and giving deliverance from the bondage of Satan.

There remains, however, much unoccupied territory for the Lord to conquer. Our hearts are heavily burdened because of the indifference of the Christians. We need an awakening to the awful and blighting effects of sin and also a fuller vision of the crucified and glorified Christ, who has come "to save His people from their sins." Pray with us that the Holy Spirit may have His way in our hearts as Christians, so that a fuller portrayal of the grace and glory of the Lord Jesus may be presented to a sin-stricken world.

Family Altar Established

We praise God for victory in the lives of several of our young people, who have accepted the challenge of discipleship and are actively engaged as helpers in our Sunday

school. We are also thankful for several sound Christian homes where a daily family altar has been established. They are now growing "in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." The witness of the true Christians is causing a stir in the community. Let us pray for a break-through amongst the unbelievers, for "there are many adversaries."

We had the privilege of having Rev. A. J. Esau, missionary to Africa, with us on Sunday, July 14. Our hearts were touched and challenged to pray and give more for missions. Two weeks prior to this date a youth evangelist, Tom Postlethwaite, recently from England, delivered several messages from God's Word. "The Cross of Christ" was his theme, and we felt the drawing power of the One on the cross, even as He had foretold. Two films, "The God of Creation" and "The Voice of the Deep", were also shown at these meetings.

We will be having daily vacation Bible school at the chapel beginning either July 29 or August 5. Pray with us that as children of various denominations, including Catholics, are reached the seed of the Word of God may be so implanted that fruit will spring forth.

Later in the year we again plan to have an evangelistic campaign. May we covet your earnest intercession for a rich harvest.

Much Rain in Fraser Valley

Sardis, B.C. — There has been much rain in the Fraser Valley since May, giving the farmers no real chance to make hay. A large raspberry crop has been harvested, with pickers in heavy demand.

Berries were affected by mold very quickly because of the constant presence of moisture. In spite of this the income has been good, with the price quoted at 13 cents per pound for the grower.

Two Musical Events at Rosthern

Rosthern, Sask. — Two musical programs highlighted the events in the United Mennonite church here during the week of July 14 to 21.

The first evening the Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb., quartet presented a program of musical selections, including also solos, trios and duets. The message by Mr. Luetke was a great encouragement to all those present at the program. "Fear Not" served as the theme of his message, based on God's leading of the Children of Israel out of Egypt.

Another privilege was hearing the Armin String Quartet play. Members of the quartet are: Otto, 14,

first violin; Adele, 11, second violin; Paul, 12, viola; and Richard, 12, cello. They came from Riverside, Ont., with their parents. At present they are touring Mennonite communities across Canada. Incidentally, both parents also play the violin.

Everyone enjoyed the evening of music, which included selections by Mozart and Beethoven, some Russian music, as well as German folk music and hymns.

Beginning on July 21, special evangelistic meetings have been held in the Rosthern Memorial Arena. The services will continue until August 4, with Rev. Andrew Shelly the evangelist and Rev. Marvin Dirks the song leader.

College Graduate to Hague Ferry

Winnipeg, Man. — The third member of this year's graduating class at the M.B. Bible College to enter home mission work has already moved to the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan station at Hague Ferry, Sask.

George Reimer, formerly of Winkler, a graduate of the Winkler Bible School and the General Bible Course at the M.B. Bible College, is taking over the work at Hague Ferry. The present missionary



A farewell service for the John Walls was held at the Kitchener M.B. church on Sunday, July 14. They left Toronto on July 22 for Asuncion, Paraguay, and were due to arrive there on July 24. After becoming acquainted with the M.B. churches and workers in Paraguay they will proceed to Montevideo, Uruguay, where they will serve at the M.B. "Missionsheim". They are being supported by the M.B. Board of Welfare.

couple there, the Victor Nickels, will be opening a new mission station at Carrot River, Sask.

The two other M.B. Bible College graduates to enter the home mission field are Ben Doerksen, Ashern, Man., and Frank Peters, Winnipegosis, Man. Another graduate, Miss Susie Funk, will serve in the office of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, Hillsboro, Kans.

At the present time approximately 40 graduates of the M.B. Bible College (and others who attended but did not graduate) are now on the foreign mission field, with about half that number active in home mission work. A large proportion of the other graduates are serving as pastors, teachers in Bible schools, and teachers in public schools and private high schools.

"You Can Do a Lot"

By Helen Isaak*

Brandon, Man. (MCC) — I was assigned to the female hospital here. The hospital atmosphere was not entirely strange to me since I had worked in one last summer. The staff was very friendly, kind and gentle with the patients. At first I wondered just in what way is a Christian different than one of these people. How can we witness here? That question was partially answered by the end of the week. As long as the work went smoothly the nurses were kind and gentle. However, as soon as something went wrong, the One Who is the source of strength and comfort to a Christian was blamed and God's name was used in vain. It was comforting to know that God was my strength and my best and closest friend in times of trouble. He

gave me victory in a time of temptation.

The sad condition of the patients appalled me at first. I felt very sorry for them and yet the sight of them was somewhat repulsive to me. The sight of some of the women reminded me of the condition of the Gentiles as described in Romans 1 in the words "And God gave them up." Continually I had to remind myself that but for the grace of God that could be my condition also.

As the days went on and I became more acquainted with the patients, I began to like them and the feeling of repulsiveness disappeared. It amazed me how the patients responded to just a few kind words. It took so little for us to be kind to them and yet to them it means so much. The remarks of one Irish lady, when I helped her to bed one night, were a real challenge to me. She said: "You are a nice nurse. You can do a lot for the place."

The work is becoming more fascinating and interesting every day. It has opened an entirely new world to me.

One thing that has impressed me about our unit here is that even though we come from so many different churches and were completely strange to each other, we have become good friends in but a week's time. I am looking forward to a summer of activity and fellowship with such a fine group of young people. Since most of them have been in Summer Service before, we have had many fine discussions on our experiences in other years. I am beginning to realize more and more how this type of service fits in so well with my college education.

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Brandon Hears Congo Missionary

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — Rev. and Mrs. Henry Derksen gave the group at the Gospel Light Mission here a personal glimpse of life as missionaries in the Belgian Congo. The Derksens, who are home on furlough, are staying with their parents at Boissevain. They will visit some of the Canadian churches and will spend some months studying at Tabor College.

As a text for his report Rev. Derksen read Rom. 14:7; "Whether we live or die we are the Lord's." Even as Christ lived and died for us so we should live and die for him. Mr. Derksen pointed out the importance to the missionaries of the experiences gained in studying the native language and teaching the native pupils. He maintained that it was a time when God prepared the missionary for the difficult path that lay before him.

At present there are 60 missionaries for the 450,000 inhabitants who populate the M.B. Mission field. In an area of about 120,000 square miles there are about 7 mission stations which try to serve about 1000 villages. Missionaries cannot always visit each station once a year. Mr. Derksen stressed that the Congo still needs workers.

Mrs. Derksen described a typical scene in the village of Bololo, which has a population of 800 inhabitants. The natives live in houses made of sticks, string, mud, and grass with a dimension of 6' x 10' x 5½'. As soon as the missionary arrives the native children follow the car to its destination, which is the school house.

One of the missionaries stays with the children while the other seeks to make contacts with the adults at their different activities. Some are baking manioc bread, others are weaving cloth and still others are greasing their bodies and hair with red oil. This is a mark of distinction and beauty and everyone must do it. Services are held at different spots on the station before the day is over. Some contacts are made and many people hear the Gospel.

As the missionaries leave the station at the close of the day they hear the beating of the drums. It makes their heart sink to think that the power of darkness descends down upon the native who is stooped in ignorance and suspicion, and they send a prayer up to God that some of the seed may fall upon good ground and bear fruit.

God's Promises are Sure

A Testimony by Mrs. M. Wall

Dalmeny, Sask. — During the past months the promises of God have become very precious to me. We have all experienced that life is made up of thorns along with roses. I am fully convinced that without the thorns, our longing to be forever with the Lord would not exist. Difficulties make us aware of our own helplessness and the consequences are that we become "shipwrecked on God."

Because of the condition of my health I have become more dependent upon the Lord than ever. Each day I experience His grace and strength anew for the everyday task. How often my soul has found new courage in that familiar promise: "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness", or "As the days so shall thy strength be." I praise Him for strength not only to live, but to live for Christ each day. His promise is: "Behold I give unto you power . . . over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19). As Christians we need not live defeated lives; we can be victors in the name of Jesus. In John 15 we read: "Abide in me and I in you". Herein lies the secret of our victory.

Our wonderful Lord does not only give us victory; He also gives calmness in spite of the raging storms.

Before I went into the hospital I was able to experience this in a real way. His word for me was, "My Presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest." During my stay in the hospital the promise in Psalm 46:10 proved itself: "Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord gave special grace to rest in Him, which provided an opportunity to witness to the patients around me. Every morning and evening I was able to read God's Word to my room-mate, whose eyesight was poor. On many other occasions it was my privilege to exalt the name of the Lord.

When I look back I must say that the Lord has never failed me, but how often have I been untrue! Our tendency to sin in thought, word, or deed often brings discouragement and tears. Dear Christian friend, again God's promise clearly rings out the message of hope: "If we confess our sin; He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin." In Isaiah 55:7 we read; "Let him return unto the Lord and He will have mercy: and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

Throughout the days to come let us remember not to faint or grow weary, because "He is able to infuse resistless energy into the soul that waits on Him." As Isaiah announced: "But they that wait upon

the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

A poem that expresses this has been written by Annie Johnson Flint:

Oh, wonderful promises given
To those who wait on the Lord;
Strength for the faint who have
fallen,
Power for weakness outpoured.

Blessed the three-fold assurance
Thrilling the soul like a song:
They shall mount up as the eagles
On wide wings and swift wings and
strong.

Run with the stride of a racer,
Leaping unwearied and free,
Till he comes to the end of his
journey
And the crown of his effort shall
see.

Oh, the promise for those who are
walking,
Who falter and stumble and fall,
The courage, the strength, and the
patience,
This is the sweetest of all.

Attend Choir Directors' Course

Winnipeg, Man. — Mr. Corny Balzer, choir director at the North Kildonan M.B. Church and of the Gospel Light Hour choir, and Mr. George Wiebe, director of music at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College and director of the Mennonite Radio Mission choir, left on July 18 for Princeton, New Jersey.

Both men are attending a three-week course for conductors at the Westminster Choir College. These courses will be of special value, since both Mr. Wiebe and Mr. Balzer do a considerable amount of "Kursarbeit" with choirs and conductors in preparation for choir festivals in various churches.

Welcoming Festival For Lohrenzes

Prairie View, Sask. — The Bethania M.B. Church here held a welcome home festival for the returned missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Lohrenz, on Sunday, June 30.

The morning service on that day was devoted to missions. Rev. E. Martens, leading minister, welcomed the guests. Thereupon Rev. E. J. Lautermilch, moderator of the Southern Saskatchewan M.B. conference, spoke on Mark 6:29-44. He was followed by Rev. J. H. Lohrenz, whose message was taken from Acts 1:1-11.

After fellowship around the dinner-table the church gathered for the welcome home festival. The first speaker was Rev. E. J. Lautermilch, who based his message on II Chron. 15:1-7. Then Rev. J. D. Goertzen of Main Centre spoke on

I John 5:5. He also summarized the history of the M.B. mission work in India.

Rev. J. H. Lohrenz gave a reply based on Lamentations 3:23: "Great is thy faithfulness." Mrs. Lohrenz replied with II Cor. 12:9 and Eph. 3:8.

Children at Bible Camp

Prairie View, Sask. — Many children from Southern Saskatchewan gathered at the Children's Camp of the West Bank Bible Camp during the week of July 15 to 21.

The young people from the same district gathered at the camp from July 22 to 27 for lectures and instruction in God's Word.

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service with seven candidates. These had received two hours of instruction concerning baptism and the Christian's walk previously. Those baptized were Joyce and Ronnie Rachul, Dorothy and Russell Brown, Doris and Ronnie Guderian and Mrs. Norman Guderian. Mrs. Guderian, unlike the other six, was converted at Darlingford some years ago when Rev. Olaf Erikson conducted evangelistic services there.

The baptismal service was held at the Pembina River. Rev. J. H. Quiring, chairman of the newly-elected missions committee of the Manitoba M.B. Conference, brought a fervent message based on Mark 8:38. He stressed the necessity of open confession of Christ, also in baptism, and enumerated reasons why so many believers do not join any local group of Christians, or even remain secret disciples. Peter Penner, pastor of the church, baptized the seven candidates in the Pembina River and later also received them into the Church as members.

Since God gave the church a wonderful day, sunny but not hot and with just enough of a breeze to scatter the mosquitoes, many people from the district, from the Morden M.B. Church, as well as far away as Winkler and Manitou came to witness the baptismal service.

The hearing of the testimonies of the candidates during the morning service, their open testimony to the world in baptism, their acceptance into the church fellowship, and the subsequent observance of the Lord's Supper as well as the prayers of many following — all of these factors occasioned deep stirrings of revival blessing in individual hearts.

The M.B. Mission Church south of Thornhill now has twenty-five members, ten adherents and twenty-seven children from infants to intermediates.

Women Do Attend Conferences!

By Mrs. W. Wiebe

"It's a little bit exciting," said an elderly delegate of 75 in the early moments of the Canadian M. B. Conference at Herbert, when there was much vigorous handshaking and eager talk as east met west. To me it was more than just a little bit exciting to be able to attend the 47th Canadian M. B. Conference—to me it was the long-awaited fulfillment of a cherished hope. True I was only here as a visitor, as were the other women attending, but we were here to participate with heart and spirit in the work of our conference.

Why do women attend conferences? I wondered about it silently as I watched a car after car unload its male passengers at the conference office door, with a lone woman passenger here and there. Was it all out of curiosity, or were there other reasons? One car that had come a long distance, however, brought four women and one man—a numerical encouragement to the few women in attendance on the day the committees were in session.

Conferences Just for Men?

"Conferences are just for men. I think we women are just a nuisance here," remarked a friend. "A conference is enough to play out a strong delegate, let alone a weak one," mentioned another. "You'll be bored sitting through all the

sessions," added a veteran delegate of many conferences. "I brought my wife along just once—the second time she didn't want to come," advised a visitor from the West Coast. When I asked a former classmate of college days where his wife was, the answer came jokingly, "Where all good preachers' wives belong—at home!"

But women do attend the conference—and we were not all first-timers. To my knowledge Mrs. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon holds the record as far as conference attendance is concerned. She and her husband have been married 25 years—and in those years her husband has attended 25 conference sessions. Mrs. Rempel has been privileged to attend 18. I couldn't find anyone with a higher record.

Ministers' Wives in a Group

To me each new person is a new adventure. People, even ordinary people, can be exciting. I cannot count the number of new persons I met at the conference. I spoke with wives of teachers, of farmers, and of businessmen. Many missionaries and ministers visit our church and home but usually minus their wives. At the conference I met a number of them. The Christian hospitality and kindness of the home in which we were staying will also be long remembered.

I have often wanted to see what ministers' wives, all in a group, looked like. There was a very good representation of them sitting on the back benches during conference sessions, quite indistinguishable from the other women—a good everyday commodity. And I realized they were there because they had their hearts in their husband's work, and were inwardly convinced of the value of the work their minister-husband was doing.

As I listened to the daily messages from God's Word, to the discussions, and participated in the between-session shop-talk, an overwhelming truth pushed itself into the foreground of my thoughts. I became increasingly aware of the fact that in the work of the Lord we do not stand alone. We stand as a brotherhood, as a body of believers who are so closely united and have so much in common that the world has no equal. Our Christian faith binds us together in a relationship never known anywhere else in life—and together in Christ we experience the richest kind of fellowship. Where before the feeling has sometimes burdened me that the work we are doing is somewhat apart and alone, I know now we are one with many others in the same work, striving for the same great cause.

Emphasis on Homes

"Institutions cannot do what the home neglects," said Rev. I. W. Redekopp in his message emphasizing the Word of God in the home. I

noted that little sermon-in-a-sentence to take home with me. The home is still our main sphere of influence as women in the churches. Our job here is never done and we cannot expect our own schools to do what we leave undone. I was happy for this emphasis on the home at a conference where one sometimes feels there is no time for the little things.

Neither were the churches which make up our Conference forgotten. We noticed the loyalty of the delegates to the churches they represented, their appreciation and acceptance of the distinctive doctrines of the Mennonite Brethren faith. When one of our teachers testified, "I teach in one of our Mennonite high schools because I love the Mennonites", my heart echoed the same thought. As I learn to know our M. B. church better, its history and its principles, I learn to love it more.

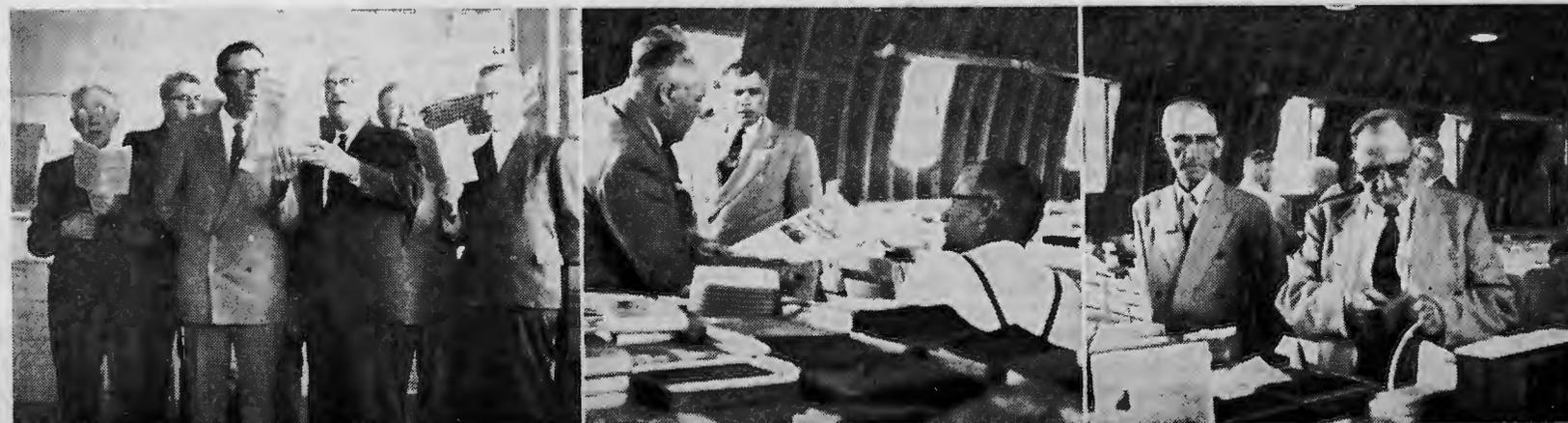
Became Acquainted With Projects

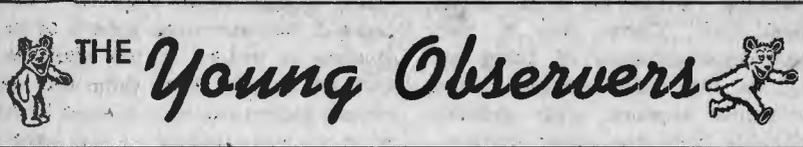
At the Conference I learned something of its projects. Bethesda, the Bible College, the Canada Inland Mission, youth work, and publication work are all a part of the whole. I learned that Canadian M. B. missionary giving is up—much to be thankful for, but not reason enough as yet to slacken in our missionary endeavour. I learned there that two new churches were organized during the past year and have joined our Conference—a milestone in

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This is a series of informal pictures taken at the Canadian M.B. Conference at Herbert, Sask. The top series of pictures shows some of the between-session activity outside. At the extreme left Mr. Falk of Niverville, Man., Rev. A. J. Froese of Boissevain, Man., and Rev. C. D. Toews of Abbotsford, B.C., chat on the porch of the Bible school. The second picture shows Mr. J. B. Janz and Mr. John Dick of Coaldale chatting with Rev. J. J. Stobbe of Abbotsford, B.C. In the next picture host and guest, Rev. Ed. J. Lautermilch and Mr. George Friesen of Vineland, respectively, make sure the committees have enough chairs in the Bible school. The last two pictures show scenes in front of the main entrance of the auditorium. The first picture at left, below, is of a group of men singing Russian songs for the sheer joy of doing so (no doubt in a reminiscent mood). The other scenes took place in front of The Christian Press, Ltd. booktable. In the centre picture the "Mennonite Observer" is under discussion.





Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

No doubt all of you like having a birthday, especially if there is a birthday party in honor of you. Some birthdays are more special than others to most children, such as the sixth and the fifteenth (for those who want to drive their father's car, the sixteenth is probably important).

In the life of the Jewish boy the twelfth birthday was probably the most important one. Up until then he had to go to a school where they learned to know the Old Testament. He could not attend the synagogue, however, until he was 12. At that time there were special ceremonies and the boys became full-fledged members of the Jewish religious organization.

When Jesus was 12 years old his parents took him to the temple—for the first time since he was a baby. There he became so interested in what the teachers of the law (the scribes) were saying, that he completely forgot about going home with his parents. After three days of searching they finally found him in the temple. When they reproached him he said, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Already at the age of twelve Jesus realized that the most important thing in his life was doing the will of God, His Father. What is the most important thing in your life? Is it to have lots of fun? To have many things to play with? Or do you, like the twelve-year-old Jesus, want to please God most of all? If that is your biggest desire then you will confess your sins to the Lord Jesus and let Him into your heart. After you have done that you will try to do only those things that please Him.

Aunt Selma.

A Little Boy's Prayer

This week's story is about a little boy who lived in the far north of Norway. There the sun shone all day and night during part of the summer—and in winter there were times when it was only night.

Otto was the youngest son of very poor parents. His brothers and sisters were all very much older than he was, so he was very often home alone with his mother. He was only six years old, but already it could be seen that he was not very bright. He would never learn very much at school.

Very few people came to visit Otto's parents during the winter months. Deep snow and bitter cold kept most people indoors, happy that they had a fire to keep them warm. During the summer, however, there were more people around. At this time the Laplanders also came down from still farther north to sell what they had made.

It was getting to be very lonesome one winter when suddenly it was announced that two young ladies were going to have a Sunday school. These young ladies had come from far away in the south to tell boys and girls about the Lord Jesus. Otto was very happy that he could now meet other children, even though it was quite a distance for his short legs to walk.

Happily Otto sang along as best he could with the other children. Wide-eyed he listened to the stories of the Lord Jesus and the other people in the Bible. His mother, however, did not approve of the Sunday school. She was especially annoyed when Otto began to sing and to pray at home.

"It's senseless to teach children that stuff," she said. "Children cannot understand it anyway, especially not Otto."

Otto tried very hard to memorize the memory verse. In doing so, he annoyed his mother regularly. She became tired of hearing him repeating the verse over and over again. Finally Otto promised to whisper it to himself, but soon he forgot about that and started saying the verse aloud again. Actually, throughout all the months of the Sunday school he had never been able to correctly memorize one whole verse.

The last verse that he received was particularly hard for Otto. Again and again he repeated it, trying to remember at least part of it. All he could seem to learn was, "Call upon me in the day of trouble." He couldn't remember any more, no matter how hard he tried.

"Please stop it," his mother said, exasperated over his constant repetition of the one line. "You've already said it so often that I just

cannot stand it any more. Go out in front of the house and play for a little while."

As he went out the front door he could be heard muttering, "Call upon me in the day of trouble... in the day of trouble..."

Suddenly he heard his mother cry out in the house. It was a shout of fear and alarm. "Fire!" "Fire!"

In a moment the old granary standing on the yard stood in flames. Not only that, but the wind was blowing the sparks toward the house and the barn. Otto and his mother were almost helpless, since his father and the older brothers had gone into the woods for the day. Their neighbour also lived far away. In a few seconds Otto's mother came out of the house with a pail of water. But the little bit of water had no effect on the rapidly mounting flames. She ran into the kitchen again to get more water, but it was no use. In her despair she sat down and began to wail helplessly. Suddenly she spied little Otto, standing and looking at the fire. "You should now be praying to God, Otto. You have learned to pray," she shouted at the little boy.

Vaguely Otto knew that this fire could cause much damage. He wanted to pray, too, but in his excitement he just couldn't think of anything to say. All at once he stretched out his arms to the fire and ran towards it, shouting, "Dear Lord Jesus... in the day of trouble... in the day of trouble..."

Those were the only words he could think of at the moment. He had repeated them over and over during the day—and now they came to mind.

Then the miracle happened. The wind changed suddenly and the sparks from the fire were blown onto an open field. The house and barn were saved! Although the old granary was burned, the loss was negligible, since the building was due to be torn down anyway.

Not only the house and barn were saved, however, for when Otto's mother saw how God had so miraculously answered the prayer of her son, she also learned to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus Otto became a light that led his parents to the Saviour—even if he was not very bright.

The Sunday school teacher who told this true story said that she herself had believed that it was no use telling Otto the stories—he would not remember them anyway. Yet in this dramatic way the Lord showed that even children who are not very bright can be a shining light for the Saviour.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Isaak of Niverville, Man., a daughter, Dorothy Jeanne; on Sunday, July 7, a sister for Kenny and Velma.

Lord, Save Me!

Jim was a healthy, active boy of ten years of age, full of vitality and fun; and could often be seen in the neighbourhood where he lived, engaged in all the mischief and sport along with his young friends.

One day, Jim, under the power of temptation, became involved in stealing a small sum of money. He knew this was wrong, for his parents had constantly sought to bring up their son to hate that which was evil and practise that which was good. In fact, Jim was the subject of many prayers of his father and mother, although he may not have been aware of it at that time.

However, with the money in his pocket, he desired to have an early supper, and in the evening spend his ill-gotten gains. His mother, asking him various questions as to why he wanted an early supper, and where was he going afterwards, soon realised that Jim was not his usual self. She kindly, but firmly told him that he would have to wait until father came home, and then all would have supper together.

This did not please Jim, for his conscience was constantly reminding him that he had done wrong by his act of stealing. Things quickly came to an climax, and the truth of, "Be sure your sins will find you out," was proved to be both sure and certain. Jim had to confess of his misdeed and folly; not only restoring the stolen money, but also to endure the chastening hand of his father.

The punishment in those days was to be put to bed immediately after supper every evening for a whole week. It was while undergoing this penalty that Jim began to think of his sins, and of having to answer to God for them. So much did this thought weigh upon his mind, that he could not sleep, and longed for peace with God. As the night wore on, and the greatness of his sins before God became more and more real, Jim realised that something must be done.

What could he do? Why! he could tell Jesus about it, and ask for His forgiveness. So jumping out of bed, Jim, knelt down. With hands together and tears in his eyes, he prayed, "Lord, save me!" It was a prayer from the heart, and the Lord Jesus in heaven, who neither slumbers nor sleeps, heard and answered it. He saved Jim at once, for whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Now, with the blessed assurance of sins all forgiven, and peace filled his heart, Jim got back into bed and was soon fast asleep.

It is almost forty years since that memorable night, and Jim has known the joy of salvation all those years.

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(19th Installment)

Vater had listened patiently up to that point, but when the conversation became silly, he interfered. "There is a Feldscher in Gnadenfeld," he said. "Why can't we ask him to examine Liesbeth?" Not even critical Liesbeth would think of disagreeing with Vater. She and Mutter would go to Gnadenfeld. That was much nearer than Muntau or Ohrloff. The Feldscher was not a regular doctor, but he had considerable medical education, with experience as an army doctor. Therefore he was permitted to dispense medicine.

The next morning the Feldscher took Liesbeth's pulse and temperature, asking Mutter a great many questions. Liesbeth remained quiet. The conversation was in Russian, and her Russian vocabulary was inadequate. Mutter was raised in Tockmack and could speak Ukrainian-chochlatsky, or Low Russian, as well as High and Low German. She and the Feldscher, who spoke the literary Russian of the schools and books, talked so fast that Liesbeth could understand little that was being said.

When the visit was completed, the Feldscher presented to Liesbeth a little light box and directed her to swallow the one pellet which was in it, aided by a glass of water or tea, before retiring. If the pill failed to bring relief, she was to come back sometime when a doctor would be in charge of the Gnadenfeld office.

As soon as Mutter and Liesbeth were comfortably seated in the spring seat of the farm wagon, she carefully opened the little box. To her astonishment the pill that she was to take that night was over an inch long, more than half an inch wide and oval-shaped. "How in the world could anyone swallow a big thing like that?" she asked, showing it to Mutter.

Mutter only shook her head. Liesbeth felt the pill to see if it was smooth. It was rough like an eggshell and of about the same shade.

That night in the kitchen Liesbeth filled a tea glass with water and tried to swallow her pill. Either it was too big or her throat was too narrow. "Is the tablet hard?" her mother asked.

Liesbeth examined it. "Very hard," she answered.

"Is it bitter?" asked Mutter.

Liesbeth touched the tip of her tongue to it. "No," she reported.

"In that case you might try to crush it and swallow the pieces," Mutter suggested.

That sounded logical to Liesbeth. With a meat pounder she attempted to pierce what she thought was a pill. To her astonishment and amusement she found that what turned out to be a casing was stuffed with cotton. In the cotton there was a tiny, beautifully made, yellow pill. The casing actually had been two flat bowls stuck together. At last she realized that the Feldscher had protected the pill against crumbling and losing. With disgust over her stupidity she quickly swallowed the little yellow pill, hoping that it would serve its purpose.

Several days later Liesbeth sheepishly told the others about her experience with the first pill she ever had seen. At first she had decided not to mention it to anyone, but she changed her mind when it occurred to her that others might be in the same awkward predicament. Anyway, it was a joke on herself, too good to keep secret.

The next morning Liesbeth was up bright and early to find out whether or not she was cured of the ticking. To her disappointment she noticed that her unusual phenomenon still was with her. She wished she had not gone to Alexanderwohl. Vater observed how disgusted she was. "Overcoming a tough difficulty usually necessitates a great deal of time and patience," he told her.

To Liesbeth that sounded like good advice. She needed more patience. "Sometimes overcoming an obstacle may even take a lifetime," she reasoned. Although her troubles seemed to multiply rather than to diminish, ahead of her there were three busy months when she would make herself useful while gradually trying to master her dilemma.

CHAPTER NINE

"...In the Sweat of Thy Brow"

The three oldest boys were away from home earning their own living, but there still remained eight mouths to feed and a home for which to pay. During the first decade of the twentieth century the income of a Mennonite tradesman in the Ukraine was small. Liesbeth had not known a day, or even an hour, when Vater had finished all of his tailoring orders and was able to relax for a while. Furthermore, almost every day after the evening

devotions, when everyone else retired for the night, he returned to his chair in front of his sewing machine and resumed work for another two or three hours.

On credit he had bought a home with a few dessiatines of land, and there could be no thought of a Mennonite ever missing a payment when it fell due. It was always due in the middle of September. The year around everyone who was able to work did his share toward filling the family larder and helping Vater to meet his big obligation and support his family. The busiest season was the summertime.

Liesbeth would soon be eight. For several summers now she had been working like a man. Right after milking and straining the milk in the morning and at night, Mutter gave her a glass of fresh warm milk to build her up and to condition her physically for the heavy work soon to follow.

As soon as the ground thawed and the weather was warm enough for spring gardening, Liesbeth prepared the soil for her own vegetable garden. She planted seeds for turnips, carrots, beans and beets, cabbage plants, also the eyes of a few potatoes. There was a tomato plant in a flower pot and the vegetables that in the Margenau soil yielded the best results. At various times of the day the little girl could be seen standing near her patch of ground between the olive trees and the mulberry bushes, scrutinizing the results of her efforts and pattering around with a hoe, a spade or a weeder. She enjoyed working outdoors where she could see the wild geese in the sky winging their way up from the warmer countries toward the colder northern regions. She listened to the calls of a quail in the olive clumps or the beautiful song of the nightingale in a krushki tree. Then there were the hens and roosters loudly visiting in the shade of a mulberry bush. She could expect only a meager crop because olive and mulberry bushes and the acacia trees threw a shade over her plot during a great part of each day. Furthermore, the soil was poor and chicken and animal manure was badly needed elsewhere. It was required to improve Vater's plum orchard and make dung fuel bricks. Her motto, however, was "While there's life there's hope," and she could see many encouraging signs. Vater's plum orchard was almost as good as anybody else's, the potato and vegetable plots east of the plum orchard were improving a little each year. Some day the front section of the place would be developed also.

Several times in the early summer Liesbeth's family, with the exception of Vater, loaded a big can of water, lunch, weeders, hoes and the twins into the box wagon. Then, all wearing big straw hats, they headed for the bashtan before the

sun was up. They drove along the south road that was back of their side of the village. Sometimes they were overtaken by other wagons, with speedier and more horses, going in the same direction.

In the village yards they heard the howling of dogs and the high-pitched whinny of a horse. Through the olive bushes, which bound the homesteads along the road, they saw big white geese, ducks and black and white chickens running across their yards. A few pigeons were seen fluttering over a barn or two, and mockingbirds and sparrows darted in and out of olive bushes. The air was balmy with the pleasant aroma from the yellow olive blossoms.

To the left of the road Liesbeth and her wagon passed narrow bands of fields covered with thick Krimka, or hard red winter wheat, sometimes called Red Turkey wheat because the Turks of the Crimea had at one time grown that grain and spread it to the Molotschna. As they turned from the village and up the sloping hill between Margenau and the Apanlee River, they passed bands of plowed fields with hardly a weed on them. After a fifteen-minute ride they reached the bashtan strips near the Apanlee river-bed.

Mutter explained while they were on the road that the farmers' land was scattered over five or six different bands. One reason for breaking up their acreage in that manner was to give each one in the village some of the good and some of the poorer land. "It was divided in that fashion at the time Margenau was settled back in 1819," Mutter said. In 1785 Empress Catherine II offered the Prussian Mennonites land in the Ukrainian steppes. They agreed to accept the offer, provided they would get closed communities. The conditions were met, and the Mennonites were given two large tracts in the southern Ukraine. They were steppes without a single tree and occupied by wild animals and semi-barbaric nomads with their herds of animals. In 1789 the Mennonite German immigrants formed the Old Colony near the Dnjeper River in the Ekaterinoslav Province. In 1804 the Molotschna colony in the Tavrida Province was settled. The goal of the Mennonites was to live in peace and to serve God according to the Scriptures and their conscience.

Liesbeth was surprised that Mutter knew so much about the history of the Molotschna colony. In an appreciation of education and a love for history Mutter and Liesbeth had much in common.

Their bashtan was a long strip of plowed land with several rows of watermelons interspersed with muskmelons and cucumbers, two or three short sections of pumpkins, of sunflower plants, of potatoes and corn and a long row of string beans.

(To be continued.)

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Kaspers Back on Field

J. J. Kaspers have arrived safely in India. The same cable reporting their arrival also indicated that the conference of all the missionaries together with the three visiting Brethren Toews, Kliewer and DeFehr began on July 8.

Recovers From Illness

In the Brazil work Sister Erven A. Thiesen has sufficiently recovered to be released from the hospital where she had gone for a period of rest and recuperation. Sister Thiesen is back again at the orphanage helping in the numerous responsibilities in connection with the work at the Curitiba mission.

Bible School in Colombia

The Colombia missionaries look forward to the opening of a Bible school in Cali. To acquire the needed buildings for this important purpose it will be necessary for the mission to invest around \$25,000. We are looking to the Lord and to our friends of foreign missions for this amount of capital.

Hugo Jantzes Back at Quito

In the HCJB work, Quito, Ecuador, Sister Sally Schroeder has been carrying on alone in the German broadcasting department during the absence of Brother and Sister Hugo Jantz. She is happy that Brother and Sister Jantz have now returned from their vacation and ministry in Colombia. Sister Schroeder writes that the daily prayer meetings from 11 to 12 with the entire HCJB staff are a great blessing in the work. Once a month there is a day of prayer and communion.

Excavation Begun

Excavation of the basement for the new church building at Linz, Austria, has begun, according to a report by Brother Abr. J. Neufeld. This is a great encouragement to the local Christians who have no house of worship but who are looking forward to this new church building. Here too funds are necessary from God's people in order to complete this memorial unto our Lord and Saviour.

Arrive on Furlough

Brother and Sister Harry Friesen arrived from Japan at San Francisco on July 2 for their well-deserved furlough. On July 7 Sister Ruth Wiens left for Japan, having spent almost a year of furlough in the homeland. The Japan missionaries write that they have greatly benefitted by the visit of Brethren Toews, Kliewer and DeFehr.

Persecution

In spite of the recent persecution experienced by the group of believers at Nuevo Ideal, Durango State in Mexico, they are neverthe-

less happy in the Lord and praying that He might grant them much faithfulness in their life and in their witness for Him.

31 Indians Baptized

Under the Lord's good providence it was possible to have a large baptism on June 23 at Yalva-Sanga station in Paraguay. As a result 31 more Indian souls were added to the Church of Jesus Christ in the Chaco.

Conferences in Africa

A native Christian workers' conference was to be held at Kafumba, Belgian Congo, June 28 to 30, according to a letter from Brother Ivan Elrich, Matende. These brethren attending the conference are to become the leaders of the churches in the Congo. Brother Elrich also writes that a teachers' meeting is planned for the middle of August. All village and station teachers are being invited. Work of the teachers is to provide students with a basic education, teach the Word of God to them and also conduct evangelistic services among the people of the villages.

Graduates Are Encouragement

An encouraging aspect of the Central High School at Mahabnagar, India, is the service of the graduates, Brother John A. Wiebe writes. Many former students now teach in government schools. When he calls at the district school inspector's office, Brother Wiebe frequently meets former students who also call at the office for direction and help. More than 50 former students are either directly serving in mission and school work or are pursuing higher studies to do more efficient service for the Lord. Many able students are handicapped in further educational preparation because of poverty.

Crusade Extended Three Weeks

By George Burnham
Christianity Today Magazine

New York City — After hearing all the pro and con arguments about continuing the New York Crusade beyond the climax meeting at Yankee Stadium, Billy Graham went to his favorite reference book, the Bible, for an answer.

He could have stopped with the big Saturday Stadium Rally, a sure winner, with no danger to his reputation if crowds drop off in the three-weeks extension unanimously voted by members of the executive committee and evangelistic team.

Before the vote was taken, however, he said: "The main points against continuing concern the climax and dangers to our reputa-

tions if the response is not as great beyond Yankee Stadium. My study of the Bible has revealed that Pentecost was a great climactical experience, but the followers of Jesus didn't stop until they were thrown out of the city.

"Calvary was the greatest climax in history, but the Lord didn't stop there.

Graham continued:

"Some of the things that should be considered, however, include the feelings of the churches. We are here as their guests and will act accordingly." (A member of the executive committee said he had found only three negative voices in an informal poll of 30 ministers. He said the pastors were rejoicing over the 500-plus souls being harvested each night at Madison Square Garden.) The 19,000 in attendance voted overwhelmingly for continuation each night for a week.

Concerning the condition of his own physical strength, Graham said, "Many nights I have crawled into bed and didn't think I would be able to get up next morning, but God has supplied the strength. At this moment I feel as good as I have at any time since coming to New York. Each member of our team believes the Scripture, 'As thy day, so shall thy strength be.'

"Many people around the world have been praying that the Crusade will continue all summer. I believe much of the conviction in our hearts is in answer to their prayers. I have felt renewed prayer support since it was announced there was a possibility of the meetings continuing.

"Because of these prayers, it would be hard for me to pass an empty Madison Square Garden, when it was available for the Gospel of Christ to be preached.

"I feel personally that we are on the verge of something historic. God, I believe, is about to do a great and mighty thing."

The new closing date for the Crusade, which has attracted 1,173,100 and resulted in over 35,000 decisions for Christ at Madison Square Garden, was set at August 10.

A new evaluation will be made at that time to determine if the Crusade should extend into September.

MORE ABOUT Women Do Attend Conferences

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Canadian M. B. history. I noticed that there were many younger men in attendance, listening carefully. I noticed also that many of the older brethren were still active, giving necessary direction and leadership as required.

Special Women's Meeting

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" were the words with which an old African

mother greeted the women of Canada through missionary Susie Brucks. About 150-175 women gathered for this special women's missionary meeting held in the upper dining hall. The weather was warm but there was a spiritual warmth at that meeting which overcame the weather.

Mrs. Willy Baerg (Africa) gave a personal testimony of the Lord's leading during the recent illness of their daughter. "Pray for the babies who will be wrapped in the blanket you are making," encouraged Mrs. Aaron Janzen (Africa). How the baby layettes were appreciated by the native mothers! Mrs. Janzen mentioned several churches by name—a reminder to me that personal contact counts.

Others who spoke during the meeting were Mrs. Daniel Wirsche (Colombia), Mrs. Ernest Schmidt (India), Mrs. Lohrenz (India), and Mrs. P. Dyck, enroute to Germany. Each one's experience and story was different but the appeal was always the same—for more prayer for our representatives in other lands.

And They Were All Fed

I have often wondered what the local churches fed the crowds of hungry people at the conference. Did Christ come into their midst and multiply the bread and fish until there was enough? I found out that at Herbert much, much preparation and fore-thought had preceded the actual conference sessions. The South Saskatchewan district had a big job to do, and they did it well. About 350 people were fed at one sitting with very very little congestion, and two sittings usually accommodated all delegates and guests. We were all sumptuously fed on excellent, well-prepared food.

Those brethren and sisters deserve much commendation for their warm welcome, consistent friendliness, and fine hospitality. May the Lord reward them.

One impression of the conference will always stay with me. The dinner bell had rung and the guests and delegates had filled the dining hall. The table song, "Laß endlich bei des Lammes Tisch", was announced. As the predominantly male voices rose in unison to sing this anthem of praise, it seemed the very walls of the dining hall could not contain the joy and thankfulness of the singers.

No doubt the auditorium of the conference sessions, the dining hall, the committee rooms are silently brooding now under a Saskatchewan summer sun; but the impressions I received there have come along home with me. Others too have taken along information and conference decisions.

Already these are finding their application in that particular corner of the Master's vineyard where He has placed us.



Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Israel seeks to Photograph Russian Bible Text

The Israel Government has started negotiations with the Soviet Union for permission to photograph ancient Biblical texts in Russia. The manuscripts, for the most part parchments, are written in Hebrew and are considered by scholars here to be not only extremely rare but vital to the study of the Bible.

An official request has been made for permission for a team of Israeli Biblical scholars to visit Moscow and Leningrad to photograph the documents.

At the University of Leningrad, the oldest Hebrew text of the Bible — excepting the recent document discoveries at Qumran on the shores of the Dead Sea — is held. The Leningrad document is dated to 847 A.D.

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Youth Congress to be Held In Copenhagen

Sam Wolgemuth, overseas director of Youth for Christ International, has recently returned from Copenhagen, Denmark, where arrangements are being made for the ninth World Congress on Youth Evangelism, to begin August 4. He says that spiritual life in Copenhagen is at a low ebb. "The city has the highest suicide rate in the world," he says. "Pastors wept as we discussed the youth problem." He reported there has been a tragic moral collapse among the youth. There is an almost complete disregard for the church, he said. Even though 95% of the population is nominally Christian, the average Sunday morning crowd is from 6 to 20 in churches that seat 600 or more! "A small band of godly pastors and Christians in Copenhagen are calling for help," he said.

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Worship Services in Little America

Temperatures of 90 degrees below zero are not able to chill the religious interest of men who are serving with Operation Deepfreeze, the U.S. Navy's Antarctic expedition. A broadcast from Dr. Paul A. Siple, scientific leader of the International Geophysical Year exploration group which is now bedded down for the long Antarctic winter at Little America, said the men are having regular Sunday Bible lessons and hymn singing, followed by open discussion on selected topics.

Dr. Siple sent the radio message to the Friendship Bible class at Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D.C. Prior to the Antarctic expedition he was teacher of this Bible class. He first won fame 30 years ago as the Boy Scout selected

to go to Antarctica with the initial expedition of the late Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd. He resides in Arlington, Virginia, when not on polar explorations.

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New Threat to Missions in Japan

A "Welcome Home" rally in Tokyo of a 15-member Japanese delegation which toured communist-held China and returned home with new ideas and praise for Communism was scored as a new threat to evangelical missions by American missionary Timothy Pietsch.

The news report which appeared in English in the issue of *Asahi Evening News* for last June 3 tells its own story. "A Japanese Christian church leader has urged that Japan oust foreign missionaries to gain the same kind of freedom of religion now prevailing in Communist China.

"Kaneyo Oda, a Free Methodist who returned from a recent visit to Red China as a member of a 15-man Christian mission (sponsored by the National Christian Council of Japan by the invitation of the Three Self Love Country Church of Red China) made his statement during a 'welcome home' rally held May 24 at the Tokyo YWCA.

"Mr. Oda added that the Red Chinese offer people freedom of faith, and if it had not been for the concerted efforts of the Chinese Christian Church, the nation would not have been able to win its independence from foreign missionaries."

A Certainty

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

"Everyone talks about the weather..." and most of the talk is tinged with exasperation. Weather prediction is one thing, while actual weather performance may be quite another business!

Lest you become too severe with your local Weather Bureau, you should know that insufficient data and mathematical methods are the major problems of meteorology, according to a report given by Dr. F. W. Reichelderfer, chief of the U.S. Weather Bureau. He has indicated that present methods often prove inadequate for the handling of data.

This might prove rather unsettling to those whose business is determined in large measure by the run of the rain and the waft of the winds. But the basic problem underlines so much of the affairs and business of this life. There is ever present the element of uncertainty which must be taken into strict account.

Lifting the whole matter onto the higher realm of spiritual truth, it is a cause for relief that uncertainty is the one element which is blessed by its happy absence. Where men are concerned for the future harbor of the soul, there need be no shadow of uncertainty, for near at hand is the sure and solid testimony of the Word of God, so that no life-wayfarer need err nor miss the critical mark. One rejoices that the Word takes cognizance of this human element of uncertainty, by declaring of Itself in the blessed otherwise: "Forever O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89). The Lord of the Word, the divine Author surely had this in mind when He would assure every last member living in this uncertain sphere: "Heaven and earth shall pass away but My Words shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31).

There are no flaws in the divine data, and here is the Settled Source

assuring ready solution for the deepest issues and problems. "The Word of God which liveth and abideth forever" (I Peter 1:23). "The weather from heaven is always fair and good!"

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Family Reunion

Prairie View, Sask. — On July 13 the children of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Klassen of Turnhill, Sask., gathered at the West Bank Bible Camp for a family reunion and farewell to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Lohrenz.

Mrs. Lohrenz is the oldest child of the P. A. Klassens. Three of her six brothers and four of her seven sisters, with their families, united in thanksgiving to God, followed by a period of fellowship and a lunch.

After their tour of the South Saskatchewan M.B. churches, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Lohrenz are returning to the United States.

Kitchen Cathedral

Warm Comfort

By Dorothy C. Haskin

I lay still in the dawn-streaked room and bit my lip. In my anguish I had the blind hope that if I lay still enough the pain wouldn't come, that the terrible process that was taking place in my body would stop, and I could save my baby. For eleven weeks I had laid on my back, but despite all the doctor could do the pains had begun. I kept so very still, but nothing helped, the pains were relentless. I lost my baby!

He was buried, without even the grace of a prayer. And, with it, my dreams and hopes of motherhood.

Two days later, while I was still in bed, still weak, I read in the newspapers of a girl who had her baby. She had carried the little one full time and after it was born in a hotel room, she had carried the baby to the window and dropped it three stories to the pavement below, killing him.

Why was her baby alive and mine dead? She could give her baby nothing, not even a name. I could have given my baby a home, love, education, training, belief in God. Where is my answer — my comfort?

"But see," friends say, "because you don't have children, you can devote all your time to your writing and thus serve the Lord."

My first thoughts were: Couldn't the Lord use me a little less? Does He need so much of me that I can never feel a moist kiss on my cheek? Only once have I had a friend who really shared a baby with me. Each day she let me go to her house and hold her son. Day by day I could feel the wee one grow heavy. Any talent is cold comfort to a woman whose arms

are forever empty. The Bible rightly says that one of the four things which are never satisfied is "a barren womb". (Proverbs 30:16).

"But, my dear," insist my friends, "look at the time you have to give to others. You have a dozen daughters to guide and comfort and cheer, while a mother is limited to a few." If I had a daughter of my own, she would bring her friends home from school. The other daughters would come and with the variation of life, I could help them and still have ample time for a daughter of my own.

There is only one comfort when one is denied the usual pattern of life, when one is crippled, or single, or denied children. It is the simple command of the Lord Jesus, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).

I ask myself, is God a Father? Yes. Does He know what is best for me? Yes. The love of God for me — that is warm comfort.

Perhaps He does want all my time in service. Perhaps He does not want my life shared with children. Amen, Lord, for "Thou art good, and doest good." He does need those who are not focused in few children that they may serve many. There is one comfort in the tragedies of life — "Have faith in God."

"I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea come drifting home with broken masts and sails; I will believe the Hand which never fails from seeming evil worketh good for me. And though I weep because those sails are tattered, still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered, 'I trust in Thee'" (Author unknown).

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Weddings

Toews—Konrad

Miss Lillian Konrad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Konrad of Clearbrook, B.C., and John B. Toews, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Toews of Coaldale, Alta., were married on June 22 in the Clearbrook M.B. church. Rev. John A. Harder, Yarrow, officiated.

Soloist at the wedding was Miss Holda Reimer, Yarrow, while Miss Helen Block of Vancouver was



pianist. The best man was Bernie Peters of Sardis, B.C. Serviteurs were fellow students of the bride when she attended the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

After a honeymoon on Vancouver Island the young couple left for Coaldale, where they will reside during the summer. In fall they will go to Boulder, Colorado, where Mr. Toews will continue his graduate studies. He is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College and Tabor College.

Obituaries

Mr. Dietrich G. Barkman

Mr. Dietrich G. Barkman of Herbert, Sask., passed away recently after a lengthy illness. Death is attributed to internal cancer.

Mr. Barkman was born at Hillsboro, Kans., on October 2, 1882. He was brought up there and at the age of 18 he accepted the Lord Jesus as personal Saviour. He was baptized shortly thereafter and received into the Krimmer Mennonite Brethren Church, located close to Hillsboro.

He entered into holy matrimony with Elizabeth Priebe on August

30, 1906. Soon after their marriage they moved to Herbert, Sask., where they homesteaded in the Flowing Well district. In 1908 they joined the Mennonite Brethren Church at Flowing Well, and Mr. Barkman became an active member both in the church fellowship and in the community. He served as choir leader and Sunday school teacher for many years. In 1931 they celebrated their silver wedding.

They settled in Herbert in 1947, retiring after a life of active service. He was in good health until he reached the age of 70. In 1953 he was forced to undergo an operation because of internal cancer. He enjoyed fair health for about two years only. On August 30, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Barkman were able to celebrate their golden wedding in the Flowing Well home of their oldest daughter, Mrs. Henry Siemens.

Intensified sufferings set in again, however, which he bore patiently for the last, and severest, six months of his life. He reached the age of 74 before his death.

He is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters, three sons-in-law and three daughters-in-law, 18 grandchildren and one great grandson. He has one brother residing in Dinuba, Calif., and two sisters live in Herbert, Sask. Two children predeceased him.

Overtaken By Death On Trip

Sardis, B.C. — Henry Enns of Taber, Alta., passed away unexpectedly while on a trip home after visiting his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Enns had come to visit his parents with their two sons, twelve and eight years old. While here, Mr. Enns's lung ailment and other complications became more serious. The doctor prescribed a dryer climate, which can be found in the interior of B.C.

On their trip into the interior they reached only Princeton, a little over a hundred miles east of Chilliwack. There Mr. Enns was taken to the hospital and his parents notified at once. They rushed to his bedside, but he had passed away before they arrived.

The body of the deceased was taken back to Sardis, where the funeral services were held on July 16 from the Mennonite Brethren church.

Mr. Enns, 33, was the only son in a family of four and had the reputation of having never been ill. He served with the Canadian army during the last war and a member of the Canadian Legion draped a Canadian flag over his coffin at the funeral. His mother had passed away when he was eight.

He is survived by his wife and two sons, his father and stepmother, and three sisters.



Peter Dycks to Europe

The Peter J. Dyck family left Montreal July 23 for Europe where Mr. Dyck will head the newly-formed East-West relations office and direct MCC work in Europe.

The East-West relations office developed from recommendations by the MCC delegation to Russia last October which suggested a continuing program of visits and associations with the approximately 40,000 Mennonites in Russia as well as with Russian Baptists.

The Dycks served the Eden Mennonite Church at Moundridge, Kan., the past seven years. Prior to that Dyck did relief work with MCC in England, the Netherlands and Germany.

Mrs. Dyck is the former Elfrieda Klassen of Winnipeg, Man. She is a sister of the late C. F. Klassen, former MCC director for Europe. Their daughters are Ruth Elizabeth, 7, and Rebecca Ann, 2½. The family will live in Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

New European Voluntary Service Director

The Erwin C. Goering family of North Newton, Kan., sailed for Europe where Mr. Goering will direct Mennonite Voluntary Service the next two years, succeeding LaMaar Kopp (Ephrata, Pa.).

MVS is administered by a council of European Mennonites. Last year approximately 200 persons from 15 nations participated in MVS work-camps.

Goering is taking a leave of absence as public relations director of Bethel College, a post he served the past 11 years. He directed the Mennonite student tour in Europe last summer. From 1942-6 he was with MCC, part of that time as general director of Civilian Public Service camps.

Goering is a graduate of Bethel College and Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He also attended Garrett Biblical Seminary. He has experience in teaching and coaching.

Mrs. Goering was graduated from Bethel College and Sherwood School of Music in Chicago and has taught music. Their daughters are Mary Jo, 12, and LaDeen Christine, 11. The family will live in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

189 in Summer Service

A total of 189 persons are participating in the summer service program of MCC in the United States and Canada.

The 92 participants in Canada represent its highest total since the

program began. There are 97 in U.S. projects, its second highest number.

General Conference Mennonites are represented with 75 workers (30 U.S. 45 Canada). Members of the (Old) Mennonite Church number 37 (28 U.S. 9 Canada). There are 19 Mennonite Brethren participants (8 U.S. 11 Canada).

Other groups include Rudnerweider Mennonite 6 (Canada), Evangelical Mennonites of Canada 5 (Canada), Brethren in Christ 4 (1 U.S. 3 Canada), United Missionary 4 (Canada), Sommerfelder Mennonite 2 (Canada) and Blumenort Mennonite 1 (Canada).

Other denominations in U.S. projects include Presbyterian 7, Methodist, 4, Baptist 4, United Church of Christ (Congregation and Evangelical and Reformed) 4, Church of the Brethren 3, and one each from Apostolic Christian, Coptic Orthodox, Christian Church (Disciples), Lutheran, Episcopal, community church and unaffiliated.

From other denominations in Canadian units are one each from the Evangelical United Brethren, Salvation Army, Plymouth Brethren, Evangelical Free, Baptist and Methodist.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Fernheim Bible School and the Bible Institute of the South American Mennonite Brethren Churches began their present courses of study in Paraguay with an enrollment of 71 students. Thirteen of these are students in the Institute's advanced theological courses. More students may yet enroll.

— The All-Paraguay Mennonite Teachers' Conference was held in Neuland Colony this year. These conferences are held during the winter school vacation which comes late in June and early in July. Delegates were expected from all colonies in Paraguay as well as one teacher from Uruguay. Brother William Schroeder, Board worker in Neuland from Steinbach, Manitoba, was responsible for organizing the conference and presiding at the sessions. Brother Schroeder teaches in the Neuland Zentralschule, which began with 32 students and three classes this year.

— Brother C. C. Peters, Board worker from Yarrow, British Columbia, spoke to the student body and faculty of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Montevideo, Uruguay, in a week of services. His messages were based on the life of Christ. He was enroute to Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, to assume teaching duties in the Bible Institute.

— Brother Willy Janz writes that the work of the Friesland Bible School in Paraguay for this year has been completed. It was a good year, he says, and prays that the seed sown may grow into eternity.

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First Impressions of Summer Service

By Rose Klassen*

Portage la Prairie, Man. — Our car was nearing Portage la Prairie. A strong wind was blowing, although the air was quite warm. Anxiety caused my heart to beat faster. What would meet me in the school? Would I enjoy the work? What would the patients and fellow staff members be like? Well, I would soon find out.

When I first saw the building my question was, "How will I ever find my way through these buildings?" Later, when the Superintendent of Nurses led us through the first few wards, to be measured for uniforms my anxiety was in no way lessened. In fact, I was completely confused! Reading the rules and regulations was a long, tedious task. Would I ever know what to do, at the right time?

Finally, the hour neared—in one hour I was supposed to be on duty. I struggled into the stiffly starched uniform. Unable to find my way to the ward on which I was to work, I was relieved when a nurse with a kind face and friendly smile showed me the way. All the staff members seemed very kind and sympathetic, so that now I was anticipating my first view of the ward.

Deftly the nurse opened the door. I was surprised when a garrulous and loving patient hugged the nurse. When the patients came to me, touching my arm, and asking, "What's your name?" I didn't know what to do. Should I answer? What should I say? I'm sure that smile must have been very artificial. Were the patients friendly? Yes, even the abusive language was meant to express love. What a change from my former experiences! Would I be able to love these people? God's grace would certainly need to be applied in my work quite freely.

In summing up my impressions thus far, I am sure that I will enjoy my new learning experience. It is my sincere prayer that I might be faithful in my duties so that I might honour Christ through my daily walk.

* Mennonite Brethren MCC Summer Service worker from Morden, Man.

Appreciation Expressed in Address of Welcome

Hughestown, India — The appreciation of national Christians for the Mennonite Brethren missionary effort in this city came to the fore in the address of welcome given Rev. J. B. Toews, Rev. J. P. Kliever and Mr. C. A. DeFehr upon their arrival here.



These are the graduates of the Eden Christian College, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Rev. D. Neumann is the principal. The graduates are: first row, from left, Mary Andrews, Elly Fries, Clara Kroeker, Erna Redekopp; second row, from left, Martha Fast, Mary Fast, Martha Dyck, Helen Fast, Margaret Fast, Mary Warkentin, Joyce Redekopp, Anne Rahn; third row, from left, Lydia Neufeld, Kathe Braeul, Kathy Reimer, Marlene Peters, Annetta Reimer, Herta Isaac, Helen Durksen, Hertha Neufeld, Martha Willms; fourth row, from left, Jacob Redekopp, Rudy Koop, Corny Rempel, Harry Dick, Harold Andres, Henry Boldt, Woldle Fast, Johnny Janzen; fifth row, John Bold, Arthur Schmor, Peter Klassen, Ernie Wall, Joh. Braun.

In the address the representative of the Hughestown M.B. Church stated: "Your ceaseless prayers and generous contributions, and the services rendered in our country, have borne fruit. Countless souls have been saved, the powers of darkness are being defeated, and the kingdom of God is fast spreading as the Gospel tidings are being proclaimed along the highways and byways of the towns and villages of our country as the result of the mission work..."

"There are 500 regular members and about 200 associate members in our church. We appreciate the missionaries who left their homes and relatives for our country, bearing the torch of salvation with spiritual courage and facing all the hardships and the scorching heat of our tropical country with an unfaltering decision to win India for Christ."

Some of the present-day needs mentioned in the address include musical instruments for the choir, a high school for those working in the various factories, and a dispensary. The speaker stated: "Should you be able to provide us with a suitable building for this purpose (high school), we have every hope that before long we would be able to operate the school on an indigenous basis."

A request that it be made possible for some India brethren to visit the mission board and the

supporting churches was also included in the address.

The address concluded: "We request you to kindly convey our sincere thanks to our Board members and other co-believers at home for what they have been doing for us in the past. May God bless you while you go about your mission and take you back to your homeland with undisturbed health."

A moving tribute to Rev. P. V. Balzer, Miss Margaret Suderman and Miss Anna Suderman was included in an address of welcome for them at the same occasion. In his address the speaker stated: "We confess that your Spirit-filled messages had brought about revival (at a time when they were missionaries in charge of the station —Ed.) when we were downhearted. It was your wise judgment that established peace among us. Your warm vigilance saved many from being led astray by the evil one."

"Since the time when you took your hands off our church we felt 'Paradise Lost'. Now that the day has dawned when we see you here as our missionaries once again, we feel 'Paradise Regained' (according to Milton)... The mission stations where you have served so far speak about your sincere labour in His vineyard. Our Indian ministers talk about your ardent desire for the spreading of His kingdom in our country. Young folks praise your encouraging spirit, while the

poor and needy always speak of your sympathetic attitude. Our Bible women regard Mrs. Balzer as a loving mother, spiritual guide and able Bible teacher.

"We extend a hearty welcome to Miss Margaret Suderman and Miss Anna Suderman, who have already started their respective work. We wish them every success in their service and assure them of our full co-operation. We request that Miss Suderman help us by using her valued experience in the medical field."

These addresses were delivered on July 7 to those assembled to welcome the mission board delegation.

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nal fruits. Several students could not have attended without financial support. For this aid from the churches through the Dienst am Evangelium treasury they are grateful.

— The new Mennonite Brethren Church youth center in Friesland was dedicated to the Lord on June 10. Brother Janz writes that about 30 young people are now regularly participating in this program. The program provides good opportunities for recreation and crafts for young people in a Christian environment. The aim of the youth center is to lead the young people to salvation and life in Christ Jesus.

Special Features at Family Camp

Arnes, Man. — Special features are being planned for the first Family Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dates for the camp are August 9 to 18, but families may come at any time and stay as long as they please.

The camp has facilities for the whole family, with special rates for the cabins during the Family Camp period. There is no special fee, but meals and the cabins can be had at low cost, with children paying only a half-fee for meals.

Leadership Emphasis

Emphasis will be on leadership during the first three days of the camp, August 9 to 11. Speakers during this camp will be Rev. H. Regehr and Rev. Wm. Schmidt of Winnipeg.

Ministers' Retreat

Monday, August 12, has been set aside as a Ministers' Retreat, with emphasis on the spiritual life, intellectual life, and the message of the minister.

Christian Home Emphasis

During three days of the camp there will be a special emphasis on the Christian home. From Tuesday to Thursday, August 13 to 15, Rev. John Schmidt and Rev. H. Regehr will speak on various aspects of the Christian home.

Brunk to Speak

Rev. George Brunk, who has been speaking at evangelistic and revival tent meetings at Steinbach, Winkler and Altona, will be giving a series of messages on the deeper spiritual life during the final week-end of the camp.

Announces Speakers for Youth Workers' Conference

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. George Brunk, evangelist and revival speaker, will be one of the featured speakers at the Youth Worker's Conference of the M.B. churches in Manitoba, the youth committee has announced. Rev. Henry Derksen, missionary to the Belgian Congo, will also deliver a message at the conference, to be held on Monday, August 5, at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

The topic for the morning session, which begins at 10:30 a.m. (CDT), will be, "Servants of an Almighty God", while the topic at the afternoon session to begin at 2:00 p.m. (CDT), will be, "Witnesses to a Mighty Saviour". At the morning session workshops will consider the subject, "The Youth Worker and His Task", while a panel discussion at the afternoon

session will discuss, "How Can We Increase Personal Witnessing?"

Music at the conference includes solos, a trio and a quartet. During the noon hour there will be a period of sports for those interested.

A special appeal has been made to all members of youth committees to attend the conference. However, any Sunday school teachers attending the conference held during the previous days are also welcome, as well as any who are interested in youth work.

Tent Campaign at Warman

Warman, Sask. — A tent revival campaign will be held here beginning July 28 and continuing for at least two weeks. Services begin at 8 p.m. (DST).

Rev. B. D. Reimer of Steinbach, Man., will be the evangelist.

Successful Evangelism at Wynyard

By D. K. Schellenberg

Steinbach, Man. — A two-week evangelistic campaign was conducted at the Western Gospel Mission church in Wynyard, Sask., from June 30 through to July 14. Rev. Benny Eidse, missionary to the Belgian Congo now on furlough, was evangelist.

The services, planned only for one week originally, were extended into the second as it became apparent that the Spirit was working on hearts. The attendance was good, with the exception of the first few nights.

As a result of the meetings, homes have been changed and lives made right with the Lord. In all there were six decisions for the Lord. This might seem like a small number, but considering the district it

was a great victory for the cause of the Lord. One of the converts, a 15-year-old boy, gave this glowing testimony, "I can't tell you how happy I am. I had such a burden of sin, I didn't know how I'd ever make them right. Now I cannot understand why I didn't do it before." After he was saved he immediately went after his friend, who came to the meeting and was also saved.

Wynyard is a town of about 1500 population, with no other evangelical work in the area. Manning the station are the Henry Klassens from Steinbach, Man., who are applicants for the foreign mission field and will be leaving the Wynyard area this fall in all likelihood.

On the Horizon

August 2 to 4 — The Youth Bible Conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Alberta will be held at the Southern Alberta Bible Camp at Vauxhall, Alta. Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener is the guest speaker.

August 2, 3 and 4 — The annual Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Sunday School Workers' Conference will be held at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

August 5 — Youth workers of Manitoba will meet at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde, for their annual conference. The morning session begins at 10:30 (CDT).

August 10 to 16. — Mennonite World Conference, Karlsruhe, Germany.

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

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