

# Mennonite Observer

"For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Cor. 2:2.

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## A New Work in Toronto

**Kitchener, Ont.**—For some time, brethren of the Mennonite Brethren Conference of Ontario have recognized the need of starting a work for the Lord in the great metropolitan city of Toronto, seeing that more and more of our people are moving to the city and the University of Toronto attracts young people from all over Canada, many coming from our church constituency. People who have moved to Toronto also sensed the need of an M. B. fellowship and much prayer was offered unto our heavenly Father, that He would open the door for such a work to be started.

At the provincial M. B. Conference last fall, the Home Missions Committee of the province was charged with the responsibility of opening a work. Many problems presented themselves in connection with this question. Where shall such a work be located in a city that is spread over such a large geographic area? Where would one find a building to house a new worshipping group? At the same time a residence would have to be provided for the missionaries. We also realized that the Saviour's words are still true, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are

few." Where would we find the desired servant of the Lord who would dedicate himself to this cause?

The Home Missions Committee is grateful to God who has answered many prayers. A number of families, living in Toronto, met several times. They surveyed the city and decided that the Willowdale area would possibly be the best in which to start a work. In the fast growing city, there were still some lots available here and public transportation, the Young St. North, is the best in all Toronto, so that students can easily come to join in the worship service.

As a next step they decided to sign a note in order to borrow the money to make a down-payment on the residence, thus purchasing it in the name of the Willowdale Christian Fellowship group. A very suitable newly-constructed residence, located on 10 Burke St., Willowdale, just a few minutes walk from Young St. North, was acquired. This new home provides spacious accommodations for the missionary family and the basement is so arranged that services can conveniently be held in one half of the basement, while Sun-

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## Evening Classes Prove Popular

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Evening classes at the M.B. Bible College have proved popular. Rev. J. A. Toews, president, revealed at the opening exercises of the college. Held in Elmwood M.B. church on Sunday night, October 6, the opening exercises featured an address by Rev. F. C. Peters, new faculty member.

"God has given us our time to earn dividends for eternity," Rev. Peters declared in his message on "Prepared For Our Times." God prepares his children for specific tasks, though at times they are unaware of this process, even as Queen Esther in the Bible. There is, however, a conscious preparation that every Christian should make.

"It is better to abstain from something that would hinder us," Rev. Peters maintained in describing how we can prepare for our tasks.

The important thing is to be prepared inwardly. Education itself is not enough. When we are properly prepared we will be able to utilize the opportunities for service that God gives us.

### Testimonies by Students

Other features on the program were a testimony by Erwin Klassen of Linden, Alta., who entered college for his third year this fall, and a testimony by Leonard Derksen, a first year student from Clearbrook, B.C. Mr. Klassen emphasized that God has given us the responsibility of warning the wicked. To do that effectively we must be adequately prepared. He had found that his years at college were giving him this preparation. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" was the keynote of Mr. Derksen's testimony. He

declared that financial security, success and possessions were not the most important things in life. Mr. Victor Martens, voice instructor at the college after studying two years in Germany subsequent to graduation at the M.B. Bible College, sang a solo.

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## Norman Fehrs Fly to Trinidad

**Homer City, Pa.** — The Norman Fehrs, who have served as home missionaries for the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan at Warman, Sask., left New York on October 1 for Trinidad, the southernmost island in the West Indies.

The Fehrs spent five weeks at the West Indies Mission headquarters here prior to their acceptance as missionaries to the West Indies. Subsequent to this they returned to Warman for two and one-half weeks of daily vacation Bible school and two full weeks of evangelistic services. During these weeks more than 70 persons were dealt with personally, many of them for the first time.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank F. Froese, formerly active at Lucky Lake, Sask., are the new home missionaries at Warman, Sask.

The address of the Norman Fehrs now is: 5 G Woodford Street, Arima, Trinidad, British West Indies.

Rev. Fehr is a graduate of the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg and has served with the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan since his graduation. The Fehrs have two children, a boy and a girl.

## Thanksgiving Festival

**Waldheim, Sask.** — Thanksgiving services were held in the Waldheim M. B. church on September 29. Rev. J. J. Thiessen of the Greenfarm M. B. church was the main speaker.

The services were led by Mr. John H. Jantzen, and the church choir rendered the musical items. Rev. H. M. Willems of the Brotherfield M. B. Church brought the first message, basing his text on Psalm 69:30: "and will magnify him with thanksgiving." He stressed the importance of letting the Christian

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spirit of Thanksgiving flow out to others.

Rev. J. J. Thiessen brought a German message, his theme being home missions, based on Luke 9: 14-17. Earthly goods belong to the Lord, and we are to bring that which we have unto Him.

The afternoon session began with a song service led by Mr. Herman Berg. A testimony was given by Elmer Schmidt, who is a missionary candidate for the field of New Guinea. Rev. Thiessen brought the message based on Song of Solomon 6:9, giving us a picture of a missionary church.

A thanksgiving dinner was served to all present between sessions.



The sod-turning service for the new M. B. church at Calgary, Alta., was held on Sunday, August 18. In this picture we see Rev. D. Kroeker addressing those assembled for the service. At the extreme right is Rev. H. Thielman, Calgary city missionary.

## EDITORIAL

### Don't Just "Drop In"

An art that Christians need to cultivate more is "visiting the sick", as the Bible describes it. In the hurry and bustle of the modern world, with its egocentricity and selfishness, the sick and the lonely tend to be forgotten. Yet no pastor's visits can compensate for the visits of friends and loved ones.

The recent experiences of the editor in hospital brought the Christian's responsibility to the sick rather forcibly to mind. Not that he felt especially neglected, but he was reminded of his own sins of omission rather strongly.

The art of visiting the sick does not come naturally. We must first realize our responsibility in this field and then prepare ourselves adequately. Too many just "drop in" to see an ill person—and when they leave the patient wishes they had "passed by." The visitor should first of all have some definite message of cheer for the patient. This may be a portion of God's Word, it may be a poem or booklet of poems for the shut-ins, it may be some good news from "home." To spend the time commiserating with the patient—or describing one's own past and present ailments—is unforgivable. While in hospital, the editor's co-patient was visited by half a dozen such "visitors" at one time. The already very sick man certainly had not benefitted by the visits.

Another aspect that those who visit the sick should not forget is that too many visitors at once can do more harm than good. A picture in a hospital waiting room shows such a "catastrophe". While the nearly a dozen visitors chat with each other the patient looks about in bewilderment to see who is being visited—he or his visitors. Unless the patient is well on his way to full health he will appreciate it if not more than two people visit him at one time. And unless they are good friends—and he especially asks that they stay—visitors should not take too much time with their "mission of mercy." A sustained effort to make conversation can be very tiring when one is having pain or is under a sedative.

What to bring patients is often a problem. The best thing to do is to ask the patient himself, either personally or through his immediate family. Sometimes fruit is appreciated, at other times it will only be given away or left to grow old. Candies are good sometimes, but a patient battling with nausea has no use for sweets of any kind. A little booklet—the favourite paper or magazine of the patient—and other similar items bring joy at times, if the patient is not under such heavy sedation that he cannot read. Oftimes a simple card sent through the mails is the best reminder to the patient that his friends are thinking of him and praying for him.

When your friends are laid up at home or in hospital, make it a point to remind them that you are praying for them, will you? And if you have a message of cheer and hope, visit them—but briefly, unless they desire a longer visit. Do pray with them before you leave, if that is at all possible. And if you do bring them something, make sure it is of such a nature that it will really be appreciated. The best medicine of all is still love, out of a heart that is filled with the love of God.

### This is Life - You Spend it as You Like

By Rev. Russell R. Kauffman

By the side of an airstrip in Korea a wrinkle-faced native who had glorified Jesus Christ with many years of useful Christian living spoke these words of wisdom to a missionary returning to the States: "Tell the people of America that life is like a coin. You may spend it as you wish but you spend it only once."

Many times since hearing these words I have thought of them in connection with what I have seen from the vantage point of a pastor. I have listened to the weary, the brokenhearted, the sad and disillusioned

who have come to my study for counseling and help. Some have come who have permitted the chains of sin to shackle them forever to a problem from which there can be no release in this life. Satan has done his work well and though forgiveness can be promised through the power of Christ's atoning blood, the consequences of their sin must be personally suffered and paid for all the years of this life. As they have departed with heavy hearts I have uttered these words, "And this is life?"

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## DEVOTIONAL

### Offer Unto God Thanksgiving

By Rev. P. R. Toews\*

The coming of autumn suddenly brings us to the realization that the pleasant days of summer are gone and winter will soon be upon us. It also reminds us that God has once again granted mercy and grace for seedtime and harvest, and with a new harvest we have the promise for a livelihood during the coming winter months. Then, too, autumn reminds us of our obligation to God as stated in Psalm 50.

Why is it that we as human beings, and even we as Christians, are so ungrateful? Because we forget all the mercies and the gifts which God bestows upon us. Because we are never satisfied with what we have. Many of us are so ungrateful because we have never learned to be thankful. Gratitude, or thankfulness, is a grace or virtue which must be learned. These are some of the reasons why we are often so ungrateful.

When reading the pages of Holy Writ, I find numerous passages which tell me who should be thankful, or who should bring thanksgiving unto God. I shall enumerate some of them as I have found them in the book of the Psalms. The first admonition is to all the people, young and old, rich or poor, saved or unsaved; all should praise the Lord. "Let the people praise thee . . ." (Psalm 67:3). The redeemed of the Lord are also asked to bring praises unto the Lord. If they will not praise the Lord who would? Is it necessary that they be cautioned to praise the Lord? They, too, often forget to bring their thanksgiving unto the Lord. The servants, or the ministers of the Lord are asked to bring praises unto God. It is very essential that they do not forget this, especially when they are so busy admonishing others to do so.

In Psalm 74 I read that the poor are also asked to bring praises unto His name. This group is also in danger to forget. They are so busy trying to make ends meet, and to save something for a day in need that they begin to pity themselves, and forget to praise God. And finally as a last admonition I read in Psalm 69: "Let the heaven and the earth . . ." As I look at the various admonitions to praise, I am reminded of the words in Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord O my soul." Yes, you and I are also reminded to bring our thanksgiving unto the Lord.

Another question which occupies me as I think of the topic of Thanksgiving is that, "How can I inspire others to be grateful?" Let me give you a few answers. Be grateful yourself. If others will see that you are thankful, that

you know how to praise the Lord and bring thanksgiving to Him, then they, too, will join in your song of praise. Furthermore, you can inspire others to be grateful by impressing them and convincing them that you are satisfied. Your attitude, your words and deeds toward the mercies of God will spell songs of praise or dissatisfaction to others. This attitude will be transferred to others and they will join in your song of satisfaction.

As a result of your thanksgiving the Lord will be glorified, you shall be happy, and others will be compelled to praise the Lord. Did you know that thanksgiving opens the way to new blessings?

God made the seeds for man to sow in every fertile field;  
He sent the rain to make it grow,  
And plenteous harvest yield.

He sent the sunshine's ripening rays  
That trees should bear their kind;  
And thus provide for future days,  
The needs of all mankind.

God has another seed He sows  
In every heart and life;  
And if like unto Him it grows,  
Then ends all worldly strife.

So if ourselves to him we give,  
And serve Him faithfully;  
Then we shall surely grow and live,  
Throughout eternity.

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Faith makes the uplook good,  
the outlook bright, the inlook  
favorable and the future glorious.

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and the essential unity of all true  
Mennonites as its guiding principle.

## Rev. J. J. Toews to Speak at Youth Rally

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener, Ont., M.B. Church, will be the featured speaker at a two-day Youth Rally of the M.B. churches in Manitoba. He will speak on "Living the Gospel" at the services to be held on the afternoon and evening of October 26 and 27 at the Elmwood M.B. church, Winnipeg.

The ethical implications of the Gospel will be the main emphasis of Rev. Toews' messages, entitled: "Prerequisites for Living the Gospel"; "Methods of Living the Gospel"; "Environment for Living the Gospel."

Mass male and mixed choir singing, songs by quartets and a church choir, solos by Victor Martens, Miss Katie Froese and others will be the musical fare at the services.

It is also hoped to have a panel discussion on citizenship and the Gospel.

Both Saturday and Sunday afternoon services will begin at 2:30 p.m., while the Saturday evening service will start at 7:30 and the Sunday night service at 7:00 p.m.

Those coming in from churches outside of Winnipeg and not expecting to return home for the night will be received into homes in Winnipeg for the night and for the Sunday noon meal. Lunch will be served in the Elmwood M.B. church lower auditorium on Saturday and Sunday afternoon.

Youth leaders and church leaders are asked to announce these services in their churches.

## Yarrow Choir Visits Kelowna

By George Fast

Kelowna, B.C. — The announcement of a sixty-voice choir coming to Kelowna aroused some excitement. The ladies of the Helping Hand Club prepared to serve the visitors with meals; the young people arranged places for the choir members to stay for the night; and other church members declared their willingness to take in the visitors.

On Saturday night the young people of our church joined the choir in an outdoor gathering. Rev. A. Sawatzky went across the lake to welcome the two bus loads of singers and lead them to the Baptist Camping Grounds. At about 6:30 the young people also crossed the lake and joined the group that was already playing games. After a few games we all crowded into the unlit dining hall for coffee and buns. Then we all gathered outside the building for a short program.

Rev. A. Sawatzky welcomed Brother Loewen and the choir. The conductor, Brother Rudy Boshmann,

led the group in the singing of a few songs. After a short testimony meeting led by Bro. Henry Enns, Brother Jake Loewen spoke. He challenged us to permit the God who had made, and who controlled nature, to control our lives. We then all crossed the lake and met again at the M.B. Church where brother Nick Kroeker directed the singers to individual homes.

On Sunday morning the Sunday school was shortened to have more time for our visitors. After the choir sang a few songs Brother Roland Sawatzky led the prayer meeting. Rev. A. Sawatzky (uncle to Roland) gave the announcements after which the girl's trio sang. Then Rev. J. Loewen held the life of Peter before us in the morning message.

That afternoon the choir again rendered a program in song. Rev. Loewen showed us what a big job being a Christian was. He held several opposites before us: saying versus doing; and doing versus being. May the Lord help us in the big job of being a Christian.

## Promotion Day at Hamilton

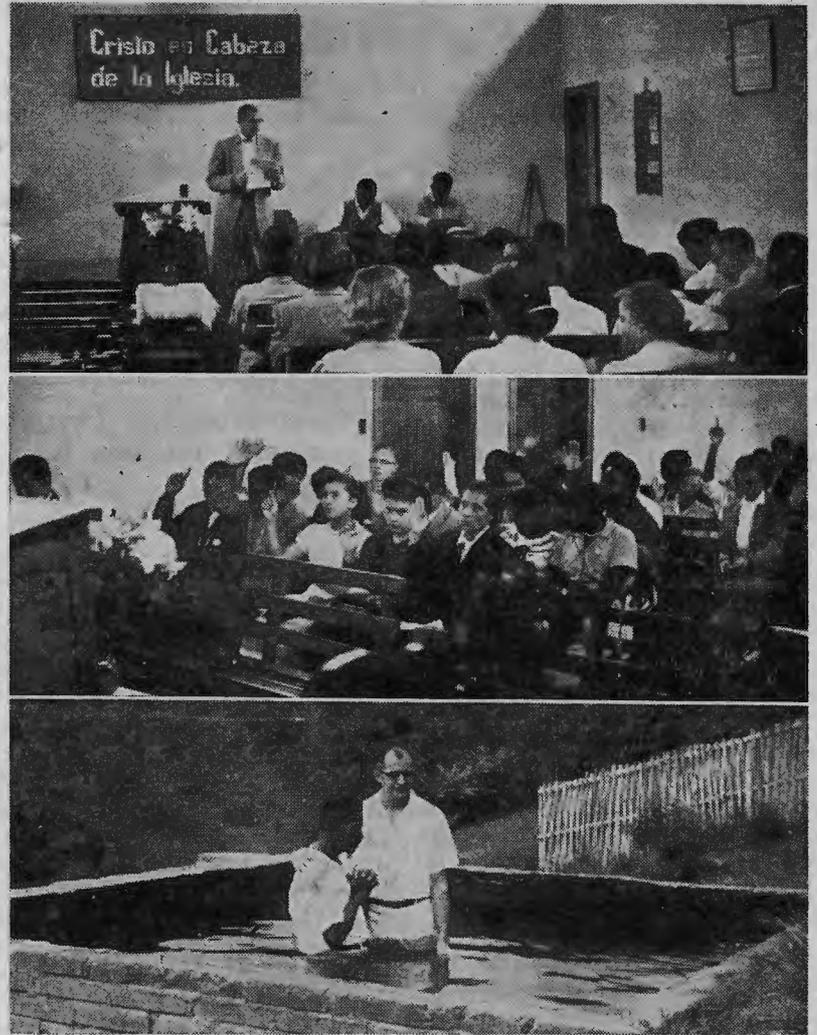
By Martha Janzen

Grimsby, Ont. — The Promotion Day exercises at the Lake Ave. Sunday School, held Sept. 29, were of great importance to the pupils attending. One little girl confided to me that her teeth had chattered, from sheer nervousness, all the way to the school. She was one of a group of three who were to sing the song, "Mothers of Salem".

We as teachers, however, did not share her nervousness. We looked forward to the day with great joy and with prayerfulness, for we are always happy for these occasions when we can see the parents and acquaint them with the work.

John Unger, our city missionary, was in charge of the afternoon. We were happy that the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren church choir had followed his invitation. They sang many wonderful songs under the direction of Mr. N. Fehderau. The choir is to be highly commended for having come at all, for on that same day their home church observed its annual Thanksgiving and Missionary Day, morning and evening. Rev. Henry Warkentin, also Kitchener, was the speaker. He placed the child Jesus as an example before us.

Several of the teachers gave short testimonies, while the others presented the certificates to their departing pupils. The twelve teachers active in the work come from the Vineland M.B. church. Fourteen of the pupils received small prizes for good attendance throughout the year. Patricia Hough and Georgie Milne had almost perfect attendance and were rewarded with trophies, two shiny silver cups. How their faces lit up when they were



The top two pictures show the conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Colombia in session. The bottom picture shows the baptism of Reinaldo Mendoza, a Colombian Christian from the Choco.

## Colombian M. B. Church Accepts Constitution

La Cumbre, Colombia. — The Colombian Mennonite Brethren Church accepted a constitution after much prayer and work at its third conference, held here from July 13 to 17.

Delegates for the conference had come from both the Choco and the church here. Nine men and two women represented each of the districts at the conference, whose over-all theme was: "Christ Is the Head of the Church." A special event at the conference was the baptism of Reinaldo Mendoza, who had come from the Choco for the

conference and the baptism.

The conference was opened on Saturday night by Rev. Ernest Friesen with a message on, "The Message of the Church." Later subjects during the conference were: "The Church in the World"; "What Is the Church?"; "The Responsibility of the Members of the Church"; and "The Hope of the Church." Speaking were Rev. Jacob Loewen, Rev. Vernon Reimer, Solomon Manchola, and Juan Sutierrez. Evening evangelistic services featured messages by Esquivel Mosquero, Belarmino Sanches and Libardo Torres.

presented! We hope this will be an incentive to all our pupils. Pray with us that the work may progress.

## Thanksgiving At Turnhill

Turnhill, Sask. — The Thanksgiving Festival of the Bethania M.B. Church was held on Sunday, September 29. It was well attended, both by local people and those from neighboring churches.

The guest speakers were Rev. Bill Buller of Flowing Well and Rev. John D. Goertzen of Main Centre. In his morning message Rev. Buller exhorted the church to thankfulness, basing his message on Psalm 103:1-22. Rev. Goertzen had

chosen Psalm 86:1-13 as his text, bringing out clearly that we must accept God's leading in our life and give Him the honour and glory for it.

During the noon recess, a delicious meal was served in the church basement by the Turnhill Ladies Mission Band.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the church again assembled for the mission festival, led by the pastor, Rev. E. Martens. The first speaker was Rev. Goertzen, who based his message on the great commission, Matthew 28:16-22. He was followed by Rev. Buller, who spoke on the qualifications of a Gospel worker, using Romans 1:1, 14-17 as text.

The choir supplied the special music.

## Complete Missionary Chapel

Altona, Man. — A little over a year ago, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Mennonite Youth Organization in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., it was decided that the group should join hands with the Mennonite Pioneer Mission in a very special project—the building of a mission chapel at Cross Lake, in northern Manitoba.

It was decided that the CMYO would raise the money for the chapel and the Mennonite Pioneer Mission would administer the building. The cost, it was then estimated, would be approximately \$2,000.00.

Now, a year later, the chapel is a reality. It was dedicated at a special service on Sunday, October 6, with missionary Otto Hamm in charge.

The young people have raised the largest part of the originally estimated price, but the actual cost now totals nearly \$4,000.00, or twice as much as was at first expected. High shipping costs did much to raise the figure. All the material had to be flown in by plane.

The CMYO will try to do the whole job of raising the \$4,000.00 during the coming year. It is felt that the actuality of the chapel will serve as an added incentive for the young people to give.

### The Chapel

The chapel, although dedicated, is not quite complete. Work will continue for some time yet. Construction, begun early in September, was supervised by Henry P. Berg, an experienced carpenter from Rosenfeld, Man. Helping Mr. Berg were men from the Cross Lake district.

Located on the lake shore, near the home of the missionaries Otto and Margaret Hamm, the chapel will be capable of seating 250 people. MPM officials tell us that the people of Cross Lake are very receptive to the Word and that the chapel will fill a great need.

### The Missionaries

The Christian workers at Cross Lake are Otto and Margaret Hamm, of Altona, Man., and Miss Anne Willms, of Coaldale, Alta. The Hamm's have a family of four.

Missionary Hamm says of the chapel: "Should all homes and public buildings be closed to the witness of Christ by our adversary the devil, the CMYO chapel in Cross Lake will be a place of refreshment for the souls of those whom God has called out for His own among these people."

One of the first tasks facing these workers is learning the Cree language—the language of the people they are serving.

Rev. George Groening, pastor of the Bethel Mennonite church in

Winnipeg and chairman of the Mennonite Pioneer Mission says, "The people of Cross Lake seem to have a great hunger for the Word of God . . . again and again the homes have been filled to over capacity to hear the good news of salvation from missionaries Margaret and Otto Hamm. The chapel will be a great help in the work."

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day school rooms can be provided for in the other half. This building fits into the new work admirably well and we are grateful to God for giving it to us.

In regards to a worker, the Lord has answered our prayers in making Brother and Sister H. H. Voth willing to continue their studies in Emmanuel College in Toronto, instead of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The Home Missions Committee has been grateful for the burden Brother and Sister Voth have revealed for this work and for their willingness to enter upon this pioneer field. The Voths are ready to extend a hearty invitation and you will find it from their hand elsewhere in this issue.

The missionaries at Cross Lake are challenged with the task of bringing Christ to the Cree; the Canadian Mennonite young people are challenged to raise the money still owing on the chapel and all the Christian friends of this missionary effort should feel inspired to pray.

Further information can be obtained from Larry Kehler, 600 University Blvd., Tuxedo, Winnipeg 9, Man.

The Home Missions Committee would also like to urge all the churches, families or individuals who know of people in Toronto or vicinity who should be contacted, to please correspond with Brother Voth, who will put forth every effort to serve as best he can.

In the name of the Home Missions Committee of the M. B. Conference of Ontario,

Jacob J. Toews.

## Evening Classes Prove Popular

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The statistical report by Rev. D. Ewert, registrar, revealed that 113 students had enrolled thus far, of whom 7 were part-time students. Sixty-one freshmen entered college this fall. The average age this year

again was 24.5, while 30 of the students were married and 83 were single. Thirty-one of the students came from British Columbia, 15 from Alberta, 12 from Saskatchewan, 29 from Manitoba, and 22 from Ontario. There are four foreign students at college this year. Eighty-eight have enrolled for the evening classes.

Over half the students this year have attended Bible school, 26 are teachers, 10 are nurses, 13 have come from the business world, 10 from the farm, and 17 from various other occupations. Thirty-six students are taking the four-year Bachelor of Theology course, 54 are enrolled in the Bachelor of Religious Education course, 13 in the Sacred Music Course, and 10 are taking General Bible.

The college A Cappella Choir sang during the service.

The more we follow the pattern of the world, the less likely it will be that we can ever win the lost world to a separation to Christ.—M. E. Bontreger.

It is a spiritual grace to help people without putting them under obligation, without humiliating them and without establishing a superior-inferior relationship.

## Will Visit Canada October 12 to 16



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, seen at left, and her husband, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, seen at right, will visit Canada from October 12 to 16. From October 17 to 21 the royal couple will visit the United States. The visit of Queen Elizabeth to Ottawa coincides with the 100th anniversary of the city's selection as the national capital by Queen Victoria. It also coincides with the beginning of the 23rd Parliament, which will be opened by Queen Elizabeth.

## Experiences in Mennonite Voluntary Service

By Sally Aldworth

The London, England, Easter Mennonite Voluntary Service work camp, lasting only one week, took place in Bow, a poor area of East London. This area has changed a good deal since the last war. There are still rows and rows of grimy terrace houses back to back, enlivened with a little grubby washing and sometimes a gallant attempt at a garden; there are still small factories and yards backing onto the canals.

But there are also areas of rubble where champions and rose bay-willows grow up among the ruins of cellars and old buildings and where the grass grows between the bricks of a solitary chimney pointing up like a warning finger from the damaged site. On many of these flattened areas vast new blocks of flats have sprung up. They are huge, clean, balconied and well-planned. Yet they seem to have little personality and they epitomize the loss of community sense which this area has suffered among its other deprivations. Perhaps this is its greatest loss.

The old population has been largely rehoused and folk from new districts have come into Bow. Everyone is a stranger, and this is not helped by the compartmentalism of modern flat life with its home entertainment.

Kingley Hall stands in this area as a living expression of Christian brotherhood. It exists to prove that man lives best in close friendship with his fellow men and it enables people to live more fully through shared experience. There are dress making classes, an Old People's Club, a Woman's Hour, play reading circle, handicrafts, Guides, and of course worship and Sunday schools. A tiny but devoted staff has a job to keep this large open house going and in the course of time, especially as the neighbourhood is such a dirty one, the rooms became very shabby and gloomy.

This is not at all the way a happy Christian house should look, so over the Easter vacation a group of young people came together to redecorate the hallway, stairs, kitchen and large clubroom.

We were a noisy and cheerful crowd. Most of us were students from Cambridge, London and Durham. Some of us, like Phil, were still in high-school. Wendy wanted to become a physicist; Michael, a minister. Ann was working in London and Ernie came from an MCC Pax Services unit. There were as many girls as fellows. By far the most of us came from the Church of England (Anglican) but I heard at least one interesting discussion between a Jewess, a Mennonite and

and an Anglican. Our numbers varied from 12-15.

Monday morning found us armed with vast quantities of soap and hot water, and the great work of cleaning and scrubbing began. Later we bought paint. The kitchen was transformed into apple green with lavender grey and white wood work and gay scarlet chairs. The large clubroom, with its lovely polished wood floor and huge oriel windows, took on something of an Adam quality in a beautiful fragile blue with a white panelled ceiling, while the stairs and hall echoed the same tone and had a glossy black bannister to set it off.

The group was easy and friendly from the start. There was always plenty of singing and joking and we were especially pleased when we could share this with the local people. They often came to see how the work was going. Sometimes they left us a pot of marmalade or a home-made cake. Quite often they would give us a hand themselves or entertain us with impromptu impressions of Liberace or rock'n roll.

Frequently they were with us to end the day with a short devotion, although few of them joined us after breakfast when we started our work by offering it to God and committing ourselves to Him with praise and delight. After morning prayers we discussed the day's work and planned the shopping and the chores. Then everyone went to work.

Those of us who went shopping had to be very careful as the food was of necessity plain and economical. However the shopkeepers were incredibly kind and helpful and eager to know how the work was going. Sometimes they slipped an extra sixpence into the change, gave us advice on cooking, or free pieces of wall paper for a little job we had planned.

We didn't work all the time. Sometimes after lunch Jim would treat us to a concert of some of his records. One afternoon we visited the district looking at local places of interest. Another time we travelled into central London to see an Easter play. One evening was passed pleasantly at the Mennonite Centre at Highgate. On Saturday night when the work was finished we had a party for everyone who cared to come. After games, ice cream, cake and coffee, came speeches and the thanks.

Thus the first MVS camp in England came to an end. Although it was modeled after previous camps, it came to have a distinct character of its own. We hoped it had been valuable, especially in showing to

our neighbours how Christian love and friendship can be extended through even the most ordinary, practical ways of scrubbing and painting. We learned too, the happiness and strength which Christ gives us when we are thus committed to working for Him. We felt very fortunate to live, even for a short while, such balanced lives among like-minded people.

One of our group painted a design on the clubroom ceiling. It was the Tree of Life. We felt that this was right for us who had had the privilege of feeling Christ tingling through us, and we hoped very much that other people would enjoy the fruit of our efforts.

### Good Offering At Vineland

**Vineland, Ont.** — The Thanksgiving and Missionary Day of the M.B. Church of Vineland was held September 15.

In the morning the speakers were Rev. H. P. Wiebe and Rev. Peter Reimer of Port Rowan. In the afternoon Rev. Geo. Epp and Rev. A. Block were the speakers.

Though this event is held annually it never loses its importance to us. The services were well attended. The offerings, totaling about \$2,100, came from grateful people.

### Twelve Baptized at Carrot River

**Carrot River, Sask.** — Twelve believers followed the Lord in baptism at the M.B. Church here on Sunday, September 1. Rev. Victor Nickel is the resident missionary for the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan.

The baptismal candidates were: Miss Anna Loewen, Mrs. B. Gollnick, Miss Betty Sauder, Miss Ruth Sauder, Miss Karen Blinken, Miss Elizabeth Loewen, Miss Susie Loewen, Mrs. F. Maiers, Mr. Henry Loewen, Mr. Bob Sauder, Mrs. H. Sauder, and Mr. Howard Sauder.

### Sunday School Promotion at South End

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The yearly Sunday School promotion service was held at the South End Mennonite Brethren Church on September 29th. Mr. D. E. Redekop, Sunday School superintendent, led the promotion service while Rev. J. P. Neufeld delivered the message.

Nine beginners were promoted to the primary department. Eight pupils of the primary department received Bibles as promotion gifts. Fifteen juniors, ten intermediates, and ten seniors were promoted to the next department. Approximately 400 Sunday school students exclusive of the adult departments are enrolled in the South End Sun-

day school. Fifty-five teachers serve in the various classes.

Basing his message to Sunday school teachers on 1. Cor. 4:1-7, Rev. J. P. Neufeld emphasized the believer's responsibility to God. As a steward of the mysteries of God, faithfulness is required of the believer. True humility is another essential of service. "It is from God that every loyal servant will receive commendation," Rev. Neufeld pointed out.

At the close of the service the Sunday school teachers were asked to come forward. Rev. Neufeld then encouraged and admonished the teachers with 1. Tim. 4:16, and closed the service with a prayer for God's help and guidance in the new Sunday school year.

### Mission Director Speaks at Festival

**Beechy, Sask.** — The Mennonite Brethren Church here held their annual Thanksgiving and Mission Festival on Sunday, September 29. Under a bright sky the congregation gathered to worship and praise the Creator for His provision.

The service began promptly at 10:00 a.m., with members, adherents, and friends lifting their voices in grateful praise to Him who so loved that He gave Himself. After a word of greeting from Mr. J. Wiens, the leader of the church, the choir sang their first song. Mr. David Woelk read Psalm 95:1-7 for the invocation and gave incentive for prayer. Following a song by a male quartet, Rev. A. Goertz, pastor of the Main Centre M.B. Church, delivered an inspiring message on the characteristics of the thankful church, based on I Thessalonians 5:18. The second speaker of the morning, Rev. J. S. Adrian, director of the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan, spoke on the thankful church using Luke 17:11-19 as his text.

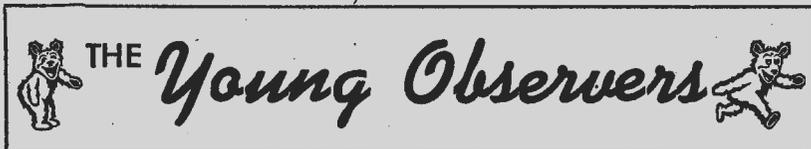
The afternoon service was opened with another period of hearty singing. Mr. C. Nickel read Philippians 1:1-11 for the introduction. Rev. Adrian again spoke, using Psalm 96:1 as the basis for a message on the challenge, the field and the message of missions. Rev. Goertz delivered a powerful message on the commission of the church, as found in Mark 16:15.

The church choir also served in the afternoon.

### Announce Appointment Of Pastor

**Swift Current, Sask.** — The Mennonite Brethren Church of Swift Current has extended a call to Brother E. J. Lautermilch to serve the church as full-time pastor and leader. In the future all correspondence pertaining to the church should, therefore, be addressed to:

Rev. E. J. Lautermilch  
635 Hoffman Avenue,  
Swift Current, Saskatchewan.



### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

The other day we read about a sudden change in the weather in certain parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan. One day the sun was shining brightly and the temperature was about 80 degrees. The next day a blizzard had come, with several inches of snow and the temperature down to 25 degrees.

In the olden days such a sudden change in the weather would catch people unprepared—they just didn't know the snow would come so suddenly. Today, however, the weather office has stations all over North America and can predict in advance when a storm will come. Thus the people of Alberta and Saskatchewan likely knew that the storm was coming and could prepare for it.

Of course you know that all of us must not only prepare for bad weather. We must also prepare to go to heaven some day—or we just won't get there. We read in the Bible that Jesus is coming some day, in the twinkling of an eye. He will come so suddenly that it will be completely unexpected. We have no way of knowing in advance what day or week or year he will come. That means, of course, that we must be ready at all times, so that if he should come now, or to-morrow, or next week, we are always ready.

How can we be ready when Jesus comes, so that He will take us to heaven then? The Bible again tells us that we must receive Jesus into our hearts. We must ask Him to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us. When we do that He comes to live in us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Then we will be ready if he should come at any time.

"Therefore be ye ready" the Bible tells us. Are you ready? If not, ask your parents, your Sunday school teacher or some other good friend to help you to be ready when Jesus comes.

Aunt Selma.

## The Most Wonderful Book

"What's that old book, Mum?"

"Why, that's the Bible, my boy."

"The Bible? Whose book is that?"

"God's Book."

"Well, hadn't we better give it back to Him? We never use it."

Could that be said of the Bible in your home? I hope not. Just listen to some of the wonderful stories, and that Book of books, sixty-six all in one, will never lie on a dusty shelf again. No, you'll open it and marvel at it as you read the thrilling stories and come to know the Saviour of whom it speaks.

The Bible was first written down in Hebrew and Greek, but we can't all read these, can we? So men who love and know God have been busy translating the Bible into languages we can understand. In the third century, a scholar named Jerome, sat in his "cave-library," writing with the quill of a feather. He was recording the Bible in Latin.

At another time, before the Bible was known in English, Caedmon, an Anglo-Saxon shepherd and poet, used to sing the Bible stories to people. Later, Bede, who had been an orphan welcomed into one of the monasteries, decided to write the Bible in English. He was old, and had time to give only the Gospel of John to the world. As he

was dying there was still a chapter to translate. By the evening the boy who wrote down the words which the dying monk dictated said: "There is only one sentence more."

"Write fast," smiled Bede, and as the sentence was completed he died—his work done.

That was only one Gospel. It was John Wycliffe who translated the whole Bible into our language. It was all by hand and what were a few copies among a nation? Their best plan was, to travel, reading the Word to others. It is told that the people were so keen to hear the Bible that one man gave a load of hay to be allowed to read the Bible for an hour each day!

Later still, William Tyndale determined that even the boy who ploughed the field should be able to possess a Bible. Little did he realize that as he translated word by word he would eventually give his life for the Bible. When many who did not want the people to read God's Word for themselves, were angry, they burnt the Bibles he had printed. When this did not stop him, they strangled and burnt him!

But did this put an end to the Bible? Never. **It is God's Word to man and cannot be destroyed.**

Tyndale's last prayer was that God would "open the King of England's eyes." The King wasn't blind, but couldn't see that people needed the Bible. God answered Tyndale's prayer, for when King James came to the throne he authorized fifty-four scholars to make a careful, accurate translation of the Bible. This is the one we usually read, and as it had the King's authority or permission, it is called the Authorized Version.

So the Bible goes on, out into the world into more and more languages, people still giving their lives to give the Word to others. In the Valley of Assassins in Central Africa no policeman dared go, for the heathen with their poisoned arrows let none come out alive, yet into that valley went a man with no gun or weapon, **but with a Bible.** Today, the valley is safe, for the people heard of God's love in sending the Lord Jesus, and let Him come into their lives and change them. **The Bible is a wonderful Book.** Down through the ages it has come to us, protected by God, His love-letter to us. What are you going to do with it? Read it, heed it, obey it, and love it? I hope so.

### The Very Big and the Very Little

I want you to think about the very big and the very little. You think the world is a very big place, and so it is, but it would take 1,300,000 earths to make the sun, and the sun, the wise men tell us, burns up 250,000,000 tons of atomic energy every single minute since the universe was created. We cannot understand these wonderful things, any more than a little ant on an ant heap can understand the thoughts of a man, or even of a little child.

And yet there are learned fools, who tell us, that all this happened by chance. What a mistake! If I were to give you eight letters, which, placed in the right order, would spell the word, **happened**, you might fling them down day and night at random, and they would never by chance spell **happened**; no, not if you went on doing so for millions of years. **No, the world was created as you see it in all its wonder and beauty by God.** So much for the very large.

What about the very little, equally wonderful? During the hot summer days, I have sometimes read a book in the warm sunshine in the garden. Every time I do this, a very, very tiny fly alights on the page, so small that the ordinary house-fly looks like a huge and bloated monster. On the white page of the book this tiny, tiny elegant fly is not as big as a letter on the printed page you are now reading. I have examined it again and again with great wonder. To see its tiny, tiny body with its

tiny, tiny gauze-like wings, and four tiny, tiny pairs of tiny, tiny legs, all put together and jointed, and above all with LIFE flowing through its little body, and watch it walk over the page, then suddenly fly away, is one of the greatest wonders of creation.

**Ane here is the wonder of wonders, that the One, who created all these things, came into this sinful world, went about doing good, healing all that were oppressed of the devil, and finally was crucified, dying an atoning death on the cross; and all that He might be your loving Saviour, if only you will trust Him.** How pleased He would be, though now in heavenly glory, were you to do so.

Why not give yourself to such a loving Saviour to save you, forgive you all your sins, cleansing them away in His most precious blood? This indeed is love beyond understanding!

### "Mother Won't Let Me"

One Sunday afternoon the children were seated around their various teachers, listening to the story of God's great love in sending Jesus into this world to die for sinners. The subject which the infants' teacher had chosen was, "Heaven, and the importance of knowing how to get there." The children, at the close of the lesson, were asked a few questions about it.

One of the questions was, "Do you want to go to heaven?" Each of the four girls answered very decidedly that they did so very much, but when the teacher came to the boy, his answer was not, "Yes," but a very strange one. In his innocent little way, for he was only four years of age, he said, "My mother won't let me." He was too young, of course, to understand, and perhaps thought that heaven was such a long way off that he would not be allowed to go that distance alone.

The Lord Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me" (Luke 18:16), and no one is too young to trust Him. He is the **only** way to heaven, because He died for sinners.

Have you made Him your Saviour yet?

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By Elizabeth B. Jones.

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(30th Installment)

"My father says she is in the heavenly paradise," Sara answered. "He told me that if she were given a choice between staying in heaven and coming back to Margenau, she would not hesitate one moment to choose to stay where she is."

Then they wondered what they would do in school without Maria and who would take her vacant seat. Across the street the girls could see Uncle and Aunt Schultze in the yard of the meetinghouse as they were getting the premises ready for Sunday's services. "Do you see those little girls there near the icehouse?" Aunt Schultze asked her husband.

He looked across the street. Then he resumed his work, saying, "One of them is the minister's daughter, Sara; the shorter one is Liesbeth, the tailor's daughter. They are probably waiting for some of their friends."

The girls smiled as they listened to the conversation. Then with a forced smile, Sara, the little realist, said she would miss Maria. Raising her somewhat bushy eyebrows over her large, gray eyes, she said that she could take it. Suddenly she burst out singing, "There's a land that is fairer than day, and by faith we can see it afar." When she came to the chorus, Liesbeth raised her eyebrows, indicating that she, too, could take it, and joined Sara, singing quietly, "In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore."

When they finished singing the refrain, Liesbeth said, "Maria was always so nice and I was naturally gruff, though I didn't mean to be. Sometimes I must have hurt her, and I had no chance to ask her forgiveness."

Sara said she was sure Maria did not hold that against her, that she was so happy where she was that she never would think of it.

Liesbeth picked a dry weed near her and shortened the stem.

Sara picked a blade of grass and looked at it. Both smiled. They recalled the time they had tried to run to the top of the riverbank holding hands and had fallen down. A bird had appeared and Maria was the only one who had looked for a nest and had found it. They remembered the time they played Drop the Handkerchief and Maria had been unable to let go of it.

Sara said, "Lots of times, when I had finished my work, I wanted to get her attention so that she would look back. But there she was, poking her little nose into a book, slate or paper, perfectly unmindful of everyone around her. She was a good student. Mr. Rempel will miss her, too. We'll all miss her, but she'll never miss us, not where she is!"

Liesbeth's face took on a happier mien. "Maybe she wouldn't like it if she knew we were sad."

"You are right," Sara agreed. "What do you say we cheer up and go home?"

Both girls got up and started walking. Instead of turning west to her own home, Sara accompanied Liesbeth. It was the first time she had done that. They seemed to have regained their usual composure and moved confidently on.

In the future the cemetery would have a different meaning for Liesbeth. Up to then she had visited it from a sense of propriety and duty. In the future she would go there to contact the past. "Oh dear," she mumbled, "what am I thinking? I always have been against living in the past." Right then her heart was heavy and the past was very important to her. A friend, who was going to be a partner in her search for education and a full life, had died and left a void in her heart. But time was a great healer, she recalled having heard. After a while she would be able to stop mourning and to turn her thoughts again toward the future. Meanwhile, she would try to live a normal life and be herself. Christmas was only five or six weeks away. Perhaps its busy days and cheerful atmosphere would help her to get her feet back on the ground.

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

### Holidays

As was her custom, Liesbeth had looked forward to Christmas for quite a while. During the serene winter months life in the Molotschna colony was tranquil and moved at a slow pace, but everybody in the village was looking forward to Christmas. However, the only visible evidence that it was near was in the frozen windows, in the snow-covered landscapes and in small displays of nuts, candies and cookies in the two village stores. At home, with two exceptions, everything was going along as usual. Those two exceptions were Mutter's baking of

Pfeffernuesse and Anna's making of Marzipan.

Anna was an expert Marzipan maker, and the children knew it. They did not offer their services to Anna, but they enjoyed watching her. "You had better watch real well this time because sometime after a while I may be going away to take a sewing course, and next year I may not be home for Christmas," she said to Liesbeth. She watched Anna grind shelled almonds and mix them with an equal amount of sugar. Then she added a teaspoonful of almond extract and enough of a watery solution of oil of roses to form a paste with the almonds. This she pressed and rolled into a layer about the thickness of Liesbeth's little finger and later on with a sharp knife and with great care cut the layer into rectangular sticks about two inches long. Finally those sticks were wrapped in two thicknesses of thin transparent paper and a heavier, fancy, colored paper. Then she twisted the ends of those papers until the Marzipan looked just like that sold in stores at Christmas-time. Licking the pots and getting a few culled Marzipans were satisfying rewards for the long period of observing and waiting.

Watching Mutter make Pfeffernuesse was also quite rewarding, but it meant two days of waiting for the reward. She made them only once a year, a few weeks before Christmas. While she was mixing the dough, Liesbeth asked her, "Why do you make those cookies only once a year?"

Mutter smiled and, after some hesitation, said, "Those are Christmas cookies, just as paskha is an Easter food. You just don't see people mixing and making paskha or Pfeffernuesse except for the appropriate holidays."

For Liesbeth that was by no means a sensible explanation, and she was ready to say, "That's another of those Mennonite traditions that makes no sense." Then suddenly she did see a reason for the custom. Specific pastries and traditions for given holidays made those customs and festivities more attractive and worth while.

With few exceptions, Mutter always mixed her doughs from memory. She had no cookbook, nor did she need one. The foods she made were not new. She had made them over and over again since she was a young girl. While she was mixing the sugar and butter for the Pfeffernuesse, Liesbeth got her diary and in it wrote a list of everything Mutter put into the dough and the approximate quantities as accurately as she could estimate them.

So far Mutter had fused two cups of sugar with one-half cup of butter and had added to it a cup each of syrup and of molasses. While she was mixing milk and cream, about a cupful altogether, Liesbeth's pencil broke and for a minute or two,

while she was sharpening the pencil, she lost track of the recipe. But Mutter brought her up-to-date by mentioning that she had tried to mix a little baking soda with water and that Liesbeth actually had missed nothing important. She used a little more than five cups of flour, which she sifted three times. Other Pfeffernuesse ingredients were a little salt, about a fourth of a teaspoon of cloves, half a teaspoon of anise, a teaspoon of ground cinnamon, half a teaspoon of baking powder and a few drops of vanilla extract.

"There are fourteen different substances in those Pfeffernuesse," Liesbeth reported. "I can already smell the aroma," she added.

Mutter covered the dough and carried it to the cellar to chill.

The Pfeffernuesse were baked the next day when Liesbeth was in school, but she remembered from previous years that, before baking, the dough was rolled and cut into strips about the width and thickness of her middle finger and that those bands were cut into small pieces and baked for a short time.

The day they were baked there was a dish of Pfeffernuesse on the supper table. After Liesbeth had consumed one or two cookies, she said, "Those are wonderful. Just melt in your mouth! I have only one criticism to make, and that is that they are too small."

Franz laughed and said, "As long as I can get enough of them, I like them just the way they are."

The taste and fragrance of the Pfeffernuesse renewed in the children the desire to find and feel the Christmas goodies they knew Vater had hidden somewhere on the premises. For days David, Liesbeth and Franz scoured every foot of ground and every cubic foot of straw in the shed and attic. They looked into every nook and cranny in the house for packages, cans and sacks of candy, nuts, cookies and figs. They found nothing. They knew the confectioneries had been hidden somewhere, because on Christmas morning their earthen bowls always were brimful of sweets. Evidently Vater had a secret hiding place of which they knew nothing. He evidently was very clever in his method of buying the goodies and then hiding them away safely. They had watched him come home from the store, but at no time had they noticed any suspicious-looking packages in his hands or arms. Never in all their years had the children been able to discover Vater's secret. They had no idea where and when Vater did the Christmas shopping and where he hid the stuff. They suspected that he must be doing it on the sly while they were at school and while Franz was asleep. Mutter and Anna were of no assistance to them. Christmas was for the children, and the grownups must stick together, they said.

(To be continued)

## The Importance of Being An Individual

By Peter Peters

(This is the prize-winning speech in the public speaking contest sponsored by the Association of Mennonite University Students of Manitoba last winter.)

When we take a look at American social, educational, economic and business trends we notice that there is a great movement towards unions and mass organization. On the labour front there are powerful brotherhoods or unions that protect the interests of the worker, on the business front wealthy corporations can absorb private concerns, and on the social and educational front there is a strong movement towards integration of schools and communities. Mennonites, having to a large extent become part of this modern society, are also affected by many of these tendencies. In view of these trends it seems as though the individual has lost his importance. But when we take a closer look, we begin to realize that it is of great importance to be an individual.

In the "Memoirs of Hadrian", the Emperor is made to say, "A part of every life, even a life meriting very little regard, is spent in searching out the reasons for its existence, its starting point and its source." If the Emperor was right, I think we will not find the answer except in ourselves as individuals. No counsellor or external authority can settle it for us. Questions such as "Why am I on earth?"; "What should I be doing while I am on earth?"; or "Where will I be going in the hereafter?" are questions that each one of us have to answer as individuals.

"Nevertheless", says Harold W. Dodds, a writer for an American magazine called *Wisdom*: "however heavy may be the pressures urging you to conform here or elsewhere, if you have the makings of a genuine individual, you will discover that no matter how hard you try to rationalize surrender to them, you will not succeed, save at the loss of the greatest asset you possess, your self-respect." I think that I am quite safe in saying that all of us have had the desire to be a real individual who has made himself known to the world by some unique means. It lies within human nature to be so.

At the outset I think we should get this straight, that being an individual does not mean that one has no responsibilities to society, that one's obligation is only to his own self-indulgent happiness and well-being. Being an individual is the antithesis of "every man for himself." True, every human being has a life of his own to live and an

individuality to preserve and nourish, but this does not support the philosophy of the elephant that chanted as he danced among chickens, "each for himself and God for all of us."

Nor can one become an individual just by being "different." Some undertake to fulfill themselves by cultivating eccentricity; but unless they are authentic geniuses — not merely self-appointed ones — they are apt to wind up being merely pathetic. To be an individual one must not be afraid of being different, but difference, for the sake of difference, does not make a man.

When one starts to study the anatomy of individuality, the first thing that strikes one's attention is that not all conformity is bad; on the contrary, man must practice a large degree of conformity, else individuals would have no chance to develop at all. Our society would fly apart as a result of its own centrifugal forces, did we not conform willingly to many prevailing social patterns and habits. For example, unless one is under the clearest compulsion of conscience to act otherwise, it is one's duty to observe the law of the land, particularly in a democracy in which the people make laws and retain power to change them by peaceful means.

Moreover, there is another vast field of conduct quite outside legal commandments and regulations, which involves what has been termed "obedience to the unenforceable." It refers to those broad essentials of personal behavior which no civil or penal laws reach, but which civilized people are bound to observe. Being a good neighbour, and being sensitive to our civic responsibilities, is one instance of the duty we owe to obey the unenforceable.

Good manners is another. I don't mean just the etiquette of the table. Many a man practices good manners in the truest sense who knows little about how to handle a teacup, or how he should arrange his knife and fork on his dinner plate. Fundamentally, good manners are the embodiment of one's moral respect and consideration for others.

The large-scale basis of life today, with all its difficult problems of mass opinion and mass organization, is really an opportunity for greater self-realization, rather than less. "No matter how much one may yearn sentimentally for a return to the simple life of the past," says Harold Dodds again, "no man who has had access to a good education can today rationalize his failure to be a person on the grounds that the massive scale of life restricts the scope of the individual."

The movement of western civilization has been marked by expanding freedom from the rule of rigid custom, ritual and status towards greater stress on the worth of the individual and a larger tolerance and respect for the man who deviates. Science, and I like to put in a good word for it, with its curiosity to discern new knowledge, has made a profound contribution to freeing man from social and traditional ideas. Not only has scientific method of approach helped Bible scholars to understand the Scriptures better, but also to make them more meaningful for the individual. The long history of the idea of civil rights, the right to freedom of religion, freedom of speech — all of these ideas which are expressed in the constitutions and documents of the United States or Great Britain, reveal successive steps towards realization of the worth of the human soul, one's own soul and the souls of others.

In all ages, the easiest course has been to let one's environment mold him. It requires an energetic spirit and a strong will to express oneself under any circumstances. "The danger today is not so much that the world will force you to conform, as it is that you will want to conform." As one wise Chief Justice of an American court put it, "The irresistible is often only that which is not resisted."

Life's toughest decisions are in this area. There is no mathematical formula by which we can settle the problem of what we will be and what we will stand for. It is a problem which everyone must solve for himself. How we decide will only show what type of individual we are. Will we face the challenge?

## The Bible Today

One of the Bibles under preparation for Africa by the translations department of the British & Foreign Bible Society is in the Tonga language. There are half a dozen dialects or variations of Tonga, and translators are trying to put out a version that will cover them all, and be acceptable to the Ila speaking people as well.

The Tonga Bible should be ready about 1960, it is reported by Rev. M. W. Booth, agent for North and South Rhodesia and Nyasaland for the Bible Society. Mr. Booth is a Canadian who served as district secretary in Montreal for ten years before his transfer to Africa in 1955.

Mr. Booth tells of presenting a New Testament to an 80 year-old Ila chief who is still pagan. However, Christianity has so influenced the chief that he has built a splendid school, where his son is now a pupil.

To do this the African chief sold his funeral herd of 500 cattle. In a country where wealth is measured

by the number of cattle a man possesses, a chief of his rank would provide a large herd to provide a feast at his funeral. There will be no slaughter of cattle when this Ila chief dies, for the 500 funeral cattle have been sold to provide an institution where learning and progress will bring new light and hope to the next generation.

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## Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### Scientist Asks That Atomic Reactor be Sent to Japanese University

An atomic scientist who also is an ordained Protestant Episcopal priest urged that a nuclear reactor be sent to Tokyo for use by St. Paul's University and St. Luke's Hospital for study of the peaceful uses of the atom. Furthermore, he asked the Protestant Episcopal Church to provide it. He said the cost would be about \$400,000.

Dr. William G. Pollard, executive director of the Oak Ridge (Tennessee) Institute of Nuclear Studies, made the proposal to the House of Bishops at its annual meeting. He said such a gift could have "enormous impact" in demonstrating to the Japanese people that the Church "can see ways in which God's creation can be sanctified to good purposes." Dr. Pollard, who is vice-chairman of the Church's joint commission on the peaceful uses of atomic energy, said that the proposed reactor would be one of the "swimming pool" type in which a set of uranium plates is immersed in a pool of water 20 feet deep, and it could not be used for military purposes. He added that the university and hospital staffs are well qualified to use the reactor.

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### Interior Minister Acts to Assure Religious Freedom in Colombia

Jose Maria Villareal, Interior Minister of Colombia, South America, has instructed state governors and local authorities to assure full freedom of assembly and worship to Protestant sects. In particular, he directed the governors to see to it that the 50 or so Protestant churches in various parts of the country that have been hindered in their work or prevented from holding services be permitted to function without further trouble.

The minister's order was made public 24 hours after U. S. ambassador John Moors Cabot had called on Colombia's Foreign Minister in Bogota to request that Protestant groups be permitted to function without hindrance. Most of these groups are of American origin.

Earlier, an agency of the Colombian Roman Catholic hierarchy had declared that the Church recognized "the right of non-Catholic Christians" in Colombia "freely to practice their own religion." This statement was signed by the Reverend Eduardo Ospina, who said that "in various ways and occasions Protestants in Colombia have suffered violence inflicted by Colombian Catholics." However, the priest

denied charges of "Catholic persecution" and said that political factors were a major cause of the Protestants' troubles.

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### Presbyterians End Missionary Work in Thailand

The Presbyterian Church in the USA has ended 130 years of missionary activity in Thailand by turning over all its property to the Church of Christ of Thailand. Included in the transfer were churches, major medical establishments and agricultural training facilities. The 69 Presbyterian missionaries in the country will become fraternal workers under the direction of the Thai Church. The Presbyterians will continue to give 370,000 dollars to the Thai church each year. That's the amount of the present missionary budget.

This development in Thailand marks the fifth time in recent years that the Presbyterian Church, USA, has turned over an entire mission field to the indigenous church.

## CANADASCOPE

### All-Out Drive to Stop Pill Bootlegging

Hon. M. N. Hryhorczuk, Manitoba's attorney-general, has ordered an all-out drive to stamp out the bootlegging of barbiturates to Winnipeg teenagers. Describing the trafficking of barbiturates as "very serious", he said that the pharmaceutical trade is co-operating fully in a move to clear up the situation before it reaches more serious proportions.

It is understood that one method used by juveniles is to put two or three tranquillizers or similar drug pills in a bottle of soft drink. The result of this mixture is alleged to give the teenager a "lift" for several hours.

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### Murdochville Strike Ends

After seven months of bitterness and strife, a strike of mine workers at the Gaspé Copper Mines, Ltd., came to a sudden stop during last weekend.

About 300 workers, members of the United Steelworkers of America (CLC), voted Saturday to end their walkout and return to work. The strike was called after the company obtained a court injunction that prevented the Quebec Labor Relations Board from dealing with a USA application for certification. Then on September 24, the

Quebec superior court threw the injunction out. It was this decision that prompted the union to call for an end to the strike. He said that if the strike had continued, it might have been considered an obstacle to final recognition.

Violence marked the strike. Three times, dynamite blasts echoed over the Gaspé countryside, and one striker died after an explosion.

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### Russian Satellite Over Canada

Passage of the Russian satellite over Canada has been recorded at least 17 times by defence scientists at Ottawa, the chief of the defence research telecommunications establishment has announced.

He said scientists have picked up the satellite's signal at enormous ranges. On one passage of the man-made Russian "moonlet", the signal was recorded continuously for 25 minutes. Since the satellite completes a passage around the earth in some 95 minutes, it means that Canadian receivers here were picking up the satellite signal thousands of miles from Ottawa.

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### U. K. Offers Sterling for Wheat

A proposal that Canada accept sterling for additional wheat purchases by Britain and use the funds to provide aid for Commonwealth countries in need of economic development was one of several put forward at the Anglo-Canadian trade talks at Ottawa last week.

Britain reportedly has informed the Canadian government that if Canada will accept sterling in payment the British believe additional wheat purchases can be made.

### Women's Broadcast Heard Over CFAM

Harrisonburg, Va. — On October 5 at 10:45 a.m. CFAM, Altona, Manitoba, began broadcasting the Heart to Heart Program. This 15-minute broadcast brings Christian inspiration to mothers and homemakers in the midst of everyday tasks.

Conducting the Heart to Heart Program is Mrs. Grant M. Stoltzfus of Harrisonburg, Virginia, who began her radio ministry in 1950. She speaks in a homey, conversational tone to all women regardless of denomination and is well known as "Your Friend Ruth." As one listener has said, "I feel that as she talks she is sitting just across the table from me." Mail has reached as high as 208 pieces a day. This unique program for women is now aired over 27 stations in 13 states and Puerto Rico.

As a service to its many listeners CFAM is the first Canadian station to air the broadcast.

For October, November and December, a special feature of the

Heart to Heart Program will be the 1957 Mother's Class Of The Air, based in part on the book, HOMES BUILD PERSONS. Many listeners have purchased the book and will use it to follow the discussions on the air.



Mrs. Grant M. Stoltzfus, director of the Heart to Heart program now heard over CFAM, Altona, on Saturdays, and a child.

Mrs. Stoltzfus has taught in the public schools of Virginia. She is the mother to two sons and three daughters that range in age from one to fourteen years. Her husband teaches courses in sociology (including marriage and the family) at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Virginia. She is a sister to Geo. R. Brunk, of the Brunk Evangelistic Campaign conducted in southern Manitoba this summer.

### An Invitation

Toronto, Ont. — The Lord in His grace has enabled the establishment of a Mennonite Brethren witness in the city of Toronto. For the present services are being held on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and on Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Other activities are being planned.

We would most cordially invite anyone who is in Toronto either permanently or temporarily, to come and share with us the blessings from the Lord. Our concern is especially to contact those who are from our churches and communities. The city is large and some who are here may not be reading this invitation. We would therefore like to urge anyone who knows of such persons to send us their names and addresses, so that we may meet them and invite them to participate in our activities. We would be most grateful for your co-operation.

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## Congregations May Hear of Paraguay and Jordan

Four MCC workers will fellowship with local congregations through the autumn months to share the challenge of foreign relief and services which they will illustrate by their respective projects.

C. L. Graber of Goshen, Ind., will present the projects of Paraguay in congregations of western Canada during October, following engagements in congregations of the great plains area.

In the east during October Ada and Ida Stoltzfus of Morgantown, Pa., are telling about orphanage work of Hebron, Jordan.

Robert Unruh of Richey, Mont., who directed the agricultural experimental farm in the Chaco of Paraguay, will speak in the mid-west and east during November and December.

## Books Don't Teach Everything!

Nurse Juliette Sebus (Utrecht, Netherlands) is concerned about what to tell her successor to prepare for—a nurse can expect anything in Vietnam!

The interior tribespeople of Vietnam expect much, she cautions. "For instance: Esther Lefever was asked for advice in the case of a sick chicken . . . Margaret Janzen was asked to treat a monkey . . . and I gave shots to a dog!"

These are some of the lighter moments in the work of the MCC medical team at Banmethuot which serves medical needs. Miss Sebus said one of the leprous workers at Banmethuot leprosarium became an out-patient and now has a "clean" house.

"The patient and his wife come into the church of the non-leprous people. I was so glad when I saw them there! Is it not beautiful that these two persons who, because of a small spot on the hip, formerly were separated and kept at the leprosarium and now are free to live like anyone else?"

## Iowan Contributes to Research

Darold Powers of Washington, Ia., as a normal control volunteer is participating in medical research studies in heart diseases at the National Institutes of Health near Washington.

He is a graduate of the University of Iowa and a member of the Christian Church (Disciples). He is the son of Mrs. George Powers.

## Volunteers from Manitoba

Leona Fast and Frieda Schellenberg of Kleefeld, Man., members of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Canada, joined voluntary service projects in Newfoundland.

Miss Fast is secretary and cook for the unit of teachers at Baie Verte. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Fast.

Miss Schellenberg is joining the medical project at St. Anthony. She is a graduate of Grace Hospital school of nursing in Winnipeg and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Schellenberg.

## Homeless Children Challenge Volunteers

Hundreds of unwanted children at Junior Village in Washington, D.C., have attracted the concern of four more volunteers to the Mennonite service unit. They are:

Nancy Atha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Atha of West Liberty, O., member of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church . . .

Leon McElmurry, son of Mrs. Elsie McElmurry of Hesston, Kan., member of Hesston Mennonite Church . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mellinger of Sterling, Ill., who belong to Science Ridge and Roanoke Mennonite congregations respectively.

## West Coast Men Begin as Aides

Harlos Shrock of Salem, Oreg., and Ray Senner of Monroe, Wash., began voluntary psychiatric aide work at Prairie View Hospital, Newton.

Shrock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence R. Shrock and a member of First Baptist Church in Salem. Senner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil P. Senner and a member of First Mennonite Church in Monroe.

## Volunteers to Denver

Carol Greider of West Liberty, O., and Mark Miller of Meyersdale, Pa., joined the unit of Mennonite volunteers in the Colorado Medical Center.

Miss Greider is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Greider and a member of Bethel Mennonite Church. Miller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Evan J. Miller and a member of Maple Glen Conservative Mennonite Church.

## New Workers in Akron

Shirley Stauffer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Menno Stauffer of Gordonville, Pa., is a new secretary at MCC Akron. She is a member of Monterey Mennonite Church.

Ruth Zook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Zook of Manatawny, Pa., has begun secretarial work in

the Menno Travel Service office in Akron. She is a member of Oley Valley Mennonite Church and attended Eastern Mennonite College.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schnell of Selverdale, Pa., are serving in the production department and laundry respectively. They belong to Deep Run Mennonite Church.

## MORE ABOUT

### This Is Life

(Continued from page 2-2)

What makes so many feel that life can be spent carelessly and wickedly without personal consequences? Even the humorist saw the folly of this when he said, "Some sow wild oats all week and then pray for a crop failure on Sunday." In Christian circles today there is a levity that makes the one shudder who has spent time in meditating on life and death and the holiness of God. Among those who name the name of Christ we find love toward this world so great that we wonder whether they can be of the same faith with Paul, who lived his life in the shadow of the judgment seat of Christ.

In the closing days of Christ's earthly ministry He spoke a parable (Luke 19:12-27) that teaches the same philosophy the Korean saint knew. Jesus spoke of Himself as a nobleman who would go to a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and return. He is careful to say he would return. During his absence he gave each of his servants a pound and told them to occupy till he came. Then Christ pictured his return and told how each one was required to give an account.

Life to the first servant was to obey the sovereign king, so he "occupied" and produced while the king was gone. Life to the second was not the serious thing it had been to the first. He produced only half the amount of the first servant. The lord rewarded him but the words, "Well done, thou good servant," are missing.

Life to the third servant was not to enjoy his lord or to obey his voice but to live for self. We have seen him too frequently in our generation. Not a bad man and not a good man, but an ideal man according to the world's standards. If he ever had any serious thoughts about heaven or hell he never showed them. His life he kept wrapped up carefully in a napkin away from the view of the world around him. He had his own idea about God. They were no doubt very personal and never expressed until the day he told God what he thought of Him, "Thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow." Now God did not say He agreed with the man's opinion of Him, but He used that same standard against the servant in His judgment (verse

22). Then with this He added that which the neighborhood pastor or the next door friend would not have dared to say, "Thou wicked servant." This then is God's estimate of the man who spends his life rather than invests it.

Life can be spent as we wish. The prerogative to do so God has given. He will not take it from us. But we can spend this life only once. After it is spent the consequences must come. The wages will be paid and Paul said the wages of sin is death. After you have your wages what can you buy with them?

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## HIGH SCHOOLS

### Eden Christian College

The opening exercises for the Eden Christian College were held on the afternoon of September 22 in the school auditorium. A good number of interested parents and friends were present at the occasion.

Mr. John Klassen, the new "Hausvater" of the school dormitory, made the invocation. The school choir under the direction of Mr. Peter J. Dick sang the following songs: "Mit dem Herrn fang alles an", "Master, I want this Year to be", and "Fuehre du uns, O Jehovah". The principal of the school, Rev. D. H. Neumann, gave a brief statistical report: At present 180 students have enrolled. The grade distribution is as follows: Grade IX—57 students; grade X—37; grade XI—38; grade XII—48. Mr. Neumann also welcomed the new staff member, Mr. Peter J. Dick (Coaldale, Alberta) who is replacing Mr. John M. Thiessen.

Rev. J. J. Toews gave a brief message based on Job 28:12-26. He stressed the importance of having a proper balance between secular knowledge and true wisdom.

Mr. F. J. Wiens, chairman of the school board, also addressed the congregation.

The meeting was brought to a close by Mr. Hermann Kroeker, who encouraged the students to "Study to show thyself approved unto God". Mr. Kroeker resigned his position as "Hausvater" of the dormitory last June to take up work at the Coldwater Mission Station.

## Largest Enrollment in History of School

Coaldale, Alta. — The Alberta Mennonite High School boasts the largest enrollment since its founding in 1945. It is the first time in the history of the school that the total number of students enrolled exceeds that of one hundred. Approximately 95 students had applied by September 10 when school commenced. At our official opening program we had exactly "90 and 9" and were looking for the one hundredth sheep. Several students are reported to have said on that same evening, "I am that 100 sheep." This now accounts for our new enrollment totalling 106.

This large number indicates that there is new enthusiasm and a new interest for such a school as this. It also indicates a definite answer to the prayers of many. Just a few months ago it was doubtful whether the school would function this year. Perhaps it was a timely question and God has answered in a marvellous way.

Our student body comes from various districts of Alberta and is divided into five classes, each with its peculiar characteristics. In Grade VII and VIII we have 14 "enthusiastic" students, particularly on the ball field! We hope this eagerness and zealotness does not diminish in the future. Thirteen Grade IX's does not indicate misfortune, but rather good fortune, for these students are obedient, faithful and well-behaved. "Potential energy" best describes our 25 Grade X students who comprise the "best" class in school. "Character" best describes our 17 Grade XI's or should I say, "Characters!" "Last but not least" is the excellent Grade XII class totalling 37 students. We trust that they will be "examples for imitation" throughout the entire year. In fact, we hope that this will apply to the entire student body.

Good students demand a competent teaching staff. The 1957-58 staff consists of three senior high teachers: Mr. Harold J. Dyck, principal, Mr. Jacob Isaac, vice-principal, and Mr. John Heidebrecht. These teachers are well qualified in two respects—each is a "Masters" candidate and each is a dedicated servant of the Lord. The junior high teachers are Miss Anne Kornelsen and Miss Anne Janzen. Miss Kornelsen teaches some subjects in the senior grades as well; namely Typing 10 and 20, Music 10 and German 30. We are very happy to have Miss Kornelsen and Mr. Dyck with us this year. We are especially grateful to Mr. Dyck for leaving his beloved Yarrow and coming to sunny Alberta to bring new vigour and inspiration to the AMHS.

We as a school look forward to a very successful year and may it be said of us, "We keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22b).

—Correspondent.

## BIBLE INSTITUTES

### Pacific Bible Institute, Fresno, Calif.

#### PBI Students witness in Fresno City

Armed with flannelgraph, song books, tracts and Bibles, PBI students leave the building each day of the week to spread the gospel message. The Christian Service Department of Pacific Bible Institute has designated the following areas of student work in the city and surrounding area: Fresno Rescue Mission; Resthaven Home for the Aged; His Jewels Bible Clubs; Westpark M.B. Church; Butler M.B. Church; Ahwahnee Church, fifty-five miles away in the Sierras, where students are in charge of Sunday services; Fresno Jail, students as-

sist in Saturday morning gospel meetings; Mennonite Community Church, and Hammer Field Sunday school, where PBI supplies teachers and music. We are the only group allowed into Hammer Field for religious instruction.

Other students go out on call as speakers, musicians, teachers and youth workers to various churches in Fresno, Reedley, Dinuba, Madera and Orosi.

Weekly reports are turned in by each student and careful record is kept. Last semester's reports show that about 120 persons were counseled, of whom 21 professed conversion, and that about 1200 pieces of literature (tracts, gospels, testaments) were distributed.

#### Deeper Life Chapel Series

Evangelist Waldo Wiebe challenged the student body and faculty of Pacific Bible Institute with a series of messages on the book of Philipians. Subjects such as The Christian's Life, The Christian's Strength, The Christian's Mind, and The Christian's Goal prompted everyone to re-evaluate his Christian life.

Rev. Wiebe enriched his Scripture-centered messages with many practical truths and illustrations. Students responded by listening very attentively and some by making definite dedications of themselves to God.

#### Boys' Dorm Leased

A boy's dorm is again a reality. The school was able to lease a large home only three blocks from PBI, which now houses sixteen boys and a dormitory supervisor.

Good dorm supervisors are always at a premium. We feel fortunate to have secured the services of Richard Gerbrandt, second year Seminary student, to do this job for us.

## Ontario Bible School To Re-Open

Kitchener, Ont. — The Mennonite Brethren Bible School of the M.B. churches of Ontario has announced that the Bible school will open this year on October 15. The school offers a three-term, two-year course of study concentrating on the Bible and religious education.

The members of the faculty appointed are: Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal; Rev. Henry Warkentin and Rev. Corney Braun, part-time instructors; and Mrs. Katie Epp as music instructor.

All wishing to attend are welcome to submit their applications to the Mennonite Brethren Bible School, % Wilmer Kornelson, 57 Hohner Ave., Kitchener, Ontario.

Classes will be conducted in the education building of the M.B. church at Kitchener.

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Every Christian worker should have a few of these to give to new converts. Price: 12c.

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## The Practice of the Presence of God

By Brother Lawrence. 63pp.

This book contains conversations and letters of Nicholas Herman of Lorraine. The value of it is its extreme simplicity, for it is not concerned with theological difficulties or doctrinal dilemmas. Rather, its aim is to bring about a conscious personal union between the believer and God. Brother Lawrence brings the presence of God into the everyday relationship of life.

Brother Lawrence said of himself: "The time of business does not with me differ from the time of prayer; and in the noise and clutter of my kitchen, while several persons, are at the same time calling for different things, I possess God in as great tranquillity as if I were upon my knees at the blessed sacrament."

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## The Calvary Road

By Roy Hession. 63pp.

What is Revival? This book outlines a different kind of revival than the spectacular and infrequent outbursts of revival. The authors believe, with Norman P. Grubb, that revival is first personal and immediate. It is the constant experience of the simplest of Christians who "walk in the light". This means an altogether new sensitiveness to sin, a calling of things by their proper name of sin, such as pride, hardness, doubt, fear, self-pity, which are often passed over as merely human reaction. It means a readiness to "break" and confess at the feet of Him who was broken for us, for the Blood does not cleanse excuses, but it always cleanses sin, confessed as sin. Thus revival is just the daily experience of a soul full of Jesus and running over.

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### Missionary Conference In Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Man. — The second annual missionary conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Church Winnipeg, was held from Sept. 22-27 this year. Main speaker for the conference was Rev. Mark Gripp, missionary on furlough from French West Africa.

Other missionaries participating were: Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNeill, Africa, G.M.U.; Mr. and Mrs. Benny Eidse, Congo Inland Mission; Mr. Lawrence Klippenstein, Matheson Island, Man.; Curt Bork, Shantymans Christian Association, Manitoba; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flumbaum, Jewish work in Winnipeg; Miss Helen Goertzen, Panama, G.M.U.; Miss Elizabeth Koop, Brazil, New Tribes Mission; Miss Sara Koop, Brazil, New Tribes Mission; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Reimer, Germany; D. K. Schellenberg, deputation secretary, Western Gospel Mission.

Through messages, reports and pictures, the state of those outside of Christ was forcibly brought home to the audiences that attended. A pledge offering for missions was taken on the last evening, which after totaling proved to go beyond the budget set for the coming year. On Friday night a fellowship supper was served in the church basement, where missionary and layman could fellowship and visit together over the supper table.

The meetings were well attended and we trust that the seed sown will bear forth fruit. Rev. John K. Reimer is the pastor of this church.

### On the Horizon

October 13.—Opening exercises of the Steinbach Bible Institute will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Emmanuel Mission Church, Steinbach. Registration at the institute will take place on October 14.

October 13 — The 25th anniversary of the founding of the Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Ontario will be held in the auditorium of the Eden Christian College.

October 19 — A variety concert sponsored by the M. B. Collegiate Institute alumni is being given in the Tech-Voc. auditorium at 8 p.m.

October 20. — The General Conference of the M. B. Church in North America will begin its triennial sessions in British Columbia.

October 26—Annual Conference of the Historic Peace Churches of Ontario at Eden Christian College, Virgil, Ontario.

October 26 and 27—Youth Rally of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba at the Elmwood M. B. church, Winnipeg. Services both afternoon (2:30 p.m.) and evening (7:30 and 7:00 p.m. respectively) with Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener the main speaker.

### Unique Child Evangelism

By D. K. Schellenberg

Winnipeg, Man. — A ministry that is probably unique in more ways than one is being carried on by the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Winnipeg. This ministry is directed primarily to the unchurched by way of "Good News Clubs", but because of the lack of homes or meeting places in the needy areas the brethren hit upon the idea of building a mobile chapel. They immediately went about to gather the necessary money and started building. A trailer chassis was secured and a plywood van built on it. As some of the brethren are excellent carpenters, not much money was spent outside of material.

This van has been found to be just the thing that was needed. It is taken from its parking place be-

hind the church on the night of the meeting and hauled to its location on some needy back alley on the "...other side of the tracks", so to speak. As soon as it comes in the children start gathering around, waiting for the door to open. Here, some probably for the first time hear of the saving grace of Christ. And we trust that as the ministry continues, there will be fruit that remains.

Ben Penner, the director of children's work at the E.M. church, is enthusiastic about the idea. He said they were thinking of building another trailer and putting that to work also. There are still many places that need the gospel. This church has some 16 workers engaged in this type of work. The van itself is taken out four times a week to some needy area of the city.



The top picture shows the missionaries attending the Evangelical Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, missionary conference. They are, from left, Curt Bork, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Flumbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gripp, Miss Helen Goertzen, Rev. Ben Eidse, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNeill. The second picture shows the van used by the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Winnipeg for child evangelism. Ben Thiessen driver. In the bottom picture the happy faces of children show their joy at attending the classes.

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