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

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Emphasis on Trained Teachers at Sunday School Conference

By Frank Froese

Springstein, Man. — The annual Sunday School Teachers' Conference of the Elm Creek, Springstein, Newton Siding and Domain M.B. churches was held this year in the Elm Creek M.B. church from Jan. 25 to 26.

The theme for the two-day conference was "How Can We Improve Our Sunday Schools?" Rev. Henry Baerg, teacher at the M.B. Bible College, and several M.B. Bible College student groups tried to provide some answers to this vital question and to inspire the approximately 60 people present to "strive toward the mark." Actually, Rev. Baerg's personality was inspiration enough.

Teacher Needs Enthusiastic Approach

As the question implies, there is ample room for improvement in our Sunday schools. Rev. Baerg pointed out Saturday forenoon that this improvement must start with the teacher. The teacher must be thoroughly trained, he must love the Bible and teaching, and he must be able to deal with people. Rev. Baerg especially emphasized that he must have an enthusiastic approach to life and an inspiring personality. According to Rev. Baerg, one of the prayers of the Sunday school teacher should be, "Lord, make us alive as long as we live."

He quoted Plato as saying, "The most important thing in the world is the training of children." The Sunday school has a tremendous task to do and mediocrity should not be tolerated, Rev. Baerg declared. "A teacher first of all must make the children love him, then the Bible, and finally Jesus Christ," he said.

Anecdotes Illustrate

Rev. Baerg's anecdotes helped greatly to illustrate the truths and to relieve the unavoidable inner pressure. For example, he told the following story to show the importance of having the pupil's attention before speaking: "A farmer, intent on buying a mule to help him in his work asked the salesman

whether the mule in question was of any value. 'If the mule balks, just feed it some sugar and flatter it with soft words, and it will go,' was the salesman's advice. The farmer bought the mule. The next day it balked. Sugar and flattery did no good. So the farmer went to the salesman with his complaint. This man finally went to the mule himself, took a large two-by-four and swung it at the mule's head. 'But,' the farmer complained, 'you did just the opposite of what you told me.' The salesman replied, 'My dear friend, before anything else you must have the mule's attention.'"

Students Make Valuable Contribution

M.B. Bible College students played a vital part in the conference.

Henry Friesen spoke on, "The Ideal Standard for the Sunday School" on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon a panel of four discussed various methods of teaching: The Story Method, Gerhard Giesbrecht; The Lecture Method, Erich Giesbrecht; The Discussion Method, Miss Irma Dueck (who also sang twice); and The Use of Visual Aids, Miss Helen Isaak.

Sunday afternoon Roland Sawatzky spoke on Music in the Sunday School, putting special emphasis on the fact that music should be used to teach spiritual truths. Takashi Niwa from Japan held the audience spellbound in speaking on The Sunday School and Missions, while Henry Warkentin gave an address on The Value of Teacher Training. Rudy Baerg sang two enjoyable solos, teaming with Roland Sawatzky for a duet. Miss Hildegarde Hein served as pianist. Another contributor was Miss Mary Lenzmann, who on Saturday spoke on Possible Causes of Discipline Problems.

School Banquet Attracts Parents

Winnipeg, Man.—Nearly 300 parents, teachers and friends of the M. B. Collegiate Institute gathered in the lower auditorium of the Elmwood M. B. church on Friday, January 24, for the annual banquet.

Especially significant was the presence of many parents from country churches, although rural students are in the minority at the school.

Mr. Jacob Wiens of the South End M. B. Church served as chairman. One of the teachers, Mr. Henry Letkemann, led in the opening. Rev. H. Regehr, another teacher at the M.B.C.I., delivered the main address of the evening on "The Centrality of Christ in Education."

A student group provided music during the meal, but continuous conversation among the guests made this rather ineffective. Later in the program a students' choir and a male quartet sang, while a violin trio played one song.

"Education to a general belief in God is practised and recognized by most people. We, however, must go beyond that and lead our chil-

dren to faith in the God of the Bible," Rev. Regehr declared in his address. This includes education that leads to faith in a personal Saviour.

The teaching of the truths of the Bible must include not only the facts about heaven, hell and salvation. Children must also be instructed in sanctification, virtue and the truth concerning Christ's coming again. Rev. Regehr maintained that many have the equipment but cannot use it because they lack the necessary virtues (such as self-discipline). They have not learned to be obedient, live humbly and be honest.

In his closing challenge Rev. Regehr asked all parents to earnestly search their own lives to see where they have failed in the nurture of their children.

At the close of the program a comforter donated by the ladies of the Elmwood M. B. Church was sold, with proceeds going to the school. An offering was also received. In introducing the offering the chairman of the school com-

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Minnesota Pastor Serves at Chilliwack

Chilliwack, B.C.—"If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

With this solemn call to repentance Rev. J. G. Baerg, pastor of the M. B. Church at Mountain Lake, Minn., began a week of evangelistic services in the Mennonite Brethren church here. The services began on January 19 and continued throughout the week.

As a result of the Spirit-filled ministry of His servant many of God's children humbled themselves and regained the peace and joy that they had lost. Others received Christ as Saviour.

During morning services Rev. Baerg spoke on Romans 12. He pointed out that it is possible to live a consistent and victorious Christian life because the same power that raised Christ from the dead is available to every child of God.

mittee, Mr. C. C. Warkentin, pointed out that the churches have agreed to assume the full debt that was still resting on the school. He praised the rural churches especially for their great interest in the school and their good support of M.B.C.I.

Rev. I. W. Radekopp led in the closing prayer.

EDITORIAL

GUEST EDITORIAL

"Ecclesiastical Bellboys"

By Editor Gary DeWitt in Missionary Monthly

One of the older members in our congregation told us some time ago that he feared that congregations were asking their pastors to be ecclesiastical bellboys. He felt that pastors were called upon to be too many things by their churches and that the true nature of their work was too often forgotten.

There is a great deal of truth in his observations. Ministers are called upon to do most everything that needs to be done in the parish. He is called upon to be a genius in administration, and an ambassador of peace and good will among the members of his flock. He is to be an expert at smoothing out ruffled feathers and like a mill-wright he must keep the machinery going smoothly. It is demanded that he be youthful with the young people of the church and a seasoned veteran with the older members of his flock. He must be socially acceptable and is expected to be present at all the social functions of his people. He must be able to interest youth in the on-going program of the church and a teacher that will hold their spell-bound attention. He must be a psychiatrist to understand and give guidance in all difficulties and a marriage counsellor of the first order. He must be efficient and willing to call upon his people and an evangelist in his community. He must be an inspiring leader who is able to raise funds for missions and other church projects.

Often he is called upon to be the chief counsel in the church building program and to lead in liquidating the church debt. Oh, yes, we almost forgot, he must be a fairly interesting preacher. This is not quite so important since people usually go to church in the morn-out of habit and good citizenship and very few bother about the evening or midweek services. . . The fundamental difficulty lies in the common misunderstanding of the ministry among our lay pople. Paul said 'Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.' Often people speak of 'our minster' and the possessive is not one of endearment but of ownership. Paul corrects this when he says that we are 'ministers of Christ.' The delegation of our task and the responsibility of our work lies in him and not in the church. This is not said to relieve the preacher of responsibility but to stress the greatness of his calling and stewardship. We sincerely believe that a vital change would be effected in the church if this was known and realized both by our pastors and our congregations. The minister is a servant, and 'under-rower', but let it be stressed — under Christ. . .

The minister is a steward of the mysteries of God. His first responsibility is to God and is in the preaching and teaching of the oracles of God. . . A minister of Christ is to proclaim the mysteries of God. Paul says, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." Churches must learn to understand this primary task of their pastor and they must honor him for it and in it. They must remember that their pastor is a minister of Christ: sent to them, but responsible to his Lord. Ministers must remember this too. This does not mean freedom from our many tasks. It means a high sense of calling and responsibility. It means a ministry of love and service. Early in our ministry, we stood for a few moments in a pulpit where we read these words on the back of the pulpit, 'Sir, we would see Jesus.' We pray that it may never be forgotten by our preachers.

So much time is consumed in committee work that we often fear that the flock is neglected. Our ecclesiastism has promoted Boards and Committees that take men out of their congregations days upon end. Many times this work, if it can be called such, is an expensive item in the denominations budget and little more. The tragedy is that we see more and more of it, and the study and the flock are neglected. Our sense of stewardship under God must lead us to reconsider calling upon our pastors to be too many things lest the name 'ecclesiastical bellboys' speak more truth than fiction.

DEVOTIONAL

Questionable Things

By Frank Peters*

What should be our attitude to "harmless" dancing, to the use of a little strong drink, to attendance at a theatre when a good film is shown?

You say, "Why talk about these things?" Certainly there are more important things than these to discuss; matters which have to do with the salvation of men. It's true, these are not the great redemptive doctrines of the Bible (I believe that most readers of this paper are familiar with the facts of redemption), yet is it not strange that Paul, after having discussed some questionable things says, ". . . that they may be saved" (1 Cor. 10:33). So the "questionable things" are quite important after all, even if not so much for our own redemption as for the salvation of those who observe us.

The above listed questions come from two different sources. There are those who are sincere in their questions. They want to know the truth and will act accordingly as soon as the necessary light is received. Then there are those who would like to conform to the world as much as possible, yet seek justification for their actions. These people forget that Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Luther translated it ". . . dass sie das Leben und volles Genuege haben sollen." A person dedicated to the Lord is fully satisfied with Christ; he does not have to beg the world for pleasure.

A repeated argument of those who are in favor of participating in doubtful things is that some churches allow it. On account of this many a minister has been considered just a bit narrowminded. The neighbours are Christians and do it is another argument—hence my parents must be old-fashioned.

I am not in a position to give a "Yes" and "no" answer to these questions, but will merely list a few basic New Testament principles. The Apostle Paul states in 1 Cor. 6:12: "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be enslaved by anything." In this verse he has laid down two principles. The first one is, "Is it helpful?" The other is, "Will it enslave?" It would be advisable then for us to raise these questions whenever in doubt about something concerning which the Bible has no expressed command. I would say that if the object under consideration will help you in your Christian life then by all means do it. If you are not too sure about it being helpful, then be careful. If you know it will not be helpful, then please leave it.

If there is a danger of enslavement, the action to be taken is self-explanatory. The use of tobacco, strong drink, and similar things would fall into this category. They are habit-forming and eventually enslave.

I remember hearing a story about a lady who regularly used a certain kind of pills. Then druggists were forbidden to sell them, for it was said that they were habit forming. The lady, who seemingly could not be without them, protested vigorously, saying, "I took these pills for over twenty years. I know they are not habit forming."

We laugh about this, yet many a person who says that he or she will never be enslaved by strong drink or the use of tobacco might find himself or herself to be in the same situation as that lady. The apostle Paul would not let himself be enslaved.

Another principle is found in I Corinthians 10:23: ". . . All things are lawful, but not all things build up." If in question, why not ask yourself whether it will build up the kingdom of God, whether your neighbor will be built up, or whether you would be a stumbling block to someone by it.

In speaking to the Romans about the eating of certain foods, Paul says, "If your brother is being injured by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. Do not let what you eat cause the ruin of one for whom Christ died" (14:15). "Everything is indeed clean,

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Unique Project Brings Good Response

Winnipeg, Man. — "You only need to sign your name."

That's exactly what the approximately 100 young people attending the annual Christmas banquet of the Elmwood M.B. Church young people did. Filing into a room filled with tables on which lay approximately 30 letters to former members, members studying at distant schools, missionaries who were known in the church, and others, they autographed the letters to persons they knew personally or through various contacts.

The response to this unique project is still arriving in the form of letters from missionaries and others engaged in the Lord's work, students, etc. Pinned on the bulletin board they are giving young people of the Elmwood M.B. Church a unique opportunity to become better acquainted with missionaries, their work on the fields, and the problems and joys of others who formerly worshipped with them. There are letters from Switzerland, from Japan, from Africa, from South Dakota—and many other parts of the world.

They say:

"The day before yesterday I received your most welcome letter... I want to thank you all for your kindness. Those signatures were a delight."

"It was a tremendous challenge to us when we received your letter. The signatures meant very much to us, we realized we are not standing at the battle's front alone."

"Thank you so much for the wonderful letter and all the autographs. I had such a good time in recalling you all one by one."

Initiated and carried out by the missions committee of the Elmwood M.B. Church young people, the project also helped to pinpoint the necessity for remembering those away from home in prayer. In announcing the project, Max Woerlen, chairman of the committee, said, "We do not only want you to sign your names. We want you to pray for these people!"

And the letter? "Only" a mimeographed letter written by the missions committee and signed by the young people—with 25 signatures for each letter the goal.

Pianist Gains Performers Degree

St. Catharines, Ont. — Miss E. Joyce Redekop received her ARCT Solo Performers Degree with first class honours at the graduation exercises held recently at the Convocation Hall, University of Toronto.

Joyce is the 16-year-old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Redekop from here. A grade 13 student at Grantham Linwell High School, she studies music with Sister St. Michael at St. Joseph's Convent in St. Catharines.

See Africa Film

By F. F. Froese

Warmen, Sask.—With the Lord's help we have been permitted to cross the threshold of another year. A blessed watchnight service marked the end of the old year and the New Year's morning service the beginning of 1958. The Lord met us in both services.

On the evening of January 8 the church gathered for its annual business meeting. The attendance was not too good, but a good spirit prevailed in the discussions. By the grace of God the activities of the church were organized again for another year. Our prayer now is that the Lord will also give the needed grace to carry out to completion the different resolutions passed so that His name could be glorified and the church edified to fulfill its God-given commission.

On Sunday evening, January 19, the Lord provided a special treat

for us. It was our privilege to see the new sound film on the M. B. work in the Belgian Congo. Rev. J. H. Epp of Hepburn accompanied by a male quartet, came over for the evening service. Rev. Epp first brought a brief but challenging message on the opportunities and responsibilities the Lord has placed before us in the foreign mission fields. The quartet served with special numbers in song and then Brother Epp showed the film.

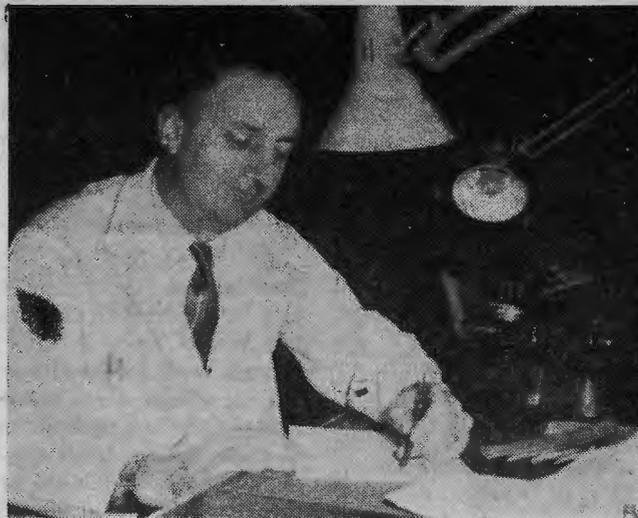
The film was very good and we feel it is just what we need in our churches. The service made a deep impression on the audience. We trust it shall produce lasting results and that our missionary vision and fervor may have been stimulated by it.

Lindbrook Hears Outgoing Missionary

Lindbrook, Alta. — Rev. Peter Pauls, who is going to Hong Kong as a missionary, visited the M. B. Church here on January 14 and 15.

At the first evening service Rev. Pauls told how he had once more been called to go to China to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ there. He came to Canada from Manchuria after the Second World War when he fled the Communist menace for the second time.

Rev. Pauls based his second evening's message on II Chronicles chapter 14, pointing out some of the highpoints in the chapter. At the close of the service he was given Hebrews 13:20-21 as a farewell message. Prayer was also offered for his protection and for God's blessing upon his mission.



Not all research is connected with missile development. Here Peter Toews, deacon at the South End M.B. Church, Winnipeg, is making an analysis of results obtained in research in the agriculture department of the University of Manitoba.

Research for Peaceful Purposes

By George Derksen

The world has lately made a sudden spurt into the scientific field, especially since Sputnik I soared into the heavens, marking a major milestone in the history of mankind.

The United States, in fear of becoming a secondary power because of the Soviet Union's technical advances, has earmarked over 40 billion dollars for defence, much of the money going toward scientific research. This is the trend of mankind today—science.

Out of the gloom of what could happen to man, because of all the weapons being developed, appears the Savior and the relatively few redeemed by his blood, the "salt of the earth".

Research Specialist

One of these men is Peter F. Toews, 943 Byng Place, Winnipeg, and member of South End M. B. Church, who is modern in scientific research but old fashioned when it comes to the old-time gospel. His science research efforts are not directed to the destruction of the world but rather its betterment, for he is engaged in plant research to help improve crops so that the world's millions might have food.

Although not a university graduate or trained specialist, as the words "research worker" would infer, Mr. Toews knows his work thoroughly. He has learned it through practical experience, under the direction of Dr. K. W. Buchanan, grain specialist with the Dominion Government, University of Manitoba.

Producing Plant Hybrids

Mr. Toews's work includes the cross-breeding of grains to produce new hybrids that have resistance to the various plant diseases, such as rust, smut, and leaf infection.

When the new plants mature (if they are able to withstand the ravages of the diseases) they are an-

alyzed to see what the yield test is, the comparison of the yield to other plants, the strength of straw and weight per bushel. If a satisfactory plant is produced, it is released to farmers for practical uses.

Mr. Toews keeps accurate records of results, maintains the plots, and inoculates the plants with the diseases. This is usually done by inoculating the plant with a needle, spraying the disease on with water, or mixing the disease with talcum powder and dusting it on. A farmer at heart, Mr. Toews finds a great deal of satisfaction in this type of work.

Born in Russia in 1918 as the youngest member of a family of five, Mr. Toews came to Canada in 1926 and was raised at Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. He received his education there. In 1945 Mr. Toews married the former Nettie Andres at Morden.

Active in Church Work

Mr. and Mrs. Toews came to Winnipeg in 1950 and joined the South End M. B. Church, where they have been very active in the Lord's work.

In order to assist him in his work, Mr. Toews took a Sunday school training course at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, in 1955. He is presently superintendent of the intermediate department in the South End M. B. Church.

His success as a Sunday school teacher lies in the fact that he puts great emphasis on personal contact with the student. He is not content with teaching the lesson to the class (at large) on Sunday. Mr. Toews has realized that in order to be an instrument in leading young teen-agers to Christ and spurring them on in spiritual life, he must confer with the student personally, learn to know his problems, his desires and objectives,

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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Wilmer Quiring to Mexico

Brother and Sister Wilmer Quiring and family, now on furlough from Colombia, left Hillsboro on January 12 for Mexico. During the second semester Brother Quiring will teach in the Bible school at Nuevo Ideal. He replaces Brother D. A. Wirsche, who taught the first semester and who plans to attend school himself during the coming months.

Weather Delays Construction

The new Linz church building in Austria moves toward completion although the work is somewhat behind schedule because of the weather and many holidays. Brother Abr. J. Neufeld writes the completion of the auditorium is anticipated by January 31, the Lord willing. Dedication of the building is planned for a Sunday in February. A baptism in connection with the dedication services is anticipated.

Building Committee in Congo

The work of a building committee is one of the many tasks to which our missionaries give themselves. The building committee of the Congo field met at Kajiji on December 19. Among the matters discussed was the repair of the school building and chapel at Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school. The roof of the school is in such a condition that it rains through considerably. The foundation of the Ecole Belle Vue chapel is settling badly in places. Since the foundation is built of rock and mud, it will need to be reinforced.

Missionary Retires

We are glad to welcome Sister Bena Bartel back to Hillsboro where she will retire from active missionary service. Sister Bartel has served at Lawton View in Oklahoma for a number of years since her return from a long period of service in China. The work at Lawton View has been arranged in such a way that the responsibilities left by Sister Bena Bartel will be carried by other workers.

Daughter for Curitiba Couple

Brother and Sister Jacob P. Dueck, Curitiba, Brazil, are the parents of a daughter, Roswita Alice, born January 1. Sister Dueck is the former Olga Pries.

Encouraging News

From Colombia comes the good news that the national Christians are courageously forging ahead in their Christian lives. Also encouraging are their attempts to maintain worship groups at various outposts which eventually develop into indigenous churches. However, there is a shortage of nationals who are trained preachers and teachers. We commit this matter to the sincere intercession of our readers to

the end that it will be possible to train more national leaders in our Bible School which has begun in Cali.

Now in Hyderabad

Brother and Sister Henry P. Poetker and family now live in the city of Hyderabad. Brother Poetker writes from India: "There is enough work in the city even without the village work in both Kalvakurty and Hughestown (a section of Hyderabad). Thus we are praying to the Lord for guidance as to the time He would have us spend in each of these three areas. The Lord is opening the door in different areas of work."

Missionary Atlas

The new Missionary Atlas was recently presented to the churches via a letter to the pastors. Each church was mailed several fliers describing the Atlas. This wire-bound book contains 27 maps of our for-

eign mission fields and the respective countries. The maps have been specifically prepared for Mennonite Brethren Church use. Each set of maps is accompanied by a valuable write-up covering each country's physical features, climate, natural resources, people, language, religion, government, social and economic conditions and our mission in that land. (Available for \$3.15 from The Christian Press.)

Battle Against Dishonesty

The matter of honesty is one of the spiritual battles in the native church on the mission fields. For example, one Christian brother in the native church was short again of a good share of the offering money. It is difficult for native Christians to sense the sinfulness of such practices. That such practices hinder the testimony of the native church and are of great spiritual concern to the missionaries is evident. Pray for the native churches and our missionaries in such situations.

Doors Opening in Colombia

By Ebner J. Friesen

Colombia, S.A. — Greetings with Luke 2:10: "... for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people."

What a joy these "good tidings" of a Savior bring! This Christmas season we feel constrained to bring to you "good tidings" of what our Lord is doing here in Colombia.

Truly, we are in a needy country. Here on my desk lies a tract put into our car Saturday as part of a distribution throughout LaCumbre. It says: "La Biblia no es guia cierta y completa." ("The Bible is not a sure and complete guide.") They say there must also be tradition. This is the teaching of the local state church. We evangelicals are all wrong.

To us here at the missionary children's school it almost seems as if Christmas is over. Day before yesterday we had our annual Christmas program with dialogs, gifts and treats. It is always the big day of the year for the children. They, together with the hard work of the teachers, presented a fine program. Tonight (written December 19) is the Christmas program of the national school with its more than 100 pupils.

Don Luis, one of our national brethren, has just completed a week of deeper spiritual life services in Colegio Los Andes here in LaCumbre. A good number accepted Christ as their personal Savior and others cleaned up sin in their lives. We feel we are at the point of revival. There is a very nice spirit in our church now and a burden for the lost.

After the elections which we had here December 1 the country is more open to the Gospel. There

are opportunities for services. Believers who have been in hiding come out into the open. This makes our beautiful green mountains seem more beautiful. Let me give you an example of what I mean.

One Sunday about 4 o'clock a group of us missionaries decided to take a short ride for about 15 minutes. A short distance from home we met one of our Christian ladies who was walking home. We picked her up. Around one curve after another we drove. A half hour later we arrived at the end of a journey which takes her two and one-half hours to walk and is uphill most of the way. She insisted that we come in to see her little house.

During this time we did not know God was leading and directing this trip. Last Sunday, two weeks later, she was back in church. This sister handed me a letter. It was from the owner, a lawyer, of the property which they are renting. Because of the kindness of our visit and the fact that he knew ours was a better religion, a religion of peace and tranquillity, he was donating about a half acre of land on which to construct a church building! This one believer who has been faithfully witnessing there told us that if we would give her a week's notice, she would have a house full of people waiting to hear the Gospel. Praise God! Colombia is hungry for the Gospel and God is opening up the doors! We are praying for another indigenous church here at San Jose. Will you help us pray? Let's thank Him, too.

Several weeks ago, together with our pastor, we had the privilege of

going to another little Pueblo on a mountain top. More than 50 people had gathered on special notice. It was our joy to serve "santa cena" (Lord's supper) to 14 believers here. The fervor and zeal for the Lord manifested by these mountain folks was a real inspiration to us. Some of them did not get home till midnight. Walking over the trails took them more than two hours. Seven are preparing for baptism. We are looking forward to organizing the church. They are already paying for all of their expenses. The Lord is building His church!

We know you are praying because every day we see such definite answers to prayer. God will reward you for it.

Discuss Sunday School Needs

Chicago, Ill. — Sunday School secretaries from 17 different denominations, including the Mennonite Brethren Church, and a number of other Sunday school leaders met in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, January 7-10 for what Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of NSSA, termed one of the most important meetings of the year.

Called together annually by the National Sunday School Association these leaders discussed the Sunday School needs, especially in the United States. Realistically aware of the major problems, they laid plans designed to correct past failures and increase Sunday school efficiency to the maximum in the coming years.

Missile Age Program

Out-of-date procedures, the behind-the-time ideas were blamed for the weak areas in the average Sunday school. The leaders agreed that methods as modern as the missile must be coupled together with the message of God's Word to reach today's man. With modern mechanics and supernatural dynamics a Sunday school revolution is inevitable.

Attitude Survey Considered

A Sunday school attitude survey designed to point out needy areas in the Sunday school program was presented by Mr. Willard Erickson, a specialist in the field of industrial relations. The decision to continue the study of this project indicates Sunday school leaders' willingness to open their eyes to every possible criticism and avenue of improvement. There is hope that such a program may enable the top leaders to help the local leadership determine their needs and how they can plan to meet them. These national leaders were well aware of the fact that it is one thing for them to be alert to needs, and another thing to have the local churches alert to these needs.

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Our Responsibility in the Light of Juvenile Delinquency

By Jack C. Klassen

A sixteen year old lad was sent to me for repeated insolence. He was standing on a last chance with us. With face beset with worry and fear, he blurted out, "Sir, I'm afraid I'm going to murder someone someday."

I listened to his story again. Things seemed to be against him from the start. His home is typical. Poor, father coming home drunk, strained relations between parents, accompanied by harsh language in the presence of the children — all these things have generated fear in this boy and laid the foundations of the crime he committed. Then came the gruesome experience of police, confinement, courts, and now the Manitoba Home for Boys in Portage la Prairie. He has a strong feeling of insecurity, insecure because he is not loved nor accepted. This breeds within him envy, hate, and revenge.

Teaching in Corrective Institution

For the past year I have been employed as teacher and principal of the school department here. This home, which is under the jurisdiction of the provincial attorney general's department, has rapidly grown to a population of over 125, employing a staff of 35. The boys, ranging in years from 12 to 18, are sent to us by the juvenile courts of Manitoba, usually for a period of two years. Sentences vary from the most common of theft, to such as dope-trafficking.

Four separate cottages, each with its own house parents and assisting supervisors, house the boys. Most of them attend our private school, the rest of them work on the accompanying 400-acre farm or in the other departments, such as the laundry or kitchen.

A very busy and strict routine is kept; sports being an important phase of the total program. Evenings are spent at such things as darning of all kinds, swimming or first aid instruction, movies, Air Force Cadets and Boy Scout training, and religious instruction. This is given by local Catholics (60% of our boys are Catholic), Salvation Army, and Anglican clergymen. All boys are taken to Portage la Prairie churches on Sunday mornings, the afternoons being left free for such things as receiving visitors or writing letters.

Many Problems — Our Response?

To teach in such an institution is much different than in a regular school, for the boys here are entirely different than the average student. Most of them have done poorly in previous schools in spite of average intelligence. As a result they have developed negative attitudes toward books, classrooms, and teachers. Furthermore, they always

seem to be under a nervous strain and emotionally upset.

It is a great pleasure to see a boy begin to take an interest in his work, develop normal attitudes, improve in his marks, and become a normal, stable boy. But they are not all that way, and those that are soon leave us. We are then challenged to begin all over again with "another new boy." The five teachers face new problems with each boy every day. Severe and strict discipline, coupled with understanding and love, seem to provide answers to most of these problems.

As true disciples of Christ we must ask, "What is my responsibility in the prevention and cure of crime?" Too long have Christians pushed their obligations upon the state and "men of the world." The field of social work and education within rehabilitation centres is wide open. It is the responsibility of the Christian to use his time and money in aiding the growth of God's Kingdom.

Mennonites Too

There are a number of reasons why we should work more closely with penal or juvenile institutions. Firstly, the Christian witness could reach places which are at present controlled almost entirely by secular men. Secondly, financial difficulties could be removed because the witness would be employed by the government. Thirdly, juvenile delinquency in Manitoba as else-

where is on the increase. We must try to do two things: to reform them to keep this great sin from spreading and to keep them out of penal institutions, and to win them for Christ. Six Mennonite boys have passed through our "process" in the past two years.

To maintain a boy here costs the taxpayer over four dollars a day. About eight per cent of our boys come back to us a second time, and some even for a third time. Six of the boys that I have had in my classroom are now "putting in time" in provincial and federal jails.

Best Weapon Is Love

Proverbs 23:13-14 states: "Withhold not correction from the child — and thou shalt deliver his soul from hell." Delinquents are made, not born. This making is always traced to the home. The best weapon yet against this problem is love. For me this is often difficult to manifest, especially with the incorrigible or with the boy who, in venting his anger, tried to use a compass on my back. God gives grace, however, and with strength from above we must carry on. Already we have seen three boys outrightly professing to be born-again believers in Christ.

Are we filling the need for trained and consecrated young men and women to work for God's Kingdom in the prevention and cure of crime?

Teaching in Osaka M. B. Church

Osaka, Japan. — Many opportunities for teaching the Gospel are keeping Miss Junko Matsuno, a graduate of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg, busy proclaiming the good news of salvation.

A letter from her reveals that she is teaching in a Presbyterian high school and on Sunday teaching the primary department in the Osaka M.B. Church. Excerpts from her letter follow:

"I teach at Osaka Jogakuin High School, which has about 1600 girls enrolled (it is a girls' school) and about 80 teachers on its staff. The school includes grades seven to twelve. It is one of the Presbyterian schools here, but the teachers belong to various churches, not only the Presbyterian.

"I'm in charge of one of the four grade seven classes. I teach English, which includes composition, grammar, translation, and a bit of conversation. In all, I teach 20 hours a week.

"Every morning we have a 20-minute chapel period. Since our chapel holds only 1,200 students we cannot have a joint chapel every day. Instead, the senior high girls

gather in the auditorium every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, while the junior high pupils have so-called class worship services, where the home-room teachers talk to them about the Bible. This means that I can speak to my class three times a week and to the whole group once in two months in the auditorium. They are all open for evangelism, for they are in a Christian high school.

"We had a special evangelistic campaign last year in November. I spoke to 46 girls in my class—to each one personally. Many of them had heard the Gospel for the first time (and touched a Bible for the first time) when they entered school in April. Six out of the 46 decided to follow Christ, of whom three were baptized at Christmas. Two joined the Free Methodist Church and one the Congregational Church. During the course of the campaign about 60 girls, out of the 1,600, came to Christ. I hope and pray that they will be steadfast and grow in their faith.

"I am helping in the Osaka M.B. Church, where I am superintendent of the primary department. Our

Sunday school has 150 students enrolled. We are very busy. As Sunday school teachers we gather at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday for a prayer-meeting. At 9:00 a.m. we start with our worship service in each department. Then at 9:30 we separate into small groups. Ten minutes before ten we say goodby to the students.

The morning worship service begins at 10:00 a.m. I sing in the choir. At Christmas we sang an English anthem, "Now the Glad of Heart." The candle service was very solemn and wonderful. Since there are very few services held in Osaka on Christmas Eve the Osaka Broadcasting Company (NAK) put our service on the air."

In a postscript to the letter Miss Matsuno reveals that she attended the wedding of Miss Kikuko (Terry) Tsuda, who is also a graduate of the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

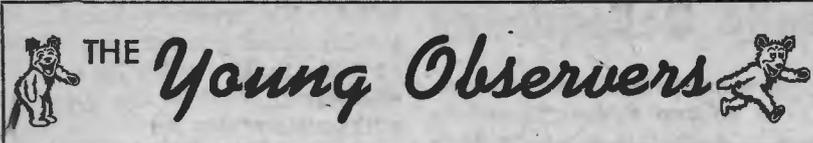
— Brother Hans Kasdorf has visited and ministered to the churches in Curitiba and Witmarsum recently. He also reports that the Blumenau Church, which he serves, had a good annual business meeting on December 15.

— The Filadelfia Mennonite Brethren Church in Paraguay has re-elected Brother Gerhard Balzer as leader and Brother Heinrich Friesen as assistant leader.

— The South American District Conference will be history by the time this issue reaches the readers. Writing on January 7, Brother Gerhard Balzer said the brotherhood was awaiting the Lord's leading and many blessings during the days of January 19 to 23. Two churches were applying for membership in the conference. Delegates were expected from Uruguay and Brazil.

— Christmas was the occasion for several services and programs which meant much in the Mennonite Brethren work in Montevideo, Uruguay. A Christmas program was enthusiastically presented by members in the city on Dec. 22. A number of persons who usually do not attend these services were present. The spirit of the evening was an encouragement to the church fellowship and work in Montevideo, Brother John Wall (Kitchener, Ontario) writes. On Christmas Eve Brother and Sister Wall together with several young people went caroling. To sing at the windows of elderly people on Christmas Eve was something not experienced since these people left Poland or Russia. On December 29 a group from Montevideo went to the group of Mennonite Brethren believers at Colonia and served them with a Christmas program.

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Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

It is easy to love someone that is kind to us, who is sympathetic when we are in trouble. It is also easy to love someone who gives us gifts, such as our parents or grandparents. Yet the Bible tells us that Christians should not only love those who are kind and good to them, but also those who are unkind and mean. A story from the days of the slave trade illustrates this and has a lesson for all of us.

Many years ago a man in the West Indies bought, among other slaves, a sick old Negro who seemed unlikely to live long. The overseer, a Christian slave, shared his bed with the aged Negro and gave him the best food he had.

"Is that old man your father?" asked the master, surprised at such kindness.

"No, Massa."

"Is he your brother?"

"No, Massa; he no my brudder."

"Then he must be your uncle or some other relative."

"No, Massa. He no relation; he no friend even."

"Why are you so kind to him then," asked the master, much puzzled.

"He my enemy, Massa. He the man that took me from my house and sold me to the slave trader. The Bible tell me to love my enemy; when he hungry, feed him; when he thirsty, give him drink."

That is the kind of love that the Lord Jesus would like to see in each of us. It is the kind of love that heaps "coals of fire" upon those who would do us harm. By good deeds we make them feel so ashamed that they stop their evil deeds.

Aunt Selma.

It's Such a Bother

An ill-natured brier came up out of the ground with her thorns, saying spitefully, "I shall try to see how bad I can be. There are few that can match me at scratching."

Children who touched the brier went away with their fingers scratched and bleeding. The gardener's wife happened along one day, and the brier caught hold of her dress and tore it. She called the gardener and asked him to grub it up and throw it into the fire. And that was the end of the ugly, scratchy brier.

Did you ever see a boy or girl who acted just like the thorny, ill-natured brier to Father and Mother and everyone at home?

One morning Frank got up on the wrong side of the bed, and how fretful and disagreeable he felt! The whole world looked gloomy.

"I'll not wash my hands and face nor comb my hair this morning," he said. He wanted his mother to hear him, but as she did not appear to notice he said again, "I shall not wash—it's a bother to wash every morning of my life."

Mother looked up from her darning and said in a surprised way, "Why, so it is! Why haven't I thought of that before?"

She smiled, and Frank sat down

before his empty plate. Mother had eaten earlier with Father, so Frank was to have breakfast alone. He could see some nice corn-cakes in the oven, and an egg ready for him, but he did not feel like asking Mother to get them for him. He wondered she did not seem to notice that he had nothing on his plate.

Finally, he got a drink of water, hoping Mother would look up, but she kept on darning until she had the stocking done, and then she began to read. It was about nine o'clock, and Frank knew she usually had all the dishes washed and the kitchen tidy by that time.

"Aren't you going to wash the dishes, Mother?" he asked, thinking if she washed them she might notice his breakfast in the oven and put it on the table.

Mother smiled and said in a cheerful tone, "It's too much bother, Frank—I'd rather read—it's much more interesting."

Frank's eyes grew round, but just then the telephone rang. Father was calling. "Tell Father he'd better not come home to dinner. It's too much bother to get it every day," said Mother.

That was enough for Frank. He stood in the middle of the floor and

said very earnestly, "Mother, I'm going to wash my hands and face and comb my hair. Please let Father come home, and I'll never set you such a bad example again."

Mother laughed and said Father might come. But she had taught her little boy a lesson which he did not soon forget. After that he washed and combed his hair and sat down to the breakfast table as quickly as he could.

A Message to all Peoples

Do you know how many different peoples there are in the world? Poles, Russians, Germans and many other European peoples we know, but what of the Todas in Northern India, the Samoyeds of the Arctic, the Kayaks, Fulas, Tswara, Karens, Paiute Indians, Burusho and a host of others?

Many of these peoples have customs and practices which to us are quaint. The Masai of East Africa are a cattle loving people and value their cattle above all else. Each beast is given its own name. The young warriors have two responsibilities. They must protect their own cattle. They must not allow anyone to take any. Then they must try to add to their stock by stealing other cattle.

A very fierce, bloodthirsty and treacherous tribe is found in North West India. They are the Pathans. A young warrior of the Nagas of Burma has little chance of winning the hand of a young maiden if he has not at least one head from some hapless victim. These people live in most inaccessible places. The paths to their strongholds are through a maze of short bamboo spikes.

Quite a number of native peoples inhabit the Malayan peninsula. There are the Besis, Sakai and Samang. Their food is of the simple kind, consisting of berries, roots, small birds and animals. Some favour the use of a blow-pipe which is about ten feet long. They shoot with deadly accuracy for short distances. Others have arrows dipped in poison.

These are only a few of the peoples of the world. God knows them all, and the Hills of Burma and the Yahgans from the "Land of Fire" as well. All these are included in the message which declares, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people" (Luke 2:10).

All people of every clime can have Christ as Saviour, for God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to Him and live.

As so coming, this means a time of joy for you. Not one that soon passes, but a time of radiant joy filling your heart every day of your life.

God grants this to those who feed on "the living Bread" (John 6:51), which He has sent, and he who eats of this Bread, that is, believes on the Lord Jesus Christ, has everlasting life, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

A Bright Boy

By A. D. Beldon

Some years ago in one of the Mission Schools of Africa a teacher was taking a class of young boys in Scripture.

The passage occupying their attention was the story of Salome dancing before King Herod. On being promised "half his kingdom" by the king, Salome demanded "the head of John the Baptist."

When the lesson had been read, the teacher enlarged upon the folly of Herod in making so foolish a promise.

"See how he had ensnared himself in his own rash promise. What could he do but keep his word?" said the teacher. Then he went on, "I wonder what you would have done if you had been King Herod?"

To his great surprise one boy shot up his hand.

The teacher said sarcastically, "Oh I suppose you think you know!"

"Yes, sir," said the boy, "I know".

"Well, in that case," the teacher replied with mocking deference, "you'd better stand up and tell us. You are sure you know?"

"Yes, sir," repeated the boy.

"Well, come on then," said the teacher.

The boy stood up and said, "Please, sir! If I had been King Herod and had made that stupid promise, I should have told Salome that the head of John the Baptist belonged to that half of my kingdom I hadn't promised her."

This is a story of fact. It really did happen so. One records it with glee for several reasons.

Here is something the "commentators" of history have missed.

Also here is a specimen of the mental alertness and quality of the native African mind, which the policy of "apartheid" or "separation of races" of the present Government of South Africa appears to despise.

"Colour" in the human race is something to be welcomed and appreciated, as "colour" is everywhere else. In any case, the "black" race are the "uncoloured" race, because scientifically "black" is the absence of colour. White is the "most coloured" race, it is the presence of all the major colours.

What a bright boy this was.

FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(45th Installment)

A day before the picture was to be taken, Liesbeth received a large package from the mailman. It was from Johann in Melitopol. It contained a tiny felt hat that looked almost like a man's chapeau, including a ribbon around the top and a fold in it. There was a straw hat in the package also. It was large, almost as broad from one point in the brim to its opposite counterpart as Liesbeth was tall. The top part was so big that there was enough room in it for two heads. The girls were wearing big straw hats, but that one seemed a little too large. Then she saw a third object, wrapped separately. She hoped it was a dress, but horrors! It proved to be a black-and-white striped bathing suit with gathered sleeves and long ruffled legs, a separate blouse with long sleeves to go over the suit and a big ruffled, gray rubber cap. There were little cloth shoes to match it. What in the world was she to do with that thing? She could not swim. Anyway, there was no swimming pool in Gnadefeld. "Good old Johann," she said to her fellow boarders. "He always thinks of everything." But, on second thought, how in the world did he know she needed a hat! She had not told a soul that she had none. That was another of those puzzling things she had encountered before. God was attending even to such small details as hats. She breathed a prayer of gratitude that she could oblige the authorities who had requested hats for the school picture, and she had a bathing suit as well.

For four years Liesbeth attended the girls' school. Frequently she was lonely. Several times, when Lena Driediger's parents failed to call for her on a Saturday afternoon, she and Liesbeth walked home. It was a long tramp for an afternoon, but they did it without difficulty. They walked through Paulsheim and then through Mariawohl and Nikolaidorf. The latter two villages looked so new and beautiful, and the brick fences lining the street gave the villages such an air of wealth and neatness, that it was a pleasure to pass through them. After the girls had strolled through Nikolaidorf, there was just one hill to ascend and descend. Then they were in Gnadental.

About fifteen minutes later Liesbeth was home in Margenau. She was scolded by Vater every time she walked home, but the next time

she and Lena were homesick and no one called, they started out on another long hike to Gnadental. Then, alone, Liesbeth walked to Margenau.

The last three terms were enjoyable years. The course of study for each of her four terms was much the same—some form of Bible study, church history, German language, natural science, music, homemaking, penmanship, German composition, Russian language and composition, arithmetic, geography and drawing. There were no electives; all subjects were required. Textbooks were used in most subjects, and memorization played a large part.

It was the personal touch between teacher and student that contributed most to the smoothness and enjoyment in Liesbeth's progress in the girls' school. Without that contact, she might have missed the cues to future advancement.

As a rule, she, as a teen-ager, was not thinking about personalities, but rather about the larger issues that seemed to affect her present and future. Her teachers were just the persons to help and advise her with respect to such issues. Although all teachers in the school, without exception, were nothing short of divine, two of them played an unusually important part in Liesbeth's thinking. They were the two daughters of the man who owned the school—Katja Korniejevna Reimer and Nelly Korniejevna Reimer. Both were members of the Mennonite Brethren church and both were highly educated. Whichever of the two was nearest Liesbeth in times of difficulties was approached. Each was equally capable of handling any of her problems.

Such a problem arose one noon in the hall as one of Liesbeth's housemates handed her a little pink, perfumed letter. The stamp showed that it had been mailed in Gnadefeld. Liesbeth opened it. Her face grew red and angry and her eyes flashed with indignation. Then she started to crumple the letter and to tear it up. At that moment Nelly Korniejevna walked toward her. Liesbeth curtsied and reluctantly gave her the slightly mistreated missive. She examined it, then solemnly she looked at Liesbeth as if she, too, considered the contents of the letter a serious matter and said, "Let's go to my room." The letter was a hot love letter that had been

written by one of the boys from the high school, across the street from the girls' school. Liesbeth did not even know him.

As Liesbeth understood the rules of the two secondary schools, there was supposed to be no contact between the students of the respective institutions. With one exception, she never had had time for boys and never had been particularly interested in them. The one exception was a neighbor's boy her age whom as an eight-year-old she had liked. One day, when no one was in her yard, she had motioned to him to come over. When he complied, she had smiled and blushing given him a little blind watch, shining it with one hand as she handed it to him with the other. It had been a present from one of her brothers and she had always treasured it greatly. The visitor had put one hand in his trouser pocket and come up with a circular metal whistle. "Take this," he had said to Liesbeth, handing it to her. She had always wanted one of those whistles, but she refused to take it, saying that David would tease her, a girl, about owning a whistle. The boy seemed relieved. Evidently he had liked his whistle. When he had departed, Liesbeth recalled, he had said, "I'll give you something else sometime," but he never had.

She thought of that incident just as Nelly Korniejevna asked her whether she knew the writer of the letter. "I never even heard of him before," she said, somewhat annoyed and disgusted, realizing that school regulations had been broken. Nelly Korniejevna noticed her irritation and calmed her down, thanked her for the prompt steps she had taken in the matter and suggested that she might keep her informed in case any more pink notes from the young gentleman should annoy her. There were no more.

Katja Korniejevna had just returned as a missionary from India when she joined the school staff. She was a poet, a scholar, a linguist and an unusually interesting Bible teacher with a thorough knowledge of teen-age psychology. If necessary, in extreme cases, she could be severe.

That trait of her favorite teacher Liesbeth discovered one Friday when the students persuaded her to ask Miss Reimer for permission to skip the church services Sunday and stay home to study. Liesbeth objected to the plan, but she was the one chosen for the ordeal by the pupils, so she complied, realizing that the implication of the request to be made was that the home assignments were too heavy. Liesbeth knew that for her that was untrue. She knew she had no business presenting the petition. A few minutes later she came out crying. Her fellow students needed no explanation. They knew exactly

what had happened. Katja Korniejevna had asked Liesbeth whether the assignments really were so heavy that she could not finish them without using the time set apart for church. Liesbeth had replied in the negative. She wept, not because she had failed in her mission, but because she regretted having run counter to her favorite teacher's convictions.

Under Miss Reimer's leadership, the atmosphere of the school was warm with friendliness and understanding, rich in pleasant experiences and alive with courage and purposeful vibrant activity. She was slender, with brown hair and large, twinkling, blue-gray eyes. She invited the confidence of eager, often puzzled and sometimes erring students. No one could fail to cooperate with her or to enjoy her company. She was an industrious and capable little woman who for reasons of health, with a heavy heart, had left her beloved work in India. Yet she never for a moment revealed disappointment. Just as she had given her best to the tradition-steeped ignorant Telugus of India, immediately upon her return to the Molotschna she unselfishly and devotedly gave the best that she had to her father's school. She explained the lessons with patience and enthusiasm, arousing an interest and attention in the minds of the students and fostering a healthy camaraderie in the classroom. She was a well-trained, expert linguist, speaking German, Russian, English and Telugu with proficiency. Without trying, she cast a spell of enthusiasm and good humor about her surroundings. Indirectly, as if by mere hints, Katja Korniejevna inculcated in her students, among other things, a sense of the value of time, of the dignity of work, of the duty of personal and group responsibility, of the worth of integrity and inner security of the individual, of the need for creativeness and of a desire for more education. She did nothing to prevent a student from, in his own way, finding a workable design for the endeavors of his life. However, if a student consulted her, she released the full effect of her rich background, generous heart and broad-minded ideas and gave the searching student everything she had.

For Liesbeth the greatest moments came not from her classes under her wonderful teachers' tutelage, but from the frequent private conferences, walks and visits with her favorite teachers and from group activities under their supervision.

(To be continued)

Wealth of faith punctures faith in wealth.

More wealth brings more care but more grace brings more joy!

Revealed in Press Comments

Growing Awareness of Mennonites in Europe

The Sixth Mennonite World Conference contributed to a growing awareness of Mennonite history, principles and projects among Europeans.

This fact emerges from a summary of secular and religious press comments on the Mennonite World Conference which appeared in the last issue of "Der Mennonit", an international Mennonite paper published in Germany.

Many European papers, including some dailies, carried brief reviews of Mennonite history and regular reports on the proceedings at the Mennonite World Conference. Even a Catholic paper, "Badischen Volkszeitung", carried an article on the Mennonites, indulging in pointed criticism of the "radical wing of the reformation."

Give Review of History

The "Badischen Neuesten Nachrichten" carried one of the most complete reviews, which included a report on Mennonites in South Germany and other parts of the world, a historical summary of Mennonite principles and development (especially the scattering of Mennonites into many parts of the world), and comments on the greeting that Bishop Otto Dibelius of the Evangelical Church sent to the Mennonite World Conference.

A significant comment appeared in the "Durlacher Tageblatt" of Karlsruhe, which wrote: "The Mennonites belong to the classical peace churches in their spiritual descent as a religious denomination." Love in action ranked first in the Mennonite brotherhood, the paper declared, maintaining that practical problems of faith were the central issue at the World Conference. In another comment the paper declared that the Mennonites were seeking a genuine alternative service for conscientious objectors. Mennonites believed that their highest devotion must be to Christ.

"After the last war it was proved that mutual help did not consist of empty words among the Mennonites, but that it was the outgrowth of an inner sense of responsibility," commented the daily "Az-Allgemeine Zeitung." This paper carried articles before, during and after the Mennonite World Conference.

Paraguay Pioneers Landed

Mennonite pioneering in the Chaco, Paraguay, received special prominence in the "Stuttgarter Zeitung", which also carried reports on the conference and briefly reviewed the main points wherein the Mennonites differed from the other large denominations.

These are but a few of the comments reviewed in "Der Mennonit", which also lists significant comments in the religious press.

The press of the Evangelical Church paid little attention to the conference, with the exception of "Kirche und Gemeinde." This weekly reported the conference and noted the relationship of the Mennonites to the free churches of Germany. The greeting of Bishop Otto Dibelius to the conference was reprinted almost completely.

The Baptist paper "Die Gemeinde" referred to the many contacts between Mennonites and Baptists in various parts of the world. In a critical vein the paper maintained that Mennonites had no significant evangelistic outreach, that they did not stress conversion among their children, that they received children into the church at a certain age without asking questions, and that they did not baptize by immersion, "which the New Testament clearly teaches."

Catholics Critical

The Catholic paper "Badische Volkszeitung" asserted that Mennonites still cling to their traditional principles, even though these have been riddled with concessions. Adult baptism still was practised, while children were denied baptism in spite of the Lord's direct command, "Forbid them not." The paper took exception to the clerical dress of the conference president, to the absence of pictures, bells and organs in Mennonite churches, etc. The paper conceded, however, that Mennonites today are valued citizens who through nonviolence and generous relief programs have gained the respect of their fellow-citizens.

The review of press comments in "Der Mennonit" closed with a summary of the extent to which the Mennonite World Conference received publicity in Mennonite periodicals in various countries.

wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wants to go to school or not—to start his education. You don't wait until he's old enough to decide whether he wishes to be clean or dirty, do you? Do you wait until he's old enough to decide if he wants to take his medicine when he is sick? Do you?

What shall we say when Junior announces he doesn't like to go to Sunday School and church? That's an easy one to answer. Just be consistent. Tell him, "Junior, in our house we all go to church and Sunday School and that includes you." Your firmness and example will furnish a bridge over which youthful rebellion may travel into rich and satisfying experience in personal religious living.

The parents of America can strike a telling blow against the forces which contribute to our juvenile delinquency if our mothers and fathers will take their children to Sunday School and church regularly. Christian Witness.

Board of Welfare

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— Brother Balzer expressed his gratitude again for the privilege of visiting our churches in North America last year. He is glad to be back in the work of the Lord in Fernheim. He says he observed many things which are of help to him in his ministry. Brother Balzer expresses the need for a public address system in the Filadelfia church so everyone hears that which is presented. The elderly people, particularly, would be benefited by a loud-speaking system. There are prospects for a crop again. Warm days and rainfall are making for good growing weather. Caterpillars and grasshoppers are not a problem this year.

— Brother and Sister Wall have been able to visit most of the homes of Mennonite Brethren Church members in Uruguay. They conduct such "Hausbesuche" and services together with various minister brethren and find this a fine arrangement in serving the people. The presence of visitors has been an encouragement in the work. The Walls appreciate the opportunity to learn to know the families of the women working in Montevideo whom they serve through the "Missionsheim." Brother and Sister Wall request our prayers for this phase of their ministry as well as their other services.

— Brother C. C. Peters has had many speaking engagements since his return from South America in November. He has preached and reported in churches, schools and conferences in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. Plans are that Brother Peters will be preaching and reporting in churches in the States during the coming months.

Do You Have Friends

who are not receiving the Mennonite Observer? Whether they are students, farmers, housewives, teachers, nurses, electricians, factory workers or engineers, we are sure they would all enjoy the Mennonite Observer if it was introduced to them. You can help us do this by writing the name and address of persons who you think might not be receiving the Mennonite Observer in the convenient form below. Then cut it out and mail it to us—we will see to it that they receive sample copies.

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Should I Force my Child to go to Sunday School?

By J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I.

Shall I make my child go to Sunday School and church? Yes! And with no further discussion about the matter. Startled? Why? How do you answer Junior when he comes to breakfast on Monday morning and announces to you that he is not going to school any more? You know! Junior goes. How do you answer when Junior comes in very much besmudged and says, "I'm not going to take a bath." Junior bathes, doesn't he?

Why all this timidity then, in the realm of his Spiritual guidance and growth? Going to let him wait and decide what church he'll go to when he's old enough? Quit your kidding! You didn't wait until you were old enough! You don't



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

20th Century Arks Take Livestock to World's Needy

A mammoth barnyard of animals and fowl was shipped out of the United States last year on cattle boats, freighters and planes by Heifer Project, Inc. to 25 agriculturally under-developed countries. Closing his books for 1957, Thurl Metzger, director of the church-supported project in New Windsor, Maryland, released figures on the 115 shipments of livestock, hatching eggs, chicks and even 20 hives of bees made during the year.

"The smallest shipment, but one which had perhaps the most potential," he said, "was the delivery of four rabbits to Bolivia." Mr. Metzger also noted a "first" scored when four Angus cattle arrived in Greece. Never having seen beef cattle before, the people crowded admiringly around them at the International Fair in Salonika.

Grand totals in livestock shipped to 51 countries since the project was started 14 years ago, stood at 10,112 cattle, 7,744 goats, 1,241 sheep, 1,524 pigs, 47 horses and 25 burros. In addition, 358,162 chicks, 3,000 turkey poults, 500 ducklings and 310,657 hatching eggs were delivered, not to mention 692 more rabbits and the bees.

Twelve denominational and interdenominational relief agencies, including Church World Service of the National Council of Churches, cooperate in the interfaith Heifer Project.

Launch 250th Anniversary

A special Love Feast service at the Germantown Church of the Brethren launched celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of the denomination which was founded in Germany in 1708. The Germantown church was the first Church of the Brethren congregation to be established in this country. It was formed in 1723 by Germans who had fled from religious persecution. The denomination now has about 1,100 churches and 200,000 members in the U.S. and Canada.

Wheaton College Hosts Annual Writers Conference

Wheaton College will host the Third Annual Writers' conference March 2 and 8, announces Dr. Clyde S. Kilby, chairman of the department of English and literature at the college. Held in cooperation with the conference is the annual business meeting of The Conference of Christianity and Literature organization.

Publishers, writers, and students interested in the improvement of Christian novels, poetry and publications are invited to lend their

support and ideas to the conference for a serious look at ways and means on improving Christian writing. A feature of the conference is a half-day round table discussion for the improvement of Christian journalism.

Among the speakers engaged for the conference are Joseph Bayley, editor *His* magazine; Grace Irwin, Canadian novelist; Harold Fuller, editor *The African Challenge* and Charles Urquart, radio and TV writer. Peter Viereck, noted essayist, poet, and philosopher, will read some of his poems at the conference and give a general address.

CANADASCOPE

Indian Population Growing in Canada

Canada's Indian population—long on the decline—is making a dramatic comeback, and the pressure of numbers on reservations is forcing more Indians into the towns and cities of the country.

Canada's Indian population has climbed more than 18 per cent in the past ten years—from 135,000 to about 160,000.

In their march from the reservations, Indians are heading for major centres like Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver—and also to

new industrial centres in the north. Although the pressure of population is the main reason for the exodus, other factors are a drop in fur prices, higher prices of goods and supplies needed for life on the reserve, and enticing wages outside.

Extend Trade and Strengthen NATO: Diefenbaker

Last week Prime Minister Diefenbaker called for closer economic co-operation between NATO nations to counter a Soviet economic offensive which was reaching "all over the free world."

The NATO nations, he said, would have to "do everything" to prevent economic "upsets"—with accompanying unemployment—that would weaken the alliance in the face of Russia's economic drive.

The alliance, he declared, should be strengthened by an extension of trade among the member nations.

Provinces Receive Extra Tax Money

The federal government has announced that approximately 62,000,000 will be distributed to the provinces through increased payments under the federal-provincial tax sharing arrangement as an interim measure for one year only.

At present the federal government rebates for the provinces ten per cent of the income tax it collects.

This year's increase is made now because the government maintains that the protracted session of parliament has made a federal-provincial tax conference impossible.

Soft Saints and Feeble Followers

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

President Eisenhower and golf have almost become "partners" in the eyes of many! But at least they will have to admit that golf has gone a long way in restoring physical fitness to the Chief Executive following his two serious illnesses.

Bringing the matter "up front" illustrates a change in the thinking of many regarding physical exercise. It is now considered a necessity, and, according to one expert this is wholly to the good, referring to various groups who, "for a long time have been intent on getting America back on its feet." He suggests that physical exercise would go far in trimming down today's tensions—and troubles.

The matter is clear enough on the physical level, but somehow tends to become clouded when carried up to the spiritual. Should not

the soul which is bigger than body in the light of eternity, also require exercise? or do we consider it an element reserved for preachers and missionaries "and such like"? Little wonder that much of faith fizzles away into fatal flabbiness and life becomes light-weight, "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14).

Paul required the need of, "exercise thyself rather unto godliness" (I Timothy 4:2), and illuminates that initial exercise under the Spirit's searching to bring life into the orb of salvation's great light. Men of another day spoke much of "heart exercise" realizing the spiritual warfare incurred, but today this has become altogether too much of a mere mental proposition. For this reason, far too many fall by the way-side instead of following The Way.

The new life in Christ calls for vigorous exercise. "Study to show thyself approved unto God" (II Tim-

othy 2:15) will take a lot of dust off our Bibles, and drain spiritual sweat from our system. Of prayer it is required, "when thou prayest . . . shut thy door" (Matthew 6:6), and that demands top spiritual muscle, crowding out all else so that the heart may be crowded closer to Christ. In this day of soft saints and feeble followers, spiritual exercise is demanded, and should be tops in our spiritual thinking.

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International Peace Project Begins

A service project is getting underway in Morocco as the first attempt to organize alternate civilian service at the international level for conscientious objectors.

The project is directed by the newly-organized International Christian Service for Peace, composed of representatives of historic peace churches and European peace movements.

ICSP was formed when it appeared that some western European nations would be favorable to civilian service in needy foreign countries by conscientious objectors drafted in lieu of military service.

The Rev. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and members of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (Lutheran) overtured peace churches to set up a program.

Members of the ICSP administrative committee include Peter J. Dyck, director of MCC in Europe; M. R. Ziegler of Brethren Service Commission; Richard Hertzler of the German Mennonite relief and peace committee; and Andre Trocme of France, a secretary of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Milton Harder (Mountain Lake, Minn.) of MCC Kaiserslautern is executive secretary of the administrative committee. Future representatives of a consultative council may also include the World Council of Churches and the Dutch Peace Group.

The initial project is with the government agricultural improvement station at Oulmes, Morocco, where a team of European and American (one each from MCC and BSC) conscientious objectors will help Moroccans with agricultural techniques. The station has pilot projects in crops, soil conservation, road building, dairy farming, orchards and sheep improvement.

Unit leader is Hans de Jonge (Middleburg, Netherlands), former Mennonite Voluntary Service worker. He is now in Morocco making arrangements before the other volunteers arrive.

Morocco, which has been independent a short time, has a low economy and has recently been plagued by drought which is resulting in hunger, discontent and urbanization (Moroccans have been primarily agricultural).

Historically the nation is a remnant of the great Shereefian Empire founded by the Arabs in the seventh century. It has been under

French control since 1912. Principal cities are Rabat, the capital, and Casablanca, prominent in World War Two events.

Only one in five Moroccan children go to school. Western education is being introduced by Sultan Mohammed V. Trade schools and agricultural training centers have been developed since 1945.

The most numerous of Morocco's 8,540,000 inhabitants are the aboriginal North African Berbers. The urban areas are mostly occupied by Arabs and a mixture of Arabs and Berbers. Jews, who make up a third segment of the population, include those settled from time immemorial and those driven from Europe in modern times.

The principal languages are Moorish-Arabic and the Berber dialects. French is used for official business. Religiously the country is predominantly Moslem, with Christian missions entering in recent years. Some Mennonites serve with the Gospel Missionary Union at Sale, near Rabat.

Some Wonderful Season

Teachers and nurses in the four voluntary service units in Newfoundland observed Christmas this year with many of the same traditions familiar at home plus the few new customs and the frigid air and snow.

Some of the teachers postponed their pupils' Christmas programs because of widespread sickness. During the holidays the volunteers "went visiting" more than usual, one of the well-liked customs of the Newfoundlanders.

Volunteers are active in local churches where they teach Sunday school classes, assist with youth societies and sing in choirs. One volunteer at Twillingate reports that services are often poorly attended, so "the teachers' real opportunity is in the school to try to sow the seed of God's Word into the lives of the pupils."

The school children are eager to hear Bible stories and sing religious songs. Writes a volunteer teacher, "The efforts seem partly rewarded when the children say, 'Miss, that story was some wonderful' or 'Ah, Miss, let's sing just one more song.'"

Jordanian Teacher Recovers

Munera Hammouri, a teacher from Jordan who underwent a delicate heart surgery at Bailey Thoracic Clinic in Philadelphia in October, is making excellent recovery.

She is staying at the home of Mrs. Sylvanus Stoltzfus of Elverton, Pa., mother of twins Ada and Ida Stoltzfus, MCC relief workers in Jordan who arranged for Miss Hammouri to be treated in the United States. She commented "It is hard to believe I am altogether well."

Obituaries

Mr. Abraham John Thiessen

Abraham John Thiessen, 77, died at his home in Coaldale, Alta., on January 18 following a brief illness. He had been a resident of Coaldale for 33 years.

Born in Russia, Mr. Thiessen came to Canada with his wife Gertrude in 1925. They settled at Youngtown, Alta., moving to Namaka in 1931. There Mr. Thiessen farmed until retiring to Coaldale in 1951. He was a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

Funeral services were held from the Mennonite Brethren church on Thursday, January 23, with Rev. D. J. Pankratz officiating.

He is survived by his wife; six sons, Peter and Jake of Carseland, Abraham and John of Strathmore, George of Namaka, and Henry of Grassy Lake, Alta.; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Thiessen of Calgary and Mrs. Mary Klassen of Carseland; one brother in Ontario and one sister at Namaka, Alta.; 33 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Weddings

Fehderau — Riediger

Miss Nancy Riediger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Riediger of Kitchener, Ont., and Harold Fehderau, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nikolaus Fehderau of Kitchener, were married on December 28 in the Mennonite Brethren church at Kitchener. Rev. J. J. Toews officiated. Mrs. Peter Dyck was pianist, while Mr. Jacob Willms was soloist.

Mr. Fehderau is a graduate of Waterloo College and has served as instructor at Tabor College, Kans. He is at the present time taking post graduate studies in linguistics at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., in preparation for missionary service in Africa. The bride is a registered nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Fehderau are under appointment to Africa by the Wycliffe Translators.

Questionable Things

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but it is wrong for any one to make others fall by what he eats" (14:20).

You might be able to distinguish between good and bad films in a theatre. But what about your brother? When he sees you go he might be encouraged to go also and continue to go even when bad films are shown. The company in such a place is certainly not to be re-

commended. See what Psalm One has to say about your company.

Still another principle is given to us in 1 Cor. 10:31: "Do all to the glory of God." This principle will help to examine the motives behind a certain act. Why do you want to do it? Are your motives pure? Will it be to the glory of God? If not, then it's out of the question.

In conclusion, I would like to refer you to Rom. 14: 23: "But he who has doubts is condemned . . . because he does not act from faith; for whatever does not proceed from faith is sin." The meaning here is that if you are in doubt about a certain thing and then go ahead and do it anyway, you are sinning.

So apply these New Testament principles when in doubt. I am sure that they will help to solve your problems.

We often see the mistakes we have made, but seldom the ones we are making.

No man was ever honored for what he received; honor is the reward for what he gives.

Smith's Story of the Mennonites

By C. Henry Smith. 356 pp.

This standard Mennonite history book has undergone another revision and is now in its fourth edition. Dr. Cornelius Krahn undertook both the 1950 and the 1957 revisions, bringing the book up-to-date to these years, although the last revision has not been as comprehensive as the 1950 one.

The book starts in Switzerland and Holland with men like Conrad Grebel and Menno Simons. The author then takes the reader through persecution and migration in Prussia, Germany, Russia, and the new world, North and South America. He outlines the cultural, economic, social and religious developments, with their joys and sorrows, as well as their work at home and abroad coming to light in the account. The network of missions and service "in the name of Christ" are covered, as well as the origin of the various Mennonite groups.

Though written in the style of a textbook, the average person will find this a readable and lucid story—one from which he will gain a new understanding and appreciation for his heritage.

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COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

The chapel service have been of more than usual interest lately. The graduating students have begun the annual practice of giving their testimonies. These are of interest to the students, for they show how God has led in the lives of their fellow students. In many instances important decisions had to be made but God led in a marvelous way to bring the students to college. As we see how God's hand rests upon each one of us, we are encouraged, sure that God will continue to lead as He has in the past.

The homiletics students need an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned in class. This opportunity is given during chapel. The other homiletics students listen with a critical ear and in the next homiletics class the "preacher" is thoroughly discussed. The criticism, of course, is constructive and the preachers of the future are prepared for their task.

A guest speaker at chapel was Rev. C. C. Penner from Swift Current. He brought a message based on 2 Peter 1:3-21. A thought that was brought out was that God does not demand from us something that He has not first given to us. Rev. I. W. Redekopp returned from Ontario where he had been the guest speaker during the Bible Emphasis week at Eden Christian High School. He reported that God had blessed the meetings and was speaking to the young people in the high school.

A classical and sacred music recital was held in the college auditorium on January 17. The voice instructor, Mr. Victor Martens, presented a program of German songs, with Miss Bertha Pauls as the accompanist at the piano. The program was enjoyed by all who attended and we are looking forward to more such recitals in the future.

The student night on January 24 was of a somewhat different nature. The recreation committee was in charge and a broomball game was played on the local ice rink. After the exhilarating game, lunch was served in the dining hall. The evening came to a close after Dr. Peters had shown us some of his pictures which he had taken on his trip to the Holy Land.

The instructors are usually busy with extra-curricular activities on the week-ends. During the week Dr. Peters attended a meeting on mental health in Chicago. Rev. J. A. Toews went to Hillsboro to take part in the study on conference cooperation during the week-end, and Rev. M. Baerg, together with his class in Educational Work of the

Church, went to Elm Creek to take part in the Sunday School Convention there. Rev. Baerg brought the messages and the students gave reports on the various aspects of Sunday school work.

Coming Events

On Friday, January 31, 1958, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium a panel discussion will consider the topic: "The Responsibility of the Church to the Juvenile Delinquent." A well-informed panel, including social welfare workers, will be present.

On Friday, February 7, 1958, at 7:30 p.m. in the College Auditorium the film "The Unfinished Task" will be shown. This is a missionary film with a real challenge.

Abe Koop.

Goshen College

Dr. Arnold S. Nash, Professor of the History of Religion and Chairman of the Department of Religion at the University of North Carolina, visited the campus Jan. 28-29. Dr. Nash spoke to the faculty Jan. 28 and to the students the following day on "The Relation of Christianity to Liberal Arts."

Dr. Nash, whose visit to Goshen was financed by funds from a grant of \$30,000 made by Lilly Endowment, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., to the Department of Religion, is the author of *The University and The Modern World*. Under his leadership a group of eminent Protestant theologians collaborated to publish the book, *Protestant Thought in the Twentieth Century*.

"Things Which Cannot Be Shaken" was chosen as the theme of the annual Christian Life Conference, Jan. 31 — Feb. 2. The program was planned as a review of some of the fundamentals of life which remain unchanged even in a rapidly changing world. Speakers were: Professor John W. Miller, on leave from the Goshen Seminary, now in Evanston, Ill., "From Everlasting to Everlasting Thou Art God" and "The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against the Church"; Frank Bishop, Professor of Agriculture at Goshen, "The Comforter Who May Abide With You Forever"; President Roy Roth from Hesston College, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" and "My Word Shall Not Pass Away"; Dean Harold S. Bender, "No Man Can Pluck Them Out of My Father's Hand."

Melvin Gingerich addressed the Society on Jan. 30 on the topic "The Peace Movement Among Japanese Students." He also reported on the "Books For Japan" project sponsored last year by the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship. Goshen students participated in this project by donating books on peace for Japanese students.

Historical Library Acquires Valuable Material

By John F. Schmidt

North Newton, Kans.—Through Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Gaeddert, Newton, a large collection of valuable manuscript material left by the late Dietrich Gaeddert, pioneer Mennonite leader and founder of the Hoffnungsau Church at Inman, has been turned over to the Bethel College Historical Library.

The materials in this collection had been in the possession of Mrs. Dietrich Gaeddert who passed away in 1950, having been a widow 50 years.

Included in this collection are German and English versions of the last will and testament of Gaeddert which, ironically, could not be executed because of Gaeddert's failure to secure the necessary witnesses to the document, an error about which Gaeddert had repeatedly warned others.

In the collection of correspondence are letters from David Goerz, Gustav Harder, Johann Harder, B. Warkentin, J. J. Kliwer, H. R. Voth, and many others. Since Gaeddert acted as the financial agent of the Mennonite settlement north of Buhler (then Hamburg) the collection contains many promissory notes, mortgages and records of loans made to settlers in 1847 and the years following. The Rev. Mr. Gaeddert was also the agent of the settlement in land transactions with the Santa Fe Railroad.

Reflecting his pastoral career as founder and leader of the Hoffnungsau Mennonite Church are sermons, sermon notes (often on the backs of creamery statements), obituaries and mission board correspondence.

The Historical Library was already in possession of the Gaeddert diaries, dating from 1857 until the death of Elder Gaeddert in 1900, and several files of manuscripts. The materials will now be integrated and will provide a very valuable source for the study of a pioneer Mennonite leader and the problems involved in settling a group of Mennonites on the Kansas prairies.

HIGH SCHOOLS

Eden Christian College

Students of Eden returned to school Jan. 6, following two weeks of holidays. Some of us were glad to return; others feared to face the results of the term exams.

Friday, Jan. 11, we were privileged to have Rev. C. C. Peters with us, who showed slides of the school life in South America. We enjoyed his lively report very much.

One of the most important events of our school year, Bible Emphasis Week, was held during

the week of Jan. 12-17. Student prayer meetings were held the previous week and we anticipated many blessings from God. This year we were privileged to have as our guest speaker Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M.B. Church and instructor at the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

Every morning the student body assembled at 11 a.m. to hear a message from God's Word. Rev. Redekopp spoke on the following topics: The Restoration of the Lost (Luke 15); the Way of the Backslider (Ps. 32); the Remedy for the Miserable Soul (John 5:1-17); Temptations (1 John 14-17, James 1:12-17, Rom. 6:23); and The Christian Race (Heb. 12:1-2). We know that God spoke very definitely to each one of us; Christians were moved to confess sins and others made first decisions for Christ.

The evening meetings were open for the public and here, too, the messages were directed to believers and unbelievers alike. Rev. Redekopp based his first evening message on Matth. 14:22-34. He pointed out that if we have little faith we may be a stumbling block rather than a blessing to others. The topics of his other messages were: The Principles of Conversion (Luke 19:1-10); God's Masterplan (Ephesians 2:10); Serving One Master (Matth. 6:24), and The Christian's Consecration to God (Rom. 12:1-2). We are grateful to Rev. Redekopp for his ministry and trust that the Word of God will have spoken to all present at the meetings.

The senior choir is practising for the Choral Concert to be held later on in the school term.

Our second literary program for the year is scheduled to take place in the Eden auditorium Feb. 15. The main feature is to be a play in the German language: "Drei Tage aus Gellert's Leben." Special musical numbers by the male and ladies' choirs will be rendered.

Joyce Schimpky.

Research for Peaceful Purposes

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and finally to pray with him and for him. His efforts have not been in vain, for he has led many souls to Christ.

Ordained as Deacon

The church has recognized in Mr. Toews a man of God with a real burden for others. In October, 1956, he was ordained as deacon in the church.

When Mr. Toews was asked when he was saved, he answered, "Well, I'll tell you. We didn't get to church very often when we lived around Portage la Prairie. During the winter months we didn't get to church at all. But the Word of God was sown in my heart and the Holy Spirit did the rest." Then he added, "We can only sow the Word, but God works in the heart of the individual."

Veteran Bible Teacher at Springstein

By Frank Froese

Springstein, Man. — Many great sermons have been preached during the history of mankind. Which one was the greatest?

There is no doubt that Jesus Christ preached the greatest of all sermons nearly 2,000 years ago—the Sermon on the Mount. It not only helps us to see what it means to be a real Christian, but it also helps us to understand in what way the Master's teachings apply to his disciples today.

Dr. A. H. Unruh endeared himself to Christians here as he expounded the Sermon on the Mount in five lectures, beginning on Friday night, January 17, and ending on Sunday, January 19. Visitors at the M.B. church here included some from the local Mennonite Church.

The Sermon on the Mount shows what Christ wants to make us, it shows us the walk and the righteousness of a true disciple, but it is not a plan of salvation. Rev. Unruh declared. No philosophy, or logic can bring us into heaven—only Jesus Christ Himself can do that. Through faith in Him and

His promised salvation we obtain eternal salvation, he stated.

Rev. Unruh emphasized that our righteousness is of God, not of ourselves. We must, however, not only be declared righteous by God, for we must also strive to live righteously. In our own sight we must be worthless—we must be humble, one with God in feeling and thinking. The poor in spirit rather than the proud, will be blessed. Those who are meek in the consciousness of their sins will hunger and thirst after righteousness and their hunger will be satisfied.

Rev. Unruh also stressed that works of righteousness are a revelation of inner rebirth and transformation. They should be done to glorify, hence before God, not for self-glorification before the people.

Discuss Sunday School Needs

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Again the national secretaries recognized the pastor as the key personality in bringing about a Sunday school revolution at the local church level. Encouraged by the increased interest of pastors in all denominational groups they felt that a still greater interest was one of the major hurdles blocking increased efficiency.

Architectural Needs Studied

Mr. Joseph Kimbel, guest architect, addressed the group and a discussion of present needs in Sunday school building followed. Many Sunday schools are investing large sums of money in poorly designed facilities. Although small classes were favored by most of the representatives it was agreed that buildings should be functionally designed with the department given primary consideration. The group hopes that more specific help can be given to local churches in the near future.

Although the perennial slogan of the National Sunday School Association is "Revitalizing the Sunday Schools of America" it was determined that a current theme continuing through 1960 with annual adaptations would be "Christ for the Millions... NOW!"

Workers for self-glorification are rewarded on earth, and will not be rewarded in heaven. Self-love and self-seeking are the root of all evil, he declared. He stated that many people are like hens, which are compelled to cackle for every egg that they have laid.

We must also have a correct evaluation about earthly things, Rev. Unruh maintained. Money, clothes, etc., are to be treated in the proper light. We must not treasure them and not have them as the object of our heart's desire. Our treasures should be in heaven.

Jesus spoke the Sermon on the Mount over nineteen hundred years ago. Today, as then, men must hear and obey His Words. Now, as then, men are to accept Christ by faith as Saviour, let Him dwell within, and follow His teachings during all of their life.

The congregation was faced with the challenge of making the Sermon on the Mount a reality in their life.

Discuss Sunday School Needs

Dr. Edwin J. Potts, NSSA editorial assistant, in his message on "The Home and the Sunday School" reminded the leaders of the importance of keeping the Sunday school and church family-conscious in all its program planning. He stated that many of our programs defeat their own purpose by dividing rather than unifying the family.

Solutions Summarized

Dr. Risley summarized the four day conference by saying, "We must have a balanced up-to-date program in which all aspects of Christian education are manned and planned with unity and with the pastor taking more than an active interest, through vigorous leadership. In order that this may be done better we must strengthen the ties between the local church, the denominational, all Christian schools, and NSSA. Together we may expect to make great strides of progress, alone we shall be defeated."

On the Horizon

February 6 to 9—The Winkler Bible School is having its missionary conference, with Rev. Harry Friesen (Japan), Rev. J. J. Dick (India), Rev. Wm. Baerg (Africa), Miss Susie Brucks (Africa), and Miss Herta Voth (Colombia), as speakers. Weekday morning and afternoon sessions are in the school, but evening and Sunday services are in the Winkler M.B. church.

February 10 to 21—Courses for ministers and other Christian workers will be offered at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

February 10 to 23—The annual two-week Ministers' Course will be given at the M.B. Bible College, 77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg.

February 11 to 13—Annual meeting of Association of Mennonite Hospitals and Homes in Morrison Hotel, Chicago.

February 15—The play "Drei Tage aus Gellert's Leben" will be presented in the Eden Christian College auditorium, Virgil, Ont., by the students of the school.

February 20 to 23—The annual Missionary Conference of the M. M. Bible College will be held. Rev. J. B. Toews and several missionaries on furlough will speak.

March 6 to 9—Annual Sunday School Convention of Southeastern Manitoba in the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren church, Steinbach, Man.

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BAPTISM

By Johannes Warns

This classic treatment of Scriptural baptism has been out of print in the German language for some time. It is now available in an English translation by G. H. Lang, who also translated four of Erich Sauer's books.

In the Introduction Erich Sauer states: "This is the most profound and comprehensive work upon the original Christian baptism that we possess in the German language. The author first gives solid Biblical reasoning in favour of the New Testament believers' baptism. The value of this exegetical exposition is heightened by its having been written by a distinguished master of the Greek language... Several chapters of this book give valuable insight into the history of Baptist circles not only in the Middle Ages but also in the time of the Reformation and later..."

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