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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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Plan Evangelistic Campaign

By John Derksen

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — The concern of Christians in this district for those in their community who do not know Christ led them to begin an annual series of evangelistic services in 1956.

Co-operating in this effort have been the Virgil M.B. Church and the Niagara M.B. Church (formerly Niagara Christian Fellowship Chapel). Annually the services have been held in the English language for those in the community who need Christ.

Plans are progressing for this year's campaign in the auditorium of Eden Christian College, June 22 to 27. Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M.B. Bible College, will serve as evangelist.

The executive and committee for prayer, personal work, ushering,

advertising and music met in the M.B. church at Virgil on January 25 to discuss the various phases of the work. After the discussion Rev. H. Penner, pastor of the St. Catharines M. B. Church, spoke on revival. Basing his thoughts on II Chron. 34 and 35, the record of the great revival in Josiah's reign, he pointed out how God gave the bewildered Israelites one more opportunity to turn to God before leading them into captivity. What about our nation? Though some are still longing for the truth, it seems that we are enshrouded by a veil of nominal Christendom.

Revival is characterized by the inward concern for the lost by a few, Rev. Penner declared. He stated that if we want sinners to experience transformation we must

experience the Word of God ourselves. We must destroy all "idols" that rob us of His glory before launching a campaign. Just as Josiah thoroughly cleansed and repaired God's temple, so we must as the living temple of God cleanse ourselves. Furthermore, an assembly of the faithful must take place, each one of us must fill our designated place, and we must personally dedicate ourselves to God.

Rev. Penner pointed out that there was organization in Josiah's day. Even so today we need organization, but it must be done in His Spirit.

When we meet these conditions we will experience what Israel did "...and there was no passover like to that."

We would ask that the readers join us in prayer that the Lord of the harvest would visit our community this summer.

spoke of the great changes taking place in the world today and related them to the work of missions. Never before has the world experienced such a great crisis. There is a great awakening of nationalism, industry, religion, and science, etc. However, due to these changes, the opportunities for worldwide evangelization are increasing rapidly. By means of literature and radio, the Gospel can penetrate into places where it has not been before. During the era of imperialism the people were passive to evangelism and world evangelization did not make much progress. Today, people can and do choose the Gospel rather than have it "fed" to them. This makes possible great strides in evangelism never before possible.

"Measurements of Missionary Qualifications" was the topic on Friday morning. "The church is looking for better methods but God is looking for better men," Rev. Toews declared. The measurements are these: subordination to the will of God; dedication of our total capacities; readiness to suffer and readiness to die. These are the concepts we must keep in mind if we wish to serve.

Mission Centre Shifting

In another address on "Missions in the Light of Prophecy", Rev. Toews showed us that the second coming of Christ is dependent on

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Four-Day Conference

World Missionary Crisis Discussed

By Abe Koop

"There is much missionary activity today but the important question is: How much is being accomplished by this activity? Where are the men that God can use?" These questions were asked by Rev. J. B. Toews during the annual missionary conference at the M.B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

The four days of blessing and challenge from Feb. 20 to 23 were preceded by two weeks of prayer meetings. The students met in groups during the noon hour to pray that God would prepare the speakers for their task and that God would prepare our hearts for the messages. The various prayer groups also erected displays. The Asia prayer group built a typical Japanese room, Takashi Niwa directing the work. The India and Africa prayer groups displayed numerous articles contributed by Don Unruh from India and Mr. Willy Baerg, missionary to Africa.

Various Fields Represented

The main speaker of the conference was Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions. The other speakers, representing var-

ious mission fields were: Harry Friesen from Japan; Henry Derksen and Willy Baerg from Africa; J. J. Dick from India; Miss Edna Thiessen from Mexico, and Miss Herta Voth from Colombia.

Rev. J. B. Toews gave us practical messages from the Word of God, with illustrations from his

vast store of experience. In his first message he spoke on "Missions in Relation to Worship". He said that missions cannot be separated from worship. Mission work should not only be an expression of compassion for the needs of the heathen, nor only striving for the salvation of the heathen. It is the establishment of the glory and honour of God among the heathen. It is the dissemination of the worship of God.

In his second address, "Die Mission in der Weltkrisis", Rev. Toews



Every other Sunday the Male Choir of the Morden M.B. Church and the leading minister, Rev. F. H. Friesen, can be heard at 12:40 noon over CFAM, Altona, Man. This picture shows the personnel taking part in the broadcast. Behind the pulpit are Rev. F. H. Friesen (left), and Mr. I. Voth, director of the male choir. In the first row, left to right, are Frank Dyck, Jake Hiebert, Frank Friesen, Harry Janzen, Dave Kehler, Walter Kehler, Henry Friesen, Abe Heppner, A. H. Voth, John Voth. In the second row are, from left, Milton Voth, Frank Kehler, Ed Hamm, Jake Toews, Alvin Reimer, Jake Klassen, John Isaak, Sam Janzen, and George Wiebe. Dave Reimer operates the tape recorder. (Photo by Dave Reimer.)

EDITORIAL

Practical Christianity

"If he is a Christian then I don't want to be one," he said, referring to a prominent member in the local church. The personal worker tried to show him that this excuse would not be valid before the judgement seat of Christ, but to no avail.

Valid or not, the excuse is still the stock-in-trade of many unbelievers. It is heard more often by personal workers than any one other reason for rejecting Christ and His way of life. Professing Christians, by their actions, are often the greatest hindrance to soul-winning and evangelistic efforts (ask an evangelist after he has made the rounds of local business establishments during his campaign).

Stumbling-blocks to non-Christians are many. The greatest is Christ—"to the Greeks foolishness". But we also create many unnecessary ones by thoughtless actions and undisciplined living, by a lack of true Christian love in our dealings with others.

The Christian is to be long-suffering, but there are times when we forget this—and our impatience gives offence to the unbeliever. We cannot afford to lose our temper when the waitress doesn't have our order filled promptly... when the mechanic hasn't repaired the car on schedule... when the clerk is busy and doesn't serve us promptly... when the mail order is delayed unduly. Nor can we afford to let our irritation show when a clerk or bell-hop cannot give us the information we desired (and thought he should know), when we must wait in a line-up, when someone makes an "unreasonable" demand, when our children or employees make mistakes (since all of us are fallible). Such reactions are expected among non-Christians—but not among believers.

An oft-forgotten cause of offence is rudeness. Failure to greet someone we know, studied avoidance of those we consider below us in social standing or reputation (Christ ate with the sinners to win them), snubbing of those we don't like (or who might have offended our sensibilities), can wound others deeply. We harm Christ's cause if we don't pay due respect to our government officials, when we fail to stand at attention during the singing of "The Queen" and the national anthem, when we "tell off" a government employee who may be only carrying out his duty (and in the process awakening a slumbering conscience).

Lack of manners can cause non-Christians to turn from our testimony in disgust. We should live simply and act unostentatiously, but that doesn't mean we should be unmannered. Talking and laughing uproariously in public places, such as buses, failing to move back in buses to make room for more passengers, jostling and pushing through the crowd at a bus stop, trying to get by with an obviously illegal transfer, are inexcusable actions for Christians. Carelessly coming late to stores, banks and post offices (when we had ample time to come early) and thereby making the employees work overtime, efforts to exchange obviously used items for new ones, and other similar actions, have won many Christians the ill-will of unbelievers—and closed the door to an effective testimony. We owe it to ourselves (and to our children) to know how to act in restaurants, in hotels, in trains and other public places. And it will certainly please our Lord if we aren't someone's "pet peeve."

When Christ is at the centre of our life selfish behaviour will not be in evidence. Yet in too many instances, our selfishness shows up strongly—and offends those we should be trying to love into the church. Lack of consideration of others is a popular manifestation of selfishness, revealed when the farmer lets his cattle wander where they will, fails to repair a broken fence, uses more irrigation water than he should, asks special privileges because he is an "important" person. It shows up when we let our children play where they like in the city—even if it is the neighbour's flower garden, when we use the party-line telephone for lengthy periods of time (supposing a fire did break out!), when we walk where we please over other people's lawn.

These are but a few of the areas of life where practical Christianity is called for—and where a lack of it builds up resistance against Christ among unbelievers. Let each one of us search our own lives to see how we can make our Christianity more practical, and in that way more appealing.

DEVOTIONAL

First "Into His Hands"

By J. W. Mellick

The feeding of the 5000 has a tremendous lesson on prayer. The loaves and the fishes were placed first into the hands of Jesus before they were distributed to the multitude.

What if these loaves and fishes had not first touched His hands and received His blessing? How powerless the apostles would have been! How useless would have been their efforts! How hungry and unsatisfied the multitude would have remained!

If the lad's lunch would have been taken directly from him to the multitude without being first taken to Jesus and placed into His hands there would have been nothing but failure. Not only would the people have remained hungry but the apostles would have utterly failed, and worst of all, a compassionate, waiting Christ would have grieved for the still-hungry crowd. He also would have been disappointed with the unwise apostles, had they not thought to bring the loaves and the fishes first to Him and then have Him give it back to them... blessed and sufficient!

Pastors, evangelists, and congregations, time without number, come to the close of a "tremendous" evangelistic effort (emphasis on the "effort") and so little is accomplished! Time, money, advertising, "gimmicks", "gadgets" and "no stone left unturned"... but when we are honest, the whole thing was a general failure in reaching the multitude. We seek the answer

and come up blaming this and that for the meager results.

When will we learn to make prayer "the thing"? "So much more" can be accomplished with "so much less," were we to depend upon prayer more. Too often we pay it only "lip service" in preparing for, and carrying on, our meetings! We try to secure a popular evangelist and "play up" his "big name", as being "internationally known"! We get the music committee "on the ball" and have good music. The entertaining, crowd-drawing aspect is planned to perfection. The song-leader is "tops" and wonderful. We can employ superlative adjectives to describe everything but the results.

We say we pray; and exhort to prayer; and have special prayer services, but our real dependence is upon "other things" that God has not promised to use. Too much is our "glorifying" of man! Too much self-effort! We must be sure that everything is first "in His hands"! When He hands it back to us, He may lead us to employ extra things, but being thus "blessed"... there WILL BE A DIFFERENCE! First, into His hands; back to us; and then to the multitude!

Wrong Choices

To make wrong choices is morally fatal, for wrong moral choices constitute sin. "Sin," said Jeremy Taylor, "that startles a man is the first step; then it becomes pleasing, then easy, then delightful, then frequent and habitual. The man is importunate, then obstinate, then resolves never to repent, and then is damned." —D. Carl Yoder.

Our Readers Say

Voluntary Is Better

I have just now read with much interest the editorial article in your February 14 number under the title: "A Gain That Is A Loss". I very much appreciate your bringing this subject to the attention of Canadian youth.

It is undoubtedly true that consecrated Christian young men, going where they would not have gone except for the draft, are giving an effective witness in places where this kind of testimony would not have been given otherwise. Many of us feel, however, that the value of this witness is greatly enhanced when it is given quite voluntarily, motivated only by the love of Christ and a passion to serve those for whom He died. In this our Canadian young men have an almost unique opportunity today. I hope that many will respond to the challenge that you have placed before them.

Sincerely yours,
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Deeper Life Services at Virgil

By Mary Loewen

Virgil, Ont. — "If I want the white dog to win, I feed him more; if I want the black dog to win I feed him more," stated an old Indian.

We can easily draw an analogy between this and our spiritual life. If we wish our new nature to be victorious we must feed it with the Word of God, but if we want our carnal or old nature to win we need yield only to the flesh.

During the week of February 2 to 7, the Virgil M.B. Church devoted their evenings to a study of the growth of the Christian. Rev. Henry Wiens, assistant pastor of the Reedley M.B. Church, served as the speaker.

In his seven messages Rev. Wiens found signposts pointing to a victorious, dedicated Christian life. Christ came to give abundant life, not sickly existence, he declared in his first message. Our Christian experience, he maintained, should be exuberant and bubbling with vitality rather than weak and pitiful. In later messages he pointed out that growth is naturally expected in this new life. The power is available, for it was promised by Christ (Acts 1:8).

Wednesday night's message challenged us with The Spiritual Law of Exchange. What is the price the Christian must pay for growth? The Greeks recipe for success was, "Know thyself." The Romans said, "Control thyself." Christ, however, said, "Deny thyself."

This denying of ourselves is more than merely denying oneself meats

or another food during the lenten season. It means subduing the "self" that culture and education cannot gloss over, no matter how thick the veneer. A Ph.D. is no guarantee of success if self rules. The one and only cure is death to self and submission to Christ. There is no middle road.

Thursday evening we found the answer to the question, "How can I get into contact with this source of power if I am willing to pay the price?" We found that the Holy Spirit, who was given to us at our conversion, is our guarantee of power and complete redemption. We learned also that we must have a genuine, burning thirst for this power. Then if we really seek relief from our weak, puny self, Christ will cause us to be fountains of living water.

In the last message Rev. Wiens turned our thoughts to the fruits of the Christian's life. Christians are to be recognized by their fruits, not be fake fruit or ornaments, such as on a Christmas tree. The fruits of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance are the natural products of the life connected to the True Vine. Moreover, just as a tree brings fresh fruit continuously, so our lives should show more than stale fruit. If we are connected to the one source of true life, the life-giving and fruit-bearing sap will flow into our lives to make us fruitful Christians on more than a temporary basis.

Revival Meetings at Terrace

Terrace, B. C.—Mr. Cecil J. Carter, who has served as a Shantyman missionary for years, is serving at revival services in the Gospel Chapel here. The two-week campaign began on February 23.

Last year's campaign with Mr. Carter saw a revival break out and sinners coming to know the Saviour. Many of the converts last year are a real help in the work now.

Prayer is solicited for these services.

Rev. A. E. Schmidt is serving at the Gospel Chapel under the West Coast Children's Mission.

Presents Challenge of Missions

Kelowna, B.C. — During a recent visit to the Mennonite Brethren Church here, Rev. J. A. Harder of Yarrow, B.C., member of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, pointed out some of the salient points of today's missionary challenge.

The Japanese, he stated, are educated people. Their question today is, "What shall we accept: Communism or Christ?" The Communists are spreading a lot of literature throughout the Far East to propagate their doctrines. In Japan many are also reverting to their old religions.

In India the Communists are showing good educational films and distributing literature in attractive forms, Rev. Harder declared. The American films, on the other hand, are full of sex and crime. Much of their literature is on cheap paper. The Hindu cannot find Christ in the films and literature of this "Christian" country—and tends to turn to Communism. The missionary from America is a great puzzle to him.

Rev. Harder also spoke of the great contrast between the rich and the poor in India. The ruler of Hyderabad state asked 100 men to evaluate his riches. After two months of work they said it would take two years to complete the job. Yet at his doorsteps the people are starving.

Africa needs teachers. The government of the Belgian Congo gave

the M.B. mission there five years to supply an adequate number of teachers. This is the final year. On top of this an extra need has arisen. Five missionaries have had to return home because of illness.

Another topic that Rev. Harder discussed was the second coming of Christ. He declared that prophecy was history written in advance. Christ said that the Gospel must be preached in all the world before the end come—this is being done by radio broadcasting today, Rev. Harder said.

Man's responsibility to God was touched upon by Rev. Harder. When man does not choose to be responsible to God unbelief results. This expresses itself in mockery of God and His children. Sometimes Christians give cause for this mockery when they, for example, do not pay their debts.

The value of prayer—the greatest tool of the Christian—and walking in the light were also discussed by Rev. Harder in his series of messages.

Elmwood Participates in Day of Prayer

Winnipeg, Man.—A large group of women from various churches in the Elmwood district gathered in the Elmwood M. B. church on February 21 for the annual observance of the Women's World Day of Prayer.

Theme for the afternoon service was "The Bread of Life." Women representing the various churches in Elmwood capably led the congrega-

tion through the different phases of devotion: praise, repentance, dedication, and intercession. Miss Lillie Boese, student at the M. B. Bible College, gave a short talk on prayer.

Miss Boese stated that humility, devotion and obedience were prerequisites for a successful prayer life. She used John 9:31, John 5, 6, 15, and 16 as the biblical basis for her talk.

It is commendable that each year women all over the world, from all walks of life, regardless of faith or creed, set aside a day of prayer. On this day in India, Japan, Australia, Canada, and other parts of the world, women bowed their heads and in one voice spoke the same words of prayer and dedication.

Proceeds from the offerings received on this day are applied to furthering Christian education and making Christian literature available to those who otherwise would not receive it.

Error in Japan Report

A misinterpretation of a statement in a letter from Miss Junko Matsuno, Japan, led to a wrong conclusion in an article published in the January 31 issue of this paper. Miss Matsuno is not a department superintendent in the Osaka M. B. church Sunday school, as the article stated, but in her "home church", the Congregational Church. Thus also the Christmas services described were in that church.

Water, Next Summer and You

The Bridgebuilder

Nelson and Robert sped southward down the dusty road in their sleek sedan. They came to a ravine. No bridge. They drove down the bank, across the dry river bed and up the other side.

Farther south they came to a small stream. The road seemed to continue on the other side, but again no bridge.

"We're in Mexico," reminded Nelson, "so we cross the stream without a bridge." North-central Mexico has few bridges.

In many instances another kind of bridge is also lacking in Mexico: a bridge of understanding and fellowship between Mexicans and Americans.

It is the building of this kind of bridge that Mennonite Central Committee offers an opportunity next summer for you in the annual workcamp and tour.

If you join the MCC Mexico workcamp you will spend four weeks in the city of Cuauhtemoc, near the southern part of the province of Chihuahua adjacent to Texas. Here you will do the type

of work best suited to your interests and skills.

Last summer some of the workcampers served with the department of public health. Some went to surrounding villages to give smallpox vaccinations and some worked in the laboratory of the regional hospital. One camper, who is studying microbiology, conducted experimental tests with babies who had diarrhea.

Other workcampers swung into action with paint and brushes supplied by the board of education and gave local and nearby schools a facelifting.

Some campers took turns going to another town, San Juanito, to paint, varnish, clean and help in any way needed with the Methodist mission.

Workcampers let no grass grow under their feet — unit worship, visits with local Mexicans, trips to ranches and mountains, visits with Mennonites of the area, plus their work and other types of activity that "build bridges."

The annual 17-day tour following
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Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Correspondence Course Adapted

A correspondence course is being translated and adapted by Brother H. H. Janzen for use in our work in Europe as well as for use by our workers at HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. This course is one originally prepared by Dr. Donald Turner for use in the Spanish work of HCJB. It is an introductory Bible course. A wide outreach is foreseen through this course. Pray that Christ and His will may become real to many through its use.

Returns to Field

Sister Susie Brucks is enroute back to our Belgian Congo field. She is returning before the expiration of her furlough to alleviate the shortage of workers caused by

a group of our members and missionaries totaling about 25 persons started services with a watchnight service. Services have continued since that time on Sunday morning and evening. Serving the group is the national brother, Don Luis Carlos Agudelo who divides his ministry between the church and the Bible school. Should the Lord continue to lead that way, plans are to organize a church with 25 to 30 members. This development is part of a new approach in our work in Colombia. Cali is becoming increasingly important in the work. The Bible school is here; it is considered a good base for the work in Colombia; and there is a need for evangelization and church-building in the city.

Full Schedule

Brother H. H. Janzen has a fully-scheduled program of preaching services, Bible conferences and evangelistic services in Switzerland, Germany, and France through 1958. His schedule during the coming month is as follows: from now until March 11, Mennonite Brethren Church; March 13-16, Basel Mennonite Church; March 17—April 13, Mennonite Brethren Church; April 15-17, American Christian Workers' Conference at Bienenberg.

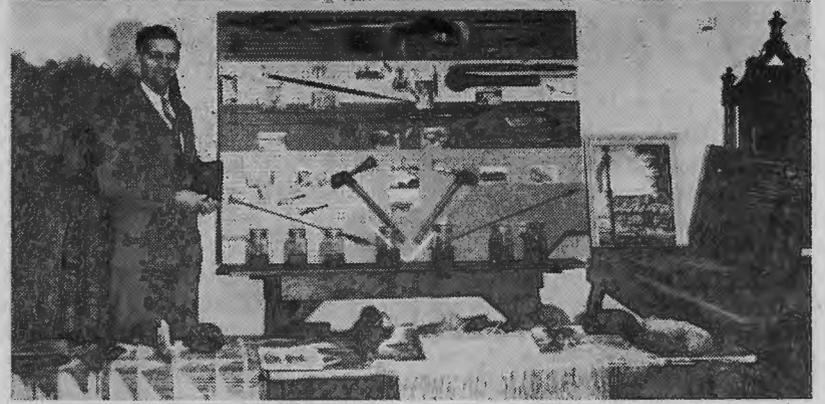
Bible Emphasis Week

Brother A. F. Wiebe, principal of the Post Oak Mission School at Indianola, Oklahoma, reports that the recent Bible Emphasis Week has proved to be a great blessing. Students of the Post Oak Mission School as well as those of the Indianola public schools united in joint chapel services. The students also attended the evening evangelistic services conducted by Brother John C. Ratzlaff. During the chapel services Brother A. R. Ebel of Tabor College served with chalk talks and appropriate applications to guide and encourage the Christian life. The Lord granted visible results in that eight decisions for Christ were made during that week. In general the atmosphere and spirit of both schools have been greatly helped by the meetings.

Helping in Mexico

Brother and Sister Wilmer A. Quiring report that they are finding the work in Mexico interesting and profitable. There is a good spirit among the teaching staff and the students in the Bible school at Nuevo Ideal. The Quirings are helping out during the second semester of the Bible school since Brother D. A. Wirsche proceeded to Fresno. Brother Wirsche is attending Fresno State College with the view of obtaining teaching credentials and also finishing a master of arts course. The teaching certificate has become very im-

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One of the most complete displays depicting the life of the natives of the Belgian Congo was set up by Rev. Wm. Baerg, missionary on furlough, at the Winkler Bible School and the M.B. Bible College during the missionary conferences there. Here Rev. Baerg is seen with his display. (Photo by Dave Reimer.)

World Missionary Crisis Discussed

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world evangelization. The rapture depends on the completion of the missionary task. The true sign of an expectancy of the return of our Lord is the attitude toward the completion of our assignment.

The center of missionary activity is shifting to South America. "Persecution indicates the center of mission work", and this is certainly true of South America. The growth of a middle class in South America has facilitated missions.

Finally, in his last address, Rev. Toews spoke on "Jesus als das Beispiel in der Ausführung eines heiligen Auftrages," based on John 17:3-8. The example of Christ was shown in the statements: "I have glorified Thee, I have completed the task, I have manifested Thy name to the people, and I have given Thy word to them."

Journey to Japan

Mr. Harry Friesen took us on a journey in Japan, with Paul's call and missionary journey as a guide. He reported on conditions in Japan and showed us pictures of Japan. He showed us the field, soil, and sower, representing the country, people and missionary. Then he showed the sowing, growth and the harvesting as a result of spreading the Gospel. In Japan it is the upper class that hears and responds to the Gospel. This gives good leadership but requires qualified missionaries. The Japanese resent our narrow-mindedness about salvation. They say, "There are many ways to the top of Mt. Fuji and when you are on the top you all see the same moon."

On Sunday evening, he spoke on the call, the cost and the core of world evangelization. "Missions is a divine enterprise, an effort of God to reveal Himself to the heathen," he stated. Mr. Friesen compared missions to chopsticks. One chopstick alone is useless. One is stationary—this one he compared to the church at home. The other one is moved and is used to pick up the food—this is the missionary snatching people from sin.

Practical lessons from the Word of God and from the field were given by Mr. Henry Derksen. He exhorted us to take time to prepare for service and emphasized the need for qualified workers to train others to carry on the work. His timely messages were especially appreciated.

Illustrated Talk on Mexico

Miss Edna Thiessen gave us an illustrated report on the work in Mexico among the Mexicans, Indians and Old Colony Mennonites.

Mr. Wm. Thiessen, from Chilliwack, B.C., Mr. Lawrence Warken-tin from Brandon, Man., and Rev. Abram Pauls from Glenbush, Sask., told us something of mission work in our own country.

On Saturday evening the students presented a program which included a panel discussion on the responsibility of our young people toward missions. The task before us, the difficulties, the principles and our failures were brought out by the speakers.

During the Conference, two films were shown, presenting the work of our field and our missionaries, in India and Japan.

An important aspect of the Conference was the singing. There were solos, trios, quartets, octets and numbers by the Acappella choir. The songs aided the fine missionary spirit of the Conference as well as promoted an attitude of worship which pervaded the whole Conference.

The Lord spoke to the audience and to the students in particular. We received an insight into the work, we felt the responsibilities and realized that the work now depends on us. We trust that the response will be such that people will take their purpose here on earth very seriously. God works only through man and we must realize that we are the people God wants to use in the great task of world evangelization.

Daily trust means daily peace.

Many accept the Christ of the cross but reject the cross of the Christ.



the illness of Sister Sarah Peters. She is scheduled to sail from New York on February 27. May the Lord reward Sister Brucks for this sacrifice in returning to the Congo earlier than anticipated.

New Out-Station Opened

Sister Marg. Willems, in charge of the medical work at Wanaparty station, wrote that the opening of a new out-station was planned for early in the new year. This village of Gumerdum, about 25 miles from Wanaparty, has had no evangelistic work until now. A visit to Gumerdum is planned for each Wednesday.

Hueberts Visit Paraguay

Brother and Sister Peter Huebert of our Curitiba, Brazil Mission had the privilege to attend the South American Mennonite Brethren District Conference which was held at Filadelfia, Paraguay. They report great blessings from the sessions and the fellowship with the believers in Paraguay. Their visit also gave them an opportunity to visit all of the Indian mission stations of our work in Paraguay. This mutual visit on the part of our missionaries will be of help and advantage to the Hueberts as well as to our missionaries in Paraguay.

New Development in Colombia

A new development in Colombia is the meeting of our believers in the city of Cali. On December 31

The Power of God in Africa

(This testimony was given to one of our preachers on the evening that Musadi and his wife Mashingo were baptized. Upon baptism they took on the Christian names of Pierre and Elisabeti. A good number of people from Kanapumba were at the water to see how the "Mission" (Protestants) baptize people. Musadi was old and losing strength. He spent several months here at Lusemvu after baptism seeking medical help at the recently-completed dispensary. But his days were numbered. He went back to his village and word has come that he has gone to be with the Lord. Wherever he was, he did not hesitate to lead in public prayer. On several occasions remarks were made that he prayed as one who had prayed for many years, or that his prayers revealed real spiritual depth and understanding, or that his prayers nearly moved the hearers to tears. So even though his life as a Christian was a short one, we believe that he left a deep impression and testimony wherever he was. Let us remember his wife, who is also old, that she too may be faithful until Jesus calls her home. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15. The testimony which follows is that of Musadi Pierre, a Christian in Kanapumba village in the Lusemvu area of the Belgian Congo. —Mrs. Frank Buschman.)

When I was a young man I did many daring things. I lived an immoral life, cursed others, fought with them and spoke evil of them behind their backs.

I owned many idols. When someone was sick, they would come to ask me to inquire of my idols what might be the cause of their illness. The fee that I received from them for this service brought in much money. I lived a life that seemed good to me.

Many years passed by like that, but one day several years ago I passed by the place where a small group of people in our village were having evening worship services under the leadership of the teacher-evangelist who had been in our village a few months. They were singing "Nazambi ya Nkenda, vulusa mono," ("Gott ist die Liebe"). I stopped and asked the teacher, "What is that you are singing about?" The teacher told me that God is a God of love to those who confess their sins. I said again, "How is that? How does one confess his sins, and what are the sins that one must confess?" The teacher-evangelist then named some of the sins that we must confess before God—living an immoral life, cursing, being angry, stealing, worshipping idols, and above all misleading other people by telling them that the idols are their gods. When I heard this, my heart filled up with much sadness

and much anger. I thought, "The teacher is saying all of this just because of me; he is pointing his finger at me."

I went home and told my wife I was very sad and did not feel good. She then asked, "What is the matter?" I told her that the teacher-evangelist had told me, namely: "Those people who worship idols and live immoral lives will go to hell." My wife said, "We are the people; what hinders us from arranging this whole matter?" (Referring here to the fact that there were no other wives in the household and therefore no one else need be consulted. In a woman's language here in the Congo it means that she consents to accept the decision of her husband.) But I could not answer so quickly on this matter.



Musadi Pierre (left) with his wife Mashingo Elisabeti

I did not sleep well and in the morning I gathered all of my idols together and went with them to the place of worship. I threw all of them before the teacher. I said, "God is a God of anger and revenge; eventually I will go to hell and that is not what I want."

My wife had left the house very early in the morning to go to her work in the field. In the evening when she returned and heard what I had done, she too went to the place of worship and came out to follow the Lord.

Some months after this experience the missionaries (F. Buschmans) came to our village and taught us: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish..." (John 3:16) and "God says if any man have a burden, let him come to Me, I will take the burden away." (Matt. 11:28). When the missionary asked who wanted to follow Jesus, I quickly said, "I do." The missionary then talked with me, prayed with me and enrolled me as a believer.

That was in 1955 and till today my wife and I are of one mind, that is, to follow Jesus. We are old and feeble and many times the young people in the village laugh at us when they see us go to

the worship services early in the morning or in the evening. This will not bother me, but it will be hard for me to give tithes, for I cannot work any more and I do not want to stay behind in this matter. I am very happy that I am baptized and I want to follow the Lord until my end here on earth.

India Workers Inspired by Pastor's Institute

By John A. Wiebe

The first pastors' and preachers' institute (retreat) for workers in the Mennonite Brethren Church in India was held at Mahbubnagar November 30 to December 3.

When we sent the invitations, we little knew that God in His mercy would shower such great blessings upon the retreat. Now that we have received the inspiration from the pastors' and preachers' retreat, we are in a position to tell you about it. All of the workers present, 55 to 65 in number, resolved to put forth greater efforts in the Lord's work on the field.

Rev. Waldo Penner of the Canadian Baptist Mission, Vizianagram Station, Andhra Pradesh, was the main speaker. Brother Penner spoke with liberty and power basing his messages to workers on the Pauline Epistle to the Ephesians. Many of the workers testified that the messages were most inspiring.

The Brethren P. V. Balzer and A. A. Unruh each gave three practical sermons addressed to the shepherds and teachers of the flock, the Church. Seldom have I heard missionaries speak with such enthusiasm for the work of spreading the Gospel and building the Church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to the three visiting brethren for bringing to us the message of life and love.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Brother Gerhard Balzer, writing on January 25, reported weather and crop conditions in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, as follows: We are again experiencing a period of drouth. Here in the Chaco when it rains, it pours, and when it doesn't rain, we always need to wait a long time for it. In these hot months it really should rain each week. The peanut harvest is in progress. At places the yield is good; elsewhere it is poor. The cotton harvest likewise varies.

— The Bible Institute of the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference and the local Bible school at Bage, Brazil, were scheduled to begin their four-month term in February. Brother G. H. Sukkau left Filadelfia, Paraguay, on January 28 for Bage where he serves as principal of the schools.

— The recent South American Mennonite Brethren Conference

elected a Bible school committee consisting of the Brethren Martin August, Fernheim; Peter Janzen, Guarituba; G. H. Sukkau and John Wall, Board workers in South America.

The Mennonite Brethren group in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is in need of a meeting place. At present its membership is 23. The group is praying and appealing for help in the acquisition of a house of worship. Brother G. H. Rosenfeld continues to minister to the group as his strength permits. Because of the limitations of age and health, Brother Rosenfeld will be terminating his services by June 1.

— Brother C. C. Peters has begun an itinerary through the Mennonite Brethren Churches in central United States. He is presenting messages from the Word and reporting matter related to the welfare of our churches in South America. Brother Peters is visiting churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, North Dakota and Montana during February and March.

— Brother Johann Goerzen is the new leader of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Friesland, Paraguay. He succeeds the late Brother Kornelius Voth.

Thankful for Daughter's Recovery

By Abe Goerz

Main Centre, Sask.—On August 22, 1957, we were rushing to the hospital at Swift Current, Sask. Our object of concern was our daughter Edith, 6, who had suddenly become very ill.

She had just spent a week at Banff, Alta., when this occurred on the last day of our holiday. Her legs were cold and her body burning with a high fever, accompanied by severe pain in the abdomen and constant vomiting. We brought her to the hospital and left her there. After three weeks we took her home, only to discover that she was still ill.

Three weeks later she was again admitted to the hospital. For some time prospects of recovery were very slim. Christmas and New Years still saw her confined to the hospital. The case was diagnosed as a serious infection of the kidneys, and this gave both us and the doctor grave concern for her recovery.

During this confinement to hospital she received many gifts and cards. Many prayers ascended to the throne of grace on her behalf. On February 3, after some five months of hospitalization, she was released. It was a great day for her, as well as for us. We sincerely thank all those who have remembered her in prayer and with gifts. Truly, God has been good to us.



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

Everything we do counts in this life, even the small things that no one seems to notice. That's why it is important to be faithful in even the little jobs we get. Sometimes when we do not do something that we are to do, but which seems so insignificant to us, there are far-reaching consequences.

A workman, while building a ship, found a wormy plank in his pile of lumber. He should have thrown it away, but he said to himself, "One bad plank won't make any difference." And he laid it in and forgot about it.

After the ship was finished and sent out to sea, it began to leak. The timbers were being eaten away by the worms. The vessel was repaired and launched again. But before long it started to leak very badly; the crew could not pump out the water as fast as it came in. They had to climb into the lifeboats and abandon the ship. All the valuable cargo on the ship was lost—all because of one wormy plank.

Jesus once told the parable of ten servants, each of whom were given a sum of money when the king went on a journey. One of them made ten times as much money as he was given, others did much less—one didn't even bother to try to earn money with that which the king had given him. To the one who had earned ten times as much as he was given the king said, "Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities." The servant who put away his money and did not use it to earn more was punished.

So let's be faithful in the little things we are to do—and some day God will be able to give us bigger jobs to do.

Aunt Selma.

"Throw Out the Life-line"

This is the story of a young sea-going engineer. We were off the coast of Scotland when a terrible gale blew up. The ship was flung upon the rocks and was being smashed up. The Chief Engineer was a splendid swimmer, and said to the Captain, "Unless help reaches us we are doomed. May I swim ashore to get help?"

The Captain replied, "You may go, but I won't command you. It is very risky, there are rocks about." Without hesitation the Chief Engineer jumped overboard. Giant waves flung him against the rocks, and he was battered to death in the sight of his comrades. Another brave man stepped forward, and dived overboard. He too was battered to death, as the mighty waves dashed him against the rocks.

A third man stepped forward, and said to the Captain, "May I try?" The Captain said, "No, it is perfectly useless. We must wait and hope someone will see us, and help will come along."

The ship meanwhile was being pounded against the rock, so this man took off his clothes and jumped into the stormy waters. He managed to reach the rocks, where the two men had been dashed to death. After a rest he succeeded in getting ashore, only to find huge, high cliffs towering above him. He said to himself, "I can never climb these

cliffs." In despair he attempted to climb, managed to reach the top, then fell down utterly exhausted.

After some rest he went to find help. He came across some sheep, and said, "Where there are sheep, there must be a shepherd." He wandered on, and at last came to a shepherd's hut. The shepherd gave the alarm, and soon had formed a relief party, with signal apparatus, which was the means of saving all on the ship, rapidly being pounded to pieces by the fury of the waves. Rockets were fired over the ship carrying a rope. When this was made fast to the mast of the doomed ship, the sailors one by one were put into what they call "a breeches buoy," like a pair of huge strong trousers, and then, often through blinding waves breaking over them, they were pulled ashore. How relieved must the sailors have been when this help arrived, and they were saved!

When we read this touching story we were immediately reminded of a well-known hymn. The first verse is as follows: —

"Throw out the life-line across the dark wave,
There is a brother, whom some one should save;
Somebody's brother, who then shall dare
To throw out the life-line his peril to share."

Sad as was the fate of these brave men, who lost their lives seeking to save others, after all it was to save their bodies they died. What is far, far more serious is when our souls are in peril. For that we need a wonderful Saviour. We are all in peril, for "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). To be able to throw out to us the Life-Line of Salvation, our Lord must needs leave the glory of heaven, become a Man among men, and die that dreadful, shameful death on the cross, making atonement for sin. Our Lord died for ALL, for you and for me.

If the men on the doomed ship had been so foolish as to refuse to get into the breeches buoy, nothing would have saved them. In like manner, if we do not trust the Saviour, nothing can save us. "There is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). How very, very deeply important this is for the youngest reader to understand. If you have not already decided to trust the Savior, do so even now. He says, "Him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). All are welcome. You will be welcome. Come! Do not delay!

"Can You Tell Me?"

As I was going along a busy street one Saturday morning, a poor boy stopped me. He had no cap, and his trousers were almost in rags, but he asked me very respectfully, "Please can you tell me where the Old Steine is?"

"The Old Steine, my boy? Why, you are coming away from it," I answered.

He looked very puzzled, and tried to explain what he wanted, so at last, seeing he had a letter in his hand, I got him to show it me, and then I found out that he really was going right away from the place he wanted. I said, "Come along with me," and he turned round and trotted by my side. After a while he said with a sigh, "Oh, I have gone a long way out of the way."

"Yes, you have," and on asking where he came from, the poor lad-die gave me the name of a street quite the other end of the town. No wonder he was tired, and sorry for his mistake!

Presently I asked, "Do you go to Sunday School?"

"Yes, Miss, to St. Matthias."

"Well now, I am showing you the way you want to go. Can you tell me the way to Heaven, because I want to go there?"

"No, Ma'am," he answered.

"But don't you want to go there?" to which he replied that he did.

I wonder how many of my readers who attend Sunday School would have to give me this boy's answer? Before you read what I told him, just shut your eyes, and

think what answer you would have given, had I asked you. This is what I said: —

"You took the wrong turning just now, and went right out of your way. As a girl I was right out of the way to Heaven, and so are you, for the Bible says, 'They are all gone out of the way.' But the Lord Jesus came down from Heaven to take us there. And, because we are sinners, and God cannot have sin in Heaven, Jesus was punished instead of sinners, and God forgives every one who trusts in Jesus. When I was a little girl I trusted Him, and He put me in the way to Heaven, and I know I shall get there. Just as you trusted me to take you to the Old Steine, though you had never seen me before, but you turned round and came with me — that was how I trusted Jesus."

Just then we reached the Old Steine, so, showing him the house he wanted, I bade my young friend "Goodbye."

Now I wonder if your way of getting to Heaven is the same as mine? If not, you will never get there; for this is God's way, and there is no other. The Lord Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6). If you trust Him, as this poor boy trusted me, He will take you safely there, but if you choose any other way, God says, "There is a way that seemeth right... but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25).

Missionary Stories

Mumba, Son of a Cannibal

By Babette Elaine Kaltbach

This story, while fiction, is based on fact. It is the story of an African lad, born into a tribe of cannibals. He runs away from home to go to a white man's mission—only to leave as suddenly as he appeared. How he finally came to know Jesus is an exciting story 60¢

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Told by Aunt Theresa

This is a series of missionary stories about people in various lands. Some of the intriguing titles are: Not Worth a Chicken; Flying Bread; We Ate the Raft; The Piece of Wood That Talked; Abdul Khan's Diamond 50¢

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Adapted by Aunt Theresa

The African chief said they were to go. An epidemic was sweeping the village, and the medicine-man said the missionaries were to blame. However, upon the promise that medicine would come he let them stay—if no medicine came they were in danger of death. How God provided in a wonderful way makes good reading 50¢

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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For every restriction, someone had a Scripture reference. Liesbeth was angry with herself when she noticed that again she was looking at the wrong side of baptism. Quickly she changed her line of reasoning. Baptism was scriptural and she was all for the Scriptures. Christ Himself had been baptized. Her parents and Anna had been baptized. The act was a public testimony, with respect to her faith, and she was willing to proclaim it on the mountains and from the housetops. Both the pros and cons loomed big in Liesbeth's thinking. She decided to write a letter to Katja Korniejevna. She had always told her just the right thing in the past. She would again do it on this stubborn question.

Within a week, Liesbeth received an answer from her teacher. Among other things she wrote: "In my opinion, your belonging to a church would strengthen your faith. Participating with fellow members in the holy communion would strengthen you in the conflict against sin."

That was in perfect agreement with what Liesbeth had thought about it right along. She had spent an entire year in Margenau since her graduation from the girls' school and had enjoyed it. She realized that the few irritations she had experienced had come from within herself. In the future she might be able to control them. As for teaching or continuing her education, she would leave that matter to God's hands. He could do much more about it than she could. Her own hands were tied.

The baptism was scheduled for the first Sunday in September, in the same reservoir, near the grada, in which some twenty-five years before her own parents and many others from Margenau and elsewhere had been baptized. A girl from Landskrone, Liesbeth and her three Margenau friends were going to be the candidates.

Slowly a caravan of people left the Rueckenau church grounds by carriage and on foot and moved toward the improvised pool about half a verst away. On each side of the pool there was a little wooden hut for dressing, with steps leading directly into the water. A wooden fence surrounded the reservoir, including the two dressing huts. Liesbeth noticed the fence, as Helena's carriage, in which Liesbeth was rid-

ing, approached the parking place north of the pool. She would have felt better if the fence had not been there. There was still time to back out. Suddenly she stopped, right in front of a whiplike, smooth stick. She had the urge to pick it up and throw it at whomever was giving her that evil thought, but she could see no one.

Quickly she hurried into the dressing room. God had shown her many times that He was on her side. This was her chance to show Him and the people around her that she was on His side. While the congregation on the grass between the fence joining the dressing rooms and the carriages were singing Philip Doddridges' two-hundred-year-old hymn, "Baptized into Our Saviour's Death," the five girls, dressed in white, descended the steps of their dressing hut. Uncle Regehr, the branch pastor of four of the girls, was waistdeep in the water, in his pastoral clothing. He took a few steps toward the girls. Upon each candidate's testimony that she believed in Jesus Christ, she was baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, through immersion, to signify that she was dead to sin.

After the baptismal service, everyone hurried back to the Rueckenau meeting place with its nine tall street windows and a beautiful brick fence for the official reception into the Mennonite Brethren church. The sacraments of holy communion and feet-washing would also take place there. Liesbeth listened carefully as one of the ministers read the questions that the girls were asked to answer. The questions had to do with their conduct as members of the Mennonite Brethren church—worldly amusements, non-resistance, non-swearing and a godly life. Several of the questions were taken directly from the Bible; others were a matter of church tradition. Those latter Liesbeth decided to keep in accordance with the dictates of her own conscience and not as someone else might interpret them for her. She said the customary yes to all of the questions, and was received into the church.

As a child she had attended many communion and feet-washing services. As she had grown older, she had stayed away from them. It was considered improper for non-members of her age to be present at such special gatherings.

They were only for the members of the Mennonite Brethren faith. A group of ministers and deacons broke off bits from slices of rich bread, placing the pieces on shallow plates. That bread was blessed and passed around to the members while they were standing. Grape juice serving as the wine of the sacrament was poured into tea glasses, blessed by one of the officiating ministers and passed to the standing members. Each one drank a little of the juice, passed the glass to his neighbor and sat down. It was believed that godly people were immune from all harm while participating in the holy communion and feet-washing or the act of baptism. Only the ungodly suffer harm from catching colds or from germs. While the bread and the wine were being served, the seated members of the congregation sang appropriate songs. When everyone had partaken of the communion, the members arose, took their neighbors' hand and sang "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds." Then the brotherly or sisterly kiss of love was given by each participant to the neighbors to the right and to the left.

After communion deacons and their helpers entered the meeting-house with partly filled washbasins and with towel, one set for every two or three rows of seats. Quietly the members coupled off, the men on one side of the room and the women on the other, and removed their shoes and stockings. A few men rolled up their sleeves. One person in each pair clasped a towel around his or her waist, tied it in front and stooped down to wash the feet of the other partner and to dry them with the towel he at first had tied about himself. Both persons then arose, shook hands and kissed each other with the brotherly or sisterly kiss. The washed person took the towel and stooped down to wash the feet of the one who had just completed washing his or her feet. When finished, both partners arose again, shook hands and kissed as before. The two persons whose feet were washed moved away from the basin to make room for another couple and returned to their shoes and stockings, at once proceeding to put them on. After the feet-washing another short song and prayer concluded services for that day.

Liesbeth was impressed with the solemnity and sincerity shown by the participants in these special services and had greatly benefited by them. However, in her opinion, there was altogether too much chance to catch germs through the glass of grape juice, the plate of bread and the kissing. Contagious diseases were quite prevalent in the Mennonite colonies. She could think of eight or nine persons in Margenau who had died of tuberculosis. A number of others had succumbed to scarlet fever, diphtheria and smallpox. Perhaps some of those

afflicted people had caught the germs at the communion or feet-washing services. By her standards of ethics, it was equivalent to attempted murder to carelessly or knowingly transmit deadly germs in religious acts. In her opinion, it was foolish to believe that germs were harmless to godly people in their religious ceremonies. She knew that that was one of the hearsays that was based on a fallacy. "Oh dear," she thought, "here I go again, finding fault with our Mennonites!" Suddenly she realized that since that afternoon she had become one of them. Did this mean she would have to stop criticizing them? She was not really criticizing, though. She loved them; she just did not approve of harmful customs. Otherwise, she was contented and happy. She was convinced that she was following the right course. In matters that depended on custom or opinion, she would let her conscience be her guide and would not permit anyone else to do her thinking for her. That procedure should not get her into any difficulties.

A week later, Liesbeth thought she had proof that God approved of her procedure. Out of a clear sky she received a satisfactory offer from a small group of Mennonite business people, in the Russian village of Bogdanovka near Pavlograd, to go there within the next ten days to be the teacher of their children. She felt that this call had come straight down from the sky, and she accepted it before the day was over. She did not even ask her parents about it. She must not leave before Johann's wedding, they said, when she told them. Otherwise, they made no objection. The wedding was planned for the Sunday preceding the opening of school, and Liesbeth arranged to be present.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FOUR

A Wedding

Weddings occupied a prominent spot in the life of a Mennonite village. Mennonite marriage customs were as colorful as the special church ceremonies. Marriage in the Mennonite Brethren world was limited to its own members. If a man or a woman chose to marry outside of the church, the pastor declined to perform the ceremony and the member's name was stricken from the church rolls. That stand was based on a Bible passage about being unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

The wooing and marriage patterns had no place for any boy-girl dating or prolonged courtships. Such activities were frowned on by the Mennonite brotherhood, who thought they had good reason for their attitude. Two weeks of courtship was considered to be sufficient.

(To be continued)

Secretary in Paraguay

By Pauline Jahnke*

MCC Paraguay

What does a secretary do?

Dictation... transcription... filing... mailing? More than that in Paraguay!

The Mennonite Central Committee office in Asuncion is to Mennonites of Paraguay what Grand Union Station in Toronto is to Canadians.

A large portion of mail destined for the up-country colonies comes through our office. This is because with twice weekly air service mail gets to the colonies faster if it goes through our office.

So I spend a lot of time sorting mail. All registered mail is recorded and dispatched to the colonies with a duplicate list accompanying it for the purpose of making sure it reaches the right person.

Emigration Duties

Most Mennonites in Asuncion use our offices as a post office. The city has only one post office for its population of 250,000. Monday, Thursday and Sunday are my busiest days in getting mail ready for plane flights to the Chaco.

About once a week I make a trip downtown. This is usually in connection with the emigration to Canada of Paraguayan Mennonites. I visit the British Consulate to get data on applications.

There are extracurricular activities too.

Last spring Mrs. Anna Harder (Mountain Lake, Minn.) and I went to Friesland and Volendam in east Paraguay. We traveled by boat and wagon, surviving the trip remarkably well — to the surprise of some of our friends.

New Churches

The Dr. Wilhelm Kaethlers were most generous in offering us the warm hospitality of their home, from which we visited various friends. This visit in Friesland was quite a different experience than my first trip there six years ago at the time J. Winfield Fretz was writing *Pilgrims in Paraguay*.

Then I was new in Paraguay but this time I had friends and acquaintances, making the visit much easier. I cannot report much on changes in Friesland except that two large churches have been built since my first visit.

Our trip to Volendam was very pleasant, too. One has to get out into the country to appreciate the beauty of God's nature at night. Our co-worker, Menno Wiebe, (Mt. Lehman, B.C.) took us back to Friesland.

Volendam Changes

It was a thrill to stop by the roadside at dusk to feed and rest the horses and also to refresh ourselves. One by one the twinkling

stars appeared and the moon became brighter until the light of day faded away. Such beauty one scarcely notices in a noisy city.

In Volendam we used MCC facilities. Anna and I cooked our own meals when we were not invited to some home. Here I did notice changes, especially the orchards. Six years ago the trees were small and just beginning to bear. Now they were loaded with fruit.

Rain and Wind

Volendam has also built two new churches, a new hospital and a refrigeration plant. There is evidence of progress even though many families have left and are planning to leave for Canada.

On our wagon trip to the riverport to get the boat back to Asuncion we got caught in a rain and drove two hours against the wind. In spite of raincoats and blankets we got quite wet. But we feel this was the right climax to our trip: now we know in part some of the experiences colonists have when they travel.

Margaret Braun, MCC bookkeeper in Asuncion (now a trainee in Newton, Kan.), and I made a quick trip to the Chaco. We both had business assignments but we were also able to visit friends.

'New' Village

On a holiday we made quick trips to Neuland and Menno colonies. The road built by Vern Buller made it possible for us to visit both colonies in one afternoon in Henry Laemmlen's almost-new jeep. (We should know it is almost new because we send new parts for it almost every week, so there cannot be too much that is old left on it!).

The one thing that caught my attention in Menno Colony was the newly whitewashed buildings in Sommerfeld, which made the village look like new.

Oberschulz Jacob Reimer proudly showed us their new three or four room brick school building which provides education beyond the six years taught in the village school. This is a great step forward in the colony's educational program.

City Park

Fernheim Colony is not at a standstill either. Filadelfia is developing quite a skyline with its 150-foot smokestack and two-story oil refining building. Under construction was a huge brick building for storing peanuts.

The city also boasts a lovely little park in which stands the monument erected in memory of Fernheim's first 25 years in Paraguay. Future plans call for a modern mental hospital.

June weddings are common in Paraguay too. We were happy to

help a Mennonite girl with wedding plans. She had no family in Paraguay so our house-mother graciously offered to arrange the reception here. Naturally that involved a number of us and we were glad to help because Mennonite weddings in Asuncion are rare.

Christian Fellowship

I always look forward to our sewing circle on Friday afternoons in the parsonage. About 20 women attend regularly. We sold the articles we made during the past year. Proceeds were used for buying blankets for the mental hospital, providing baby shirts and diapers for the Red Cross Hospital, helping the mission for Paraguayans, parsonage articles and other uses.

We were host to the monthly meeting of evangelical Christian missionaries of Asuncion. Each group takes a turn in inviting. I

am afraid we had rather slipped on our turn as it had been a long time since they met here.

We did not have a person to conduct the service in Spanish until Albert Enns began a mission program among Paraguayans, so we feel more free to invite the group. This gives us opportunity to become better acquainted with persons interested in bringing vital Christian faith to Paraguayans.

If someone fails to see what my particular activities are, please come to visit for a week or two. I will be glad to play you a game of scrabble, too.

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Kitchen Cathedral

A Piece of Paper

By Dorothy C. Haskin

A woman, whose name is unknown, gave a tract to Richard Baxter. He read it, accepted Christ as his Saviour, and became one of England's foremost ministers. Among other Christian services, he wrote a book entitled, *A Call to the Unconverted*.

Among other people led to the Lord through reading this book was Philip Doddridge. He became a minister, a hymn writer, and author of a book entitled, *The Rise and Progress of Religion*. Through reading it, William Wilberforce came to Christ.

Wilberforce was an outstanding man of his day in England. Among other things, he fought for the abolition of the slave trade between Africa and the British possessions in the West Indies. He, too, wrote a book. It was entitled, *A Practical View of Christianity*.

This book led to the conversion of Leigh Richmond, who wrote the well-known tract, "The Dairyman's Daughter." It was first published in the early 1800's. By 1825, over 300 persons were known to have been converted by reading this tract.

What a chain of blessing from that woman's act in giving out a tract!

Tracts have a long history. The church fathers (Origen, Justin Martyr, and others) wrote tracts. Many of them have been handed down to us and are part of the historical heritage of the Church.

Tracts were one of the means used to bring about the Reformation. Martin Luther could not go everywhere and preach to everyone but he could write tracts. He wrote many of them, which the people read and passed on to others.

Tracts have a work to do today. They should, however, be selected with judgment. As representatives of Christ they should be printed on a good grade of paper, with clear type. The right tract should be given to the right person. An unsaved friend of mine was handed a tract against church suppers. She laughingly said, "Someone has confused piety with pie."

The right tract will do a work for God. A man was under great distress of soul. He knew that he was a sinner and wanted to be saved. He went to a minister but the minister was one who did not make plain the way of the the Cross. After talking to the minister, the man was still upset. He prayed, "Lord, I don't know what to do; but somehow, save me."

As he went into his office building, a man passed him a tract, and through reading it he was saved. He never knew the name of the man who gave it to him. You may not know the results of the tracts you give out, but if you are faithful and prayerful you will meet people in heaven who were saved through your tracts.

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Things to Remember

The value of time; the success of perseverance; the pleasure of working; the worth of character; the power of kindness; the influence of example; the obligation of duty; the wisdom of economy; the virtue of patience; the sound of laughter; the joy of orogonating; the thrill of doing it.

—D. Carl Yoder.



Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Graham Reached 225,000 During First Half of Caribbean Tour

Two meetings in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, drew some 35,000 people to the Queen's Park Savannah Stadium for services termed by the press "one of the greatest religious meetings ever held in Trinidad." This brought the total number of persons to hear the evangelist to almost one-quarter million on the first four islands visited: Jamaica (75,000 in two meetings), Puerto Rico (75,000 in three meetings), Barbados (60,000 in one meeting) and Trinidad (35,000 in two meetings).

Overwhelming response to the invitation to make a decision for Christ indicated the heart-hunger on the part of audiences all over the Islands. Press reports again stated that the world-famous Evangelist's call to Christ brought nearly 1,000 in the first meeting in Trinidad on February 1st. Over 10,000 decisions for Christ have been recorded by persons who responded to the invitation, not only in Graham's meetings but including those of his advance Teams headed by the Rev. Joseph Blinco, Dr. Grady Wilson and Rev. Leighton Ford.

Evangelical Scientists To Publish Book

A new book on Christianity and evolution composed of papers written by members of the American Scientific Affiliation will be published in 1959, the centennial year of the publishing of Darwin's theory of evolution. It will be edited by Dr. Russell Mixter, professor of zoology at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

The American Scientific Affiliation is an organization of scientists who hold a conservative evangelical viewpoint. It seeks to foster an interest in the relationship between science and the Christian faith by means of a quarterly journal, local sectional meetings, national conventions and the publication of books. The organization has grown from a membership of five at its founding in 1941 to more than 700 at the present time.

Missionary Using Japan's 'Farmer Stations' to Evangelize

Twenty-four "farmer stations" are carrying weekly gospel programs to rural areas in Japan as a result of a recent one-week tour by Mennonite missionary Carl Beck. Some 15,000 families — perhaps as many as 100,000 listeners — will be evangelized each week at an amazingly low cost — about eight and one-quarter cents per week per sta-

tion for a one-quarter hour period.

In rural Japan these farmer stations operate on a direct-wire hookup with loudspeakers in each farm home. Usually this is the only contact the family has with the outside world. "They depend on it for news, entertainment, culture, disaster warning, telephone and telegram messages," reports Beck. "Most farmers will not leave their sets unattended for long. Especially at supertime, right after the evening news, one is certain of almost one hundred per cent listening audience."

Korean Presbyterians Make Significant Membership Gains

At the annual assembly of the Korean Presbyterian Church, reports were given as to growth of the church in the past three-year period. It was reported that an audiovisual team of Koreans preached to a total of 427,500 people in 230 meetings, with 5,800 "seekers". An evangelistic team held crusades in 24 cities, with a total attendance of 1,210,655 and 16,009 "seekers". As a result of these and other efforts, 339 new churches were estab-

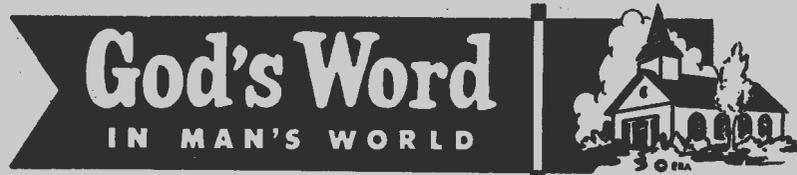
lished in the villages with a total of 22,845 members. Of the 339 churches, 72 are self-supporting. The majority of the new churches meet in houses or tents. Within two years the Presbyterians hope to have a church in every village in the Republic of Korea.

Tract Distribution in Japan

For the fourth year, missionaries of the Tokyo area joined their efforts in a New Year's tract distribution campaign to coincide with the annual visits to the Japanese shrines by non-Christians. This year over half a million gospel tracts were distributed, and very few of the copies were thrown down. This, together with the fact that about 50 people per day are seeking a better understanding of the Christian life as a result of the tract distribution, was called a testimony of the hunger for spiritual help that remains in the hearts of the Japanese people.

Congo Octet to Sing at World Fair

An octet composed of Congolese men from the Congo Inland Mission will be one of the two groups which will represent Protestant missions of the Belgian Congo at the Brussels World Fair of 1958. The fair will open on April 17 and continue for six months. An estimated 35 million visitors from all over the world are expected to view the 50-nation extravaganza.



A Hand Which Scrawls

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

The common concern over the problem, "Why Johnny Can't Read," may now be linked to a companion. Reports from educational institutes in various parts of the land have indicated that "Johnny" not only cannot read, but also, he cannot write! Intelligence on the one hand seemed to be matched by the parallel paradox of illegibility.

It is reported that two out of every three graduates up to the highest levels, are unable to write clearly, distinctly. This has a direct after-blow as these graduates enter the business and commercial world; some 100 millions of dollars are lost yearly as a result of sloppy spelling, pathetic penmanship and woeful writing. Figures and formulas are fogged by a hand which scrawls rather than states; the right thought may be in the mind but that which spells forth of staggering figures often comes out rather wrong.

Illegibility has lost the ground for many a disaster where confusion has swept the field which

should have been clear for conquest. The application may readily be directed to many fields, and the reader may not have to look too far beyond himself for an arrow of affirmation.

One should be thankful where eternal verities are concerned that the message of redemption, the directives of deliverance, the way which leadeth straight to Calvary — all of which are marked out in The One Word — can never be accused of the scratching sentence, so a soul is left to quiver with confusion. "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6) declared the Lord Jesus in a word which opens a plain pathway to those provisions which are the prime need of the soul. The way is not warped, truth is not kicked out of focus, and the life which is the light of men has never suffered eclipse!

There is nothing illegible about the message of The Book. Perhaps it is too clear, too plain, too distinct for the comfort of a soul hiding in the cowardice of sin! The fingers of a man's hand which wrought over against a heathen wall (Daniel 5:5) was no childish scrawl, but a

definite forming of judgement's flaming letters. But then, those same fingers were nailed to Calvary to write the greater message of redeeming love!

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Doukhobors Cannot Appeal

The Supreme Court of Canada has denied a B.C. Doukhobor couple's attempt to appeal a judgement of the British Columbia Court of Appeal in connection with their son's committal to the New Denver, B.C. school.

Anne and Bill Perpolkin of the Sons of Freedom Doukhobor sect applied for leave to appeal a decision of the B.C. Appeal Court that lower courts examine committal of their son Bill, Jr., 9, under Section 13 of the B.C. Protection of Children's Act.

To a suggestion the committal interferes with religious freedom, Mr. Justice Charles Locke, one of three judges who heard the appeal, said compulsory school could not be refused by parents simply because they do not like the curriculum.

"If so, there would be chaos all over western Canada," said Mr. Justice Locke.

Government Offers Money for Lakehead

The federal government is willing to install harbor facilities at the Lakehead in excess of \$1,000,000, transport minister Hon. George Hees said in an interview. He said that surveys by the department of public works and transport show a definite need for seaway facilities. The minister made particular mention of a freight terminal for transferring cargo from ocean craft to rail and truck traffic.

Rail Union Asks Increase

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC) last week asked the publicly-owned Canadian National Railways for an 18 per cent wage increase for its 9,000 members.

The union rejected a CNR request for negotiation of the contentious diesel firemen issue.

The wage increase request headed a list of 16 demands, which included employing firemen on self-propelled rail liners.

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Krefeld Mennonites House Refugees

A unit of Paxmen will begin in the middle of March to help in the construction of 18 double houses which Krefeld Mennonites are planning for refugee families.

The Pax unit this winter has assisted with the construction of a four-story Mennonite center in the city. The building ultimately will include a pastor's apartment, a sanctuary, church offices and a place for congregational activities.

Half of Krefeld's 1800 Mennonites are World War Two refugees from eastern Europe.

Timor Christians Send Greetings

The synod board of the Evangelical Protestant Christian Church of Timor in eastern Indonesia, with which the MCC-CWS agricultural project cooperates, sent greetings to North American Mennonites through MCC for the new year and Christmas.

The letter, signed by synod secretary L. Radja Haba, reads: "By union in faith, love and hope, realized in the obedience of partners in one holy task by the presence of your ambassadors in our Church, we extend to you our hearty congratulations . . .

"Free from fear, convinced by Christ's sovereignty over all of us, we thank you for the fact that in a world of turbulence the ecumenical relation is maintained both in spirit and body.

"We pray that this actuality of ecumenism through God's might and power will be a powerful converting element in the current estrangement among nations."

The project in agricultural training and assistance is directed by Leonard Kingsley (Berne, Ind.) who is assisted by his family and Paxmen Edgar Hoover (Detroit, Kan.) and Albert Hoover (Troy, O.).

The 300,000-member Timor Church, largest Christian communion in Southeast Asia, has been autonomous for ten years, following the departure of the Dutch when Indonesia became independent. The island's economy is low so the church seeks fraternal help in coping with economic and church problems.

(While the island was under Dutch colonial administration the Church had few worries financially and assumed very little ecclesiastical responsibility. But now this large (and still rapidly growing) communion of Christians doesn't lack for problems — insufficient number of ministers; inadequate instruction for new members; finan-

cially poor; laity unconditioned for giving and working. It is interesting however to note that in spite of the church's multitudinous problems there exists a fervor — the kind missing in some of Western Christendom — for the Christianizing of remote areas of the island and surrounding islands where Christianity has never been introduced. Scores of people are shedding ancient animism for Christianity. In addition to the MCC workers, the church has fraternal help from the Methodist and Presbyterian churches of Australia plus various, though limited, forms of financial aid from American Christians. The Timorese deserve our genuine interest.)

School Closes with Record Enrollment

A record number of 58 students from Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium and America attended the eighth annual session of the European Mennonite Bible School at Bienenberg, Switzerland, which closed Feb. 14.

This was the school's first year in its new location, a renovated resort hotel 16 miles east of Basel. Cornelius Wall (Mountain Lake, Minn.) is principal. The 11 faculty members conducted classes in the German and French languages.

Paxmen on Pilgrimage

MCC Paxmen and Brethren Service Commission workers are on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land while their work is slack on construction projects in Europe.

Leader of the tour is ex-Paxman Orville Schmidt (Marion, S.D.). The tour includes Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

Amish Bishop Dies; Former MCC Member

Bishop Eli Bontrager of Shipshewana, Ind., bishop in the Old Order Amish Mennonite Church for 50 years, died at his winter home in Sarasota, Fla., the first week in February at the age of 90.

He was the first representative of the Amish on MCC. He served in that capacity from 1942-52. He was a minister for 60 years and was widely-known among all Amish. He was bishop of the East Barrens district in Lagrange County, Ind.

1-W Committee Previews the Year

These are the highlights of the annual meeting of the 1-W coordinating committee, composed of representatives of Mennonite groups, which met in Chicago:

- No significant changes are expected before the expiration of the present draft act in July 1959. No changes are foreseen then except the possibility of a shorter active-duty period. The average call-up age now is 22 and 23.

- Sponsor's workshops might be planned during the coming year in Ohio and Colorado-Kansas-Nebraska.

- A script writer has been secured for the proposed 1-W motion picture, which will introduce information about alternative service law and provisions. It is being produced by the National Service Board for Religious Objectors in Washington, on which Mennonites are represented.

- Boyd Nelson of the Mennonite Relief and Service Committee in Elkhart, Ind., was named chairman of the committee, succeeding Marion Kliever of Hillsboro, Kan.

Building Bridges

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the workcamp affords "bridge building" opportunities by becoming acquainted with the major religious, cultural and social interests of our neighbors south of the border.

You may join only the workcamp (June 20—July 19) or only the tour (July 20—August 6) or both. Director for both the workcamp and tour is Dr. Oswald Goering, professor of physical education at Bethel College.

If you cannot go to Mexico, consider other summer projects in migrant, medical, children's and community work. Write for details:

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Thankfulness

Jesus said to a leper who returned to give thanks for his healing, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?" A prevalent sin today is that of ingratitude. To counteract it, we need to cultivate the habit of thankfulness, of appreciation. Every day can well be a thanksgiving day in our hearts, for we all have much for which to be grateful.

—D. Carl Yoder.

COLLEGES

Tabor College

B. J. Wiens Appointed Dean

An announcement from the president's office at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas, indicates that Dr. Ben J. Wiens, chairman of the education department, will assume the position of the Dean of the College next August 1. He will fill a vacancy created when Dean S. L. Loewen submitted his resignation to the board of education at its recent meeting in Hillsboro.

Dr. Wiens brings a variety of educational and professional experience to his new position. After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree with honors at Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota, in 1945, he studied at South State College, Menomonie, Wisconsin,

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Inspirational Books

Prison Is My Parish

By George Burnham. 191 pp.

This is the story of Park Tucker, prison chaplain, as told to the veteran journalist George Burnham. This book describes his work among some of the toughest criminals in the country at Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, which has more than 2,500 inmates. There are tragic, personal stories of many of the prisoners, humorous incidents, and inspiring transformations. This book shows how the love of God reaches even into a prison cell. Recommended reading by Dr. F. C. Peters.

Price: \$2.95

Christian Maturity

By Richard C. Halverson. 137 pp.

Dr. Louis Evans says of this book: "It is written for a day when innumerable people are, as the author says, 'fed-up with Christianity' because they believe they have seen it bog down, fail, or cease to function mightily . . . In a time when the spirited search is for power and performance, this work carries with it a thrilling answer—an old one, and a forgotten one—and in it is the contemporary solution of much of our failure in the realm of the spiritual." Written for Christians who are looking for maturity in their faith.

Price: \$2.50

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

By A. J. Gordon. 225 pp.

This book is a spiritual classic, breathing the spiritual vitality of the saintly author and his great contemporaries, Spurgeon, Moody, Meyer and Maclaren. It remains original in spiritual insight, fertile in suggestiveness and extremely helpful in its clear presentation of a subject which to many has seemed obscure.

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This Way, Please

By Roy O. McClain. 217 pp.

Increasing numbers of people today are turning to religion, but are they turning to Christ, Roy McClain asks. He then declares that the way of Christ is not the soft way of soothing security so many are seeking today. It is a way of separation, of dedication to Christ—the way of the cross. Written in a fascinating style, pulling no punches, this book should be a "must" for every Christian.

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where he earned the degree Master of Science in 1949. He holds the degree Doctor of Education from Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado, graduating there in 1956. His doctorate is in the field of psychology with a minor in higher education.

Dr. Wiens began his teaching career at Mankato State College, where for three years he served as supervisor of instruction and student teaching in the College Laboratory School. He then taught in the education department at Tabor for four years before leaving to continue graduate study.

During the year 1954-'56 he served as coordinator of curriculum in the Kearney, Nebraska, school system and taught several summer sessions at Kearney State Teachers College. He held his present position as chairman of the education department and registrar for the past two years.

Appoint Registrar

John L. Ewert, for the past six years principal of Meade Bible Academy, Meade, Kansas, has accepted the position of registrar and admissions officer at Tabor College effective August 1, an announcement from the president's office indicates. He succeeds Dr. Ben J. Wiens, who will become the Dean of the College at that time.

After graduating from Tabor College with an A.B. degree in 1948, Ewert taught at Berean Academy, Elbing, Kansas, for several years. He has held his present position as principal of the Meade institution since that time. In 1955 he was granted the degree Master of Science in Education by Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

Goshen College

Service Emphasis

A new and more comprehensive service emphasis program was inaugurated this year at Goshen College when representatives from MCC and MRSC made their annual visit to the campus.

Rather than considering only immediate and temporary kinds of voluntary service, the Goshen students were invited to spend an entire week, February 24-28, examining their plans for life vocation in the light of the ideal of Christian service. Special attention was directed to the place of education in the process of vocational decision and preparation.

Understanding the nature of Christian vocation was the theme for chapel services during the first part of the week. With these basic principles of Christian vocation already set forth, Thursday's chapel took up the immediate opportunities available in programs of MCC, MRSC, and other church agencies.

President Paul Mininger closed the series with an address in which

he developed the theme of the Goshen College motto, "Culture for Service."

In addition to chapel services, interested students met with church representatives in an evening meeting to discuss Voluntary Service opportunities in more detail. Representatives from MCC and MRSC were also available for individual appointments.

Plans are now being laid for next year, when it is hoped that a week of discussion on the meaning of Christian vocation can be followed by a week-long program in which comprehensive vocational information will be presented to the students. Each one will be invited to explore in detail those kinds of vocational opportunity which challenge him as offering the Christian a creative approach to the world of need in which we live.

Theological Workshop

August 11-31 are "red letter" days at Goshen College this year, for during these three weeks the entire faculty of the College will give full time to a study of Christian theology and its relation to their everyday work in college classrooms.

The workshop idea has developed out of the obvious fact that a teacher in a church college needs to be something of a lay-theologian as well as a master of his own academic specialty.

Objectives of this workshop are to acquaint the faculty with Christian theology, to help them think through ways in which Christian truth can find application in the subject matter of their own teaching field, and to bring together contributions from various members of the liberal arts faculty in order to help Bible and non-Bible faculty persons cooperate more closely in leading students to a satisfying knowledge harmony between all fields of study.

Lectures, discussions, seminar groups and individual study will all be combined during the workshop in an effort to help each member of the faculty to a more mature understanding of God's revelation.

A fifteen thousand dollar grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation, Indianapolis, Ind., has been secured to underwrite the cost of the project. Faculty members who participate in the workshop will receive regular wages, thus making it possible for them to give full time to this study. The Lilly grant will also be used to supply each member of the faculty with several outstanding theological books to be used for personal study.

Much of the leadership for the workshop will come from the faculty itself, particularly from Lawrence Burkholder and Norman Kraus of the Bible faculty. Several distinguished American theologians are also being invited to present lectures during the workshop period.

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portant for our missionaries in obtaining permanent papers in the country in which they are laboring for the Lord.

Lot Purchased in Japan

A lot has been purchased by our Ishibashi Church in Japan for construction of a house of worship. The cost is \$3,000, and the Ishibashi Church looks forward to assuming a share of this amount. The location is strategic. It is about a seven-minutes' walk from the station, easily seen from the train and in a quiet area, yet where many pass by daily on their way to Ishibashi. The obtaining of a lot represents a major step in the provision of church facilities in Japan. It is indeed a joy to note that the Lord has prospered the Ishibashi fellowship in locating a suitable church lot.

Return to Work

Brother and Sister K. Isaak and Brother and Sister David Hein have finished their furloughs. They are back at their work among the Indians of the Paraguayan Chaco. They are happy for the privilege of presenting the Gospel to and teaching these aborigines. The Lord has abundantly blessed the work in that land. In the near future the first believers from the Chulupie tribe will be baptized. May it please the Lord that also a healthy and spiritual indigenous church may arise among these people.

On the Horizon

February 28—March 2 — Missionary conference at Swift Current Bible Institute, Sask.

March 4 to 6—Ministers' Course in the First Mennonite church, Saskatoon, Sask., Rev. Henry Poettcker and Dr. D. C. Wedel will speak.

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

March 4 to 6 — The annual Bible Conference of the North Saskatchewan M.B. churches will be held

in the M.B. church at Dalmeny, Sask.

March 9 — Evangelistic services begin in the North Kildonan M.B. church. Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the Kitchener M.B. Church, will serve as speaker.

April 7 to 11 — A Conductors' Course is being sponsored by the Music Committee of the Canadian M.B. Church Conference in the M.B. Bible College.

April 11 to 13 — The annual Sunday school convention of the Conference of Canadian Mennonite Brethren Churches will be held in Gem, Alta.

Death and Injury Strikes Neighbors

Abbotsford, B.C. — Mr. John Vogt, resident on Emerson road, passed away on Sunday evening, February 23. Death was caused by cancer.

Funeral services were held from the South Abbotsford M.B. church on Wednesday, Feb. 26. He is survived by his wife, four sons and one daughter.

The Vogt family came to Abbotsford from Paraguay several years ago.

Two days before the death of Mr. Vogt a neighbor, Rev. A. J. Stobbe, was hospitalized after breaking his ankle in a fall while working in a house. Rev. Stobbe's son, Herb, sprained his ankle while playing hockey the day before his father's accident.

Program of Bible Conference

Dalmeny, Sask. — The program of the North Saskatchewan M.B. Church Bible Conference, to be held from March 4 to 6 in the Mennonite Brethren church here, has been announced as follows:

Tuesday, March 4

- 10:00 a.m. — "Der Tag Christi", Rev. E. J. Lautermilch
- 2:00 p.m. — Historical Survey of Revivals, Rev. N. Jafz
- Revival in Our Churches, Rev. A. Martens
- 7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic message, Rev. E. J. Lautermilch

Wednesday, March 5

- 10:00 a.m. — "Der Tag des Herrn", Rev. E. J. Lautermilch
- 2:00 p.m. — Changing Conditions on the Foreign Mission Field, Rev. J. H. Epp
- The Modern Missionary Challenge to the Church, Rev. G. B. Dyck
- 7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic service, Rev. E. J. Lautermilch

Thursday, March 6

- 10:00 a.m. — "Der Mench der Sünde", Rev. E. J. Lautermilch
- 2:00 p.m. — Changing Conditions in the Home Field, Rev. H. M. Willems
- The Local Church Meeting the Need, Rev. Frank Froese
- 7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic service, Rev. E. J. Lautermilch

There will be special children's features and musical items each evening through the co-operation of the Bethany Bible Institute.

The Bible Today

Advertisements in daily newspapers are being used in India to publish portions of the Bible in serial form, it has been reported by the Bible Society in India and Ceylon. Selections such as the Sermon on the Mount have been printed in instalments through subscriptions given for this purpose by Indian Christians, creating wide interest in the Bible.

With the support of the British and Foreign Bible Society close to a million copies of Scripture were circulated in India last year, but this does not begin to meet the demand that comes from a population of 400 million people. In fact, the circulation of the Bible is falling tragically behind the annual increase in population.

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