

Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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Capacity Congregation at Brandon Dedication

Brandon, Man. — "This is not to be a place where you meet your friends or the minister. People are to meet their Maker here," declared Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College and moderator of the Manitoba and Canadian M. B. Conferences, at the dedication service of the \$28,000 M. B. mission church here.

He was speaking to an overflow congregation in the 250-seat Gospel Light Mission church on Sunday afternoon, May 18. Visitors had come from as far west as Steinbach and as far south as Winkler to attend the all-day services.

"As mortals we need 'helps' for the expression of our spiritual life," Rev. Toews asserted, even though we are to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. We need a time and a place where we gather in His Name. That is also why the building of churches on the mission field marks the progress and is a measurement of the success of the Gospel. Therefore, this dedication shows that "the Lord has blessed the efforts of the brethren here in Brandon."

Young People Assist in Mission

The Mennonite Brethren mission workers in Brandon are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Warkentin. They took up the work here in 1956 after Mr. Warkentin's graduation from the M. B. Bible College. Previously, Rev. A. J. Froese of Boissevain had served as M. B. mission worker in Brandon. Today the Sunday school teachers and other active workers in the church are mostly young people working in the city, with members of Alexander and Justice M. B. churches assisting. Largest services are on Sunday evening, with up to 70 and 80 adults attending. Special missionary services have attracted more than 150.

Singing in various institutions is one of the activities of the mission group. In this connection Rev. Toews stated, "Our preaching will cease, our witnessing will cease, but the songs of redemption are part of the eternal worship of God. That is why we should practise them here."

"This is a place for the revelation

of God's Name," Rev. Toews maintained. "This is done in the preaching of the Gospel to sinners, in the instruction through His Word, and in the gathering in His name." In respect to fellowship he said, "Ours is a corporate Christianity. Without fellowship there is no real Christian life."

In conclusion, Rev. Toews asserted, "The degree of dedication and of sanctification of this house will depend upon the degree of dedication of those who worship here."

Choir Sings at Services

Young people attending the church formed a larger choir for this occasion, singing both at the morning and afternoon services. Jake Janzen, winner of the top award at the Brandon music festival, served with two solos.

"As man we owe something to man . . . because we are of one blood. We do have a responsibility on the basis of human brotherhood. We cannot just shrug off this obligation," Rev. J. H. Quiring declared in the second message, which was missionary in nature. The chairman of the Manitoba M. B. Missions Committee drew the attention of the

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Principal Cites Need for Christian Education

Coaldale, Alta. — "Parents are sinning against their children when they neglect to send them to Christian educational institutions," stated Harold Dyck, principal of the Alberta Mennonite High School here, in an address during a program given by the school on Sunday night.

"History has proved that only a teaching church can survive, and this is especially true of the M. B. Church in its period of transition," he continued. "Loosening family ties, the vanishing family altar and the neglect of the Old Testament mandate given to parents to teach their children, has left the burden of the teaching ministry to rest on the church and school."

Shifting elements such as materialism, breakdown of isolationism, professionalization of the ministry,

language, and the lack of unified educational policies in the Canadian M. B. Conference have caused the teaching ministry of the church to weaken, Mr. Dyck maintained. The church, in the throes of a transition period, gropes unconsciously to other institutions such as Bible camps and conferences, Sunday schools, Bible and high schools for help.

The evening program concluded a series of week-end tours to eight Alberta churches by the AMHS. Mr. Dyck listed some of the misconceptions concerning the AMHS

which he had noted while on his tour. "Some people expect our school to replace a Bible school. We have never pretended that our school should do that," he said. "We are gratified, however, to find that many of our graduates are willing to attend Bible institutions when they leave our school. Neither is our school the hot-house that others think it is. The devil is more active in a Christian school than in any public school." He urged parents

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Mark 25 Years of Activity

By Lorraine Penner

Herbert, Sask. — The Ladies' Aid Society of the Greenfarm M. B. Church commemorated its 25th year of active service at a service on Sunday, April 27.

A carefully organized program directed by the chairman of the group, Mrs. J. J. Thiessen, portrayed the activity of the last 25 years. Mrs. Jake Enns directed a panel that discussed the history of the society, with Mrs. J. H. Thiessen, Mrs. D. D. Schulz, Miss Helen Penner (all three now living in Herbert but former Greenfarm members), and Mrs. P. P. Penner of Greenfarm taking part. Some of the information had been obtained from Mrs. Peter S. Thiessen of East Chilliwack, B.C., and Mrs. George Gerbrandt of Dinuba, Calif., both members of the group.

Singing by the ladies and various vocal groups added variation, interest and blessing. Rev. J. J. Thiessen, pastor of the church, encouraged the ladies to continue in their work. In his message he portrayed the forgiveness, devotion and deeds

of Mary as a challenging example to the group.

All the ladies present emphasized the blessings they had received as members of the Ladies' Aid and through participating in the meetings, when they could enjoy fellowship with others. Bible study, personal testimonies and memorization of Scripture verses were always an important part of their program. The practical phase consisted of sewing for hospitals and missionaries.

Throughout the evening it was evident that the objectives and motto of the group had not changed during the 25 years of activity. It still is: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" (Colossians 3:23).

The church was suitably decorated for the occasion with silver fern and flowers. An anniversary cake had also been prepared for the occasion.

The ladies served a delightful lunch to conclude the evening's activities. An offering of \$133.00 was received.



The Ladies' Aid of the Greenfarm M. B. Church, seen above, celebrated its 25th anniversary on April 27. See report above.

EDITORIAL

Ten Years of Hard Work

Ten years ago, on May 14, 1948, a National Council in Palestine announced, "We, the members of the National Council, representing the Jewish people in Palestine and the World Zionist Movement . . . hereby proclaim the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine, to be called Medinat Yisrael (The Jewish State of Israel)." In the ten years that have elapsed there have been two bitter wars with Israel's Arab neighbours, but also tremendous strides forward nationally and economically.

In the above-mentioned Declaration of Independence, the National Council announced, "Israel will be open to the immigration of Jews from all countries of their dispersion." To date 915,000 immigrants have responded to this invitation, more than doubling the Jewish population in Israel. Two hundred and three thousand homes have been built to provide permanent housing for these people, 450 villages and farm settlements established, and broad educational and cultural provisions made.

Economically, the country has become more stable, even though exports are still only one-third of imports. Cultivated land has been more than doubled to 960,000 acres (with 308,000 acres under irrigation). Today 70 per cent of Israel's food is home-grown. In developing its natural resources, Israel is producing more and more potash, caustic soda, magnesium, bromine, phosphates, ceramic clays and glass sand, feldspar, manganese, mica, copper, iron and oil. New industries started since 1948 are producing steel, fertilizers, tires and other rubber goods, paper products, cement, pipes, diesel engines, electrical appliances and include the assembly of motor cars and refrigerators.

Transportation systems are needed for the development of a country. Israel has added 1,100 miles of asphalt roads during the last decade, including a 150-mile highway from Beersheba to the port at Eilat (now being built up rapidly). The total length of the country's railroad is 395 miles, as compared with 140 miles in 1948. On the sea 34 cargo and passenger ships carry three-quarters of Israel's passenger trade and one-third of the exports and imports. Modern airfields have been constructed, with three of the world's most modern jet-engine planes carrying passengers to various parts of the world.

Assimilation of immigrants into a unified nation calls for a national language. More than 250,000 adult immigrants have studied Hebrew. Many books are being published in Hebrew every year. Schools are bulging with over 500,000 students, 20,000 of them in talmudical and missionary schools. Nine thousand young people are attending university, with a new university campus dedicated near Jerusalem this year. Over 900 books by Israeli authors are published each year, while Israel's book imports in foreign languages are the second highest in the world.

Israel is not totally Jewish, however. Two hundred and fifteen thousand non-Jews are also gaining from the development of Israel. For example, land under irrigation owned by Arabs has increased from 500 acres in 1948 to 7,500 in 1957. Trade schools and on-the-job training have increased the skill of the Arab worker and helped to raise his average income. Qualified Arab personnel serve in various government departments.

For many such a summary is enough to prove that Israel's "national redemption" (as Israel's statesmen call it) has come. But when we consider Israel's historic position, we are inclined to be skeptical. There is no indication that Israel's leaders have any intention of leading the Jews back to a true worship of Jehovah, nor is there any sign of a national turning to their Messiah, as God has predicted through his prophets.

Pronouncements of Israel's leaders reveal intense national pride, but little, if any, recognition of God's part in the establishment of the nation, rather, "through the determined will of the Jewish people and the heroism of its precious sons and daughters, who defended Israel's independence." In stating the mission of the Jewish people, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion declared, ". . . the Jewish people believed in its historic mission both to make the desolate land of its fathers blossom once again and also to work with the Arab peoples for freedom, progress, independence and peace in all the countries of the Middle East."

A spiritual awakening is needed in Israel before God will again be able to call the Jews "my people" and use them to evangelize the world, as prophecy foretells.

DEVOTIONAL

Old Age is a Crown

By Wm. Schmidt *

The loss to mankind in real values of joy and peace because of sin cannot be estimated. "If ye disobey my command," the Lord said to Adam and Eve, "ye shall die." And since this disobedience, the forces contributing to death, sickness, heartache and sorrow hold their sway.

Death is the very direct result of sin while brevity of life is another. In the pre-deluvian era men lived to become almost 1000 years old. This led to a great culmination and ripening of the ways of sin. To prevent this, and as a punishment of sin, God cut down man's sojourn upon earth, as the man of God, Moses, tells us, to three score and ten years. Almost unnoticeably age creeps up on us. Seventy years is a brief time, only 25,550 days, and how quickly one day comes and goes.

Many people fear oncoming old age. Yet the Bible calls a hoary head (grey or white hair), the sign of age, a crown of glory if such a condition finds us in the way of righteousness.

Many are the crowns that are sought after by man, such as a crown of fame, rank, wealth, power and beauty. That may be well and good, but the sacrifice brought in attaining them may be more valuable than the crown itself. Old age is also a crown; it is something desirable.

It also means a prolongation of the course before us. This means opportunity of service and doing good, and the completion of a long day's work. Long life also means the enjoyment of those things for which formerly there was no time.

Old age is a crown of glory if the one wearing this crown is found in the way of righteousness. Yet sad to say, there are also old people who are not found in the way of righteousness. An old person without God or hope is certainly a pitiable sight. They are a testimony to the unthankfulness of man. Year after year the Lord has provided and kept them, but there is no echo in their hearts. Many were the opportunities in their long life to forsake the unrighteous way for one of righteousness, but it was never done. He looks back upon a past that is wasted because God had no part in his life. He dreads the end for which there is no preparation, grey hair means loss to him, not gain.

Yet the Bible is again correct, the grey hair of the righteous are a crown. Old age with its contentment, ease and certainty gives a certain flavour to the late autumn, which is quite unknown in the raw summer. Old age brings with it many handicaps and hardships and yet age is not all decay. It is the ripening of the life within. It is

the opportunity to apply the experience of a rich life. It is the privilege of looking back and enjoying the fruits of a life of service for others. Then, too, old age has a beauty all its own. The leisure hours, the hours of fellowship, the reality of the soon coming of the anticipated Lord. My friends, let us not fear old age—let us prepare for it.

The Bible has some very clear instructions of how our attitude toward the aged should be. We should honour, respect and treasure them. We should listen very closely to their words of experience and instruction. "For a hoary head," God told the Israelites, "thou shalt rise." Democracy carried to the extreme has caused us to lose much of the respect that we owe others. Let us never forget what we owe our fathers. Let us hold high the heritage of those who have made our way of life possible. Let us treasure this memory. It is only wise to do so because we ourselves are always becoming older also and we, too, will be measured as we have measured.

In a crowded street car a bride asked her fiance to make room for an aged lady. "Oh," he said, "she is old and not worth it." The bride who had already begun to waver in her love took this as a final reason for breaking the engagement.

Old age is a crown. May God bless our old people and may we young ones let them know that we value and need them.

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Missionary's Health Improves

Belgian Congo, Africa. — Hearty greetings from Congo with Psalm 126:3 (only permit me to change the plural personal pronoun into the singular): "The Lord hath done great things for me; whereof I am glad." My heart rejoices that I am able to convey good news to you: The Lord is healing me.

It might be of interest to you if I give you a brief resume of my illness. It is now about seven months ago when the first symptoms appeared. At first I gave it very little thought. However, soon it was quite evident that it was not a mere passing thing. I must admit that when my illness began progressing rather rapidly, the future did not appear very rosy to me. However, on November 24, I read an article in *Christian Life* which inspired me to yield my body to the Lord not only for His service but also to suffer if that were His will. Sweet peace entered my heart and from then on I saw a brighter future. I had received the assurance before then that the Lord would heal, but now I was really resting in Him.

By the middle of January, as you know, I was able to get around only with the help of others. I was driven back and forth to work, so naturally I worked only part time. Many, no doubt, will recall January 26 was set aside for special prayer on my behalf. The Lord was very near to me that day, but I felt it was just not His appointed time to heal me. I thank you heartily for bearing me

on hands of prayer before the throne of grace. Many, including native Christians, have had a vital part in this.

After a medical trip to Leopoldville early in March, I requested, at our daily station prayer meeting, that we ask God to grant remarkable improvement within the next few weeks if He wished me to remain on the field. He has done just that. For about four weeks now I have been able to walk back and forth to work. Good Friday I experienced another great victory. I walked up the Belle Vue church steps by myself for the first time in four months. What a joy it was! One of the missionaries remarked: "Isn't it a miracle how she is improving!"

In January when I asked Dr. Schmidt what he thought the future had in store for me, he answered: "It depends on what God will do." Although I am very grateful for all that the doctors have done for me, I feel that the Chief Physician, our Lord and Master, has done the most for me.

I was scheduled to fly home with the Dr. Schmidt family on May 6, but am happy to report that my reservation has been cancelled, and I am looking forward to enjoying full health in the near future. Please continue to pray to that end.

My prayer and sincere desire is that I may be more useful in His service through this experience.

Yours in Him,
Sarah Peters.

Domain Presents Program At Springstein

Springstein, Man. — The young people of the Domain M. B. Church, under the leadership of Mr. Peter Penner, local youth leader, and Mr. Peter Enns, choir director, presented a well-received program in the Springstein M. B. church on Sunday night, May 18.

The program centred around the life of the American Baptist missionary to Burma, Adoniram Judson. By means of readings, stage presentations, poems, and appropriate songs by various groups, the main events in the life story of Judson were vividly portrayed.

Adoniram Judson, 1788-1850, was in his youth a hardened, callous atheist, even though his parents were devoted Christians. The terrible death of a young fellow-atheist shocked Adoniram, as he realized that there is one God, that there is a life after death, and that there is only one hope for eternal life and earthly happiness—Jesus Christ. He hurried back to his parents, accepted Christ's claim for his life, and immediately went into the ministry. He served for two years as a Congregational worker in India, but later became a Baptist and was transferred to Burma, where he

spent most of his life pioneering in Protestant mission work. God was able to use Judson mightily, because to Judson "for me to live is Christ."

After the program, all went into the basement for some time of informal table fellowship.

Two Fires Hit Family In Two Weeks

Winkler, Man. — The families of two brothers were made homeless when fire destroyed their homes less than two weeks apart.

In the first fire the family of Frank Groening had to abandon all their belongings and household goods, as the raging fire levelled the house in an hour.

Less than two weeks later, on May 13, fire destroyed the home of Jack Groening. Again the family escaped only with the clothes they wore. In this instance no insurance was carried, since the house was not finished and had no chimney. Flaming rags from a neighbor's untended rubbish fire ignited flax bales placed around the unfinished house for protection against the cold.

The Frank Groenings have six children, while the Jack Groenings have five children. Jack Groening was in Alberta at the time, working on a construction project.



This group of girls met in the home of the John Ungers, Hamilton, Ont., one evening a week during the winter for aid in spiritual growth. In the back row are the teachers and the Ungers, who together directed the club: from left, Katie Wiebe, Mary Loewen, Betty Heinrichs, Mr. and Mrs. John Unger, and Mary Bergmann.

Helping Girls From Non-Christian Homes

Hamilton, Ont. — During the winter months a group of young girls who attend Sunday school at Lake Ave. met every Thursday evening in the home of John Unger's in Hamilton.

The girls gave themselves the name: The Christian Growing Club. Four young Mennonite girls, who had come to the city to study, served as teachers. The aim of the club is just what the name indicates, first of all that they become Christians, and then that they grow in the Christian faith.

Teachers and pupils alike enjoyed these evenings immensely. There was time for various projects; there was time for story-telling and for asking questions. Often the teachers themselves were amazed at the quantity and type of questions. The Thursday evening club meeting was also the place where the young girls, who all come from non-Christian homes, could learn to pray. Unfortunately, these evenings could not continue through the summer, so what better way to terminate them than by having a picnic. Naturally the girls were all for it.

The place chosen for the picnic was Webster's Fall, a park just west of Hamilton. The weather co-operated wonderfully, so that we could spend a most enjoyable evening out of doors. Thursday, May 8, will therefore be long remembered by all who attended.

Since the girls are all of a very enthusiastic and jovial nature, there was never a dull moment. From the moment that they burst forth from the cars to the minute the last goodbye was said there was excitement, laughter and hilarity.

Mr. and Mrs. Unger received a gift from the girls in appreciation for the hospitality shown to them each Thursday. Also Miss Betty Heinrich's (one of the teachers) birthday was celebrated, much to Betty's own surprise. After the

girls—and the teachers—had had their fill of hot dogs, drinks and marshmallows, there was time for games.

The evening ended with a short devotional period. Miss Mary Loewen led in the singing of choruses and Mr. John Unger spoke for a few minutes on the value of prayer and Bible reading for every growing Christian. We stood for prayer. It was heartening to notice that a number of young girls prayed also.

We are reasonably sure that the girls will welcome club meetings again in the fall. The same teachers, however, will not be available then. We pray that the girls may grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord even in the summer months.

—M. J.

Canadian Teaching Sunday School in Austria

Kitchener, Ont. — A local resident home after 12 years of work in Austria recently reported that she had been able to help in MCC distribution of Christmas bundles and other relief clothing in Austria. She also stated that today Sunday schools are conducted at Melk, Loosdorf and Sitzenthal, with Miss Helene Dueck of Winnipeg in charge.

According to last reports, the Roman Catholic Church is hindering this service to the best of its ability. Rev. Wyss, a Swiss Mennonite mission worker in Vienna, visits these places twice monthly and ministers to the people there.

Mrs. Louise Busbaun reported that the MCC gifts of clothing "showed a feeling of love since the clothes were clean and in good condition."

Miss Helene Dueck is serving under the MCC in Austria. She is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, and has taught in Manitoba schools for several years.



This is the new home of the Brandon Gospel Light Mission.

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congregation to three excuses often given for failure to witness to others of Jesus Christ. Some declared, "I don't know how." With that they felt relieved. Others maintained, "We don't know it." This was said in respect to the crying spiritual need of others. Finally, many excused themselves on the basis that they didn't know those about them: "I don't know him."

Must Give Account to God

"We have to give account to God for our indifference to those who are ready to be slain," asserted Rev. Quiring.

Rev. Quiring also addressed the morning congregation, which followed a special Sunday school lesson for children and adults. The evening service emphasized missions, with Rev. J. A. Toews as speaker. Dedication prayers were spoken by Rev. Wm. Falk, pastor of the North Kildonan M. B. Church, and Rev. J. P. Neufeldt, pastor of the South End M. B. Church, Winnipeg.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Bible School in Brazil

The workers in Brazil are highly encouraged by the resolution of the Board of Foreign Missions that a Bible school be organized. The plan is that with the return of the Erven A. Thiessens to Brazil this fall definite steps be taken to establish a Bible institute. Workers are to be trained to enter into the great challenge of Gospel outreach in that country.

New Plan for India

A new plan to promote the Lord's work in India is being launched. In connection with the effecting of this new India plan for Mennonite Brethren missions, some teachers write that with government subsidy, regular tuition fees, plus some allowance from the Foreign Mission treasury, the indigenous church should be able to operate the ele-

mentary and middle schools. This is an encouragement. Let us pray for the India church and praise God for what He will do through it.

In the building report Rev. A. J. Froese, vice-chairman of the building committee, stated that God had signally blessed the work. He had answered prayer many times. Although the original estimate had been \$21,000, the final total amounted to \$27,800 because of unavoidable delays in acquiring the lot title and the resultant increase in material prices and labour. Interior finishing was done by members of the mission group. Mr. J. J. Krueger served as chairman of the building committee and Mr. Frank Peters as secretary-treasurer.

The local mission members served a tasty lunch between the sessions. The day's offerings were designated for the building fund.

The new church is simply constructed yet very attractive. It is located in a newer residential district, with many children in the surrounding community. The Gospel Light Mission here is reaching several hundred children each week through the Sunday school and the hobby clubs. It has a good reputation among the members of the community, who even assist the children's projects in various ways.

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Couple to go to Neustadt

Brother and Sister G. H. Jantzen of Fresno, California, have responded to the call of the Lord to a ministry in Europe under our Board of Foreign Missions. The Jantzens are currently in the pastorate of the Fresno Church which has granted them a release effective June 30. Brother and Sister Jantzen's assignment is to be at Neustadt, Germany, where with the Lord's help they will seek to establish a Mennonite Brethren Church. A fruitful work at Neustadt has been carried on for several years under the leadership of Sister Elizabeth Wiebe. Previous to their ministry at Fresno, the Jantzens have served several of our churches in Nebraska and on the West Coast and have also been as-

sociated with Pacific Bible Institute of Fresno.

Maria Foth Arrives Home

Sister Maria Foth arrived in Montreal May 3 after completing a ministry of two and a half years in Austria. She will be in Ontario until the end of May at which time she will go to Winnipeg where she is a member of the South End Church. She is presenting the work in Austria in Ontario churches and will also visit churches in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia this summer. The Lord has blessed the ministry of Sister Foth among the women and children of Austria. Many have learned to know the Lord through her consecrated efforts.

H. H. Janzen Serves in Neuwied

Brother H. H. Janzen began a four-week Bible exposition ministry at Neuwied, Germany, on April 27. The over-all theme for these weeks of Bible study in Revelation is "Behold, I come quickly." To begin with, Brother Janzen has been conducting four expositions a week. Pray that these weeks will result in spiritual fruition for eternal life. The services are well attended and also well received, according to Brother J. W. Vogt.

School Year Ends in Mexico

The Bible school at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico, planned to conclude its school term early in May. After school closes Brother and Sister Wilmer A. Quiring will return to the States. Since the Quirings have not yet found it possible to return to the Colombia field, they have helped out in the Bible school program at Nuevo Ideal during the second semester. The school term at Nuevo Ideal has proved to be very successful under the Lord's good providence. During the vacation weeks some of the students went into the various villages for evangelistic work. As a result, a number of decisions were made for Jesus Christ. Continue to pray for this great work in Mexico.

Successful Investigation Trip

Paraguay missionaries J. H. Franz and David Hein recently made another visit into Bolivia to obtain more information about the Morro Indian tribe. The trip was successful under the Lord's protection and a more detailed report will be made later. Brother and Sister J. H. Franz and family will be coming home on furlough in June.

Friesens to Return to Japan

Brother and Sister Harry Friesen and family were to leave Hillsboro for California on Monday, May 19, the Lord willing. This first lap of their return journey to Japan will take them to the Reedley area where they will spend about 10 days visiting relatives and conducting several missionary services. From Reedley they will travel up

the West Coast to Seattle from where they are scheduled to sail early in June. Enroute to Seattle they will stop at Medford, Oregon, to visit Sister Friesen's brother and family. Of special concern to the Friesens as they travel is the health of their seven months old son Phillip. Pray that he may be restored sufficiently for the rigorous ocean voyage.

Dr. Schmidt Comes on Furlough

Brother and Sister Ernest W. Schmidt and family were scheduled to leave the Belgian Congo by plane on May 6 for Portland, Oregon. There they planned to visit with Sister Schmidt's parents, Brother and Sister Jacob P. Fast, before proceeding to Saskatoon to meet his parents, Brother and Sister Peter Schmidt. This summer Dr. Schmidt will spend six weeks in medical practice with Dr. A. A. Dick, refreshing himself in preparation for further medical missionary service in the Congo.

The furlough of Sister Doris Harder, Colombia, was also among those approved at the recent meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions. Sister Harder will return to the homeland in June.

Wm. Baergs To Return to Africa

Brother and Sister William G. Baerg and family are preparing to return to the Belgian Congo this summer. Their tentative sailing date is July 17 from New York. Departure on this date is subject to obtaining of visas in time. Pray that this necessary documentation may be received in time.

Illness

Illness continues to affect the work at Curitiba, Brazil. Sisters Olga Dueck and Tina Warkentin are required to spend considerable time of rest to regain their health.

Mass Choirs Practising For Campaign

Chilliwack, B.C. — Two large billboards have been erected and two mass choirs are practising in the final stages of preparation for the Brunk Revival Campaign, which begins June 1 in this area.

Mr. H. Wiebe is practising every Thursday with a mass choir, while Mr. R. Boschman is practising on Tuesdays with a 100-voice male choir. Both will sing at the tent meetings, which are expected to be the largest ever of this kind in this area.

Final plans for the campaign were laid at the May 21 meeting of the committee representing nine local churches. Rev. H. H. Neufeld serves as chairman.

Volunteers will begin readying the site for the campaign on May 26, with the 3,000-seat tent due to go up that week also. It will be located five miles west and two miles south of Chilliwack on Sumas Prairie Road.

Preparing Indigenous Leadership

By Jonathan Bartel

Truth as revealed in the Word of God has been obscured to a great extent in this land of Japan. There is much religious philosophy abroad which is contrary to the fundamental teachings of the Scriptures. Christianity in Japan has also been influenced and perverted by Oriental religious philosophies. These conditions constitute a grave danger to the cause of Christ in this land of unevangelized millions. These conditions are a challenge to the Church to train men and women who can discern that which is Scriptural and who can effectively present the claims of Christ to meet the spiritual needs of men.

The craving for education in Japan is insatiable. Entrance examinations are difficult. A large per cent, usually about 80 per cent of the applicants, are flunked out. But this does not daunt them. Many of those who are flunked out will study further in special preparatory schools and keep on trying year after year to make the examinations.

Training is becoming more and more necessary in every walk of life. The man of the world spends years to prepare himself for his life's work. The spiritual leader of today must also have an education equal to the demands of his calling. Of utmost importance to him is a prayerful, disciplined, spiritual life with a thorough knowledge of the Word of God.

First of all, it is essential to answer the many unscriptural teachings on the Japanese church scene. Secondly, Christian leaders must be able to face the many conflicting philosophies such as Shintoism, Buddhism and Communism. (Japan claims more than 2,000 new religions.) Thirdly, it is essential to be able to stand before all men. Lastly and most important, we must be able to present the full Gospel in a positive way and in the power of the Holy Ghost. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2.

The Japan Mennonite Brethren Conference is as yet very young, and it has taken time for the called-out "faithful men" to be revealed. As a conference we have been very grateful to the Lord for sending to us a well-established elderly brother—Brother Kitano. But we need many more such brethren. The Lord is calling out from among our churches those who have proven themselves to be faithful.

The question which confronted us was whether we should plan to start our own school or whether we should send our students away to some other evangelical school. To make the proper decision, various existing schools were evaluated. Denomina-

tional schools, of course, have their own denominational emphasis. Inter-denominational schools, on the other hand, lack strong doctrinal teaching. These reasons, however, were not the strongest drawbacks to sending our students away.

The most important factor was that the churches need these men and women now. They could not afford to send them away because they would be losing valuable workers in the church at least for a time. These young people also do not have the Christian background which we have. For them to be able to work together with the missionaries in the various phases of the church work is also a very vital part of their training. This, of course, would be impossible if we sent them away.

With this challenge before us we could not but plan to meet the need. Thus a year ago, after much prayer and planning, the Japan Mennonite Brethren Church Bible Institute was born. It is still a small institution consisting of five teachers and nine students. We thank God that by His grace we have been able to complete the first year of school work. Scholastically we aim high, and spiritually we aim deep.

The need for Spirit-filled, well-trained Christian workers cannot be over-estimated. Bible-believing pastors and evangelists are but few in number. Pray that the Lord will call forth many more from our midst—men and women who will be willing to forsake all and follow Him, men who will be willing to "stand in the gap." Pray for our present student body as well as faculty. We all stand in the need of your prayers.

The following sketches are to help you in praying for the students.

Mr. Kurita is a young man from Hirano, on the outskirts of Osaka. A Christian for several years, he has been helping Brother Krause in the church work at Tsurugaoka. At present he is the assistant pastor of that group. The church plans to move to the Hirano area as soon as they can purchase a lot and erect a building.

Mr. Takeda is a young man who came to Osaka to find work some years ago. The Lord led him to our Kasugade church and he was saved. Later when the Lord called him into full-time service, it was quite a struggle for him because of the many responsibilities as the oldest son towards the family. But after much prayer he gave up his privileges as heir together with his responsibilities. Later he quit his job and came to Bible school. He has been helping in the work in the church at Kasugade and is now the assistant pastor.

Mr. Miyazaki had a high position in an oil company in the harbor area of Osaka. He and his wife

were saved at our tent meetings there in July, 1956. He left his company because the "unequal yoke" in business was contrary to his faith. Now he has his own company as agent for Shell Oil Company and provides fuel for boats in the harbor. The Bible classes and service in Minato are held in his home. Very soon he plans to build a small chapel in his front yard.

Mr. Sato is from Nagase where the David Balzers are working. He is just a young Christian but has been taking an active part in the church work.

Mr. Terubayashi is a married man, also from Nagase. He was originally with another church, but he did not receive spiritual satisfaction. In fellowship with our church he has found real spiritual nourishment and growth. He began attending Bible school the last term of the first year.

Mrs. Kudo lives in Kasugade and was saved a number of years ago. Her husband has left her. She has been active in church work and was in charge of our radio program follow-up correspondence courses for more than a year. She is now the Sunday school superintendent of the Kasugade church and is Sister Rubena Gunther's assistant for visitation work.

Miss Ashikawa and **Miss Yagi** are two girls from the Tsurugaoka church. Both of them have also been active in the church. At present they also have charge of the radio program follow-up courses. On Sundays they help in their church. Miss Yago was to be married to Mr. Takeda on April 20.

Mr. Nakamura is a young man from the Ishibashi church. He is active in his own church and at school he does practically all the duplicating. Because of a lack of textbooks much of the material for teaching in the Bible school has to be duplicated, at least in outline form.

Evangelistic Services At Coldwater

Coldwater, Ont. — Thomas Summer, Hespeler, Ont., served in evangelistic services at the Christian Fellowship Chapel near here from April 27 to May 2. An evangelist for the Toronto Christian Business Men's Committee, he presented the Word of God clearly and simply. Four sinners responded to the call, one of them during home visitation work.

Mission Appointees to Sail This Summer

Hillsboro, Kans. — Four new missionary appointees from Canadian Mennonite Brethren churches are preparing to sail to Belgium this summer in preparation for missionary service in the Belgian Congo.

The new workers are seen to the right.



Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Schmidt

and son Rodney will go to the Congo to serve in Bible school instruction. The Schmidts have attended Bethany Bible Institute, Pacific Bible Institute at Fresno, and the M. B. Biblical Seminary. Rev. Schmidt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schmidt, Hepburn, while Mrs. Schmidt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter P. Bergman.



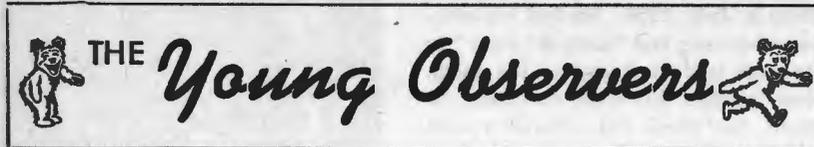
Miss Helen Toews, R.N.

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Toews of Coaldale, Alta. She has served as a nurse in Canada and completed post-graduate training in nursing education and supervision. She is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.



Miss Daisy Martens

of Swift Current, Sask., will serve as a teacher in the Belgian Congo. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Martens of Swift Current and has attended the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, and completed educational requirements for teaching elementary and high school.



Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls,

How many of you have been reading your maps this past week? I mean the map for LIFE—the Bible. If you can't read it alone, I'm sure your mother or father or maybe your sisters and brothers would tell you what it says.

But we were going to talk about one more important thing before we went on our journey. Do you remember where we decided to go? We will be travelling on smooth but also rough roads and we will be going very, very far, to visit strange places. Don't you think we should take someone with us who knows the way and has been there before? He could guide us in the danger spots because he would know which roads are closed and which bridges are unsafe. In other words, we must have a guide, and if we follow him very carefully we will have a happy and safe journey.

If we need a guide for a trip through this wonderful world of ours when we can see where we're going, how much more will we need a guide through LIFE when we never know what will happen tomorrow or even the very next minute. The road of LIFE is made up of happy times and sad times, of easy things and hard things, of bright days and dark days, of going and stopping, but we never know what will be next. Can you guess who would be the best guide for such a road? Yes, you're right. His name is Jesus. He knows what the road of life is like and He wants to be our guide. Psalm 23 says: "He will lead us in the right path for His sake."

Have you asked Him to be your guide or are you still stumbling along alone and following Satan's road? That is not safe! If you want to get to heaven at the end of the road of LIFE you need Jesus as your guide. With Him you'll have a happy and safe journey. God bless you!

Love, Aunt Selma.

Aurie And Tony Leave Home

Tony and Valerie didn't know what television was, or even radio for that matter! They were children before the First World War, and nobody even thought of all these wonderful things in those days.

They now stood side by side at the frost-covered window, these twins did, melting the frost with their fingers and then peeking through the hole to the snowclad world outside. Tony was the first to speak.

"Aurie, I feel funny in the middle," putting his little hand half-way between his stomach and his heart. "Since Mummy died and Daddy got so sick, I don't know what to do."

"I know, Tony. I feel that way, too," sympathized Valerie. "Daddy's so sick he doesn't talk to us any more. And Mrs. Grant isn't any good—she just gets mad at us all the time for nothing."

"She's going anyway," replied Tony. "She says she has her own family to look after and can't look after us any longer. That's why Daddy is talking to Mr. and Mrs. Davis upstairs now."

"I don't like them," Valerie said emphatically. "I sure hope Daddy isn't going to get them to look after us."

"Well, Daddy has to do something," continued Tony, "so maybe

—I think I'll run away! I wish I could die!"

"And leave me all alone?" Valerie's voice was pathetic. "No, mummy, then no daddy, and then no brother. Oh, Tony! I wish Daddy wasn't so sick."

Just then the doctor appeared at the top of the stairs.

"Your daddy wants to see you two upstairs," he said. "Go in quietly; he's very ill."

The twins looked at one another with a startled expression on their faces. Their father wanting to see them! There must be something important happening. They went slowly upstairs, softly opened their father's door, and tiptoed to his bedside. Mr. Johnson had watched the children approach and tried to smile as they drew close.

"Twinsies, dear," he began in a faint voice. "I . . . don't know . . . how to tell you . . . but I'm . . . soon going to see Mummy . . . in heaven. So I've called you . . . to say good-bye."

"Oh, Daddy! Don't go now," burst in Valerie. "What ever will Tony and me do?"

"I've arranged for Mrs. Davis . . . to look after you . . ." the words came faintly. "And you must help . . . one another. You will . . . won't you?"

"Daddy! Please don't go," begged Tony. "We haven't any mummy, and how can we get on without a daddy either?"

"Don't worry, Tony dear," his daddy continued, with a peculiar twitching of the mouth. "I have given . . . money enough . . . to Mr. Davis . . . to keep you . . . for several years. Trust God . . . He will look after you. Don't cry, Aurie, honey . . . Come and kiss . . . Daddy good-bye." ("Aurie" was Tony's name for his sister.)

Tony could contain himself no longer. Bursting into tears, he threw his arms around his father's neck, and cried, "Daddy! Daddy! Don't go! Please, Daddy, don't go! I don't understand how to get to heaven yet, and I won't ever see you again. Daddy! Daddy! . . ." and poor Tony's voice rose to a shrill note, trembled and broke.

The doctor had been standing by the door, and now came over and pulled Tony away. "Tony, boy," he said kindly, "your daddy's too weak to stand that—we must go now."

The doctor had picked Tony up in his arms to stop him from struggling, and waited for Valerie. She, poor little thing, was too dazed to understand it all and was quietly weeping. Seeing the doctor waiting for her to go, she leaned over her father's face and kissed him, saying, "Good-bye, Daddy. Me and Tony will see you and Mummy in heaven. I know the way and will bring Tony."

"That's the girlie, Aurie . . . good-bye . . . God bless you. Remember to please Jesus every . . . every day. God bless you . . . Tony, son. Good-bye . . . Good-bye."

With a parting kiss Valerie let Doctor Silverson lead her away. Looking back from the door she noticed, even through her own tears, a little trickle of water running down her father's cheek and disappearing into the pillow. The doctor put Tony down, closed the door gently, and led the children downstairs. He soon returned upstairs, leaving Tony crying his heart out as he threw himself on the couch, and Valerie weeping quietly and stroking her brother's hair. The doctor presently came down with two packets in his hand, which he placed on the table. Then he went to look at the children, shook his head sadly at Valerie, sad enough herself, trying to console her brother, and returned upstairs to look after the sick man.

Mrs. Grant was bustling around collecting the children's clothes and toys. By the time she had finished packing it was four o'clock, and Mr. and Mrs. Davis arrived in the sleigh.

The doctor left Mr. and Mrs. Davis upstairs, and came to see that the children were ready to go. In their grief they had cried themselves to sleep. Dr. Silverson's eyes grew moist as he recalled Valerie's last words upstairs, "Me and Tony will see you and Mummy in heaven. I know the way and will bring

Tony." Was this not the symbol of this little child bringing her brother into that glory?

Standing there for some minutes until he could control his feelings, the kind doctor finally leaned over the sleeping forms and brought them back to life. Tony was subdued now, and ready to do what the doctor wanted.

"Go to Mrs. Grant and get your coats on, and then come back with me," the doctor said. "Then I have something to give you."

Obediently, as though in a dream, the children did as he requested. When they returned, the doctor had a small packet in each hand, and said, "Now, young folks, you are going out into life. Your daddy told me where these packets were and asked me to give them to you. Your mummy fixed them up before she died, requesting—I mean asking—that you should have them when you could read. I believe that time has arrived."

"What is in them?" Valerie's voice sounded quite different. She hardly knew it herself; it was so soft and sad.

"I do not know," answered the doctor. "Perhaps, though, it might be wise to keep them hidden until you find where to keep them." It sounded as if the good doctor wasn't very sure the twins were going to be properly looked after, and that they might lose their possessions. He continued, "Your daddy has given Mr. Davis eight thousand dollars to care for you until you are old enough to earn something. That is plenty these days, I'm sure. Then this farm will belong to both of you when you are 21; only don't tell anybody that. Now, goodby, and help one another all you can—you'll need to!" He added the last words under his breath as he turned and walked away.

"Can't we say goodby to Daddy?" queried Tony in a pleading voice, as though he knew the answer would be "No." "Just once, please, Doctor Silverson."

The doctor turned and just shook his head sadly, then led the twins toward the door. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were heard descending the stairs, and the children instinctively slipped their packets inside their coats and clutched one another's hands. The doctor held the two bundles of clothes toward Mr. Davis, saying, "Here are their things; the trunk can be picked up before noon tomorrow. I leave for Edmonton then to take Mr. Johnson to the hospital. Goodby." Then the doctor's voice softened noticeably as he added, "Goodby, young folks."

"Aren't they big enough to carry their own things?" demanded Mr. Davis, in a gruff voice, not offering to take the small bundles.

"I'll put them in the sleigh," answered the doctor curtly. He quickly walked out to the sleigh and put the bundles under the seat. Then

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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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As might be expected, she was much interested in the freedom and versatility of California's women and girls. Almost all teachers of the elementary schools, the majority of those of the high schools and large numbers of the college professors were women. Many of them had several university degrees, and some had written books or were public speakers. "The American woman has many opportunities; she does what she wants and gets away with it," Liesbeth reasoned, and she liked the idea.

On one occasion she accompanied a friend to a fashion parade which emphasized originality in Easter hats. She was amazed and amused at the creativeness of the women who displayed their beautiful concoctions. A barn with a big fat bat hanging from the rafters, blackbirds escaping from a baked pie, a sailboat on the stormy seas and Niagara Falls were a few of the original prize-winning hats. Where else but in the land of the free women would they think of such things!

However, of all the beautiful manifestations in California, nature was especially wonderful to Liesbeth. She traversed California from the Pacific Ocean to Nevada and from the far northern Trinity Alps and Mount Shasta to the Joshua trees of Southern California.

On several of her excursions, Liesbeth was in the right place at the right time—or was it the wrong time? For instance, one April day in 1918 a number of friends were on their way to the Salton Sea. While they were slowly passing through the town of San Jacinto, chimneys toppled down, walls cracked, show windows crashed to the street and lawn chairs tipped over. Liesbeth had heard of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake before she went to California. She had hoped never to be in a bad one, but she wished she might experience a little one, just to know what it was like. San Jacinto gave her that experience. In fact, it was considerably more than she had bargained for. "We must be right over the horns of the big cow," she said to her friends with a chuckle. They looked at her, puzzled. Then they looked at each other. Had the quake upset her mental balance? Quickly she explained the legend, as told her by Anna, about the cow that was holding the earth by its horns and caused earthquakes. Liesbeth's friends felt relieved.

Her trips were not confined to California. As soon as her purse permitted, she visited the Grand Canyon. In all of her travels in many lands she had seen nothing else so stupendous. With her Argus, she descended to its deep bottom where the mighty Colorado River was carving the lowest walls of the canyon. She sat down on a black-granite rock facing the river. Before her there was a pool of clear water. She saw herself and the black rock in that pool. Just as the stream, with God's permission, was slowly pushing all obstacles out of its way to reach its goal, she was trying to overcome difficulties to accomplish her ideals, and God was giving her, too, the permission to do it.

A very wonderful thing happened to Liesbeth during the following week. She was on the campus of the University of California walking away from the campus toward town. While she was crossing the lane between Wheeler and Boalt halls, the ticking in her head, which had started when she was seven years old, suddenly stopped. It startled her so that she almost dropped an astrophysics book. The ticking had really stopped. She celebrated the joyous event by walking to El Cerrito and back. Walking without ticking to her seemed the most appropriate manner of observing the joy that had come to her. For a brief period, a year later, the ticking resumed. It seemed to be in her neck rather than in her head or in her ears. An irregular contraction of neck muscles was causing an affliction known as torticollis, a doctor told her.

To her disappointment some time later Liesbeth developed what appeared to be diabetes. Her father was a diabetic. His mother had died of it. Several members of her family had symptoms of it. Tests in her doctor's office verified her suspicions. "What chance have I?" she asked her doctor.

He was frank. "Tests like those could mean death in two or three days. Then again, they might not," he said.

They did not. She, or the doctor rather, stopped diabetes dead in its tracks. She was able to take care of it by dieting. "It looks like God does not want me to be entirely well," she said to herself, as she pondered over the blow she had just received. "Evidently I need an illness or two to keep me in tow." She thought that she might need some polishing, and that perhaps

diabetes was God's polishing tool. If so, she was perfectly willing to lean more heavily on leafy vegetables and on orange juice than she had done in the past. But she was not going to let such a thing as a mild sickness keep her from going ahead and accomplishing her ideals. Nor did she.

Seven years after she had reached California, five-foot, 105-pound Liesbeth graduated from the university and was teaching in Upland College. America the beautiful in spirit and in scenery and God had been good to her, and she appreciated it.

CHAPTER XXX

RAMONA

Before the term in Upland was over, Liesbeth accepted an offer to go to Kings' County the following year to teach in an Indian elementary public school. The school was called Ramona and was five miles southwest of the town of Lemoore and about thirty miles from her home in Reedley. It seemed to her like a good opportunity for exchanging cultures, being closer to her mother who was not well and earning a higher salary. Since Franz was attending the university and Katja and Mascha would enter college the following year, during the coming school term money would be at a premium. Therefore, the next fall Liesbeth became the teacher of the one-room Indian school that took its name from one of Helen Hunt Jackson's famous novels and a lovely girl whose home still stood in Southern California.

Few teachers could have had a more interesting and unique position. On the surface it appeared anything but interesting. The building looked more like a barn or a store in a ghost town than a school. It had five windows, two small ones in front facing east and three tinier ones near the roof of the north wall. The south side had a strip of screen in the upper fourth, covered with six canvas frames that could be propped up in hot weather, if the wind was not too strong. The entire building, with the exception of the front steps, was sitting on stilts like the homes of the tree dwellers, except those stilts were shorter than trees and not as sturdy.

One lonely tree west of the building cast a cooling shadow upon the structure after school hours. A hand pump, a woodshed and lavatories were in the neighborhood of that tree. A chimney for conveying the fumes and smoke of the woodstove—which could very well have been used in the New England colonies before the American Revolution—graced the reasonably good-looking but not entirely watertight shingle roof. The western and northern walls definitely were of dark-brown color, but it was difficult to tell whether or not the other two walls ever had seen a coat of paint.

Inside of the building there was

a floor with two levels. Evidently a long time before in the western end of the room the floor had sagged or worn through and another one was placed on top of the old one. It was evidently considered unnecessary to cover the part of the floor that was still in good shape. For the students there were satisfactory school desks of varying sizes and of a light color, and for the instructor an older model of a teacher's desk of a dark-brown hue. There also was an old organ in the room which promptly yielded a swarm of excited yellow jackets the first time. Liesbeth touched its ivory keys. The nose or front extension served as the supply room. There were the usual blackboards, maps, charts and a big box with textbooks and other similar treasures.

This was the worst school plant that Liesbeth had ever seen in all her life, and that included the schools she had observed in Czarist Russia. That did not discourage her, however. She had not expected anything fancy. She already knew that Indians, the original Americans, had been treated shamefully by invading Europeans and some of their descendants and that the standard of living and of health among the Indians was low. However, the less in physical equipment the children of that school and the people of that community had, the more in intellectual and cultural values she would have to offer them. The thought of that challenge thrilled her.

She also expected to receive benefits from the school. Years before three little would-be Indians had enriched their father and mother by saving them from theft and possible murder. Surely those real Indians would have something of value to offer her, she reasoned. The Ramona Indian community would be an ideal place for enriching her tested and tried culture and her adopted American way of life with the thoughts and aspirations of real little and big Indians.

About eighty of them lived on the Santa Rosa Reservation which was not an Indian reservation. It was a plot of privately owned land, possibly a quarter of a section, that had been divided into about a dozen big and little plots marked off by wire fences, each with a small house that was occupied by one or more American Indian of the Tache tribe.

The Mussel Slough area to the north was a lush garden of diversified farms, vineyards, alfalfa and fruit orchards. In 1880 it had been the scene of a dispute between a railroad and settlers which had ended in the killing of seven persons, including two United States marshals. The Mussel Slough school only two miles away was in that area, and the Tache Indians were the peaceful neighbors of that once turbulent region.

(To be continued.)

What About Television?

By Frank J. Friesen

(Some time ago the Homebuilders Club of the M. B. Church at Morden, Man., discussed the problems attendant upon the advent of the television age. The following analysis of television and its dangers was written by Frank J. Friesen, who directs the services at the Lindal church. The article is based largely on Edward J. Carnell's book, "Television: Master or Servant."—Ed.)

We are of course all of the opinion that television in itself is neither good nor bad, but that it depends upon what man does with it. That depends again on the attitude which we as Christians take.

In the long and glorious history of scientific invention, no more powerful, no more efficient means to relay ideas to the masses of the people has been devised. In his book on television, Edward J. Carnell writes: "Because it synthesizes the agility and economy of radio with the mobility, popularity, accessibility, vividness, and straightforwardness of the films, it is exceedingly difficult even to conceive of a way in which a more excellent communication device might be assembled.

"The television machine will be what man makes it. It will be his servant or become his master. Man was created the crown of God's creation and was intended to be master of the rest of creation. But sin entering into the world has turned the tables. Instead of man being master of things created, things have become his master. . . . No doubt if the inventors of television could see the spiritual and eternal destruction which it may bring, they, too, might repent of ever having produced it. Marconi, the inventor of wireless communication, lamented years later, saying: 'What have you made with my invention?'

"Those who control television are responsible to all the people of the world, not to a limited group in any single country. If television's power is used to stir up a nationalistic spirit which leads to war, those who control it are wicked. If it is used to arouse race hatred, once again blame lies at the door of those in power. Video executives, like all men, are subject to a rule which stands over all the nations. Without an eternal standard to judge the changing relativities of national decision, the world will be turned into an arena of gang and hoodlum warfare. In an atomic age, TV men must realize that either they and all men are subject to changeless laws of right and wrong, decency and indecency, or that might makes right."

There is no satisfying alternative: Either God is the captain of the television industry, or man is. If God

is, then the people of Canada can bow in prayer, thankful that this mighty force—equal to that of atomic power—has fallen into the hands of godly spirits. But if autonomous man is in sovereign control, then a day of mourning is in order. In the hands of men and women who care not for the objective law of God, TV may undermine those pillars upon which the nation's heritage in righteousness rests.

Positive Points About TV

- **It Provides Entertainment.** One of the most serious challenges that television has to meet is that of keeping men entertained with wholesome programs. Man must laugh occasionally, and unless he smiles now and then, he will dry up inside and die.

- **It Is Educative.** Some educators are highly enthusiastic concerning the value and possibilities of using television in our schools. Others again are not so enthusiastic. Many had high hopes for television as a possible teaching medium. Some had even gone so far as to predict that it might take the place of teachers. But after a study of the problem on an experimental basis, it was found that many had placed their hopes too high. Edward J. Carnell points out that "a university is founded on two main pillars: a good library and competent instructors." Visual education will never replace either of these ingredients of higher education.

- **There Are Gospel Programs.** Television in the hands of the church could be a powerful medium for good. Television uses both the ear gate and the eye gate. In addition to hearing the minister's voice, people now can see his facial expression and gestures. It is an opportunity for the church, and she can have it if she is willing to pay the bill.

The cost is tremendous. It runs 20 to 30 times that of radio. Percy Crawford has the distinction of launching the first Christian television program. The time alone for his program costs \$5,000.00 each week, and some programs have cost as much as \$20,000 after all the bills are in. It costs also in time and effort. Crawford's orchestra and singers rehearse ten to fifteen hours a week for the twenty minutes of music heard on the program. Then also, the Christian Church must remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 10:17: "So then faith cometh by hearing."

Negative Points About TV

- **Secularization of our Culture.** Of the several ways in which television may be a distinctive force of the manners and morals of our culture, none rises to such heights as that of threatened secularization. "To secularize" is to "make worldly or unspiritual." The trouble with television, as with the rest of

the entertainment world, is that its whole emphasis, its basic philosophy, makes no room for Jesus Christ. All problems are happily solved without any serious reference to His cross. Life can successfully be met without the slightest petition for grace.

It is becoming more and more evident, that television seems destined to play a major role in spreading the delusion that the whole man can find full satisfaction without a serious reference to God. Plastics and automatic washing machines may afford a measure of better living, but only truth, goodness, holiness, justice, and love can consummate the best living. Chemistry may give us bread, for which we are thankful, but it cannot give us the satisfaction in the inner soul. Only the Word of the Living God can do that.

- **The Destruction of Personal Initiative.** Curiously enough, television, which has a responsibility to entertain men, bids fair to be so efficient in its assignment that initiative in man may be choked to death. The more television does man's entertaining for him, the less he is bound to do for himself. Even the simple interruption of a telephone call—be it from the pastor or the local butcher shop—is a resentment for him. TV may make lazy men even lazier.

- **Religious Initiative.** The Christian faith is a religion of the spirit. Quietness, self-examination before God, and solitude in prayer, therefore, are prerequisites for a healthy soul. In prayer one deliberately turns aside from the demands and distractions of the world to enjoy an intimate fellowship with God. Television will want to gobble up every spare moment. The work of taking time to be holy is made exceedingly complex. It may encourage viewers to forfeit their privileges of prayer and fellowship with God by jamming their time with entertainment. With television, it will not be easy to set aside a time for prayer and Bible reading in the home.

- **Sunday Television.** The ordinary means by which God has been pleased to increase a fellowship in the righteous, both with Himself and with each other, is through the established church. Television is a new menace to righteousness since its telecasts woo away the Sunday church attendant from spiritual faithfulness.

- **Television and Morals.** We find that practically anything goes on TV. Many people are becoming disturbed with the drift toward obscenity, crime, and horror in the programs offered. A survey of TV programs in the Los Angeles area showed that there had been 91 murders on the screen in a week.

Recent protests from the public following immodest TV programs have served to somewhat curb the ungodly trend. That more protests are not coming to the stations is a

reflection on the moral condition of the people.

- **Television and Movies.** Television brings movies into the home and encourages even non movie-goers to attend the theatre. Not only are full-length films shown on TV, but also samples of current films which will lure non movie-goers to the theatre.

The cost to produce a "live" television show is enormous. The cost of showing a ready-made film is of course much less. Producers wishing to make TV pay will no doubt use more and more film. Many church people have taken a firm stand against Hollywood-produced films, and rightly so. The fact that such films can now be seen in the home does not change the deadly influence it can have.

- **TV's Power as a Social Influence.** Because of the sly way in which it enters the home, TV carries another problem along with it. Television may set up social standards which are below Christian criteria and then, as a new social force, encourage viewers to conform to them.

As every parent sooner or later discovers, there is no force which counterbalances the home training of children more than social tensions.

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Aurie and Tony Leave Home

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he lifted the twins up into their place, smartly kissed the cheek of each (such an unusual occurrence for this man of medicine!) and ran back into the warm house. As they drove off, the children had one last look at the kind doctor waving to them from the farmhouse open door.

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Tony and Aurie thus enter the second chapter of their life—life at the Davis' home, where they are mistreated, Tony's Bible taken away from him and burned—but where they also have some real fun. The next part of their life is very exciting as their new "parents" decide to go far north, leaving Tony in an orphanage and taking Aurie along. Down the Peace River they go, to settle on a homestead. Adventures with a bear, with goats, and with other animals await Aurie there. But finally the children are united with their father—but not until Tony loses a leg and gets a wooden one. Through the whole book Aurie hangs onto her Bible and thus wins others for Jesus.

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Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Mark New York Crusade Anniversary

More than 17,000 persons attended the Madison Square Garden rally on May 15 to mark the first anniversary of the 1957 Billy Graham New York Crusade. In a recorded message Graham, in the opening weeks of the San Francisco Bay Area Crusade, said that "millions of people in New York City are still without Christ." He urged Christians in the Garden to become evangelists themselves and seek to win their fellow New Yorkers.

Most unusual highlight of the special rally was an appeal calling on Protestant churches in the New York area that usually close or curtail their activities during July and August to maintain full programs during those months this year as a deterrent to juvenile delinquency.

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General Council of Alliance in Winnipeg

Approximately 1,000 delegates and 100 missionaries attended the General Council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Winnipeg last week. They heard a hard-hitting message by the editor of the Alliance Witness, Rev. A. W. Tozer, who inveighed against "blubber" evangelism, and nightly Bible expositions by Rev. J. Sidlow Baxter, Scottish minister. The main conference address was given by Rev. Turner, president of the Alliance. Weekday sessions were held in the Knox United church and Sunday services in the Civic Auditorium.

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Korean Christians Ask Mercy For Slayers of Student Son

The parents of a slain Korean student at the University of Pennsylvania asked that mercy be shown toward members of the teen-age gang that committed the crime. Oh In Ho, 26-year-old graduate student, was killed by young hoodlums who were on the prowl for money to go to a dance. Citizens of Philadelphia were shocked at the unprovoked attack. They called it one of the worst in the city's history. The mayor broke down and wept at the funeral, saying he was ashamed that so inhuman a crime had been committed in the so-called "city of brotherly love."

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Need Diversity

In England, a Baptist pastor has opposed uniformity within the Church. Dr. T. G. Dunning said, "People must never ask the Christian Church to get rid of its diversities. This would be like asking an orchestra to relinquish its different

instruments. But," he added, "this is far from saying that we have reached the maximum of desirable unity." Dr. Dunning is president of the Baptist Union in England. What he said was part of his presidential address to the Baptists' annual assembly.

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Medicine Recognizing Value of Religion

Gunnar Gundersen of La Crosse, Wisconsin, president-elect of the American Medical Association, said there never has been a time when religion and medicine were in greater accord, because "mankind is taking a closer look at all the factors which are influencing our lives in these critical times." Speaking at a service of dedication for the mental health clinic of the Lutheran Medical Center at Brooklyn, New York, the AMA official declared that during the early part of this century "science, relatively speaking, gained while religion, morals and ethics lost ground. There was a growing delusion that science and technology could provide the answers to all of man's problems." Today, the doctor maintained, "thoughtful people . . . are recognizing again the old truth that man does not live by bread alone, and are finding the newer truth that man cannot live by science alone."

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New Joint Aids Structural Work

A 40-year-old Ottawa engineer has developed a new process of structural fabrication called "trio-detic", which involves the use of a new type of joint.

Invented by Arthur E. Fentiman, the joint enables the erection of many types of aluminum structures without the use of bolts, rivets or welds. It reduces weight of structures and overcomes some of the loss in strength of bolted, rivetted and welded joints.

The prefabricated aluminum tubes are fastened together in the form of pyramids. The joint or hub at each apex is a cylinder of aluminum. The joints are made by flattening the ends of the tubes into a patented shape which is equivalent to a cut made in the side of the cylinder-like joint. The shaped ends of the tubes are then forced into the cut in the side of the cylinder, making a tight joint.

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Accidents Kill One Canadian Every Hour

Canadians were killed at the rate of more than one an hour during the three-day Victoria Day holiday weekend. At least 86 died in ac-

cidents in the 78 hours. Thirty-seven of these died in traffic mishaps, 35 were drowned, four burned to death, and 10 died in other accidents.

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Direct Winnipeg to London By Air

A sleek Super-G Constellation touched down at Stevenson field Saturday afternoon and landed in London, England, 20 hours later, marking the start of direct service between Western Canada and Britain.

Taking off from Vancouver and making stops at Winnipeg and Gander, Nfld., the plane made the 5,385-mile flight in 20 hours, eight minutes.

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Pessimism on 'Tar Sands' Yield

The largest reserve of oil known to man, the Athabasca "tar sands" of northeastern Alberta, may yield only one-tenth of the more than 200 billion barrels of oil they are believed to contain, the Alberta Research Council has been told.

The council conservatively calculated that only 23 billion barrels will ever be produced from the region. Despite difficulties in extracting the thick tarry oil from the ground, the research council predicted the first 1 billion barrels of Athabasca oil will enter the crude market "before long."

Dr. N. H. Grace of Edmonton, director of research for the council, said a drilling problem to date has been the high viscosity of the thick Athabasca oil, preventing it from flowing to production holes. By converting nuclear energy to heat, the temperature of a reservoir could be raised "so that the oil may be produced as a normal low-viscosity oil with a solution drive."

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Dust Storms Trouble Manitoba

Drifting top-soil caused by high winds is causing anxiety for the third time this spring in Manitoba. This time the situation seems to be general all over the province. In some areas farmers will have to reseed their grain crops. A soaking rain is needed not only for the freshly-seeded grain but also to stop the extensive drifting. The drifting has been so bad in some areas that cars had to travel with their lights on during the day.

Shantyman Missionary Testifies

Aldergrove, B.C. — Since the local pastor, Rev. H. H. Voth, was serving in the Black Creek M. B. Church, the Sunday morning service in the M. B. church here was somewhat different.

Brother George Penner, who is going to work with the Shantyman Christian Mission in northern British Columbia, delivered his personal testimony and presented a challenge from the Word of God. He is an artist and intends to use his talent in the service of the Lord.

The German message was delivered by Rev. G. P. Warkentin, assistant pastor.

Value of Extension Sunday Schools Seen

By George Warkentin

Aldergrove, B.C. — The East Aldergrove M. B. Church was newly inspired to bring the Gospel to its neighbors through the medium of extension Sunday schools when the County Line Gospel Chapel group presented a program here on Sunday night, May 18.

First beginnings at County Line consisted of a Sunday school initiated by the East Aldergrove M. B. Church. Later the work was given over to the West Coast Children's Mission. However, many of the young people from the church still serve at the chapel.

Rev. John Esau, mission worker serving the County Line group, introduced the visitors. He then turned the chairmanship of the meeting over to the Sunday school superintendent, John Willms. The program included singing by a male quartet and a girls' choir directed by Rev. Esau. Reports on the work showed what was being done in club work, in visitation work at an old folks home, and in the Sunday school. Rev. Esau delivered a message.

The offering that was received is to go toward the construction of a raised platform in the front of the chapel auditorium.

Need For Christian Education

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to send their children to the AMHS early and not as a last desperate measure, and then expect the Christian high school to do the work of a reformatory when all else fails.

Mr. Dyck also attacked the false notion of the "bad" public schools. "Many of our public schools are good; only they neglect God. In a Christian school the student grows in a spiritual atmosphere and is trained for discipleship and for eternity." He closed his message with a plea for prayer support and united action in giving Christian education the urgent attention it deserves.

Accompanying Mr. Dyck on his tours was a mixed octet: Cornelius Zacharias, Jake Siebert, Mary Wall, Margaret Pauls, Loretta Martens, Helen Siebert, John Schmidt and John Siebert. Special numbers were also given by a ladies sextet, Orlando Martens, flute, and Allan Wiebe, violin. Elvira Schmidt gave a testimony. Mary Nikkel served as accompanist.

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Obituaries

Mrs. C. F. Barkman

Mrs. C. F. Barkman, 63, of Steinbach, Man., passed away on April 19 after suffering a stroke and contracting pneumonia. Funeral services were from the Steinbach M. B. church on April 23, with Rev. H. A. Regehr, Rev. Wm. Schroeder, and Rev. J. G. Baerg (Mountain Lake, Minn.) serving.

Mrs. Barkman was born Sarah Neufeld, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Neufeld, on April 5, 1895. After baptism in 1911 she was received into the Winkler M. B. Church. She received the major part of her education in Winkler and then served as a teacher for several years. She was married to Cornelius Barkman of Steinbach on November 25, 1917. Mr. Barkman has served as postmaster in Steinbach for many years. She is survived by her husband; one son, Dennis, Altona, Man.; one daughter, Constance; two grandchildren; three sisters, and four brothers.

Mrs. A. B. Friesen

Mrs. A. B. Friesen, 78, of Alexander, Man., passed away on April 25 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were held from the Alexander M. B. church on April 30, with Rev. D. D. Derksen and Rev. A. J. Froese officiating.

Mrs. Friesen was born on February 11, 1880, in Neuschoensee, Sagradowka, Russia. She accepted the Lord as her Saviour in 1902 and was baptized and received into the M. B. Church in 1911.

She was married to A. B. Friesen in 1899, and Mr. and Mrs. Friesen had 58 years of married life together. Five sons and two daughters were born in this union, with two sons and both daughters preceding their mother in death.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. A. B. Friesen, two sons and their wives, and 14 grandchildren.



The Cross of Hydrogen

Three historic peace groups repeated early in April a challenge first made four years ago, and called upon all nations to "take a step none had taken" and outlaw nuclear weapons "unconditionally and permanently".

The statement was issued jointly by Mennonite Central Committee, Brethren Service Committee and the

American Friends Service Committee. The statement, beneath a drawing of a cross and an atomic bomb mushroom, was published last Good Friday in the Washington Post. It ran in The New York Times in 1954.

The statement:

"No man can serve two masters. Today the cross of Christ stands in the shadow of the cross of hydrogen. Two crosses: one standing for redemptive love and forgiveness, for the acceptance of suffering, for hope, for life; the other for hatred and massive retaliation, for the infliction of suffering, for fear, for death.

"One proclaims that evil is overcome with good; the other that evil can only be met with evil. Man cannot serve both Christ and the bomb. He must choose which is to be his master.

"Let us choose the cross of Christ. Let us cease deluding ourselves: peace cannot be built from fear. Men do not gather grapes from thorns.

"Let us be done with these fearful weapons, regardless of what others do. Whether the bomb is a tool to deter or to destroy, it is not the sign by which men conquer. Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

Workers Visit Clothing Recipients

MCC Austria director Irene Bishop (Perkasie, Pa.) and her assistant Andre Wenger (Switzerland) in April visited recipients of clothing parcels in Hungary, representing the first MCC visit to Hungary in ten years.

The primary purpose of their trip was to make sure recipients of clothing mailings were needy people and to ascertain if more relief mailings are needed. The Vienna center sends small parcels of clothing to people in Hungary upon written request.

The workers visited Bishop Lajos Ordass, prominent Hungarian Lutheran Christian leader, and were guests in a Lutheran church. In addition they visited the mother of MCC Vienna's Hungarian painter and relatives of the Hungarian lady in Vienna who translates request letters to MCC from Hungary.

The last MCC workers in Hungary were those who operated the MCC relief unit in Budapest in 1947-48.

18 Nationalities Enter Camp

Two new projects are among the 13 international workcamps sponsored by European Mennonite Voluntary Service which are now getting underway and will continue for short periods during the summer.

Applications for this year's camps are from youth in the Netherlands,

France, England, Scotland, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, Poland, Greece, Egypt, Turkey, India, the West Indies, Canada and the United States.

One new camp this summer will be at Kingsley Hall in London's East End where campers will work with children of the city streets who have little money to pay for a holiday away from London.

The second new camp is in Friesland, Netherlands, where campers will initiate a building project to make more facilities for handicapped persons who have been described as society's "forgotten people".

Two projects are again being sponsored in Berlin. In one project campers will assist the German Red Cross with the construction of a kindergarten building. The other project will consist of dismantling a barrack to make a service center where refugee children may stay while their mothers work.

Other projects in Germany include the renovation of an old building for a youth center at Salzgitter; landscaping a parsonage and youth center at Krefeld near Kempen, home of Thomas a Kempis; youth work on the island of Sylt in the North Sea; and the building of a kindergarten at Birkenheide, known as the "forgotten village" which has been overlooked in rehabilitation.

Austrian camps this year include a village at Elixhausen (near Salzburg) for refugees from Rumania; work on a building for a youth retreat at Annaberg in the Alpine foothills; and help in the construction of a church in Vienna for a community of Protestant Christian refugees from Rumania.

Other camps include work in a youth camp near Weiler in France near the Alsace region, and the renovation of a youth center in Middleburg, located on the island of Walacheren in Zeeland, Netherlands.

The MVS newsletter containing announcements of the 1958 camps challenges young people to "match the mountains of need, to overcome the mountains of misunderstanding, to bridge the crevice of prejudice and to fill the canyon of despair with goodwill."

Director of MVS is MCCer Erwin Goering (Newton, Kans.) who is assisted by Garth Hershberger (Wellman, Ia.). MVS is administered by a council of European Mennonites.

Commissioner's Global Trip Begins

Orie O. Miller, associate executive secretary of MCC, left Chicago May 17 on a commissioner's visit to projects of MCC and the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. His schedule includes visits to projects in the Far East, the Middle East, Europe and ends in late summer with a visit to Russia.

Fine Gift Books

The Sermon in the Kitchen

By Mary S. Wood. 113pp.

The author writes: "Generally one thinks of a kitchen as a place for practising, not preaching, but this 'sermon' was preached to me when I was engrossed in the duties of the day." Other practical chapters are: The Lumber Room; Lights; Fires; The Umbrella; Clothes.

Price: \$1.00

Grace for Today

By Wm. Goulooze. 114pp.

The author wrote this book with the knowledge that an incurable disease would soon bring his earthly life to a close. Throughout it all his trust in God remained firm. Give this book to the sick and the shut-in, but also to those who have become discouraged in their Christian life. The author died three years ago of cancer after 9 years of suffering.

Price: \$2.50

Abandoned To Christ

By L. E. Maxwell. 248pp.

In this book the revealed mystery of the Cross, where death in Christ becomes a gateway into life and liberty, is brought to bear upon our lives with such concrete effectiveness that no one can read this earnest and challenging book and remain unchanged by it. By the principal of Prairie Bible Institute.

Price: \$3.00

The Blessed Hope

By George E. Ladd. 167pp.

By the author of "Crucial Questions Concerning the Kingdom of God." In this book the author sets forth and defends the statement that "the Blessed Hope is the second coming of Jesus Christ and not a pretribulation rapture." The author repeatedly affirms his belief in the personal, premillennial second advent of Jesus Christ—but he argues that premillennialism and pretribulationism are not necessarily identical.

Price: \$3.00

Victory Over Suffering

By Wm. Goulooze. 145pp.

"Victory Over Suffering" is a seminary professor's story of his victory of faith and prayer over suffering. Clustered around this are hundreds of testimonies of others who have had similar experiences, appropriate gems from God's Word, and suitable selections of poetry. Incomparable as a gift book for the sick and suffering.

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COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

It was our privilege to have Dr. Joseph Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute, speak to us. With II Cor. 10:7-12 as a basis, he spoke to us about standards. He said that we are not to compare ourselves with others and make others the standard, nor are we to compare others with ourselves, making ourselves the standard. The standard must come from God and not from men. Certain questions were asked: "Are we, where God wants us to be?" and "Are we doing what God wants us to do?" "Do we measure ourselves by God's standards?"

Success and approval is not a matter of doing better than our fellowman, but rather a matter of doing as much as God wants us to do. In the final analysis we will be compared with what God wants us to be. Dr. Schmidt asked us the question, "Do we stay in a little pond so we can be big fish?" We were really impressed by the truth that God has set certain standards for each of our lives and that we are obligated to live up to that standard.

On May 15, the Rock of Ages quartet from Vancouver, here for the convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, served us in song and testimony.

The annual elections for the student council were held recently. The results were as follows: Harold Jantz from Ontario, president; Harold Ratzlaff from B.C., vice-president; Ann Klassen from Manitoba, secretary-treasurer; Dave Nickel from Saskatchewan, chairman of the home missions committee; John Klassen from B.C., chairman of the foreign missions committee; Abe Koop from B.C., chairman of the literary committee; Alfred Friesen from Ontario, chairman of the year-book committee; Jake Dueck from Alberta, chairman of the music committee; Walter Unger from Ontario, re-elected chairman of the recreation committee; Susan Epp from B.C., re-elected chairman of the Medical Aid Association.

A. Koop.

Goshen College

One hundred and seventy-five graduates will receive degrees this year in the sixtieth annual Goshen College commencement exercises on Monday, June 2, at 8:00 p.m., when Dr. Richard R. Caemmerer, chairman of the Department of Practical Theology at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., will deliver the commencement address. "What Kind of People are Christians?" is the theme selected by Dr. Caemmerer for his address.

Dr. Caemmerer joined the faculty of Concordia Seminary in 1940 to

teach courses in preaching, after having served for more than a decade in a parish ministry in St. Louis. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Valparaiso University and serves on the Curriculum Commission of the Board of Higher Education of the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church. Along with a host of other interests, Caemmerer is also chairman of the St. Louis Conference Group on the Aging and president of the St. Louis Bach Society.

On Sunday, June 1, former president Ernest E. Miller, will present the Baccalaureate Sermon at 8:00 p.m. in the Union Auditorium. A 200-voice choir under the direction of Dwight Weldy will sing "The Elijah" on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Bernard Izzo, well-known soloist from Chicago, will sing the part of Elijah.

Goshen College commencement activities will get underway on Saturday, May 31, when former students return to the campus for the traditional class reunions, the varsity-alumni baseball game at 1:30 p.m. and the annual Alumni Banquet at 6:00 p.m. President Paul Mininger will deliver the principal address at the banquet.

Besides the graduation exercises, the final chapel service and the senior class program are also scheduled on Monday, June 2. The final chapel will be held at 10:45 in Assembly Hall. At 2:30 p.m., members of the junior and senior classes will participate in outdoor ceremonies as a part of the senior class program. Lawn ceremonies include presentation of the class gift, planting the ivy, and a processional into the Union Auditorium for the remainder of the program.

Motet Singers will provide special music at the Baccalaureate Service, and the A Cappella Chorus will sing on Monday evening at the Sixtieth Annual Commencement Program.

Tabor College

A full schedule of activities will bring the school year to a close at Tabor College this coming week, with final examinations next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Thirty-four seniors will receive the bachelor of arts degree at commencement exercises which this year are set for 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26. The graduates will hear a commencement address by Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Theological Seminary of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. Lang has chosen the title, "Crossing New Frontiers", for his address.

Alumni Dinner

This year's alumni dinner has been scheduled in the Hillsboro High School Auditorium to accommodate the anticipated large number of alumni expected for this event. The theme of the banquet will center about this year's fiftieth anniversary

of Tabor's founding. The dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday evening, May 24, with all former Tabor students who have attended the College even as short a time as one semester cordially invited.

A special feature of the dinner will be an address by Mrs. J. V. Friesen (nee Renetta Schultz) of Hillsboro, an A.B. graduate of Tabor with the class of 1912 and one of Tabor's earliest instructors. Her reminiscences of the early days of the College are sure to be of interest to all alumni dinner guests.

Baccalaureate Address

The final pre-commencement event is scheduled for Sunday evening, when Dr. G. W. Peters, dean of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary of Fresno, California, will deliver the baccalaureate address. This service is scheduled in the Hillsboro Mennonite Brethren Church at 8:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend these closing events of the school year at Tabor College.

BIBLE INSTITUTES

Mennonite Brethren Bible School, Kitchener, Ont.

Our Bible school year is rapidly drawing to a close and our thoughts are turned to the future. What will it hold, especially for the graduating class? We are thankful, however, that we have Someone to whom we can entrust our lives. In Psalm 37:5 we have the assuring verse: "Commit they way unto the Lord; trust also in Him and he shall bring it to pass."

On April 15, returned missionary J. J. Dick from India visited us and presented to us the needs of our mission field there. Brother Harry Loewen and Brother K. P. Penner, Kitchener, have also been our guests during our morning devotions. Brother John Unger, mission worker at Hamilton, presented to us the work of the daily vacation Bible school.

During the week of May 5 to 9 we were privileged to have Rev. J. J. Toews minister to us. He delivered a series of messages through which we were challenged to live in a closer relationship to our Lord and Saviour.

Our future remains in the Father's care and we feel confident that He will guide us.

Selma Penner.

Steinbach Hospital Administrator to Korea

Steinbach, Man. — Jake Klassen, administrator of the Bethesda Hospital here for the past four years, has been appointed director of relief services of the Mennonite Central Committee in Korea.

Mr. Klassen resigned his position

last week and will leave for his new appointment in July. His new job will be to co-ordinate all the services of the Mennonite Central Committee in Korea.

Born in southern Russia, Mr. Klassen was raised in Saskatchewan and took his high school education in Steinbach. He taught school for seven years prior to taking the post at Bethesda four years ago. He is married and the father of two children. His family will accompany him to Korea.

Local Gideons Serve

Coldwater, Ont. — Gideon Sunday was observed in the Hampshire Christian Fellowship Chapel on Sunday, May 4.

Mr. Norman Whitney, local deacon and member of the Orillia Gideon Camp, spoke at the morning service, while Bill Gowanlock, youngest Gideon in the Orillia Camp, that evening delivered his first message as a member of the Gideons.

Mr. Herman Kroeker is pastor of the Christian Fellowship Chapel. From May 4 to 6, he and John Unger, M. B. mission worker at Hamilton, visited the M. B. churches in Ontario in the interest of home mission work and daily vacation Bible schools.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

—Willy Janz, Friesland Colony, Paraguay, is returning to North America for further studies. Previously he studied at Tabor College and Mennonite Brethren Bible College. He and his family plan to leave Friesland early in June, fly to Miami, from there to travel to Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia to visit relatives, then go to Hillsboro, where he will enroll in Tabor College for the fall semester.

—At Colonia, Uruguay, is a small Christian fellowship consisting of several Mennonite Brethren Church families. Brother Robert Foth is the leader of this group. Brother Foth is constructing a house in which a room is being arranged as a meeting place for Mennonite Brethren members living in the Colonia area. Colonia is on the La Plata River across from Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Colonia group is served by the Brethren Tobias' Foth of El Ombu, Kornelius Funk of Gartental and John Wall of Montevideo from time to time.

—Brother Hans Kasdorf of the Blumenau Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil ministered in the Mennonite Brethren Churches in Curitiba for several weeks recently. He writes that the Lord blessed the ministry of His Word in the churches.

Canadian M. B. Conference

Civic Auditorium Scene of Sunday Services

Winnipeg, Man. — The 48th Conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Canada will meet in the North Kildonan M. B. church here from July 5 to 9.

Conference Sunday services are scheduled for the 4,500-seat Civic Auditorium to accommodate the many visitors expected that day. The business meetings will be held in the new North Kildonan M. B. church, with evening services planned for several centres.

Close to 400 delegates and many visitors are expected for the annual conference. Theme for this year's sessions is "Jesus Christ, Our Lord", with sub-themes to be discussed at the sessions Sunday to Wednesday.

Principal speakers on Conference Sunday morning at the auditorium

will be Rev. D. B. Wiens and Rev. C. C. Peters, who will discuss the respective themes: "Jesus Christ as Lord in Our Family Life" and "Jesus Christ as Lord in Our Educational Efforts."

Sunday afternoon has been set aside for a mission emphasis. Rev. A. E. Janzen and Rev. J. B. Toews will speak at the service in the Civic Auditorium. M. B. Board of Foreign Mission workers home on furlough will also be present.

Sunday evening a joint youth and song service is expected to attract many visitors. Rev. P. R. Toews, chairman of the Canadian Youth Committee, will serve as chairman, while a mass choir, several soloists and smaller choral groups will sing.

Devotional messages will be delivered by Rev. E. J. Lautermilch of Swift Current, Sask., who will speak on "Jesus Christ as Lord in Our Personal Life"; Rev. D. Neumann, Virgil, Ont., who will speak on "Jesus Christ as Lord in Our Churches"; and Rev. G. Thielmann, whose theme will be, "Jesus Christ as Lord of the Raptured Church." Rev. J. A. Toews, conference moderator, will

deliver the conference message on Saturday morning, July 5.

Saturday evening the M. B. Bible College will present a program. On Monday evening missionaries home on furlough will report on the work on the fields of the world. Tuesday evening a program will highlight the work of the Sunday school, private high schools, and the Bible schools.

Special music at all business sessions and for the Sunday and evening services will be presented by local singing groups, soloists, and instrumentalists.

Dedication Service At Calgary Scheduled

Calgary, Alta. — Calgary's Highland Mennonite Brethren Church will dedicate their new worship centre on 40th Ave. and Centre B St. N.W. on Sunday, May 25.

Main speakers at the service will be the future pastor, Rev. A. P. Regier, and Rev. D. J. Pankratz, pastor of the Coaldale M. B. Church. Services will be held during the morning, afternoon and evening.

College Group Visits Horndean

Horndean, Man. — The chapel here received a visit from Rev. Victor Toews and a male quartet from the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, on Sunday, May 18.

The group first served at the morning worship service. After the introduction the quartet sang several songs and one of the quartet members told the children a story. Rev. Toews then delivered a message in the German language on Hebrews 10:4-25.

The quartet again sang at the evening service. Rev. Toews then showed slides of the work in Paraguay. He also related several incidents and gave a report on the background in which the mission work is done by the Mennonites among the Indians. The whole service was centred on the thought of missions.

The chapel was filled at both services.

On the Horizon

May 25—School closing program of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg, will be presented at 2:30 p.m. in the South End M.B. church. Graduation exercises will take place at 7:00 p.m. that evening in the North Kildonan M.B. church. All times are Central Daylight Time.

May 29—Baccalaureate service of the M.B. College in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. (Central Daylight Time).

May 31—The senior class of the M.B. Bible College will present a program in the college auditorium at 8 p.m. (CDT).

June 1—Graduation service of the M.B. Bible College in the South End M. B. church at 7:00 p.m. (CDT).

June 6 and 7 — The annual conference of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba will meet in the Elm Creek M. B. church.

June 8 to 15 — Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College, will be serving the Highland M. B. Church, Calgary, Alta., in a series of evangelistic meetings. These services will also be held in the new church centre.

June 14 and 15. — Commencement exercises at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Tuxedo, near Winnipeg. The senior class program will be presented at 8 p.m., Saturday evening. Baccalaureate services will be held at the college at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. respectively.

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

June 27 to July 2 — Fifty-sixth conference of Mennonites in Canada, to be held in Saskatoon, Sask.

July 1 to 9 — Children's camp at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

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July 4 to 13 — Ten-day children's Camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

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July 15 to 27 — One 13-day children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

July 26 to August 3 — Mission children's camp at the Winkler Bible Camp, Burwalde.

July 27 to 31 — Family camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

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