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

I Cor. 2:2.

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One-Day Peace and Disaster Conference

Steinbach, Man. — Wilbert Loewen, Winnipeg high school teacher and pastor of a mission in St. Vital, and Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M.B. Bible College, served at a one-day peace and disaster service conference in the EMB church here on June 23. The church was nearly full of visitors, an encouraging feature.

Mr. Loewen, who is chairman of the Manitoba Mennonite Disaster Service, spoke on disaster service, while Rev. Toews's topic was, "How Can We Strengthen Our Peace Witness?"

Speaking in the German language, Rev. Toews declared that while our convictions on the peace issue are often strong, our peace witness is often weak. He maintained that we can strengthen our peace witness by a thoroughly biblical orientation and by a more positive emphasis on this truth. Years of oppression in various countries have given us a negative position, he said. As long as the world leaves us alone, we are happy to be isolated with this doctrine.

More Inclusive Application of Truth Needed

A more inclusive application to life will also strengthen the peace witness, Rev. Toews stated. He insisted the peace witness should not only involve the young men, but reach into all age groups.

We also need a stronger sense of social responsibility, Rev. Toews maintained. This means that we identify ourselves with others, saying, "We have sinned." In this respect he said that less scrap iron and more missionaries might have averted the war with Japan.

"Much harm has been done through an inconsistent witness on our part," Rev. Toews asserted. "There are other sins beside war." We must be conscientious objectors to all forms of sin.

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Fehderaus Ordained for Missionary Service

Kitchener, Ont. — Harold and Nancy Fehderau were ordained as linguistic missionaries on June 15 in the Mennonite Brethren church here.

Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, served as guest speaker for the day. At the morning service he delivered a missionary message and in the afternoon he served as guest speaker at the ordination. Officiating at the ordination were Rev. J. J. Toews, pastor of the local M.B. Church, Rev. Henry Warkentin, assistant pastor, and Rev. J. B. Toews. The church choir, directed by John Goerz, sang at the services.

The evening service featured a report by Rev. Toews on the needs



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fehderau

and changes in the mission fields. The congregation responded with offerings for the day totalling \$2,000.00, which will be used to equip the outgoing missionaries and for the support of the foreign mission program in general.

Harold Fehderau served as professor in languages at Tabor College prior to special studies in linguistics at Cornell University. His wife Nancy is a graduate nurse who has also studied at Cornell. They will be in Belgium for one year preparatory to entering the field in the Belgian Congo. Mr. Fehderau is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Fehderau of Kitchener and his wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rediger of Kitchener.

Mr. Fehderau will be responsible

for the eventual translation of the Bible into a tribal language. This particular language has as yet not been written and there is consequently no literature in it as yet. It is felt that the ultimate translation of the Bible into this tribal language will be one of the key factors in bringing the Gospel to millions of Africans who heretofore have not been able to receive the written Gospel.

Nurse Commissioned at Coaldale

By Mrs. P. Penner

Coaldale, Alta. — The Coaldale M.B. Church once again had the privilege of commissioning one of its members for service in the foreign field on Sunday, June 8. Miss Helen Toews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Abram Toews of Coaldale, was given the church's blessing at the morning service for her future service as a registered nurse in the Belgian Congo, Africa.

The service was opened with the singing of mission hymns by the choir and with the reading of Psalm 118:24-25 by the pastor, Rev. D. J. Pankratz. Rev. H. Nikkel, assistant pastor, led the prayer meeting, pointing out the reasons for praise and intercession: praise that souls were still willing to go and that the doors were still open; intercession on behalf of the work

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The graduating class of Eden Christian College, Virgil, Ont., is seen above. Front row, from left, Shirley Kornelson, Helen Durksen, Martha Klassen, Irma Dick, Elfrieda Penner, Betty Koop, Hedy Wiens, Marina Dick, Marlene Schoenke, Arlene Warkentin, Erika Neufeld, Edith Wiens. Second row, from left, Susie Durksen, Hilda Durksen, Helen Teigrob, Elsie Dyck, Laura Redekopp, Margaret Friesen, Agnes Dueck, Erna Goerzen, Katie Voth, Agatha Unger, Louise Andres. Third row, from

left, Hugo Dyck, Henry Klassen, Danny Klassen, Hilda Wiebe, Louise Reimer, Magdalena Friesen, Rita Boldt, Margaret Hiebert, Marlene Rempel, Mary Bekker, Walter Klassen, Jake Wiens, Leonard Ewert. Fourth row, from left, Alex Janzen, Hugo Neufeld, Helmut Weier, David Lepp, Henry Koop, Victor Dyck, Wilmar Andres, Jake Durksen, Robert Warkentin, Jake Rempel.

EDITORIAL

Working Together

An ant was seen attacking a bit of food with great zeal. Yet its small strength was not enough to budge the piece. Suddenly it turned about and disappeared. Sometime later three ants appeared on the scene and by well-organized efforts manipulated the tasty morsel into the ant hill. Cooperation solved what seemed an unsurmountable problem, accomplishing an "impossible" task.

That is the way it is in the kingdom of God. The individual can testify to the saving grace of Jesus Christ to his neighbor, to the one with whom he works. But he also sees the "impossible" task of evangelizing the whole community, so he joins with others, and the church as a whole tackles the problem of bringing Christ to the community. This naturally opens the eyes of the church to the vast, yet unreachd, fields in the province. For one church alone it is an "impossible" task. But then all the churches join to form a provincial conference and work together to promote a home mission effort in the province.

A wider horizon results in increased vision — and soon the provincial conferences join to form a Canadian conference. This multiplies the capacity and strengthens the stakes. Together they can build and maintain a Bible college to adequately train young people for carrying out Christ's Commission. Together they can foster aggressive Sunday schools. Together they can help extend the outreach of the Gospel to the far corners of the Dominion.

Christ included the far corners of the earth in His commission to the church. So it is not enough to proclaim the Gospel in Canada alone. The whole world must know—and the Board of Foreign Missions unites the resources and spiritual power of churches in Canada and the United States for an all out effort to bring the Gospel to the whole wide world.

Some people feel the individual is lost in such a "super-organization." But were the efforts of the individual ant of less value when he had two to help him than when he was alone? Didn't he get the job done—when alone he could not do it? Even so the believer has a responsibility to do the work the Lord has entrusted to him in his neighborhood, then to support the work he does together with the other local church members, with the believers in the provincial and Canadian conference, and with all the members of the church in North America.

This means that at this time of year he will pray in a special way for the Canadian conference and the deliberations there. He will attend the sessions if at all possible (even if he is not a delegate), for he will want to be informed so he can intelligently participate in the over-all program. And if he cannot go, he will at least be present when the local delegates report on the work he is doing together with the others in the Canadian conference. Finally, throughout the year he will support the work of the Lord to the best of his ability, being a "faithful steward."

Our Readers Say

Critical Reader

Since the church has asked me to write for the *Mennonite Observer* ... I have read the paper more carefully than before—appreciatively and critically ... I will say that I have read the "Heritage" articles by Mr. Penner and consider them most clear-headed, comprehensive and well-balanced. It was especially palatable because of its correlation to the changing and living present ...

Derstine's thought-stimulating "Modern Galatianism" runs a close second. Incidentally, I am thrilled by the wide range of sources you use. It is very good to see the number of articles signed by Tozer,

or excerpted from other fundamental periodicals. We are proud of an editor who is well read, bears no grudges against those outside the Mennonite camp (which is isolated far too frequently), but reprints so much worthwhile material ... Keep up the good work.

Your editorials, too, which cover a "Reader's Digest" scope of interest, never remain unread in this house. The intense practicality of the advice given, even if it is occasionally a trite subject (for example, Safety), could be a real boon if carried out in every domestic sphere.

The two articles comparing education in Newfoundland and Paraguay were a real challenge and a

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DEVOTIONAL

Learn to Worship in the Home

By Ellen Kauffman

When Paul wrote to Timothy, he reminded him of "the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice." It should be a reminder to us that most of what children learn about worship and reverence will be taught them by their parents.

There are a number of ways children learn proper attitudes toward worship. One of these is the practice of family worship in the home. God's instructions to the Israelites in Deut. 6:6-9 regarding the teaching of the Word to their children are still the pattern needed for rearing a family in the Lord: not a lesson now and then, but uninterrupted, continuous teaching of God's Word. Also there must be prayer, and proper teaching can here be given to children about reverence during the time of prayer. I am reminded of a two-year-old in a home where I was staying last summer who was reproved by her father before family worship. During prayer she asked God to help her obey her daddy better.

There are many ways the family altar can be made helpful to the child in learning about worship. It is important that each member of the family receive some benefit, and small children may not always understand something read directly from the Bible. In my own home, when I was small, "First Steps for Little Feet" and other children's devotional books were read in addition to the Bible at each family worship period. When we grew older, questions were asked us about the Scripture read, to make sure we understood it. Variety in methods of conducting family worship will help to hold the attention of children, but worship should always be the central idea.

Another important thing to remember in family worship is to pray for members of the family circle who are away from home. This not only deepens the meaning of family prayer, but is a means of strengthening to the one who is away.

And it must be remembered that family prayers must be lived with the heart, and Scripture lessons must find their way into the speech and conduct of family members.

Besides family worship, there are some other factors that influence children regarding worship. One of these is the attitude toward the church offering. Children may be taught, mostly by the example of their parents, that it should be systematic and conscientious, and that it should be done willingly and cheerfully. Unless the parent himself has such an attitude, the child cannot be expected to respond as he should.

Another area in which the child will learn by parental example and attitude is in the matter of conduct on Saturday night. A family that retires early on Saturday night will be more co-operative in preparing for church on Sunday morning. If too much rushing is necessary the last minute, they will have anything but a worshipful attitude upon arrival at church.

Family atmosphere on Sunday before church has a lot to do with worship, too. The right radio programs, songs, and conversation will do much to draw each person's mind to a greater appreciation of the church service.

And then there is the matter of obedience. Parents may foster this attitude both by teaching their children to obey them and by themselves showing respect to church leaders. Children who are used to having the preacher criticized continually will grow up to find fault with ministers and fellow members, and the fostering of such attitudes does not improve the quality of worship. Successful worship grows rather out of a prayerful and helpful attitude toward the minister.

In summary, we may teach children worship by providing family worship in the home, by proper preparation for worship before going to church services, by an appreciation of the place of giving in worship, and by respect and obedience to our leaders. One writer has well said: "There is no inheritance which the richest parent can bequeath to a child that can compare for one moment with the influence and blessing of a truly godly home."

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Organize New Church at County Line

Aldergrove, B.C. — British Columbia's first M.B. Church to grow out of extension mission work was organized as the County Line Gospel Chapel on Sunday, June 15. The organization of the group into an M.B. Church had been approved one week earlier at the semi-annual meeting of the M.B. churches in British Columbia.

The church had its beginning as a Baptist mission work in the County Line Community Hall on Jan. 4, 1946, with Rev. Wm. H. Tilley as worker. Three years later the work was taken over by the West Coast Children's Mission, with Mr. Abe Sawatzky in charge. Others who have served here were a Mr. Guenther and Calvin Buehler, who is now heading up the work at Vanderhoof. Today Rev. John Esau is pastor of the new M.B. Church.

Guest speakers at the church's organization service were Rev. P. R. Toews, B.C. Conference moderator, and Rev. Peter Neufeldt, chairman of the West Coast Chil-

dren's Mission. Rev. Toews spoke on "The Church of Jesus Christ" (Acts 2:41-47). He emphasized that the aim of a spiritually-minded church should be "to proclaim the wonderful riches in Christ."

Following the message the Confession of Faith, and the rules of the Mennonite Brethren Church were read and transferred memberships accepted.

Rev. Peter Neufeldt's theme was, "The Fellowship of the Believers" (Acts 2:37-47). His main point was the necessity to keep sin out of the life of the believer.

Musical items included a duet, trio, and a quartet.

Following the observance of the Lord's Supper, greetings were extended to the church by visiting ministers. Rev. Herman Voth, pastor of the East Aldergrove M.B. Church, led in closing prayer, dismissing the congregation after the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds."

Hague Group Visits Foam Lake

By Velma Dell

Foam Lake, Sask. — We have had the privilege of having the George Reimers, their family, and Isaac and Tina Dyck from Hague Ferry with us for two services on June 15.

Brother Isaac Dyck opened the morning service by reading Matth. 25:1-13 and leading in prayer. Brother Reimer then took as his text II Cor. 5:11ff, speaking on the subject, "Living unto Jesus." He pointed out that as Christians we walk by faith, that we are dead to sin by becoming new creatures in Christ, which is by the grace of God and not our own efforts. There is no law that we must repay Christ for His sacrifice for us, but out of love we will serve Him by being ambassadors for Him. As believers it is our responsibility to admonish our brother if the need arises, but only when motivated by love.

The visitors formed a quartet that served twice during the morning service and also at the evening service.

The evening service was the regular Christian Endeavor program, consisting of various items in song, a story for the children, music and a recitation. Brother Reimer spoke on the theme "Father", since it was Father's Day. He took as his text Eph. 5:21, reminding husbands of their duties toward their wives, using the Old Testament example of Jacob and Isaac to illustrate his message. He also spoke of the father's duty toward his children, saying that fathers can sometimes be over-demanding and unreasonable. Children are to be brought up, not just

permitted to grow up. This does include discipline and love, providing for them, educating them, and teaching them the way of the Lord. Parents are to take the children to Sunday school and church services.

The visiting group left immediately after the service for refreshments in a local home and then traveled the long road home by car.

The Reimers are serving at Hague Ferry under the M.B. Mission of Saskatchewan.

Train Men for Disaster Eventuality

Vancouver, B.C. — For three consecutive Thursday nights the Civil Defence organization, in cooperation with the Mennonite Disaster Service representatives in the Vancouver M.B. Church, has

given instruction classes in the basement of the church. The classes were a condensation of a nine-week, 30-hour course given to members of the Civil Defence group.

Representatives from the Vancouver local were present in person to lecture and show films on the actual dangers of an atomic attack and to inform the audience about the proper procedures for evacuation and survival.

Not only is such knowledge necessary in the event of an actual enemy attack, but the general information is valuable in the light of the increasing number of peacetime uses of radioactive materials.

Revival Leads to Cancellation of Evangelistic Services

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — God's Spirit has been in evidence in power during evangelistic services conducted by Rev. Waldo Wiebe of California at the Niagara M.B. Church and the Eden Christian College. Many, both young and old, responded to the call of the Gospel. Backsliders also reaffirmed their faith in Christ.

For this reason the evangelistic meetings that were to be held in the Christian College auditorium during the last week of June were cancelled.

Sunday School Picnic in Park

Vancouver, B.C. — The morning worship service of the Vancouver M.B. Church shifted to Confederation Park on Sunday, June 8, for the annual Sunday school picnic.

On a day when the sun broke through the clouds only in the afternoon, the whole church family gathered out of doors to worship its Creator. After a challenging worship service for the children, the congregation seated itself on the grass in family groups to enjoy lunch.

During the afternoon the usual races and other competitive events were held for young and old alike. After that softball and volleyball

occupied most of the active young people, while others simply enjoyed themselves in the midst of God's green handiwork.

Will Go to India This Summer

Hillsboro, Kansas — Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hamm of the Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church in Ontario are preparing to depart for missionary service in India this summer.

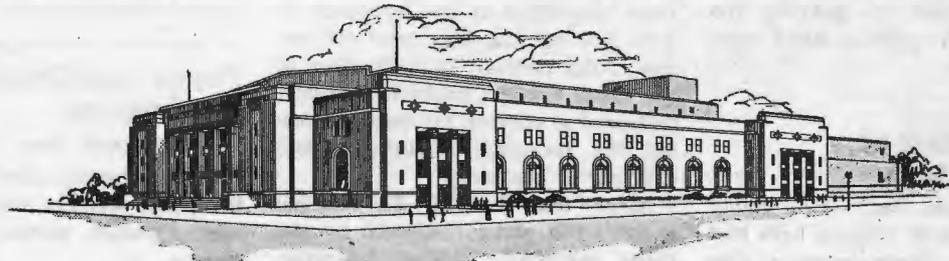
Their assignment will be at Kokaikanal, India. They will serve as house-parents to children of Mennonite Brethren Church missionaries serving in the province of



Andhra Pradesh. A home at Bruton is maintained for these children by the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Hamm will teach in the union missionary children's school of Kodaikanal. The Hamm's replace the Jacob Ewerts of Corn, Oklahoma, who return after serving at Bruton since August, 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamm bring to the missionary program their training and experience in teaching and nursing. He has been an elementary school teacher in British Columbia and more recently has been on the faculty of Eden Christian College in Ontario. Both have attended Mennonite Brethren Bible College. Mrs. Hamm received her nurse's training at Toronto East General Hospital. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Hildebrandt of St. Catharines. Mr. Hamm's parents are Rev. and Mrs. Martin Hamm of Winnipeg.

Conference Sunday Services in Civic Auditorium



A capacity congregation is expected at all three services on Conference Sunday, July 6, when the Conference of M.B. churches in Canada will meet in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium, seen above. The morning service in the 4,500-seat auditorium will begin at 10:00 a.m., with Rev. D. B. Wiens speaking in English and Rev. C. C. Peters in German. The afternoon service begins at 2:30 p.m., with Rev. A. E. Janzen speaking in English and Rev. J. B. Toews in German. The evening youth and song program begins at 7:00 p.m., with Rev. David Neumann the featured speaker. All times are Central Daylight Time. The City of Winnipeg has put the Civic Auditorium at the disposal of the conference free of charge for this day.

Dry Spell Broken in Foam Lake Area

Foam Lake, Sask. — A much-needed and prayed for rain fell here on June 15 and 16 to end the long dry spell. The hearts of God's children are truly thankful for this answer to prayer. May it encourage us to trust and wait upon God, who is the Giver of all good things and who withholdeth not from those that love Him.

Burnaby Site for New M.B. Church

Vancouver, B.C. — Plans for the construction of a third M.B. church in this city are advancing. Negotiations with the city have been completed preliminary to acquiring a plot of ground covering four lots at Kerr St. and 49th Ave. (close to Burnaby municipality).

Church Choir Tours Island

By Hilda Janzen

Abbotsford, B.C. — South Abbotsford M.B. Church choir, directed by Rev. C. D. Toews, visited Vancouver Island on June 14 and 15. It was a choir outing as well as a visit to the M.B. Church at Black Creek.

Saturday morning at six a.m. our bus, with its 47 passengers, was off to Vancouver and to the ferry. Saturday was spent in seeing some of the attractions in Victoria, including Butchart's Gardens and the parliament buildings. For a late supper we enjoyed a wiener roast at Little Qualicum Park. Our night lodgings were along the beach approximately five miles from Black Creek.

The two-hour Sunday morning service at Black Creek consisted of choir selections, testimonies, mixed quartet renditions, and the message by Rev. C. D. Toews. For dinner we were invited into the various homes. We are thankful to the people at Black Creek for their fine Christian welcome and hospitality.

Sunday afternoon was spent in several stops at various points of interest along the coast, and then finally back to Nanaimo where we caught the ferry.

We thank God for keeping His protecting and guiding hand over us all the way.

Youth Outing at St. Catharines

St. Catharines, Ont. — The young people of the M.B. Church here had an outing and wiener roast on June 21.

The first part of the evening saw the group divided into teams for various games. After a thorough workout they gathered for a sing song and food. A short devotional period closed the evening's activity,

with two M.B. Bible College students testifying and John Eckert speaking briefly.

Retired Bishop, Benjamin Ewert, Dies

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. Benjamin Ewert, 87, a retired bishop of the Bergthaler Mennonite Church, died Sunday in the Misericordia hospital. He had been in ill health for some time.

Rev. Ewert was born in Tohrn, Germany, moving to Hillsboro, Kans., in 1874 and coming to Manitoba in 1892. He served the Bergthaler Church at Gretna, Man., for 26 years. In 1937 he came to Winnipeg, where he organized a mission that later developed into the Bethel Mennonite Church. He retired from active service in 1950.

He was respected and loved by many in Manitoba and outside the boundaries of the province. Since his retirement he has devoted a lot of time to historical research.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Peter Drummond and Amanda; two sons, Harold and Wesley, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Bethel Mennonite Church on Wednesday, Rev. G. Groening officiating. Others assisting were Rev. Henry Wall, Rev. I. I. Friesen, and Rev. A. A. Klassen.

Report on Austria

St. Catharines, Ont. — With interest the M.B. Church here heard the report Miss Maria Foth gave of the work done in Austria by the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions. Of special interest were the stories of individuals, often children, who took a definite stand for Christ.

The congregation was challenged by the report to re-evaluate its part in this missionary program and to ask itself if it was doing its part.

Baptism at Oliver

By J. E. Klassen

Oliver, B.C. — A highlight in the history of the Gospel Chapel here came on Sunday, July 22, when a long prayed for baptism became reality. Three believers followed the Lord in baptism.

Members of the Gospel Chapel, several brethren from the Kelowna M.B. Church, and many other visitors assembled at the lakeshore at 2:30 p.m. for the baptismal service. Rev. John Reimer, field director of the West Coast Children's Mission, delivered a stirring message, stressing the meaning, importance and blessing of baptism.

After this Rev. J. E. Klassen entered the water, followed by the three candidates, Miss Josephine Wiebe, Isaac Dyck, and Dick Bolivar. Upon confession of faith in Jesus Christ the three candidates were baptized.

The congregation then returned to the chapel to fellowship at the Lord's Supper and formally receive

the baptized believers into the church. In his message preceding communion, Rev. A. J. Sawatsky stressed the importance of faithfully continuing to fight the good fight of faith and the importance of running the race of life in such a way that we gain the crown. As pastor of the Kelowna M.B. Church Rev. Sawatsky extended a warm welcome to the three persons, who were received into the Kelowna M. B. Church. The Oliver believers are affiliated with the Kelowna M. B. Church.

Song Service at South Abbotsford

By Hilda Janzen

Abbotsford, B.C. — Despite the smothering heat, a large audience assembled Sunday night, June 22, at the South Abbotsford M. B. church to hear a varied song program.

Three choirs participated. The first one was the male choir, directed by Mr. John Ratzlaff and consisting of some 30 youths who have been organized since the fall of the year.

The 50-voice girl's choir, under the direction of Miss Martha Thiesen, also performed. This choir, like the male choir, has been functioning since the fall of the year.

Feature items of the evening were presented by the 30-voice church choir conducted by Rev. C. D. Toews. They sang, "Groß und wundersam"; "Bless Thou the Lord, O my Soul"; and "I Found Him in my Heart."

Two songs by the Abbotsford mixed quartet, a solo, a reading, and a message constituted the remainder of the program.

The message by Rev. George Konrad was based on 1 Cor. 14:15. Rev. Konrad insisted that the songs that we sing in our churches should have a spiritual word content, which when experienced by the singer becomes a source of real blessing to him. Rev. Konrad warned that in the casual singing of our hymns there lies the possibility of prodigious hypocrisy. For example, we sing vigorously "Send the Light" and have done nothing and are doing nothing to send it. There is also a danger that our songs become a dead formality, especially when singers are not living a constantly dedicated life.

Peace and Disaster Conference

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In conclusion, Rev. Toews said the peace witness can be strengthened through selfless missionary service.

Mr. Loewen spoke on both civil defense and Mennonite Disaster Service. He first outlined briefly the history of civil defence and then gave an enlightening interpretation of Mennonite disaster service.

No Distinctions in MDS

"In the past our benevolence has been directed largely to our own churches and people," Mr. Loewen declared. Mennonite Disaster Service is directed to anyone in need, regardless of race, creed or color. "Civil defence," he reminded the audience, "contributes primarily to the physical side of suffering. Mennonite Disaster Service goes beyond this in rendering physical, moral and spiritual help."

Future plans include better organization, with all churches represented, setting up a constitution at the fall meeting, and a system of training personnel in first aid and other courses, Mr. Loewen stated.

A discussion period closed the evening meeting.

Nurse Commissioned

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and the workers, Miss Toews in particular. Then followed a season of prayer.

Rev. J. B. Toews, deputational secretary of the M.B. Board of Foreign Missions, then delivered a mission-centered message based on Acts 26:16-18. He pointed out the purpose of salvation, the content of its message and the battle between light and darkness.

Rev. Pankratz brought the second message based on Isaiah 43:1, 2, 11, 12. He stressed the personal aspect of the call of God and the fact of God's presence with His witnesses.

While Miss Toews took her place on the platform the choir sang "Ready to Go." Then the congregation rose, Miss Toews knelt and the choir softly sang the well-loved prayer; "O leg auf's Haupt mir deine Segenshände" and then Rev. Pankratz and Rev. Toews spoke the prayer of dedication.

In her testimony Miss Toews stressed God's faithfulness in His call to her and His definite leading in her life. In closing she expressed her parting plea, which was, "Pray for me."

Miss Toews will be sailing for Belgium on July 15 for a year of studies and then proceed to the field of her calling, the Belgian Congo.

During the week the women of the four local mission circles and other friends gathered in the church basement to show their interest in the cause of missions. They too wished Miss Toews God's blessing and guidance and also showed their interest in a practical way by way of a shower of gifts and money. The evening was highlighted as Miss Toews shared some of her battles and blessings which led her to accept the challenge of Africa. A lunch was served at the close of the evening.

We wish Miss Toews God's nearness and His blessing during her remaining few weeks on Canadian soil and during her future service on foreign soil.

Why Broadcast the Gospel to Russia?

By D. B. Wiens

"For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people..." (Isaiah 6:2).

The words, "Darkness shall cover the earth", are a true picture of the spiritual condition in Russia throughout many centuries. This was true during the many years of the feudal system and then after the revolution. As dark as it was during the dictatorial rule of Stalin it surely has never been in Russia. Because of this spiritual darkness we need to proclaim the Gospel to the Russian people today. The following reasons show the need for this.

- There are very few Bibles in Russia today. When we were in Russia in 1956 the Baptist brethren told us that in January of 1957 they would begin the first reprinting of a Bible in Russian in 30 years. Yet the Russian government is not a bit interested in printing the Bible in large numbers, likely thinking to print only a small edition for propaganda purposes. Its attitude is seen in the fact that Bibles are generally not permitted to enter Russia by mail. Russia, one of the largest countries in the world, is without the Bible!

- Most of the ministers in Russia during Stalin's day were sent to Siberia, there to die a terrible death. It is true that many young brethren filled with spiritual zeal are preaching the Gospel without fear, but their preparation for this ministry is very meager. We can help alleviate this acute need for ministers in a partial way by Gospel radio broadcasts.

- There are no religious broadcasts of any kind in Russia. In this free country we can turn on the radio both during the week and on Sunday and hear many programs proclaiming the Good News of salvation. Not so in Russia. The people there are completely dependent on broadcasts from other countries. In this respect the Lord has opened a great door for us via HCJB. How thankful we should be for this—and how eager to make full use of this golden opportunity.

- In Russia no evangelistic work may be done in areas where there are no believers. There must be 20 believers in one area before they are permitted to organize a church. Even where there are organized churches they cannot do evangelistic work as we know it. But through Gospel broadcasting we can reach many of these people.

- In Russia there is a great hunger for the Word of God and His salvation. The people have been prepared for the reception of the Word through the many years of suffering. The field is ripe unto harvest!

- The greatest incentive to radio

mission work for the Russian people is that they, as the people in other countries, are lost eternally without salvation in Christ. God does not want the death of the sinner, but that he be converted and live. Jesus Christ, our Lord, died also for the Russian people. This message we must give them—and can give them via radio. Whether we serve on the program, whether we pray for it, or whether

we support it financially—all of us have a part in bringing the message of salvation to a people living in gross spiritual darkness. May His light of salvation also shine into that darkness and illumine it!

Translated from the German.

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Over Mountain Trails to Preach the Gospel

By Ernest H. Friesen

Colombia, S.A. — Cisneros is a small village on the Dagua River. It can only be reached by train since the river is full of rapids and too shallow for canoes. Cisneros is on the railway from Cali to Buenaventura and only two hours away from LaCumbre. High mountains surround this village on both sides.

In this village Brother Ebner Friesen, one of our national workers and I arrived at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 27. After stepping off the train, we had only a few more steps and we were in the village hotel operated by a family which includes several believers. We received the best of hospitality and were informed that a service was planned for the evening with people coming from the country.

After a hurried supper we gathered in the house that has been purchased to serve as a church. Some 70 to 80 persons were present, and we enjoyed a time of singing. Then, since I was to bring the evening message, the service was turned over to me. However, the message had barely been started when the service was interrupted by the police inspector. He entered politely and asked that the service be dismissed until we had written permission. The service was closed and he left, but to our surprise he returned with orders to seal the building.

Our plans had been to visit the country, and so we left the next morning on horseback and spent the day with a Christian family. In the evening we had a service in their home by candlelight. A good number from the neighborhood attended.

The next day took us back to Cisneros. After about an hour of preparation we started out again on our sure four-footed mountain climbers. After several hours of riding on a rough mountain trail going up and up, we reached the homes of seven families, most of them believers. We had a service that afternoon and invited everyone to the neighboring home for the evening service. This was an hour's walk down one mountain and up the side of another. Most of the people joined us in the walk and together we experienced a heavy downpour,

which soaked us. Naturally we expected few to attend the service, but there we met 37, young and old crowded into a room about 12 by 12 feet. They sang and listened to the Gospel message once more. In this same home we had our Palm Sunday service with another large attendance. On Palm Sunday evening we were back in Cisneros and had a closed service in one of the homes with 40 eager listeners.

In all these services it was a joy to hear testimonies of young and old. Many asked for baptism so they might be able to form a local church as a witness of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in that community. Others came informing us that they were ready to clean up their lives with the Lord's help and guidance, such as marriage problems, so that their homes might be properly established on a Christian basis.

We realized that even though the doors of the church building were sealed, the Lord still continued to work and all these services were held without disturbances. We were given the best of hospitality in each of the homes we entered and found a hunger for the Word.

Will you join us in prayer for these believers who have made their decisions and need our prayers so that they might grow in their faith and be a real witness for the Lord.

Reach Settlement By Launch

By Esther Wiens

Colombia, S.A. — It was Monday morning, March 24. We were ready to depart by launch for our second Gospel mission to the large coastal village of Togorama. But our departure was delayed by almost an hour and a half by a torrential downpour. We were able to leave at 7. We stopped at Bebed and Noanama to pick up several members of our party. In all, our party included eight members—the launch driver and his helper, the Istmina pastor, the national worker of Be-

edo, a Christian lady of Noanama who helped with the cooking, another Christian, Doris Harder and myself.

It was dark when we arrived in Togorama around 8 o'clock, but many people were at the riverside to meet us. Immediately we went ashore to the house which had been arranged for us by the believers of Togorama. On the first visit to Togorama two months earlier 10 decisions had been made for Christ. While we fixed supper, the Istmina pastor, Esquivel Mosquera, led a service and others decided to follow Christ. Throughout the week services were held in the evening for everyone. One afternoon Sister Doris gathered the women together for a service. Between services, many came to ask questions regarding salvation and Christian living, which we gladly attempted to answer.

Attendance for the evening services averaged about 30. Two Bibles were sold, 45 Gospels of Luke given away and more than 300 pieces of literature distributed. Fifteen precious souls were added to the Kingdom of God. During this time many requests came for medical aid, which we were able to supply.

On Friday a message was given on tithing, and the group organized so they could better study the Word and meet for fellowship. Sunday morning we showed them how to conduct Sunday school and took the first offering which amounted to a little more than 13 pesos. The group is even now hoping and praying for a full-time worker and is planning to buy a place in which to meet, possibly the house in which we stayed.

This same Friday we made a short trip to another village, Pichima, a little farther up the coast to bring them the Gospel for the first time. In two services there, 10 accepted the Savior. Pray for these villages and the new believers that they may remain true and firm in the faith in spite of opposition, persecution and temptation. Pray also that a worker may be found to lead and teach them the Way of Life more perfectly.

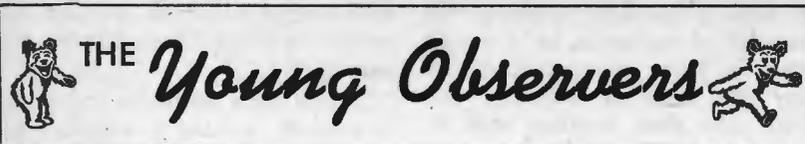
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Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls!

How many of you have done valiantly with God this week? Who has been brave in telling others about Jesus and in fighting sin?

By now, most of you will have closed your school doors and you are beginning to enjoy the two months of holiday. It is a good feeling to be free for a change, isn't it? What will you all be doing? I'll try to guess. Some of you will be going to Camp to play and swim with other children and to learn more about Jesus. Some of you will visit your uncles or grandfathers on the farm. Still others will stay at home and play in the parks, while a few will travel far away by car, by train or maybe even by plane and boat.

I wonder why God gives us a holiday every once in a while? It must be because he wants our mind and body to have a rest so that in September we'll be stronger to work than ever before. He certainly doesn't want us to be lazy and never help mother. He doesn't want us just to loaf and waste our time. He wants us to do something good every minute. This good might be mowing a lawn, having a game of ball, doing dishes, running an errand, going on a picnic or reading a good book. Oh, I can't tell you all the good things there are to do. But you know which are good and which are bad, don't you? So, to have a happy holiday, let's do the good things, and in all these things let's remember that we are God's children and must behave as such.

But there is someone who will not be taking a holiday this summer. I'm glad he isn't, because he is the one who "is with us and will keep us in all places" (Gen. 28:15). Yes, God has promised to watch over you and me in all places, wherever we are during this whole summer. Isn't that wonderful? He never takes a holiday. He is always with us. That will make our holiday especially happy!

Love,
Aunt Selma.

The Teacher Was Moody

"Miss Smith was in a bad mood again today," Doris told her brother Irvin when she came home after school. She was going to say a lot more, but at that moment her mother came along and remarked in passing, "So you've got something to scold about again, eh?"

At that all the unkind words that Doris was going to say seemed stuck in her throat. "It's true, I didn't want to scold again," she remembered suddenly. "I was first going to look at things through the eyes of the other person. If only I knew how that could be done with Miss Smith. With children I can do it, but how can one do that with a stern old maid?"

"What are you dreaming about," Irvin asked, giving Doris a poke in the ribs. "Continue where you left off. Whom did Miss Smith put on the carpet this time?"

"Oh, let me alone," Doris snapped and ran into the kitchen, leaving a very much puzzled brother in the living room.

"Mom, how can I find out why Miss Smith is so moody?" Doris asked as she entered the kitchen. Her mother, who was just rolling pieces of fish in flour before frying them, answered, "It's not hard

to guess why she becomes angry with such unruly pupils."

"Ah, Mom, you always say that," lamented Doris. "Believe me, she often scolds children for things that they don't even do."

"Well, maybe something is wrong at home and she cannot help but be upset when she comes to school," her mother commented. "At any rate, it won't help matters to talk about her. You could, for example, empty the wastebasket. That would certainly be much more useful."

Before Doris knew what she was doing she was carrying the pail down the stairs and out, thinking: "I'll never go to the kitchen again when I want to ask Mother something." And yet she couldn't forget the thought that maybe Miss Smith was sometimes in a bad mood because of conditions at home. Every time the girls in the class talked about their "moody" teacher she thought of it. But she always remembered it only after she had said something unkind about the teacher. One day Doris began praying, "Dear Lord Jesus, please help me not to say unkind things about Miss Smith."

Two weeks passed. Sometimes Doris was able to control her

tongue—sometimes she failed. It took a lot of effort to keep on saying her little prayer because the thought would come, "Why don't you stop praying? It doesn't help anything anyway."

Then one Monday she had a strange experience. She and Irvin were walking to a new park when they decided to take a short cut. In doing so, they found themselves walking along a street in a district where they had never been before. Suddenly they heard someone behind them calling out in a strange voice. It sounded so strange that both children jumped, hardly daring to turn around and see who made such a strange noise.

Irvin turned around first to see who had such an unusual voice. "Hey, Doris, just look at that," he whispered, starting to giggle. Doris turned and saw a strange-looking figure walking behind them. She, too, started laughing. There was an old lady promenading down the sidewalk. She had her coat on inside out, her hat was on crooked, on one foot she had a high black overshoe and on the other foot none. To top it off she seemed to have picked up a stone from the roadway and was cradling it in both hands. In a high-pitched voice she was talking to the stone, "My little Peter, have I found you again? No, my little bird, you are not going to fly away again. No! No! No!"

Over and over again the elderly lady said this to the stone, lovingly stroking it again and again. Her eyes stared blankly into the distance. The children stopped laughing and, as if agreed upon, started running away as fast as they could. They were so scared that they almost ran into a young woman coming around the corner.

"Who's chasing you," the woman asked jokingly.

"We saw such a strange old lady," coughed Doris, her breath coming in gasps.

"Oh yes," the woman nodded. "I can understand that. She does frighten you sometimes. Poor Mrs. Smith."

"Mrs. Smith?" Doris and Irvin asked in one voice.

"Yes, do you know her?" the lady exclaimed in surprise.

"No," said Doris, "We don't know the old lady, but we have a teacher who is called Miss Smith."

"Is that right? That will be the daughter of the poor old lady," was the reply. "She is a teacher, I know that. I'm sure you are happy to have her as a teacher. She's a wonderful person. Her mother has been mentally unbalanced for quite a few months already (she had a stroke) and many have advised Miss Smith to place her mother in a home for the mentally ill, but Miss Smith has refused to do it. She says, 'When mother was well she did so much for me that I won't let strange people take care of her now that she is ill.' I am just surprised that she manages to

look after her mother and teach at the same time. She certainly must become quite confused at times when her mother acts so strangely."

"Yes," whispered Doris in a barely audible voice, "she must." And in that moment she knew that God had answered her prayer. She knew now why Miss Smith was so moody at times and seemed so ill-tempered. Her mother was ill and she had to take care of her month after month, meanwhile working as a teacher during the day.

Never would she say anything unkind anymore about her teacher.

Yes, children, it is so easy to say unkind things about others when we really don't know too much about them. That's why it is best not to say bad things about others. Jesus was never unkind, he never said something untrue about another person or tried to make others seem bad.

BIBLE QUIZ

The Bible is compared to many things. Unscramble the words and find out.

1. gthli (Psalm 119:105)
2. rnrriro (James 1:23)
3. klim (I Corinthians 3:2)
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FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(66th Installment)

Liesbeth was stunned when a week or two later Katja told her the facts. That night Liesbeth prayed the longest and most serious prayer she had ever uttered in her life, with the exception, possibly, of the one in the attic the day of the fire. She asked God, if possible, to send a thunderstorm to kill her by lightning so that she would not have to go through months and maybe years of suffering. Then she wondered why He had done it to her. He had spared her life when her friends had dropped to the left and to the right of her. He had helped her leave the Molotchna just before World War I had broken out and to escape the Russian Revolution, the great Russian famine, the horrors of communism and to get an education and become a teacher. What for? Just to be killed by bacilli? Ah, but she was mistaken! Slowly she realized that He had been wonderful to her. After all, it was only by the grace of God that those wonderful things had happened to her. How ungrateful she was! Instead of questioning His wisdom, she should be thankful for past favors and willing to resign herself to her fate many, many years after some of her young friends had done so, bravely and willingly. A ray of hope appeared and she prayed that God would help her to get well, even if by a miracle.

That miracle already had happened in surgery a week before. God had again answered her prayer before she had spoken it. The doctor convinced her of it when she talked to him the next day. Hers was a closed case, there was no danger of infecting others, and the surgery had eradicated the disease. A check-up a year later proved that the doctor was right.

When September rolled around, she was as good as new and none the worse for her experience of the summer.

By that time Franz and the girls had finished college and were teaching. August had married an adopted daughter of the Alexanderwohl old-timer's neighbors who as a young couple had gone to Kansas from the Molotchna. After a while David married a direct descendant of the elder Wedel who had guided a group of Mennonites from Alexanderwohl to the Goessel, Kansas, prairies. Jakob was married to a farmer's daughter and was managing his own ranch. Franz became a high school principal and after a while married his homemaking teacher. Katja mar-

ried her principal. Then Vater died, and after a few more years Anna passed away. Mascha was teaching away from home. Within a comparatively brief time, the family circle had practically disintegrated.

Liesbeth was able to adjust herself to the changed family pattern. She organized her work into a more relaxed design of teaching. Then she began to think in more concrete terms about completing her education. Unwittingly, she made a mistake and put an obstacle in the way of her plans.

She realized that two or three years of study and research at a university would require quite an amount of capital. It would cut deeply into her modest savings. When she had the opportunity, she bought a grocery store in a neighboring town, of all things, putting her entire savings into it. She continued teaching. In three or four years, she believed, the profit would be sufficient to pay for her additional education. In a year she was obliged to close the doors of the business enterprise.

That experience would have crushed the spirit of most people, but not Liesbeth. In fact, it had an opposite effect upon her. It made her one of the happiest people on earth. She never in her life had owned a penny that was not due her, nor had she ever taken another person's money that she had not earned. For a few weeks she had feared that she might not have sufficient assets to pay all bills immediately; but when she completed the liquidation of the store, she found that every creditor and employee had received his due. There was even a small balance and a few uncollected accounts left over. For her that was a gratifying experience, but that was not what made her the happiest. There was another reason.

The day she closed the store she knew that she had lost her savings. She was poor once more. She realized more than ever before that she was at God's mercy. She had a good job, but He could take her health away from her in a short time and she would be a helpless physical and financial invalid. Her hands were tied. Then, on second thought, she saw it all differently. There was one thing she could do. With an honest, trusting and unprejudiced mind she faced God and said to Him, "All my life I have been planning in a big way, and this time, and many other times before, I have failed. Now you take over and do the planning for me. I'll stay in

the background, if I can, and do your bidding." She did not say it smoothly. She faltered, a few words at a time; but before she finished the last sentence, her face relaxed in a smile that felt broader than any that her face had ever produced before. In her heart there was the knowledge of a brighter tomorrow, and the faith that the best was yet to be.

The all-powerful owner of the whole universe, her senior partner in charge of her financial business, was far more successful than she ever had been. Better positions and higher salaries came her way. Each year the balance sheet showed a larger net profit than the year before. Within a few years the entire loss of her business failure of a few years before had been recouped.

One day, when World War II ended, Liesbeth learned that Johann had just been granted a Master of Theology. Years before he had attended the A to Z secondary school in Berkeley. Later in that city, with his younger sons and daughters, he had attended the University of California, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree. Still later, another university had given him a Bachelor of Theology. Evidently he was trying to keep a shade ahead of his children, Liesbeth reasoned. Then she mused, "If Johann manages to support a home and family and attend school to that extent, I should be able to go back to school." She had the means and decided to take the time for it.

Happily one June day she cleaned out her school desk and packed away her syllabuses and notes. Some of her teacher friends envied her. Others pitied her. As for Liesbeth, she was sitting on top of the world. She had been admitted to the graduate division of the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada.

As the car that she and a teacher friend were driving crossed the Colorado River and pointed its radiator cap toward Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Liesbeth sat relaxed, her eyes sparkling in anticipation of things to come. In Boulder, Colorado, Liesbeth attended a class reunion at the University of Colorado, that some years before had conferred a master's degree upon her. Crossing the southern part of the Midwest, she thought of her Uncle Jakob in Nebraska who had sent her the Indian costume, bow and arrows, and who had died before she had had a chance to get acquainted with him. For a long time she had been wanting to make this trip. Bitter experiences and work always had prevented her from going. This time, at last, she was free to go where she pleased and to do whatever she chose. It was a pleasant feeling. She had no idea how far she would go, but at least she was starting out.

CHAPTER XXXII

BEYOND THE CIRCLE

It was a delightful experience a few days later for history-conscious

Liesbeth to ride into one of the most picturesque cities in the world—beautiful Washington, D.C. She and her friend drove along the wide tree-lined Pennsylvania Avenue between the Capitol and the White House, then along Massachusetts Avenue lined with double rows of graceful shade trees. They saw the hundreds of Japanese cherry trees which had been planted in the West Potomac Park about a year before Liesbeth, in the Baltimore harbor, had thought of America's capital a short distance away.

The historic architectural masterpieces near the White House, the Mall with the Lincoln Memorial, the Reflecting Pool and Botanic Gardens and the National Capitol fascinated Liesbeth. The Supreme Court Building of white marble with eight tall Corinthian columns at its entrance and the quaint Renaissance-type Library of Congress of dark granite with nearly ten million books was most impressive. Washington was rich in culture and history. There were so many inviting college campuses, attractive churches, magnificent schools of art, elaborate training centers for the handicapped. Many museums, libraries and other institutions of the arts, sciences and faiths dotted the city; it was refreshing and inspiring just to look at them. However, Liesbeth did much more than that.

It was the United States National Museum of the Smithsonian Institute that thrilled her especially. Decades before, it had been founded for the purpose of increasing and diffusing knowledge. It certainly was living up to its objective. Several times, as she examined the archaeology, paleontology and natural history exhibits of the museum, she expressed regret that so few of her high school science students had the opportunity to see such displays. She wished that the nation's capital might be in the center of the country's population, so that more persons would have the opportunity to see it, to be informed and thrilled by it and to be proud of it. For, after all, it was their own city, and those governing there and transacting the nation's business were their employees. They, the people, had directly or indirectly elected the federal employees. They paid their salaries and they discarded those workers when they ceased to be useful to the citizenry.

(To be continued)

Phoning to check on a travel schedule recently, a southern pastor was not getting exactly the information he wanted. Since he had not identified himself to the "nameless" girl clerk on the other phone, he let go a blast telling her exactly what he thought of her service.

Her calm, helpless answer was, "I'm sorry. I'm doing the best I can, Pastor."

The Throng in Hong Kong

Norman A. Wingert
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Seventeen square miles of deep, land-locked water explains the existence of Hong Kong. One of the most nearly perfect natural harbors in the world, it is a prize for any maritime country and over a century ago Captain Elliot of empire-building Britain said "England must have it."

England got it. The lump of land on the harbor's south side — a mountainous island of just 32 square miles — was ceded her by China in 1841. It became Britain's easternmost possession. And in the last century, harbor trade and refugees have populated the island's scarce flatlands to the tune of one and a half million persons. Both the harbor and the island have become known as Hong Kong.

England wanted also the land on the north side of the harbor. In 1868 China ceded that too, a little more than three square miles of tiny peninsula jutting down from China's massive mainland. The area has been called Kowloon, and the years have jampacked a round million people into it.

But England needed still more than these tiny bits of land that rim the harbor. In 1898 she and China came to an agreement whereby the border was pushed back northward about 20 miles, thus adding to the Crown Colony an area of 355 square miles which became known as the New Territories.

Loss Possible

China had ceded Hong Kong and Kowloon outright, but the New Territories was transferred on a lease basis, and that for only 99 years. The Colony therefore stands to lose most of its area in 40 years should China not agree to renewal of the lease. But that is still a long way off, and three and a half hundred thousand people have hunted out every tidbit of arable land hidden among the mountain boulders and along the jig-sawed coastline.

So then the island of Hong Kong plus the peninsula of Kowloon plus the New Territories equals the present British Crown Colony of Hong Kong. The name applies generally to the total 391 square miles of the three acquired areas as well as specifically to the original island. Should you write a letter to someone living on the island, you would address it merely "Hong Kong." But should you write to someone on the peninsula, you would address it, "Kowloon, Hong Kong."

Since the excellency of the harbor Hong Kong accounts for the British Crown Colony Hong Kong, it follows that from the beginning the Colony's population backbone were well-to-do traders and mer-

chants. With goods-hungry China at her back door and with South-east Asia's sea lanes converging on her front gate, the Colony grew increasingly prosperous.

Pearl of the Orient

Choked business marts and imposing white and brown-stone residences, some of them dotting the rimming mountains like sugar cubes, enhance the impression of wealth and elegance. No wonder that with all the natural assets and with the Britisher's fine art of colonization, Hong Kong could well be called "Pearl of the Orient!"

To change the imagery, Hong Kong became an international household with an atmosphere of blended cultures: the British, the masters of the household; wealthy Chinese, Indian and other national traders, the mother; and poorer Chinese, the household servants. There was room enough in the house for all, and up to the time of the modern political upheavals, there was comparative peace and prosperity within the household.

But with the coming of spasmodic civil wars in China, many refugees crossed over the artificial border and found sanctuary in the Hong Kong household. In 1932 the Japanese attack on China began. By 1937 Canton, less than a hundred miles to the north, had been captured, and as the Japanese Army advanced to the British border, several hundreds of thousands of refugees fled before it.

Uninvited Guests

For four years the stream of refugees flowed southward into the Colony, and the householder's spare rooms were bulging with the uninvited guests. The British did not make them go back, but they did find it necessary to seal up the border. And when, in 1941, Japan mounted its assault on the Colony itself, this mass of refugees proved to be a major impediment to its defense and was a contributing factor to its downfall. Japan took Hong Kong.

The Japanese proved to be less tolerant than the British had been. Since there was not room enough in the little house for both Japanese and refugees, the latter had to get out. In the first two years of the new regime, the Japanese landlord expelled a million of them, thus reversing the refugee flow.

Though reduced to a trickle, the stream continued northward up to the time when, in 1945, Hong Kong again came into the hands of the British. By then the population had dropped to an estimated half million.

Communism's Flood

On the China Mainland, Communism was now coming into the ascendancy. But the Communist regime was disliked even more than

the Japanese had been, and so, with the Hong Kong border barriers again let down, the stream of refugees southward started all over again, this time in near flood-stage volume.

In the five years between 1945 and 1950, Hong Kong's population increased almost five-fold. The Colony household had no room (or so it thought!) in its little house for even the proverbial "one more", and so reimposed immigration restrictions.

But legally or illegally, refugees have continued to come, and still continue to come today, and the Colony has not the heart to send them back. With the population pointer past the three million mark, Chinese hopeless and homeless are still queuing up at the Colony household door to ask for permanent lodging, be it a tin-and-cardboard shack or a roof-top bed space.

Too Many For Too Little

In order to become properly aware of the present status of affairs in Hong Kong, it is necessary to grasp how little this "little house" really is, and how impossible it seems to squeeze three millions plus of people into it.

You will remember that by adding up the areas of the three land acquisitions the total comes out to 391 square miles. With the present estimated population of more than three million, the average population density per square mile in the Colony figures out to 7,500.

But that is still not the true picture. Of these 391 square miles, 12 square miles are developed for residential, commercial and industrial purposes; 50 square miles are cultivated; while the remainder is largely hillside or swamp and is useless and generally uninhabitable.

Three Millions

The immediately useable land of the Colony is therefore 62 square miles, and the average population density becomes an incredible 50,000. Compare, if you will, Hong Kong's 3,000,000 persons sardine-packed into these 62 square miles with New Zealand's 1,800,000 people moving about in 104,000 square miles. The population density ratio is 50,000 to 18.

According to the *Hong Kong Annual Report for 1957* and supplementary information from various sources, the distribution of three million is today approximately as follows: 50% on Hong Kong island, 33% in Kowloon, 12% in the New Territories, and 5% boat dwellers on the waters around and within the Colony.

A look down from Victoria Peak on a clear day suggests that the vast majority of the three million are crowded into the Hong Kong

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

'Muscular' Evangelism

A return to a "muscular type" of evangelism is needed today to bring the evangelical church back to the Scriptures, Dr. A. W. Tozer of Chicago, editor of *The Alliance Witness*, told an audience at the Alliance Tabernacle in Winnipeg recently. Dr. Tozer was in Winnipeg to attend the 61st general council of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

"There is too lean a godliness, too much spiritual blubber," Dr. Tozer said. "We have left our repentance of sins, which included the forsaking of them, we have left discipleship out of conversion, we have made the way of the cross easy, glittering as on a Christmas card, instead of with thorns for the believer."

Christianity today is produced by using the methods of men in big business, in show business and advertising, instead of conversion, he charged.

Bob Pierce Says Russia Visit Was 'Wonderful but Frightening'

Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., has recently returned from a seven-week tour of Europe and Russia. He said his visits to the Protestant churches of Russia were "the most wonderful, but frightening" experiences in his ministry. He said he was thrilled to see the Moscow churches, though few in number, overflowing with Christians who deeply love the Lord Jesus. He said he wept for joy as he looked into the glowing faces of Christians in Kiev and heard them sing "Revive Us Again." But he enumerated five factors which, he said, are steadily stifling the churches in Russia:

Dr. Pierce's five factors: 1) He said the vast majority of the people attending church are middle age and beyond. There are few young people. 2) No Sunday schools are permitted in Russia. 3) Education is compulsory and from the age of seven every boy and girl in school is pressured to join the communist sponsored Young Octobrists and then Young Pioneers. They are given special privileges and wear colorful neckerchiefs as identification. "What child would have the courage not to join?" Dr. Pierce asked. 4) The Protestant churches do not have a single seminary in Russia for training ministers. 5) Bibles are very scarce. It is impossible to buy a Bible in a Russian bookstore. What Bibles are produced are distributed only through churches. And Russia, which prints more books than any other nation, printed only 10,000

Bibles in 1957. Prior to that time none was printed whatever for 30 years. "It was heart-breaking to see Christians trying to keep the decaying leaves of their Bibles together with strings," said Dr. Pierce. "What couldn't be held with strings they carried in bags."

Aged Pastor in Spain Hopes for New Church

A Protestant pastor who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as pastor of one of Spain's few evangelical churches, still hopes that his rundown old church can be replaced with a new building. White-haired, 80-year-old Pastor Hans Fliedner serves the Lutheran Church of Jesus in Madrid.

In the 50 years of Pastor Fliedner's ministry, he has known only five years of religious freedom — during the time of the Spanish Republic, from 1931 to 1936. Through the whole Spanish Civil War of 1936-39 Pastor Fliedner stayed with his Madrid congregation, although for a long time his home was on the front line of battle, with artillery fire whining overhead.

CANADASCOPE

Manitoba Government Resigns

One week after the Manitoba electors trimmed the Liberal-Progressive party standing in the 57-seat legislative assembly from 34 to 19, Premier Douglas Campbell announced he would resign as premier and advise the lieutenant governor to call on Duff Roblin, the Progressive-Conservative leader, to form a government. The Conservatives gained 26 seats in the election, three short of a majority. The CCF party has 11 seats in the new legislature.

Crop Situation Worsening

The crop situation on the eastern prairies is continually growing worse as drought conditions continue. Unless wide-spread rain falls the already badly-stunted grain crop will be just half of the average crop. Even a general rain will not recoup the losses now evident.

Alberta's crop is considerably better and agricultural officials there say that the province can produce average grain yields.

18 Die in Bridge Disaster

Supports for two sections of the projected \$16,000,000 Second Narrows bridge in Vancouver suddenly crumpled on June 17, killing 18 men. Sixteen bodies have been

recovered, but it is believed the other two were washed away by rip tides.

Chief Justice Sherwood Lett of the British Columbia supreme court began an investigation the next day into the collapse of the bridge.

Seaway to Cut Wheat Transportation Costs

Transportation Minister Hon. George Hees has declared that the cost of shipping wheat from Fort William to Montreal under the proposed St. Lawrence seaway tolls should be cut by at least four cents with the opening of the waterway next year.

He said that similar savings on shipments of other commodities, including iron ore, should be "substantial."

Protectionist Budget for Canada

The "most protectionist budget since the 1930's" was brought down by Hon. Donald Fleming, minister of finance, in the House of Commons last week. The higher tariff walls included increased barriers against imports of British woollen goods, raised duties on pipes and tubes, some iron, steel and zinc products, and foreshadowed increases on a number of other commodities.



The Restraint of Law

By James H. Hunter, Noted Author
Editor and Commentator

It is law that governs the universe, or perhaps we should say universes. That is something to remember today when men think they can set law at defiance and get away with it. Children too need to be taught that law must be obeyed, that the great laws, physical and moral, cannot be broken — they break us.

Life is made up of obeying. The stars in their courses, the vast solar systems and galaxies composed of innumerable stars and whirling through inconceivable orbits of space down to the electron moving round the proton in the atom are all obeying the same law that God has impressed upon matter. God is a God of law and order, and the chaos and confusion, the sadness and the suffering obtaining in the world today are all the result of man's refusal to obey the laws of God. These laws are made not for our hurt, nor some arbitrary exaction imposed upon us by a cruel dictator to restrict our liberty or happiness, but walls erected for our preservation and our safety.

We live in a world of lawlessness and consequently a world of fear. It has been the dream of many that they might be freed from the restraint of law and be at liberty to do that which they pleased. Many have advocated such a state as utopia. It is a dream of dreadful ruin and swift destruction.

If one star, one planet, one sys-

tem in all the vastness of the heavens above refused to obey the laws God has made it would immediately fall to complete and utter destruction. All life is obeying, and the highest freedom man can enjoy is strict obedience to the laws of God. Children should early be taught that learning to obey is life's first and greatest lesson. God is love. That is true. All is love but all is governed by law.

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Kindergarten Held at Gospel Light Church

Brandon, Man. — On June 20 the Gospel Light Mission held the closing exercises of the 9-week Kindergarten Course. Forty youngsters from different parts of the city were enrolled in the course conducted by Miss Marion Kliever and Miss Clara Hyde, teachers. Rev. Warkentin, the organizer and pastor of the mission, assisted by Mrs. O. Funk, provided the transportation for the two classes held before and after dinner.

All the parents who had youngsters turned out to see their children perform some of the exercises they had learned during the course, which were characteristic of the type of things they would do in school. Rev. Warkentin spoke to the group and emphasized the importance of writing worthwhile things upon the indelible minds of these youngsters. Rev. Warkentin stated that the same opportunities for youngsters would be offered again next year.

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Weddings

Hildebrandt — Wiens

Miss Ellen Wiens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wiens, Coaldale, Alta., and John Hildebrandt, son of Mrs. Hildebrandt of Grassy Lake, Alta., were married on June 15 in the Coaldale M.B. church. Rev. Jacob Siemens officiated. Rev. Eckert of the Calgary Free Evangelical Church gave an English message.

The couple will reside on the groom's farm at Grassy Lake, Alta.

Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Reimer (nee Magdalene Dick) of Coaldale, Alta., are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter, Doreen Fay, on June 9.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Penner (nee Selma Kroeker) of East Kildonan, Man., a girl, on June 17.

Twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Derksen, missionaries in Japan, on June 11. Their names are William Paul and Wanda Marie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Froese of St. Catharines, Ont., a daughter, Marjory Lynn, a sister for Ronnie.



Big and Little Lam

Old Father Lam is dead. He died in a lorry accident.

His wife, sick with tuberculosis, suffered shock after his death and also died. At their squalid little hut in the squatter area in Homan-tin they left three children.

The oldest, 12, is now "Big Lam." There is also his younger sister and "Little Lam." "Big Lam" has the task of feeding the family.

When he can run errands — like fetching water or delivering groceries — he can make enough money for a couple of bowls of rice. But he prefers to be paid in food.

Even when there are no errands to run, "Big Lam" must still find food for four persons. So he takes "Little Lam" by the hand and the two make the rounds at meal time with their bowls.

Generous neighbors, who have a little more, sometimes give the young Lams the leftovers of their meals. Usually it means a spoonful from this hut and one from that until they have enough.

There are thousands of youngsters in Hong Kong who duplicate this account, furnished by the National Lutheran Council. Without the supplementary food supplies given by MCC and other relief agencies they would probably die.

Objector Bill Gets Mennonite Support

Mennonites of Belgium have urged the Belgian parliament to approve a bill which would grant recognition to conscientious objectors.

The Brussels and Bourgeois-Rixensart congregations asked parliament to "recall that their religious and moral convictions, based on the faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings, and defined from the time of the reformation by their spiritual ancestors in the confessions of faith of Schleithem in 1527 and Dordrecht in 1632, forbid them as Christians the use of violence."

The Belgian Mennonites said, "These convictions have already given place among us to a refusal of all service in the army, the penalty which has punished this refusal represented neither an advantage to society nor a correct comprehension of the incriminating deed."

The statement said they would "continue to pray in these troubled times when basic liberties and dignities of the spirit are as much threatened as the life of the nations, that those who govern them may be continually sustained by the grace of God."

Currently there is no provision for objectors in Belgium. Young men face the alternative of 18 months imprisonment or three years of underground work in coal mines and loss of civil rights. A number of Roman Catholics have registered as objectors in the past few years, and a small Protestant peace group has been active.

Membership in the Belgian Mennonite congregations number around 30 persons. Individuals or congregations are located in Brussels, Bourgeois-Rixensart, La Hulpe, Ruysbroek, Limal and Ohain. The Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities started the first work there in 1950.

Religiously Belgium is predominantly Roman Catholic. There are an estimated 90,000 Protestant Christians in the total population of 8,778,000.

Volunteers Care for Retarded Children

The four MCC volunteers working at the Children's Center at Laurel, Md., are attending classes taught by social workers and educators for the purpose of learning the special techniques in caring for the Center's mentally-retarded children.

"There is so much to learn about each child before one really can do

effective work with them," comments Lucille Detweiler (Fairview, Mich.). The volunteers are assistants to counselors in the children's villages.

Volunteer Elaine Landes (Lansdale, Pa.) became teacher of a class of children when the regular teacher was hospitalized for an indefinite length of time.

The institution is operated by the Department of Public Welfare of the District of Columbia.

Rain, Feast — Drought, Starve

A note from Mast Stoltzfus (Elverson, Pa.), who works in agricultural development with the International Christian Service for Peace at Oulmes, Morocco, says the team is trying to find ways of tiding both feed and cattle over drought months.

"When there is rain," he writes, "the cows, sheep and goats can feast, but in the dry part of the summer they have nothing prepared for them, so the animal is either sold or they dry up with the grass."

Wheat is one of the major crops of the area, but drought conditions have prevailed. The farmers are very poor.

ICSP is an international organization for conscientious objectors to perform work in lieu of military service. Men from four nations are serving with an agricultural improvement station operated by the Moroccan government.

Executive secretary of ICSP is Milton Harder (Butterfield, Minn.). Mr. Stoltzfus is the MCC volunteer on the team.

Mennonite Brethren Board of Welfare

— Brother and Sister Hans Kasdorf who serve the Mennonite Brethren group in Blumenau, Brazil, were to be ordained recently. Participating in the ordination service at Blumenau were the Brethren G. H. Sukkau, Peter Klassen Sr. from Fernheim, Paraguay, and Hansi Goertz from Bouqueirao, Curitiba, Brazil.

— Brother Gerhard Schartner has resigned from his responsibilities as leading minister of the Bage Mennonite Brethren Church in Brazil. Brother William Janzen has been elected as the new leader. The Bage Church in southern Brazil not far from the Uruguayan border has a membership of nearly 300.

— Brother Gerhard Balzer, Fernheim, Paraguay, writes that the results of this year's crop are quite varied, but over all they are below average in yields. Results vary according to rainfall. Castor beans, he says, had a good price. It was difficult to find a good market for cotton and the price of peanuts was lower than in previous years.

— The Mennonite Brethren fellowship in Blumenau, Brazil, was greatly blessed in its first harvest-mission festival. The festival was held on May 18. Brother R. C. Seibel was the guest speaker. He preached on harvest-thanksgiving in the morning and home missions in the afternoon. Brother Kasdorf, the pastor, spoke on foreign missions.

— Brother Kasdorf writes that the attendance at the monthly street meetings conducted by the Blumenau fellowship is indeed challenging. The Baptists conduct their part of the service in Portuguese and our people in German. "In this way hundreds of people hear the story of the cross in song and message and receive the Gospel of salvation through tracts in both languages," according to Brother Kasdorf.

The Throng in Hong Kong

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and Kowloon cities — no more than ten square miles. It has been officially stated that there are areas in those cities with over 2,000 persons to the acre.

Half Exist

Hong Kong is a dam that must constantly build its dykes higher... And still the stream flows and the dam deepens and the United Nations has recognized Hong Kong to be the densest refugee-populated spot on earth. Half the people in the Colony live comfortably; the other half exist.

The problem in Hong Kong is the problem of people. It would be grossly unfair to blame this situation on the British. They did not make it; it was forced onto them. In truth, they deserve highest commendation for the resolute manner in which they have met and are still meeting the herculean job of making room for the uninvited guests in this constricted free-world port.

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HIGH SCHOOLS

Eden Christian College

The last term at Eden was marked by a number of important events and activities.

On May 16, the M.B. Bible Institute from Kitchener visited us. We enjoyed the message given by Rev. C. Braun, the student testimonies and the songs by the choir.

Our annual Choral Concert was presented in the Eden auditorium May 17. Mr. Peter Dick, our music teacher, directed the Senior Choir. The guest artists were Mr. Stroh, flutist from Kitchener and Miss Joyce Redekop, pianist from St. Catharines. The school Male Chorus and the Ladies' Choir rendered special numbers. Miss Erna Goerzen was the piano accompanist for the three choirs.

May 30 exam week began at Eden. This was a trying time for all, and we were relieved when the last papers were written.

The Junior-Senior banquet climaxed the year's activities. The Grade XI class worked hard to make it a success, and now that it is over, we hope the teachers, Board members, parents and grads enjoyed it.

Sunday afternoon, June 8, the commencement exercises were held at Eden. Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal of the M.B. Bible School at Kitchener, was guest speaker. A total of forty-six graduates—the largest number in the history of the school—received their diplomas. We wish them God's blessing for their future endeavors.

Two of our teachers are leaving us this year — Miss Enns and Mr. Peter Hamm. May the Lord richly bless them in their new field of service. Mr. Walter Wiebe of Hepburn, Sask., will be the new member on the staff next year.

Joyce Schimpky.

Our Readers Say

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welcome eye-opener. Then your extremely readable religious and non-religious news reporting as well as your concise mission features all make the **Mennonite Observer** a worthwhile paper—at least in my opinion.

J. Thiessen,
Vancouver, B.C.

(We do not think safety a trite subject when, for example, 33 persons drowned over last weekend and 1,000 drown every summer in Canada alone—largely through carelessness.—Ed.)

From Korea

I want to thank you sincerely for having sent me the **Mennonite Observer** and the **Mennonitische**

Rundschau for the past several years. My stay here is now fast coming to a close... I will likely be leaving here around Sept. 1.

I am planning to go home the long way, the Lord willing. I hope to visit some of the M.B. mission stations in India, then visit the Middle East, Europe and go across the Atlantic to New York. After a few visits in the U.S.A. I hope to be home before Christmas.

I have never regretted coming to Korea and have learned much here. The work has been a great challenge and it is not easy to leave a work that has been so satisfying and encouraging. But I hope that the next nurse will be able to pick up from where I have left off, and with new zeal and great joy carry on the work I have tried to do among many hindrances and shortcomings.

Korea still has so many desperately poor people. Many sick cannot get treatment because they cannot pay for it. The Korean people as a whole have not learned to be responsible for their fellow man.

The Children's Hospital in which I have been working the three years that I have been here is especially concerned in caring for orphans and children of the poorest people. We have 60 beds and but seldom is one empty. The children are so well-behaved and so thankful. One ten-year-old boy who had to have a gall bladder stone removed by surgery was very concerned if his parents had to pay for the operation. He could hardly believe it when we told him that there was no charge. I think his parents had told him that he would likely have to die with the terrible pain, since they had no money to pay for an operation. To our joy he recovered and was restored to his thankful parents. Lives are being saved because we can give them free care—and that makes our work very worthwhile.

I shall never forget the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital. Serving here has been a great joy to me.

Margaret Wiens,
Pusan, Korea.

Should Be Read

We find the **Mennonite Observer** informative and a devotional help. It is a paper, we feel, our young people should read.

Peter G. Willems,
Saskatoon, Sask.

Enjoyed Migration Articles

I really enjoyed reading the articles on the migration of the Mennonites in three recent issues. May the Lord continue to bless you in this work.

Ernest Fast,
Vancouver, B.C.



Nine students graduated from the two-year course at the East Chilliwack Bible School. Here they are: front row, from left, Bernie Brandt, Abe Hamm, and Johnny Thielmann; second row, from left, Frieda Willms, Luise Dirks, Frieda Kroeker, Eva Rogalsky, Marlene Penner, and Agnes Wiebe.

Missionary Broadcasters Plan to Blanket the Globe

Communicating the gospel world wide is the challenge facing missionary radio according to Dr. Clarence W. Jones, chairman of the World Conference on Missionary Radio, which met at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, June 11 to 13.

"Our long range goal," he said, "is to have an AM missionary radio station in every important city of the world and by means of shortwave to lay down a barrage of gospel broadcasting that blankets the globe. To accomplish this we are meeting here to seek expansion of missionary radio and TV, to locate personnel and equipment and to coordinate efforts of the many agencies engaged in this important work."

Representatives of more than 25 groups engaged in missionary radio broadcasting met at Moody for the three day conference. In various parts of the globe these organizations operate 19 different longwave and shortwave radio stations and use 147 different languages in their program of global gospel evangelism. "Despite governmental restrictions and other hindrances," said Dr. Jones, "our biggest problem is lack of money and personnel needed to take advantage of every open door."

A big business by any standard, these missionary broadcasters have more than \$2.5 million invested in facilities and spend more than \$4 million yearly to keep their programs going. One of the biggest spenders in the business is the Missouri Lutheran synod with its "Lutheran Hour" and "This is Your Life" programs. This group annually spends \$2.5 million for operational expenditures and the purchase of radio and TV time. Its Lutheran Hour is now broadcast over 1250 stations in 67 countries

and in 57 languages according to Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, director of radio and television for the Missouri synod.

At the moment projects of expansion are going on around the world. The Far Eastern Broadcasting Company of Manila has plans for the immediate construction of a 100,000 watt AM station in Okinawa which will blanket all of Red China and Siberia. The Sudan Interior Mission, which operates ELWA in Monrovia, Liberia, plans to add a new 50,000 watt shortwave transmitter to cover all of Africa and the Near East. Still pioneering, HCJB will soon begin using television on an experimental closed circuit basis.

While tackling the problems of broadcasting, the missionary radio experts are also at work providing radios for their listeners. A research group headed by the Rev. Abe G. Thiessen of ELWA, working with engineers from WMBI, the Moody Bible Institute radio station, has produced a transistor radio that will operate on flashlight batteries for 500 hours. These are distributed to primitive native villages.

Russia and other Iron Curtain countries which are closed to other forms of missionary activity have been the target of extensive radio bombardment with the gospel. "Yet, despite the jamming of our broadcasts," says Robert Bowman of FEBC, Manila, "letters from listeners behind the Iron Curtain indicate that radio is their only contact with the gospel." Dr. Jones of HCJB said they had letters from Russia asking for Bibles. A report from the London office of the "Lutheran Hour" indicated that they had recently received 400 letters from Polish listeners in one month.

First Baptism at Calgary M.B. Church



Calgary, Alta. — Two believers followed the Lord in baptism on June 8 in the Highland M.B. Church here in the first baptismal service in the new worship centre.

Rev. J. A. Toews, who had arrived for an eight-day evangelistic campaign, served as guest speaker at the afternoon service. He based his message on Acts 9:17-22, presenting Paul's experience as an example to all others. Rev. Toews stressed that faith and baptism are inseparably tied together, pointing

out that after taking the step of baptism believers have more intimate fellowship with God's children, they become joyous Christians, and have a more powerful witness for Christ.

After the message Rev. H. Thielman baptized Mrs. Tina Rogalsky and Miss Marjory Paloski and then officiated at the reception into the church of the new members.

Three others were added to the church through transfer of membership from other churches.

Brandon Mission Worker Ordained

By Otto Funk

Brandon, Man. — Mr. L. D. Warkentin, leader of the Brandon Gospel Light Mission, was ordained in the Alexander M.B. church on the afternoon of June 22. It was an important event for the mission, and since it followed the dedication of the new church by only one month it was a fitting climax to Mr. Warkentin's work in Brandon.

The work in Brandon, started about 3½ years ago, has progressed and expanded since Rev. Lawrence D. Warkentin took over as a full-

time worker two years ago. He graduated from the M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg in 1956 and the work here in Brandon was his first assignment.

A congregation of about 175 people witnessed the ordination of Rev. Warkentin. A combined choir of Brandon and Alexander young people under the direction of Henry Thiessen sang three times during the program. Rev. A. Froese and Rev. D. Derksen, both of Boissevain, were the main speakers at the ordination.

The first song by the choir, "Ernster heil'ger Augenblick", set the mood for the impressive ceremony that followed. In his message Rev. Froese enumerated some of the primary qualities of a minister as

recorded in I and II Timothy. It was a suitable passage for so young a minister and, like Timothy, Rev. Warkentin has the responsibility of leading and guiding the young people of Brandon. Rev. Froese enumerated the following qualities as listed by the Apostle Paul: a sense of authority, an exemplary life, hospitable, practising self-discipline, filled with love, and having the ability to teach. He must have a message and a blessedness in his work.

Rev. D. Derksen, who spoke in German, had for his theme "The Relation of the Church to the Minister", as recorded in I Thess. 5:12-13 and Gal. 6:6. He said, "The Church of Christ is the most important thing in the universe. The position of the church in the world is unique; that is the reason why Satan is so intent on bringing the church to fall." Among the duties of the church to the minister, Rev. Derksen emphasized the following: God chooses and selects but the church acknowledges or gives recognition to the minister through moral support and prayer. A church must acknowledge his leadership. It must esteem him highly in love. It must be at peace with him. It must say kind words and give tokens of recognition to his work. And finally, the church must support the minister financially.

Rev. D. Derksen performed the ordination, which was followed by a solo rendition of "O leg auf's Haupt", beautifully sung by Jake Janzen. Many ministers and deacons, including the mission patriarch, John Wood, publicly wished the Warkentins well by a suitable Scripture passage.

Rev. Warkentin answered the charge placed upon him with the following words: "With Moses I must say I can't fulfill this charge, but with Paul I will say I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." As a theme for his life, Rev. Warkentin quoted the following poem:

Let me burn out for Thee dear Lord,
Burn, and wear out for Thee.
Don't let me rest, or my life will be
A failure, my God, to Thee.

Use me and all I have, dear Lord.
Draw me so close to Thee,
Till I feel the throb of the great
Heart of God,
Until I burn out for Thee.

He concluded his answer to the charge with the following words: "Let me not live one day longer than I serve."

On the Horizon

June 28 to July 1 — Teenage camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Manitoba. Rev. Walter Wiebe, Hepburn, will speak.
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.

July 3 to 21—Brunk revival campaign at Abbotsford.

July 4 to 9 — The forty-eighth sessions of the Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference will be held in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg, Man.

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

July 11 to 13 — Youth Retreat at the Winkler Bible Camp.

July 13 to 20. — Bible Camp for boys up to the age of 13 at Redberry Bible Camp, Saskatchewan.

July 15 to 23 — Second children's camp at the Winkler Bible Camp.

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

July 20 to 27. — Bible camp for girls up to the age of 13 at Redberry Bible Camp, Saskatchewan.

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

July 27 to Aug. 2. — Bible camp for youth, age 14 and up, at Redberry Bible Camp, Saskatchewan.

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

August 1 to 3 — The Youth Missionary Conference of the Alberta Mennonite Brethren churches will be held at Vauxhall, Alta. Rev. J. B. Toews will speak.

August 1 to 3 — The annual Sunday school workers' conference of the M. B. churches in Manitoba will convene at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp, Arnes, Man.

August 1 to 4 — Youth Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. Address inquiries to 834 Lorne Ave. East, Brandon, Man.

August 5 to 14 — Children's Camp at the Gospel Light Bible Camp, Clear Lake, Man. This camp is sponsored by the Gospel Light Mission at Brandon.

August 6 to 15. — Mission children's camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp.

August 15 to 17 — Manitoba-wide youth camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Dr. F. C. Peters will speak.

August 25 to 29—Youth Camp sponsored by the British Columbia M.B. Youth Committee for young people ages 13 to 16.

August 30 to 31—Annual Youth Rally of Mennonite Brethren churches in British Columbia, to be held at the Pentecostal Camp, Clayburn.

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