

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Record Receipts for Foreign Missions

**Winnipeg, Man.** — A record total of \$341,455.71 was received from the Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada for foreign missions during the past year, the report of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions given during the annual Canadian conference in the North Kildonan M. B. church revealed.

Meeting in session from July 5 to 9, the 353 delegates were told that this compared with the approximately \$274,000.00 received last year for foreign missions. It also compared favourably with the \$263,487.58 received from Mennonite Brethren churches in the United States during the same period.

Canadian giving to foreign missions has more than doubled in less than ten years, showing an increased interest in, and understanding for, missions. The mission board execu-

utive expressed itself thankful for this development and expressed the hope that prayer interest will have kept pace with the increase in financial contributions.

The executive secretary, Rev. A. E. Janzen, also announced that in addition to the previously announced missionary appointees, the Nick Willems of Woodrow, Sask., will be going to Austria this summer to assist in the work at Linz. Rev. Willems is a graduate of the M. B. Bible College and has one semester left in the M. B. Biblical Seminary at Fresno, Calif. He has been pastor of the Woodrow M. B. Church for several years. He will join another M. B. Bible College graduate at Linz, Rev. Abe Neufeld.

The M. B. Board of Foreign Missions has over 200 workers in 11 fields.

Russia. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Funeral services were held on July 8 from the Winkler M. B. church, with Rev. J. H. Quiring officiating.

## Elect New Youth Leader

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Rev. F. C. Peters, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, was elected Canadian M. B. Church youth leader at the 48th annual conference of the M. B. Church in Canada, July 5 to 9.

He succeeds Rev. P. R. Toews, who resigned because of the pressure of many duties. The secretary of the committee is Leslie Stobbe, while the rest of the members are the youth leaders in the provincial conferences.

In other action the conference approved a resolution recommending that churches send their youth leader and other young people to the Canadian conference, even if only as visitors.

The conference also created a new committee of evangelism that is to investigate evangelistic needs in Canadian M. B. churches, set up a plan to aid churches in making preparations for special evangelistic services, and to look into the needs for conference evangelists. Rev. J. J. Toews, Kitchener, was elected chairman of the committee, while provincial conference officers responsible for this phase in their conference are to serve as members of the committee.

## Street Meetings Begin At Horndean

**Horndean, Man.** — The beautiful songs of the Gospel were heard floating through the air in the village of Horndean on Saturday evening, June 28.

A public address system had been put up and Mr. Abe Quiring, assisted by the young people of the M. B. mission church, began the first street-meeting. Several recordings were played before the actual service began.

For the program proper the choir sang several hymns, interspersed by prayer, a testimony and a short message.

It is the prayer of the group that many will hear and heed who otherwise never enter the house of God.

## Expect Increased Enrollment at Bible College

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The 354 delegates at the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church, which met at the North Kildonan M. B. church last weekend, heard an optimistic report by the president of the M. B. Bible College. Rev. J. A. Toews predicted that according to the number of applications already received there will be an increased enrollment at the college for the 1958-59 academic year.

Last year 115 day students and 100 night school students attended the college classes. Indications are that there will be considerably more students next year. Already dormitory space in Ebenezer Hall is all taken, while the men's dormitories are rapidly filling. Rev. Toews indicated that even though rooms for all students can be found in homes around the school, a way will have to be found in the near future to provide more dormitory space, especially for married students.

The conference approved the \$70,000 budget for next year. It also approved a recommendation that made the annual \$500 conference bursary a permanent feature.

Rev. Toews and Mr. Herman Dick, chairman of the board, jointly announced that two teachers have resigned to take up other positions. Mr. Peter Klassen, who has served in the music department, has taken a high school teaching position at Pilot Mound, Man., while Rev. Victor Toews, who has taught two years in the Bible department, will join the Winnipeg city high school staff for the next school year. No replacements were announced.

The conference approved a recommendation of the college board that an elected representative of the Alumni Association be added to the board, to serve in an advisory capacity. The constitution does not permit a full-fledged board member outside of those already elected by the conference. For the next year the Alumni Association elected Rev. H. H. Voth of Toronto to represent them on the college board.

## Large Crowds at Service in Auditorium

**Winnipeg, Man.** — An intermittent drizzle failed to keep away the crowds at the Conference Sunday services of the Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church, July 6. The 4,500-seat civic auditorium proved adequate for the occasion, however, as about 3,000, and more, attended the services.

Rev. D. B. Wiens spoke on Christ as the Lord of the Home, and Rev. C. C. Peters on Christ as the Lord in the Training of Children at the morning service. The former, pastor of the Vancouver M. B. Church, spoke in English, while Rev. Peters delivered his message in the German language. A mass choir provided the messages in song.

Foreign missions served as the theme for the afternoon service, with Rev. A. E. Janzen, executive secretary of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, and Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary, speaking. The mass choir again sang.

Sunday evening was youth night at the conference, with Rev. David Neumann, principal of the Eden Christian College, as guest speaker. A mass choir and a mass male-voice choir sang, as did the Gospel Light Hour quartet and choir, Miss Adeline Willems and David Falk, soloists.

The Konrad sisters, Martha and Wanda, played a violin duet.

The secretary of the Canadian youth committee, Leslie Stobbe, announced the 1958-59 Canadian Youth Project. This includes \$2,000 for a Bible school in India, \$1,500 for radio work in Japan, \$1,500 to help build a hospital in the Belgian Congo, \$1,000 for work in South America, and \$500 for a fund that will provide two \$250 bursaries for students at the M. B. Bible College. Last year's \$5,000 project was exceeded by over \$900.

Rev. P. R. Toews served as chairman at the youth program, which had as its theme, "The Christ-Centred Life."

Conference Sunday offerings totalled nearly \$4,000, with \$2,671.00 for foreign missions and \$860.00 for the Canadian Youth Project.

## Winkler Man Passes Away

**Winkler, Man.** — Mr. John Wiens, 55, of here passed away on July 4 after suffering from cancer for some time.

Mr. Wiens is the son of the late Rev. Johann Wiens, former Bible school teacher at Winkler and in

## EDITORIAL

### We Need a Historical Perspective

A healthy outlook on life demands a two-fold perspective, the look into the past and the look into the future. Those who dwell wholly in the past in their thinking will miss the opportunities of the present and fail to appreciate the potential of the future. Those who are occupied only with the present and the potentialities of the future will repeat many experiences that a knowledge of history would make unnecessary.

Young people as a rule tend to overlook the fact that history is "the great arena of life" in which truth has been tried, to quote F. C. Peters. Without a thorough study of history they relegate it to the scrap heap together with antique motor cars and furniture. For them it is the "stuffy past." Instead of looking at history as the proving ground of truth and of methods, they regard it as irrelevant for modern living. Part of the blame for this can be attached to teachers who dispense history as they would medicine—it tastes bad, but you have to take it to make the grade. Rather than digging into the experiences of the past for principles and guiding truths, they teach history as a series of dates, wars and revolutions.

As people get older they tend to reverse the emphasis. For them the past is a living memory. The future does not hold much for them any more, yet the past is filled with fond memories. Some are only too glad to regale the younger set with all the experiences they have made—and even to reprove the new generation for dispensing with some of the well-loved customs. Rather than try to anticipate the developments of the future and lay down principles for life in the light of their experiences and the experiences of their parents, they dwell on the "good old days" simply for the sake of reminiscing.

In view of this it is the better part of wisdom not to develop antipathy or friction, but in love to try to understand one another and to help each other. Tolerance is required on the part of both young and old.

The Jews are ample evidence of the value of keeping a historical perspective, yet adapting to a changing environment. Centuries before the birth of Christ they built on the historical foundation laid by Abraham, Moses, David and Solomon. In fact, God had told them to constantly rehearse His leading with them in the past for the sake of the children. Yet at the same time they were looking for their Messiah—and in the light of that adapted to changing circumstances. Thus their centre of worship changed from the tabernacle to the temple, and when that was destroyed to the synagogue. The celebrating of national festivals helped to maintain the historical perspective, while the teaching in the synagogue kept alive the hope of a coming Messiah.

The Jewish people have maintained this dual perspective, even though their Messiah has come. Unwilling to accept Jesus as Messiah, they have kept on looking for him. Through centuries of dispersion, persecution and "pogroms" they have maintained their identity through this dual perspective. Their laws kept them relatively pure as a people. Their hope in the coming Messiah kept up the morale.

Paul gave the Christian Church this dual perspective, too. He told Timothy to remember what he had been taught, but he also told him to be mindful of the second coming of Christ. The Thessalonians in a special way needed the moral backbone that the hope of Christ's imminent return could give them.

As twentieth century Mennonites we also need to maintain a dual perspective. We need to know what God forever fixed as authoritative—the Bible. But we also need to know how the Christians of the ages have applied and misapplied the Scriptures in their search for the truth. We need to know how our fathers in Russia experienced God's Word in their life—and how in some areas they went astray from the pure life and the holy walk Scripture teaches. That's why a study of Mennonite history is vital to a true understanding of ourselves and to a forestalling of aberrations already historically proved erroneous and harmful.

But we also need to keep the forward look. We need to wait for the second coming of Christ—and while waiting to walk as Children of the Light. In the light of possible future developments and potentialities we need to prepare, train and advance today.

## DEVOTIONAL

### On Being Spiritually Minded

By J. Toews \*

"To be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Life and peace are the common desires of mankind. These words were also frequently on the lips of Jesus. When He spoke of life and peace, He meant spiritual life and spiritual peace. His purpose in coming as Saviour was to restore these two great divine graces to human souls.

Christ was truly spiritually minded. Spiritual was His relationship with His Father, His interpretation of the Kingdom, and His victory on the cross. On the basis of this spirit-filled life and victory He can impart life and peace to those who become His devoted disciples.

As His followers we are exhorted to have the mind of Christ. What then does it mean to be spiritually minded? Put over against the word "spiritual" its opposite, "carnal." "To be spiritually minded is life" . . . "To be carnally minded is death." To be carnally minded is to be interested in the things of the world and to fulfill the lusts of the flesh. To be spiritually minded is to be interested in eternal values and to obey the promptings of God's Holy Spirit. A spiritually minded man lives in the presence and fellowship of God, seeks first the Kingdom of God, prays without ceasing, and bears the fruits of the Spirit.

The spiritual man sees God in the presence of death and tragedy. Death swept the hill of Calvary on which Jesus and the two thieves hung, but death was not the same to those who suffered there. To the penitent, death opened a lane that led into Paradise; to the impenitent, death opened up an avenue that led into darkness. One was spiritually minded; one was carnally minded. The penitent became suddenly aware of God in Christ, even on the cross; and to be aware of God is life and peace.

### Our Readers Say

#### Filled a Definite Need

. . . Your paper filled a long-felt need in our home, an English language weekly paper with a definite Christian emphasis and with up-to-date news on what is happening in our denomination.

The children, aged five and eight, are fully aware that part of the paper is for them and remind us to share that portion of the *Mennonite Observer* with them, should we forget.

We have no criticism to offer and wish you every success, God's blessing and guidance.

Sincerely,

Daniel D. Hildebrand,  
Lorette, Man.

By nature man is carnally minded and as a result he is deprived of the abundant life and the inner peace. In the face of present-day emphasis on material prosperity and advancement, and on carnal gratification, may the Holy Spirit through the living Word of God strengthen the conviction within us that "To be spiritually minded is life and peace."

From the Livingstonia Mission in Northern Rhodesia comes a story of a little group of girls sitting under a tree sorting out reeds for their basket work. A new girl has come among them who had never been in a mission school before. The teacher overheard part of the conversation. The new girl was asking, "Do you pray every day as we did this morning?" The reply was, "Oh, always, and in the evening also." And then one of the other girls took up the account. "You see," she said, "we are people of a King. In the morning we go to the palace to greet Him, to receive His blessing, and to hear His word for the day. Then all day we work and play in the fields of the King. At evening we come back to His courtyard, sit around His fire, and tell Him of the day's doings. If we have done wrong, we tell Him and say we are sorry; then He blesses us and we go to sleep."

The girl had grasped the secret of spiritual-mindedness. To be spiritually minded is to be aware that all day we live the true life in the presence of the King, and before we fall asleep He blesses us with His peace.

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## Teen-Age Camp at Arnes

By Lillian Loewen

**Arnes, Man.** — June 28 to July 1 were days of adventure and rededication for the 84 campers enrolled in the annual teen-age camp at the Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Sunday hit an all-time high of 95 campers.

The permanent staff consists of Rev. H. R. Baerg, the director; Mrs. M. Hamn, head cook; Mrs. B. Bergman, assistant cook; Mr. Pete Rempel, business manager and life-guard; Miss Elfrieda Quapp, registered nurse, and Miss Lillian Loewen, secretary. Mr. Henry Regehr, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Friesen, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Isaac, Laura Sawatsky, Herman Voth (life-guard), Mr. and Mrs. George Schroeder (song director), and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Voth (sports promoter), constituted the counsellors. Rev. Walter Wiebe, Hepburn, Sask., our camp speaker, completes the personnel list.

Activity was a key word at camp. Campers took an active part in swimming and boating. Softball and volleyball were the main field activities. Sunday afternoon all campers were on a hike to enjoy nature.

The counsellors conducted morning and evening devotions in each cabin. Topics such as "The Christian's Joy", "The Christian's Work", "The Christian's Responsibility" and others were discussed. During these devotional hours the campers asked and discussed many problems pertinent to teen-agers.

For our discussion periods we were divided into six groups. Here we decided how a Christian could spend his recreational time most profitably, how one ought to pray, and "What about God's Will for our Life", using God's Word as the guide. The discussions were not limited to their assigned periods. During dinner hours and free time opinions were freely exchanged and compared.

Rev. Walter Wiebe delivered a series of messages on "Meeting Christ." He considered with us how Paul, Peter, the rich young ruler, and others met Christ. Then he compared it to our meeting with Christ. How did we react? What is our attitude and relationship to Christ now? A main feature was our ministerial counselling sessions Monday afternoon. Here every camper was given an opportunity to speak to one of our 5 ministers who were here for the day. This proved to be very profitable.

The evening campfires were appreciated by all. The last evening marked a faggot service after a wiener roast. As the testimonies were spoken and the faggots thrown upon the fire the flame grew brighter. So our testimonies in this world kindle a fire never to die.

In retrospect we can truly say that God blessed us as we waited upon Him. But to experience the full blessing of a camp of this nature, one must be there in person.

Wiping the famed North Kildonan mud from their shoes, or discarding their weighted rubbers, they smiled as they welcomed guests from Ontario to British Columbia to their homes.

By Monday the worst was over. The sun came out to beam beneficently on a district that had soaked up three inches of rain in three days and maintained its equilibrium. The shuttle-service established for those who were forced to park their car at the A & P parking lot nearby could be reduced and straw hats again came into vogue.

The people at North Kildonan had won another battle with the mud—aided by the sun.

### Missionaries Visit Foam Lake

By Velma Dell

**Foam Lake, Sask.** — The Alfred Schmidts, missionary candidates for the Belgian Congo, were in the M. B. church here for a morning service on June 22.

Rev. Schmidt took Acts 3:1-11 as his text, stating that Peter and John first went—then gave of what they had to glorify God. Mrs. Schmidt also gave a testimony, speaking of God's leading in her life. The



FOURTEEN MENNONITE BRETHREN STUDENTS from Ontario to British Columbia attended Waterloo College, Waterloo, Ont., during the 1957-58 academic year. Two of them, Henry Warkentin and Delbert Warkentin, received their B.A. this spring, while Peter Isaak and Rudy Heidebrecht will receive theirs this fall. Henry Warkentin and Corny Braun were students at the Lutheran Seminary here. The Kitchener M. B. Church provides these students with a real spiritual home during their student days.

At the conclusion of the school year these students gathered at the home of the John B. Epps in Kitchener for a farewell. Seen on the picture, back row left to right, Nick Klassen, Port Rowan, Ont.; Victor Thiessen, Namaka, Alta.; Rudy Heidebrecht, Coaldale, Alta.; John Eckert, St. Catharines, Ont.; George Wiens, Hespeler, Ont.; Jake Thielman, Chilliwack, B.C.; Peter Isaak, Springstein, Man.; Corny Braun, Herbert, Sask.; and John B. Epp, Kitchener. In the second row are John Klassen, Port Rowan, Ont.; Mrs. Victor Thiessen; Mrs. Peter Isaak; Mrs. Jake Thielman; Mrs. Henry Warkentin, and Mr. Henry Warkentin, Kitchener, Ont. In the front row are Helga Kutz, Kitchener, Ont., and Mrs. Corny Braun. Not present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loewen, Coaldale, Alta., and Delbert Warkentin, Virgil, Ont. (Photo by John Epp)

Schmidts requested prayer on their behalf.

Departure date for the Schmidts is July 15, when they leave Canada for Belgium and language study preparatory to serving on the M. B. mission field in the Belgian Congo.

The John H. Lorenzes, back from India after 37 years of mission service there, served at an evening service in the M. B. church here on June 26. Rev. Lorenz took Isaiah 60:1-3 as his text, speaking on a world in darkness without Christ, Christ the Light of the world, and the Christians as those who must reflect this light. They showed many slides of their work on the M. B. mission field in India, taking turns in explaining the pictures.

The Lorenzes are making their home at Fresno, California.

The Leonard Goosens returned home for a brief visit on June 29. Mr. Goosen is studying at the M. B. Bible College at Winnipeg.

Speaking at the morning service on June 29, Brother Goosen took Matt. 10:17-22 as his text. He explained that although the rich young ruler illustrated in the text had wealth, position and had kept the commandments, he realized that there was something he needed in addition to this: eternal life. Sister Goosen had a story for the children.

The Goosens returned to Winnipeg on July 1.

### Services Center On Missions

**Horndean, Man.** — All services in the mission church here on Sunday, June 29, centred on missions. Even the songs of the choir were of a missionary character.

Rev. H. A. Warman, missionary

to India, served as the guest speaker. His morning message centred on the transforming power of the Gospel, as seen in India and in Canada. For the evening service Rev. Warman showed the film, "To the Regions Beyond."

### Three Churches Join Canadian M. B. Conference

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Three Mennonite Brethren churches that were formerly M. B. mission stations were received into the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches during its annual sessions July 5 to 9.

Meeting in the North Kildonan M. B. church, the conference showed great interest in these new churches. It was the second time in as many years that the conference could accept former mission groups into the conference as M. B. churches.

The three churches are: County Line, B. C., Gospel Chapel, with a membership of 18 and Rev. John Esau as pastor; Carrot River, Sask., M. B. Church, with a membership of 34 and Rev. Victor Nickel as pastor; and Niagara, Ont., M. B. Church, with a membership of 68 and Rev. Jacob Pankratz as pastor.

At the same time the conference voted to let the church at Carrot River solicit one offering from M. B. churches in Canada to assist them in the construction of a new church. This will replace their present structure, which is decaying.

Last year the Calgary M. B. Church received this privilege and as a result could dedicate a basement worship centre this spring.

### Rubbers Needed First Day of Conference

**Winnipeg, Man.** — "What if it should rain?" an official at the North Kildonan M. B. Church was asked during pre-conference preparations some time before the 48th annual conference of the M. B. churches in Canada.

"We are hoping that it will not rain," he replied as he surveyed the newly gravelled approach to the one-year-old church.

"Where are you going to park all the cars?" the persistent visitor asked.

"There's lots of room on the boulevard along the road," he was told, "if it doesn't rain."

But rain it did. And as the steady downpour on Friday and Saturday soaked the roads all the worst fears of the residents at North Kildonan became reality. Friday morning milk delivery trucks were mired perpendicularly across the roads, torn up last summer when the new sewer system was installed. By Saturday evening red flags marked the entrances to impassable side roads—and holes that had nearly swallowed the front end of small delivery vans.

Despite the unfavourable weather, the residents went all-out to make the many delegates comfortable.

## Mighty Power

By Jack Kytile

No one would imagine today that he once hated everybody. That he was considered unemployable, having failed at everything he had undertaken. That having been in prison, his hopes were dead before he was thirty.

He is successful today, eminently so. He is a happy man with friends in all walks of life, and he looks to the future with buoyant optimism. In his words, "I couldn't hate anyone now, even if I determined to do it."

As a newspaper reporter, I talked with him one day after a city had honored him for "acts of humanity." These acts had been for those struck down by life's demands, those who had been discharged from job after job, the discouraged, the released and paroled convicts, the alcoholics, all the so-called worthless. None had gone down so far as to be beyond his eager willingness to help them back up.

I asked him, "What changed you? Why do you now give jobs to all these people and help those you can't employ to find jobs?"

He replied simply, "I was loved into it. Let me tell you how it was."

He said that on a gray morning of some years before, he was seated on the side of his bed in a cheap though efficiently kept boarding house. Three weeks before, he had been released from prison following a term for auto theft. For two weeks he had hunted a job, but had been turned down over and over upon revealing his record. Then, bleakly discouraged, he had begun drinking. He had been drinking for a week the day he stayed in his room, and all his small amount of money was gone.

"As I sat there in hopelessness and self-pity," he told me, "there was a knock at the door. It was the landlady, a gentle, gray-haired little woman. I would have thought she had come to order me out, except that she was carrying a tray, loaded with wholesome-looking food. She placed the tray beside me and her 'good morning!' was as bright as she could have spoken to her best tenant.

"But I was bitter, hating the world. I didn't smile back at her. I told her she could have saved herself trouble—that I didn't expect anything from her or anyone. I asked why she had brought the food.

"'Because,' she said, 'there's something much better in you than you've been showing this week. Then, too, I love you.'"

The successful businessman I was interviewing paused, moving some papers in his desk. After moments, he said, "I laughed at her. She didn't know the laugh was false, that she couldn't have said anything that would have struck me with

such force. I couldn't remember anybody ever having said they loved me. I needed those words more than food—I was hungry for them."

He told me that as she left, she chided him a little for not coming down to the dining room for meals. She insisted that he forget for the time being about his rent and board costs, and that he renew his search for a job.

"She did love me," he said, an insistent note in his voice. "She still does, and I have come to love her as one does a good mother. You see, I don't remember my own mother. She died when I was a baby. A couple of days after that wonderful little woman had brought me the food, she told me, 'While you're job-hunting, keep in mind, that there are forces, small and large, behind you. I am the small force, but there is another, great and powerful.' It was then she handed me a small New Testament.

"You asked what changed me, and I never spoke more truthfully than when I say I was loved into it. The change in my thinking took place within two weeks. After reading in that Testament, I knew there was Another who loved me. I couldn't hate after realizing that. I didn't want to drink or waste time in self-pity. I was happy for the first time in my life. No, I didn't rush right out and get a job. I was turned down several more times. But I had been given the strength of heart to keep hunting, and one day I found the job. I never would have kept going out day after day if I hadn't been loved into going."

This, then, is the true story of a man, now a success, who once hated; who was considered unemployable; who had failed at everything he had undertaken; who had been in prison, and whose hopes were dead—until love rekindled them and changed his life.

It was famed educator, William De Witte Hyde, who said, "If you want a verb to conjugate, you cannot do better than to take the verb 'to love.'"

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### Next Conference In North Saskatchewan

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Next year's Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church will meet in North Saskatchewan, since this district extended an invitation to the conference.

Meeting in North Kildonan M. B. church this year from July 5 to 9, the delegates elected Rev. D. J. Pankratz, pastor of the Coaldale M. B. Church, as moderator and Rev. F. C. Peters, instructor at the M. B. Bible College, as assistant moderator. Rev. D. K. Duerksen is conference secretary.

Budget for fixed conference expenses during the coming year was set at \$79,000. This does not include the total budget of the conference projects, such as the M. B. Bible College and the Bethesda Home, which receives only a small percentage of their operating budget from the conference.

Total receipts at the conference treasury were over five hundred thousand during the past year—and even this is not an accurate total of all giving in Canadian M. B. churches, since the figure does not include provincial conference receipts, the money given to educational institutions, radio programs, and for local church building and operations. According to the statistical summary of the conference secretary, the total giving in M. B. churches in Canada approximates one and a half million dollars, or \$113 per member.

### Russian Program May Solicit Canada-Wide Support

**Winnipeg, Man.** — Delegates to the Canadian M. B. conference passed a recommendation that the Russian Gospel Light Hour be permitted to solicit financial support on a Canada-wide basis. This broadcast is worldwide and thus merits a wider support than it has heretofore received.

The Russian Gospel Light Hour is prepared in Winnipeg, with Rev. D. B. Wiens of Vancouver the speaker, Rev. C. C. Penner of Winnipeg the announcer, and a choir directed by Corny Balzer the musical group. It is broadcast over HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, a station in Korea, and over CFAM, Altona.

Another recommendation of the Canada Inland Mission led to a complete reorganization of the committee and redistribution of the areas of responsibility.

At present the mission has supported and supervised three mission stations: Grand Forks, Port Edward (both in B.C.), and Blaine Lake, Sask. These will now come under the supervision of the provincial conference mission committees, although financial support will still come partially from the Canadian conference.

Rev. J. H. Epp was re-elected chairman of the committee, but the members of the committee will not be elected at the Canadian conference. Rather, the chairmen of the provincial mission committees will constitute the committee membership.

### Correction

In an article entitled "Organize New Church at County Line", which appeared in the June 27 issue of this paper, the theme of the message by Rev. P. R. Toews should be "The Importance of Church Organization" instead of "The Church of Jesus Christ."

### Education Committee Reports Progress

**Winnipeg, Man.** — The Education committee of the Canadian M. B. conference reported to the conference on Wednesday that progress toward a more unified program of studies in the denominational high schools and Bible schools is being made.

A meeting of the committee with representatives of the teaching staff at the high schools, held July 1 here, discussed various aspects of common concern and also took steps to institute a unified program of studies in German and religion. They also were in favour of forming an association of Mennonite high schools to continue on the road to greater unity and progress. The papers read and discussed at this meeting of high school teachers and board members are to be printed and distributed.

Bible school teachers also met July 2, 3 and 4 to discuss synchronization of their courses, cooperation with both high schools and the Bible college toward a more unified approach to education in the conference, and to discuss items of mutual interest. An association of the Bible schools is also planned.

The Canadian conference expressed great joy at the progress toward unity and assured the education committee and the schools of its support.

### The Bible Today

"The Bible—the world's best seller, but the most unread book in the world," is the manner in which some people speak of the Bible. The world situation appears to disprove such a statement.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Platt of the British and Foreign Bible Society in London writes, "Some of the overseas calls for Scriptures are most moving. Israel needs 25% more Bibles than the previous forecast. We recently supplied over 100,000 Bibles for the Yoruba people in Nigeria, and already we shall need to print again during 1958. France too, calls for more supplies than we had estimated. In Brazil, the circulation last year was over 1½ million Scriptures and over 7½ million during the last three years."

A translator, near Lake Chad, in the very heart of Africa, wrote to the Bible Society for Scriptures. When informed that he must wait, he replied: "Our present supply of Sango Scriptures is exhausted. We have opportunities now, such as we have never had and perhaps will never have again." Then, a few weeks ago, a telephone call was put through from Poland to say: "Warsaw stocks are exhausted. Please speed up the work." One and a half million Scriptures have been circulated in Poland in recent years.

# LIKE LOVE AND DIAMONDS

By Peter J. Dyck  
MCC Director in Europe

Mennonites probably use the expression "Christian service" as much as anyone. Is it not true that many of us who freely use this expression actually have only a vague idea of its meaning?

We believe it to be better than "mere" service, but what is "mere" service and what constitutes "Christian" service?

We could try to explain with the help of scripture, remembering such pointed lessons as the one about the "second mile" (Matt. 5:41). But that too is only an example and it hardly fits our era, since most of us ride in cars rather than walk.

Jesus said, "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? What more are you doing than others?" (Matt. 5:46,47) Is this it?

Not entirely, for there is more to Christian service than volume of output. Is not this where motivation comes—the ingredient that transforms mere service into a Christian service?

According to the Apostle Paul's formula for Christian service both output and motivation are important. He says: "Whatever your task, work heartily (i.e. deliver the goods), as serving the Lord and not man" (motivation) Colossians 3:23.

What is Christian service? It is a distinct service which, like love and diamonds, is a thing of many facets, each one reflecting a part of a more complete and beautiful whole. The Mennonite Central Committee refugee home in Berlin is one expression of Christian service.

Here is the story:

## Refugees Still Come

The refugee flow from East Germany has not slackened appreciably since 1949. Berlin is the gateway in this seemingly endless flight. In round figures, the following numbers of refugees arrived in Berlin during the past eight years:



THE MCC HOME IN BERLIN is seen at left. Located on Hammerstrasse 8, it receives and cares for refugees from East Germany. At right a handwork class for boys is supervised by former MCC worker D. Hartman.

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|------|---------|------|---------|
| 1949 | 17,000  | 1953 | 297,000 |
| 1950 | 62,000  | 1954 | 94,000  |
| 1951 | 61,000  | 1955 | 133,000 |
| 1952 | 119,000 | 1956 | 156,000 |

For a long time the daily average has been about 300 persons. More than 30 per cent are between the ages of 15 and 25, many of them unaccompanied.

When a refugee arrives in Berlin he must report to a certain transit refugee camp for registration and assignment to another more "permanent" camp where he will stay until he can be flown out to West Germany. His stay in the transit camp is only a few days, but in his second camp he may stay from three months to three years.

Some have stayed longer. Some probably will never be flown out because they are not officially recognized as refugees. Yet having left the East Zone once, most of them dare not return. Thus they find themselves stranded in Berlin, afraid to return to the East, unable to proceed to the West. The number of unrecognized refugees is about 40,000 persons.

## Many Women and Children

A visitor to one of Berlin's refugee camps will soon notice the many mothers and children. Where are the fathers?

Some have died, leaving the widows and children to care for themselves. Others are still in the East

Zone. They sent their families ahead hoping or merely promising to follow but did not. Still others have already passed through Berlin and have been flown to West Germany in the hope of finding work and housing.

But this is by no means easy and often the family must wait a long time in Berlin before joining the father. Some never will, because the man deceitfully used this as an excuse to obtain permanent separation.

Life is exceedingly difficult for these women and children in a refugee camp. There is little or no privacy and few conveniences of the normal home. The future is at least grey, often dark. For some it is pitch dark. They have given up hope.

Help must be given from an outside source, from another person. But "who is my neighbor" in a refugee camp where everyone is uprooted and where every man is for himself?

There are camps in Berlin with several thousand persons milling about. But one can be very lonely in a crowd. There are smaller camps, but they are all camps, and a camp is a poor substitute for a home.

In quest of an opportunity to be neighbor to some of these unfortunate people, MCC thought at first of having a neighborhood center near a refugee camp to which people could come for relaxation, sewing, reading, worship, etc.

But the need for a more complete

ministry was apparent. That is why MCC started a refugee home (we prefer the word "home" to "camp") for women and children.

## Hammersteinstrasse 8

The basic need of food and shelter is provided, as in all other refugee camps in Berlin, in the home located at Hammersteinstrasse 8. The house is large enough for 50 persons. At the time of this writing we have 48 occupants, not counting the MCC staff of five persons.

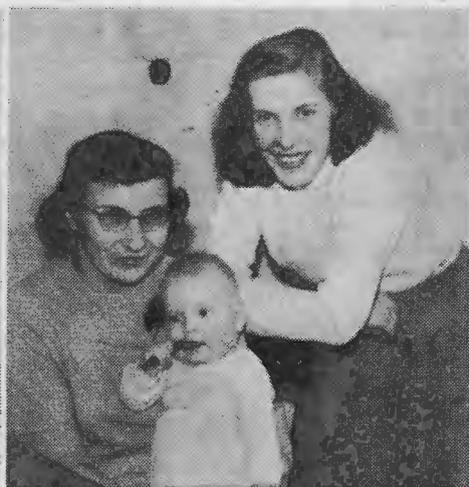
If the purpose of our refugee home were nothing more than feeding and housing people, it might well be asked of us "what more are you doing than others?"

This is not to discount the work of others, but rather to point up the fact that MCC's original concept and hope was that of giving Christian service, of attempting to give more than material things. In having this refugee home we believed there would be greater opportunity to be a neighbor to those who needed friendship and love.

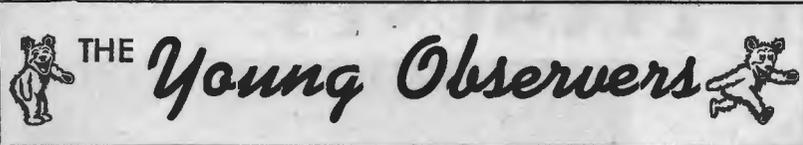
One of the MCC workers in Berlin tells of a young woman who entered the home with her baby. Her husband is living with another woman in the West. She had been heart-broken when her first baby died at 6 months.

The mother became bitter toward God and had not stepped inside a church since. The minister who per-

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A typical bedroom in the MCC Home in Berlin is seen at left. In the back at the right is Mrs. Peter Dyck with a refugee infant. In the centre picture are MCC worker Anne Driediger and a refugee mother and child in the home on Hammerstrasse 8. At the right MCC worker Arthur Driediger (Wheatley, Ont.) and Lies Dirkmaat, Holland, are taking some of the children for a walk in the park. The Mennonite Central Committee workers are interested not only in alleviating physical need, but also in establishing contact with the refugees and helping them meet their spiritual needs.



### Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls!

Another week has gone by and what have you been thinking about your friends? Have you thought them better than yourselves? I hope the wicked weed called JEALOUSY found no room in your hearts this week.

We've spent a long time in the meadow now, haven't we? Just before we leave it, let's take one more look at the dandelion. Oh! Something has happened! It has grown white. It's yellow head has become a ball of seeds. Just see what the wind is doing. With one puff he sends those fluffy white seeds floating into the air all over the meadow and far away. At last he sets them gently down on the ground. Next spring each seed will grow into a new young plant.

Just like the dandelions on a meadow, God has scattered Christian boys and girls all over the world. We are to let our light shine much more brightly than the yellow dandelion does. We are to scatter seeds of God's love all around us. We can do this by TELLING others about the Saviour Jesus. We can DO what Jesus would do and we can GIVE to Jesus. If we are faithful in scattering our seeds of God's love, other boys and girls will be saved and will grow up to be strong young Christians.

Are you scattering seeds of love all around you and far away, or are you blooming just for yourself? Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." How many seeds will you scatter this week?

Love, Aunt Selma

## Little Lonely Heart Opened the Door of Dreams

By May Sullivan

Tim lay very still in the bed in the spotless hospital ward, his little hands, so miraculously clean, idle on the coverlet, his big grey eyes intent on the picture on the opposite wall. He had never seen anything so lovely in all his life before.

It was not so much the glorious colouring of soft blue, crimson and gold that caught at his heart; it was the expression of the mother's face as she bent over the little Child, that held him, so full was it of tenderness, gentleness and of love.

Tim tried to imagine what it must be like to have a mother look at you like that. He could not remember his mother. Mrs. Brown, with whose big, noisy family he lived, said that she had died when he was very small, that his father had died before then, and that he was a "nurse child"—that mysterious and sorrowful state that made you so different from other little boys and girls.

He had heard her telling a neighbour over the washtub that she had never had the heart to send him to "the house"—whatever that might mean—when the small payments for him ceased, but had kept him and brought him up with her own "little lot."

But times were hard now, and Mrs. Brown found a rapidly growing little boy more expensive to keep and clothe than a baby, and although he did not know it, she was even now debating the question of sending

him away when he left the hospital. She would miss him, for young as he was, he was handy to fetch and take back the washing, and to mind the younger children.

She was a kind-hearted woman, but she had no time for caresses and mothering ways. How could she have? She was washing and ironing from morning till night, for with a husband perpetually out of work she earned the living for all.

Tim knew no other home; he knew no other kind of mother. Small wonder, then, that the exquisite tenderness of the pictured face of the mother of the Lord so thrilled his young heart.

A voice from the next bed interrupted his thoughts.

"Did Nurse say it was today that our mothers were coming, Tim?"

"Yes," replied Tim, "she said today."

Bobby Nash sighed with satisfaction.

"That's good! I shall be glad when we can go home, won't you?" he said.

Tim smiled.

"I don't know," he said slowly. "It's rather nice in here."

Bobby stared in astonishment.

"Nice?" he echoed.

"Yes, I think it is," replied Tim. It was true. It was nice here, now the terrible ache had gone from his head; nice to be waited upon by soft-footed, smiling nurses, to lie in cool sheets in a bed all to yourself.

"What's the matter with your head?" asked Bobby.

"Hit it on the curb," replied Tim. It didn't occur to him to add that a truck had caught him whilst he was frantically pushing out of danger one of the "littlest ones." "What is the matter with you?" he asked.

"Fell off my pony and hurt my leg," explained Bobby.

"Have you got a pony?" exclaimed Tim.

"Yes, my Auntie Audrey gave him to me. I've got a bicycle, too, and a toy car and a boat. What have you got?"

Tim smiled, thinking of the only car he possessed—a soap-box on old pram wheels used for carrying the washing.

"I haven't got any of those things," he said.

Bobby relapsed into silence, and Tim went back to his picture and his dreams.

In the afternoon Tim watched the visitors arrive, saw the faces of the other little patients light up in welcome. But nobody came to see him. Mrs. Brown would be too busy ironing to come today. She had been once, on the previous Sunday. She really couldn't spare any time on a working day, she said.

Suddenly Tim saw, coming through the doorway, a woman, young and lovely, and she seemed to be smiling straight at him! His grey eyes widened with astonishment and delight, and then he heard Bobby cry rapturously: "Mummy!"

Tim saw that she wasn't smiling at him at all, but at the little boy in the next bed. He might have known! How silly he had been ever to imagine that she would be smiling at him.

But Tim could not take his eyes off her. He watched her draw near, saw the wondrous sweetness of her mouth, the tenderness of her soft blue eyes as she bent and kissed her little son, and, with a sudden tightening of the throat, Tim recognized the "mother look" of the woman in his picture.

Then mothers did look at you like that in real life, he thought. It wasn't only in pictures.

He turned away his eyes, an intolerable ache at his heart. And he shut his eyes tightly, for they were hot with tears.

When he re-opened them, he found that Bobby's mother had sat down beside Bobby's bed. Her back was to Tim, but her dress looked so soft and silky that he timidly stretched out his hand and touched it. But, gentle as his movement was, she turned, and Tim drew back abashed, his face flushing scarlet.

She smiled across at him in the most friendly way.

"Hasn't anyone come to see you?" she asked.

"Not today," replied Tim, and try as he would, he couldn't keep his voice quite steady.

Hilda Nash gazed compassionately down at him, noting the big, ex-

pressive grey eyes and the sensitive mouth that the determined little chin was striving to keep from quivering.

"Never mind," she said, "I can talk to you both, can't I?" and she turned her chair sideways so that she could see them both, and began to tell them about the pony and the dogs and Bobby's little sister, Joy.

Tim listened rapturously, and the time sped far too soon. Her kind smile as she said "good-bye" thrilled him for hours afterwards. He lay thinking about her, and that night he dreamed a wonderful dream that he had a real mother of his own, who smiled at him with the love and tenderness of the woman in his picture.

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It was very quiet in the beautiful room where Audrey Heath sat knitting. Sunlight filtered through the cream net curtains, gilding her fine brown hair with gold.

Suddenly the phone on the small table rang sharply, and she swiftly rose and lifted off the gay doll cover. A woman's voice came over the wire, the voice of her sister Hilda.

"I'm in bed!" cried Hilda ruefully. "Slipped on the polished floor and hurt my foot. Rest is the only thing, the doctor says. Yes, it is too bad, isn't it? The worst of it is that Bobby is expecting to see me at the hospital this afternoon. It's visiting day, you know. . . You will go instead? Oh, Audrey, that's splendid! He'll simply love to see you! . . ."

Audrey glanced at the clock. She would have to hurry. Ringing for the car to come round, she ran up to dress. Poor Hilda! It was a shame! But Audrey's eyes were bright as she swiftly slipped into her coat, and she felt oddly excited. With her soft brown hair and deep blue eyes she looked only a slightly older edition of her sister. The wistful broop of her gentle mouth and the sadness deep in her eyes were the difference.

Tim, eagerly watching the door of the ward that afternoon, saw no difference at all. Directly he saw her, his face shone with rapture.

Audrey quickly recognized her small nephew Bobby. But her eyes were caught and held by the radiant smile transfiguring the face of the little boy in the next bed. A child obviously welcoming his mother, she thought, and a pang of envy shot through her, envy of the mother whose splendid little son this was.

Glancing behind her, she looked to see what the mother of this lovable little boy was like, and was surprised to find that no one followed. Then the boy must think he knew her! she thought, and smiled warmly back at him. Bobby called out:

"Auntie Audrey! Where's Mummy today?"

Tim's smile faded. So this wasn't Bobby's mother, but another glorious person who loved him. Bobby

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# FROM HERE TO THE PINNACLES

By Elizabeth Schroeter

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(68th Installment)

Tears filled Liesbeth's eyes as she recalled her former neighbors—the teacher, the elderly lady, the practitioner, the young people and all the friends from Margenau and neighboring villages. Thousands still were in German camps waiting for a place to go and for the means to transport them. No one seemed to know what had happened to Liesbeth's first pupil, Tina Willms, and her sister, the wonderful daughters of A. Willms. Hans Willms, another pupil, was deported, killed and his parents exiled to Siberia. Liesbeth's Aunt Rosa of Halbstadt and her family had become entangled in Hitler's retreat, and one of the three daughters and her family and the husband of a second daughter had disappeared without a trace. The saintly family of the Margeñau village pastor, Sara's parents, had suffered severely. Uncle Regehr had died of starvation and Aunt Regehr had suffered much and succumbed.

The beautiful colony of Schoenfeld, including Silberfeld, where Uncle Martin had lived, was in ruins and his family had been in the Germany-bound trek. Dozens of Liesbeth's acquaintances and several of her fellow students of former years were in exile in Siberia. That included the Margenau teacher. Liesbeth's beloved Gnadefeld girls' school teachers and the owners of that institution were gone. Of the hundred thousand or more Mennonites in about forty-five colonies with several hundred villages, by far the greatest number had been massacred, scattered over forty or fifty slave-labor camps, placed on communist collective farms, died in famines and epidemics or escaped to the West. Every minister, teacher, doctor, deacon and even church choir director was dead or in exile. Mitja's, Vanjka's and Konstantin's hunger for land had ended in an upheaval that had killed millions of persons.

The horrors of the crimes against the Mennonites including women and children since World War I were far beyond the persecutions of their forefathers of long ago, which Liesbeth had so often read about in the Martyr's Mirror. She was quiet when she entered the car and rode back to Toronto. Ivy tried to cheer her, but with little success.

As the four girls drove south along Yonge, Liesbeth said, "Somewhere within their faith, those Mennonites must have been nurturing the seeds of their own destruction.

It could have been the leaders who signed the Privilegium, setting the Mennonites apart and pretending that the heathen peasants all around them were Christians and did not really need the Mennonite faith and culture. Those leaders deliberately walled off themselves, their faith, their property, their children and their culture from the people of Russia. Every once in a while people like P. M. Friesen and Adolph Reimer sought to bridge the gap in brotherly love, but there were so few who were willing to do it and so few who were sufficiently trained to try it and to replace those men when they left the earthly scene."

When she put aside statistics for the thesis late that night, or early the next morning, she said to herself, "I don't know why that terrible tragedy has happened to the Mennonite folk of the Old World in this enlightened twentieth century. It is not up to me to find the reason, but exactly where do I come in? Why have I escaped that terrible catastrophe? Others paid the supreme price and I escaped just in the nick of time. There is one thing that is clear to me. When a person, a group of people or a nation have received unusual privileges and opportunities, it then becomes their duty to bring forth unusual accomplishments. Above everything else, they owe it to the less fortunate to share with them the values of faith, culture or material wealth which they have been privileged to accumulate. That's probably where I come in," she philosophized, as she extinguished the light.

When Liesbeth had finished her cumbersome research, there was only one more obstacle to overcome. That was her final examination. If she passed it satisfactorily she would be awarded her degree a few weeks later. If she failed it, she would have to wait another year.

The final test was scheduled for one o'clock on a Friday afternoon early in May. The assigned place was a large room in the College of Education on Bloor Street. The day before the scheduled test Liesbeth reviewed notes and books and spent a few more hours in the Graduate Library to pick up possible loose threads.

Around coffee-break time in mid-morning she felt physically indisposed. A sugar test to check on her diabetes resulted in an orange precipitate, an indication of a high percentage of sugar content. She was not afraid of any serious consequen-

ces. She had never been in a diabetic coma, but she had had some awkward headaches on the heels of an orange test like that. If she had one of those whoppers on the next day, she could not keep her head up for the examination.

The doctor had gone on a weekend trip to Muskoka Lake. What should she do? Once or twice during the past two or three years, in similar circumstances, she had been given a dose of about twenty-five units of insulin. Due to an improvement in her diabetic condition she had been able to put aside insulin quite a number of years before, but she always kept some in her refrigerator for emergencies. She decided to inject about twenty-five units of protamine zinc, her maximum in the early years of insulin therapy. That and a glass of orange juice before retiring should straighten out her difficulty. She planned to retire early, get up around seven, have an early breakfast at the Varsity Cup on Bloor Street, relax for a few hours and be in the examination room bright and early.

Liesbeth took the insulin, had dinner, sipped orange juice and retired at an early hour. That was as far as she was able to carry out her plans.

It was twelve o'clock when she opened her eyes the next day. She had probably opened them many times before but she knew nothing about it. She jumped out of bed, that is, she thought she did, but actually she was not moving. She was unable to move.

She glanced at the clock once more. Maybe it was twelve o'clock midnight. She looked toward the big bay window facing Washington Avenue. It was broad daylight. She was frightened. There was something decisive she had wanted to do. She was supposed to have gotten up early for some important event. Had she missed it?

Then her mind cleared. She recalled that in an hour she was to have a test. There were many things she had wished to accomplish before that time. God was preventing her from taking the examination, she thought. She was not supposed to get her degree. Perhaps she had wanted it for purely selfish reasons, just to reach the top, to be above others. That was not the way to do it. She was supposed to be a pious Christian. That meant to be one inwardly, above classes, traditions or languages, to refuse to conform to the evils of pride, to separate oneself from selfish motives and in the spirit of neighborliness to be at peace with everyone. In the Gnadefeld school as a teen-ager she had made peace with God as the partner of her soul. Sometime later He had become the physician of her body. Not too long ago she had taken Him into her financial partnership. "It looks like the mental powers, likewise, must be turned over to Him," she concluded in her still somewhat unclear think-

ing. Once more she looked at the clock on the table. It was twelve minutes after twelve.

Near the clock lay a roll of life-savers. That was it! She had had an insulin reaction and was just coming out of it. Why had she had it? Nervous tension probably had something to do with it, but she would have to let her doctor figure it out; she had no time for it now. Her thinking and muscular control improved; she got the candy and ate most of it. In a few minutes she was able to walk. At first she ambulated like a drunkard—the knee joints were not functioning just right.

She rushed to the Varsity Cup. There was just enough time for a cup of coffee, a piece of toast with jam and fruit juice. With protamine zinc insulin she could expect another reaction in a few hours, if she did not fortify her system with enough carbohydrates. She armed herself with candy and hurried to the College of Education Building. She ate some candy, and one or two minutes before the scheduled time entered the designated examination room.

On another Friday afternoon, June 5, 1953, Adele and Ivy were sitting in the Convocation Hall of the University of Toronto to witness the conferring of graduate degrees. "If you want to find me, look for the shortest girl with a wrinkled forehead in a gown of black silk material and a mortarboard cap in black wool broadcloth with black tassel, and I'll be that girl," Liesbeth had told Adele as she had handed her two tickets for admission to the commencement exercises.

"She was right, she is the shortest of today's graduates," Ivy said.

"I wish I were in Elizabeth's shoes," Adele whispered to Ivy, as the Doctor of Pedagogy degree was conferred upon Liesbeth. She was graduating for the sixth time in her life, from schools of three different countries on two continents, but she never had finished the elementary school. "That bright red wool hood with white braid and sky blue silk lining looks beautiful on her," Adele whispered.

"Look!" Ivy suddenly said. "Something is—"

A tear had rolled over Liesbeth's left cheek. She caught it and wiped it away just as it was trying to escape underneath her chin.

Her two friends relaxed. Suddenly both sat up straight.

Another tear was pushing itself out of Liesbeth's right eye. Slowly it rolled over her right cheek toward the groove between the nose and the cheek. She caught that one, too. Then she smiled and the two girls looked at each other relieved, but more puzzled than ever.

"That Elizabeth!" Ivy said, as she and her friend left Convocation Hall. "She can cry at a moment when everyone else would be expected to burst out laughing for sheer happiness at the joyous occasion."

(To be concluded)

## Teaching Missionary Children in Africa

By Walter and Irma Sawatsky

A gentle breeze was blowing through the stillness of the evening and a bright Congo moon was shining down upon the little chapel built in the grove of eucalyptus trees. Inside the chapel, the Ecole Belle Vue children's choir was singing: "Come thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing thy praise." Listening were missionary parents — parents who are faithfully bringing the Light to the spiritually darkened Congolese—who had gathered in honor of three eighth grade graduates who were to be presented graduation certificates from Ecole Belle Vue.

This was a long-awaited evening for the three graduates. The crowd may have been small; there was nothing extravagant in the decorations or dress of those present, but there was an air of thrill and thankfulness. In the minds and hearts of both young and old, there was deep gratitude towards God, for in the words of the song was a symbol of many past blessings and answered prayers.

Ecole Belle Vue, beautifully situated overlooking a deep and scenic ravine, is a joint project of the Mennonite Brethren Church Board of Foreign Missions and Congo Inland Mission. Here, children from five neighboring missions have opportunity to attend an American and Canadian-orientated school.

These children, ranging from Grade three to Grade eleven, are away from their parents for more than two-thirds of the year. Being away from their parents for so many months means many adjustments for their children. The first few nights, after the parents have brought their children and left again, one can hear an occasional soft sob. However, the Lord gives much strength, grace and wisdom, and it is remarkable how quickly these children accept the fact that it is best for them to be at the school while their parents are carrying on the many phases of mission work.

Forty-two individual personalities comprised the Belle Vue family this past year. For us, it was a real joy to pray, play, work and live with these children. When we recall some of the experiences of this past school term, the words of David vividly come to our minds: "... trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass."

Every evening at 8 all the children gathered around the piano for a little sing-song and a time of devotions. These times of gathering around God's Word and praying together will long be remembered. What a thrill it gives one to see a little third grader kneel together with a tenth grader, unitedly lifting their hearts to God. More prayers were answered than we ever realized. A few stand out clearly in our minds.

We remember the time, especially, when we did not have a single piece of meat to serve the children the next day. Then, too, there was no possibility of getting some immediately. (We depend almost entirely upon game which the natives bring in, such as hog, bambi or some other animal.) The children took this matter to the Lord, expecting an answer. Early next morning some natives brought in a big hog, which we bought, butchered and roasted for dinner. Later, one little boy made the remark: "The Lord never lets us down, does He?"

We could relate many similar experiences in which the Lord provided meat, vegetables and fruit just when we needed them. How often the faith of these children puts our own faith to shame.

Then, we also recall how wonderfully the Lord answered in keeping serious illnesses away from the children. We remember the time when the Asiatic flu was raging throughout the Congo. News came to the children that many of their parents were ill with it. We all prayed that this flu would not come to Belle Vue

and the Lord answered. Not one child or adult contracted it. Similarly, the Lord has kept us free from any serious accident or other illness.

The peak of this past year was the children's Bible conference. Several children made the remark: "The one thing that stands out most vividly in my mind is the Bible conference." Rev. and Mrs. Allen Wiebe, C.I.M. missionaries, were invited for the conference. The Lord blessed marvelously. It was a real joy to see many children confess their sins, ask for forgiveness and determine to go on with the Lord. Especially were we happy to see the way the older students responded. The majority of them made a round-about-face in their Christian experience and dedicated themselves to whatever the Lord would have them do. We trust that many of them will be back on the mission fields as missionaries because of the decisions they made. So the Lord blessed in many different ways.

This coming year we expect about 50 students. We would want to thank you for praying for these missionary children, and also ask you to continue to pray for them. May the Lord give these children wholesome spiritual, emotional and educational growth.

## Heart Sisters

By Grace Cain

When I was in Bible school we had what we called "Heart Sister Week." Names were drawn amongst the girls. Our identities remained a secret until the end of the week when we found some ingenious way to reveal our names.

Every day that week we did something for our heart sister. One day it might be a lace hankie, the next an original poem declaring the values of friendship.

At the end of the week my heart sister chose to reveal herself by leaving her picture. I still have that picture, and, in this day of bustling activity, often reminisce on those days when we took "time out" to bring happiness to someone else.

It can still be done. Maybe you have a Grandma Whipple down the road. She can do very little for herself. How pleased she would be with that loaf of homemade bread! Or, that story you read and enjoyed so much! Wouldn't she love to hear it? Her poor eyesight makes it impossible for her to read much for herself.

How about that mother who has been ill? She'd think you were a fairy godmother if you took her basket of ironing home.

One day I stopped at the home of an elderly lady. "I'm so glad you came," she said. "People drop in so seldom any more."

When I arose to leave, I said, "We've had a pleasant chat this afternoon. I'll come again."

Her wrinkled face beamed. "You

do that," she said. "And thank you for listening."

Thank for listening! Is it possible that such a little thing could bring so much joy to a heart! Shame on us for neglecting the little things that bring so much blessing!

"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" (Col. 3:12).

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## Like Love and Diamonds

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formed the burial rites had tried to explain why God permitted such things, but the explanation had not satisfied her.

She often talks to one of the workers and has said she never permitted her second baby to be baptized because she did not want to have anything to do with a God who permitted her first daughter to die.

But finally she asked if she could attend church with the MCC worker. They went to Menno-Heim where Pastor Funk of Bechterdisen presented the sermon. She enjoyed the service very much and later asked the worker if Pastor Dyck would baptize the baby and if the worker would be his godmother.

The Berlin worker concludes: "My prayer is that I may say and do the things that will draw these refugee people closer to the One who can help and who is waiting to carry their burdens for them, if only they will let Him."

What is real Christian service?

The above is one illustration of some of the results. It could be multiplied in a number of ways because Christian service is like love and diamonds, a thing of many facets, with each facet reflecting a part of a more complete and beautiful whole.

## To Improve Sunday Schools

The following list of books available at The Christian Press was selected from the Sunday School Training Course of the Southern Baptists by Rev. H. R. Baerg. This selection of books should give the average Sunday school helps for every phase of supervision and teaching. Because the books are cloth-bound and yet inexpensive they could be purchased as a unit and placed in the library so that all Sunday school workers may have access to them. Both Rev. I. W. Redekopp and Miss Nettie Kroeker recommend this series of study books highly.

Each 60¢

- Building a Standard Sunday School —Flake**
- The True Functions of the Sunday School —Flake**
- Vacation Bible School Guide —Grice**
- Cradle Roll Department —Von Hagen**
- The Ministry of Visitation —Sisemore**
- The Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School —Dobbins**
- Jesus the Teacher —Price**
- Teaching to Win and Develop —Corzine**
- The Extension Department Lifting Through Love —McCraw**
- Teaching Adults in the Sunday School —Dobbins**
- The Art of Teaching Intermediates —Lambdin**
- Better Bible Teaching for Juniors —Lillian Rice**
- Guiding the Primary Child —Pettey**
- Teaching the Beginner Child —Hargis**
- The Nursery Department —Jones**
- Sunday School Officers and Their Work —Flake**
- Six Point Record System and Its Use —Noland**
- Teaching Young People in the Sunday School —Howse**

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

### Choir Presenting Sacred Music On European Tour

The sound of 50 youthful voices raised in hymns are spending the summer in Europe to prove that American teen-agers are not hoodlums. The choristers, 16 to 21 years old, left their homes in Manhasset, L.I., New York, on a 43-day, five-nation tour. They are all members of the Pilgrim Fellowship Choir of the Manhasset Congregational church and most of them earned their own expenses of \$575.

The youngsters will compete at an international choir festival in Wales, present a concert at the Brussels World Fair, and sing in churches in England, France, Holland, Germany and Switzerland.

The choir was started by Robley Lawson, church music director, over six years ago as an outgrowth of the church's Sunday Evening Youth Fellowship. The members still sing at fellowship meetings, and normally practice only an hour and a half a week. "Of course we've stepped up rehearsals for the tour," Lawson said. The European trip is the result of tours taken by the choir throughout the eastern United States.

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### Latest Miniature Microscope Shown Medical Missionaries

A miniature microscope no bigger than a pocket camera was demonstrated in New York for medical missions personnel at the 28th annual conference of the Christian Medical Council and Overseas Work. Produced in England, the McArthur Microscope can be operated in the hand and is unaffected by vibration even in planes and jeeps, Dr. Robert G. Cochrane told a group of 57 doctors and nurses from overseas. The microscope is ideally suited for use in jungle heat or freezing temperatures, he said, and was part of the equipment taken on a recent Antarctic expedition.

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### Beaven Sets Tentative Crusade Schedule

The Billy Graham Australian Crusade will probably open in Melbourne in mid-February. There will be two major campaigns, each of five or six weeks duration, in Melbourne and Sydney, followed by meetings in other Australian cities and in New Zealand. This tentative program was released by Jerry Beaven, who has been in Australia since last April.

One facet of the pre-Crusade schedule is the weekly release of Graham's "Hour of Decision" pro-

gram over 20 radio stations throughout Australia.

Still to be decided is the place in which the Melbourne Crusade will be held. The new West Melbourne Stadium, which has suitable rooms available for counselling, will accommodate about 7,000 persons, with the possibility of another 5,000 persons outside. Sites rejected because too small: the tennis stadium at Kooyong and the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The Exhibition Building, in which nearly all large evangelistic campaigns have been held in recent years, is not available because it has been booked for trade expositions during the summer

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### New Tribulations in East Germany

In Germany, Christians in the East sector who have been opposing the atheistic propaganda of the communist government now face a new problem. On June 2, according to the Berlin News, the Reds began a new rite. On that date 11 East Berlin babies received a communist-styled baptism in a "festive name-giving ceremony." Prior to this, relentless opposition to "Youth Dedication" on the part of both parents and their children had made ineffective the godless counterpart to Christian confirmation among teenagers. At the new ceremony, Mayor Hoeding of East Berlin told the parents: "Your children have been born into a good era, in which we are building socialism. They will achieve everything after which they worthily strive. That is the heart's desire of our regime."

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### Restrictions in Indonesia

In Indonesia, civil war has brought many troubles to Christians and restrictions which were once unknown among them are being experienced. Meetings still continue inside churches, but outside services are held only with a permit from the Army. Prayer meetings in homes, if more than four people attend, are looked upon as suspicious and are allowed only with a permit. Nevertheless, a mass tract distribution program has been entered into by evangelicals who are determined to maintain their Christian witness.

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### New Far East Radio Station

On Okinawa, Radio station KSAB has begun operations, broadcasting the gospel of Christ beyond the bamboo curtain. It is the first Christian broadcasting station for Okinawa, owned and operated by the Far East Broadcasting Company, which is getting up a 100,000-watt transmitter on the island.

## CANADASCOPE

### Rain and More Rain in Manitoba

Farmers who had prayed for rain in Manitoba began praying that the sun would appear as they looked over their water-covered fields last weekend. After a long period of dry weather—and with crops withering from lack of moisture—Manitobans were deluged with up to five inches of rain in a three-day period. Winnipeg city had only three inches of rain, but that was enough to mire many cars and delivery trucks on deeply-rutted suburban roads.

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### To Fight Elimination of Firemen

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen has called on its North American members to pay \$1 a month for the next 10 months to finance an all-out campaign against railway moves to eliminate firemen from diesel yard and freight engines.

The union's international president has announced the special assessment in a personal letter to members last June 16. The \$1 assessment begins August 1, payable by all members in active engine service.

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### CBC Head Resigns

A. Davidson Dunton, chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corpor-

ation's board of governors, has resigned from his \$25,000-a-year job to become president of Ottawa's Carleton University.

Mr. Dunton, who has not been happy in his post since the Progressive Conservative government came to power, was the fifth senior government employee to resign this year.

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### Canadians Increase Consumption Of Dairy Products

The average Canadian boosted his consumption last year of ice cream, cheese and skimmed milk, but eased up slightly on whole milk and cream, butter and concentrated whole milk. Statistics show that the average Canadian increased his intake to keep pace with rising production.

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### Holiday Death Toll Highest In History

The highest death toll for a four-day holiday weekend was the price paid for Canada's birthday celebrations. One hundred and four persons were killed during the weekend preceding and including July 1.

A survey showed that 50 were killed in traffic accidents and 46 more drowned, while 8 were killed in other accidents. The total topped the previous Dominion Day record of 100, set in the four-day weekend of 1952, and was the highest of any holiday weekend in Canada's history.



## The Diagnosis of Deity

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

"How are you?" There is a rather simple question which one might ask of another to unstop the cork of conversation. Recently, however, those three words were asked 300,000 times and the reverberations set up a chain of national concern.

That formed the number of Britons who were asked that question as the result of a suspicion which had long plagued the government regarding the health of its people. On the part of 150,000, the reply denoted some form of ailment. The commonest complaints capsuled such things as back-pain, heart-burn, upset stomach, and of course, the common cold. This official survey led the British Government to express concern over the possibility that perhaps close to one-half of the inhabitants of the isle were ill.

This word-trio when levelled to things of the body, generally brings forth answers which indicate some feature of misery. But the telling takes quite the tragic turn when it is settled in the direction of the spiritual. "How are you"—spiritually? "Is it well with thy soul?" Strange, but even the most desper-

ately ill will clutch the splintered reeds of their ridiculous righteousness and murmur, "Fine, just fine!" The sickness of sin (Romans 5:12) sends no sounding of sorrow; judgment is a joke passe, and the goodness of God according to their emaculated estimate, serves all the medicine which is required.

But the deepest illness is that which is scarcely seen and less hardly felt, until it becomes too late—too late! Many who have departed this shore for the caves of "blackness of darkness forever" (Jude v. 13) would testify at the crack-of-chance, that no ailment is as awful as the absence of that assurance which cometh alone by faith in the finished work of the Great Physician (John 19:30). A prophet of old points up the present plague in this picture: "the whole head is sick and the whole heart faint . . . there is no soundness in it" (Isaiah 1:5,6). here is the diagnosis of Deity. But here now, is the revelation of the Redeemer: "he whom Thou lovest is sick" (John 11:3). Here, too, is the promise of Calvary's crystal font, "I will take sickness away from the midst of thee" (Exodus 23:25).

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## Weddings

### Janzen — Block

Miss Helen Block, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Block of Waldheim, Sask., and Edwin Janzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. E. Janzen, Waldheim, were married on July 4 in the Zoar Mennonite church, Waldheim, Sask. Rev. J. C. Schmidt of Rosthern, Sask., delivered the German message, while Rev. Abe Dueck of Lashburn, Sask., spoke in English.



### Tournavista, Peru

At a farewell service on Sunday evening June 22, R. G. Le Tourneau expressed appreciation for the dedicated service of Mennonite young people.

Royce Yoder (MC) of Elkhart, Indiana, and Kenneth Buller (GC) of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, left for Longview, Texas, for mechanical training before going on to Peru. Ralph Stichter (MC) of Nappanee, Indiana, accompanied them. He will operate the farm at a missionary children's school near Tournavista.

Ruth Yoder, R.N., from Holsopple, Pennsylvania, has arrived in Tournavista, Peru, where she will work in the missionary church school and minister to the villages in the surrounding area.

Mr. LeTourneau has indicated interest in using a Pax team in Liberia. This possibility is under consideration by MCC.

### Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Haiti

The Voluntary Service Section announced the departure of Betty Stoesz, laboratory technician from Isle Des Chenes, Manitoba, and Mildred Brillinger, R.N., of Gormley, Ontario. Miss Stoesz is a member of the Mennonite Brethren conference and Miss Brillinger is a member of the Brethren in Christ group.

The medical unit at Hospital Albert Schweitzer now consists of four nurses and one laboratory technician. More professional people are needed for this work.

### Christian Unity At Barrio Grande

The leprosy mission operated by Mennonites at Barrio Grande helps unite evangelical Christians in Paraguay, reports Dr. John R. Schmidt (Newton, Kans.), director of the project.

"Various evangelical Christian groups refer their leprosy patients to us," writes Dr. Schmidt. "As we treat their patients we have an op-

portunity to join hands with them in the Christian ministry to these people."

These groups have expressed appreciation in many ways, he says: the Christian church (Disciples) built a house for the Barrio Grande cook, who is a Baptist; another group contributed lumber for a church for the patients, and missionaries from several groups give messages to the Barrio Grande patients.

Says Dr. Schmidt, "We want to strive to keep wide awake to use all opportunities at our disposal to bring about a uniting influence among evangelical Christians in Paraguay."

During the first three months of this year the Barrio Grande staff—composed of Paraguayans, Chaco Mennonites, Europeans and Americans—served a total of 407 leprosy patients.

They treated 275 of that number in their homes (known as ambulatory treatment). In three clinics they treated 119 patients and served 13 patients in the Barrio Grande guest house.

The ambulatory treatment program is taking on a new direction in the form of small gatherings for a monthly religious service in the area where patients live. Formerly the only fellowship between staff and patient was in the patient's home. Dr. Schmidt believes this change will make clear to the patient the Christian emphasis in the medical service.

### Quilts Bring Cheer And Beauty

Twenty-one mothers living in the MCC home for East Germany refugees in Berlin write a note of appreciation to ladies of Mennonite churches in America who sewed quilts for them.

They write: "We wish to thank you all heartily for the beautiful quilts which you have made with so much love and care for us. They give our rooms a friendly and cozy appearance.

"Because we had to leave our homes and all our possessions, we find your gifts for the beautifying of our home especially comforting. May God richly reward you all."

Relief worker Jorn Bohn (Pandora, O.) says, "The colorful quilts with their many small stitches certainly add a bright and cheery note to the rooms. They are a witness to Christian love for those compelled to start anew."

### Mennonite Indemnity Inc. Meets

The concept of mutual aid has deep roots in the Mennonite fellowship. From small church societies, to community and state-wide organizations the growth of mutual aid societies has been rapid.

Until recent years, homes and church buildings could be replaced for approximately \$10,000 to \$15,

000 and a local society could readily cover the property against fire and wind damage. Home values today are considerably higher and some church buildings and institutions require coverage exceeding \$200,000. None of the church mutual aid societies can assume the risk of replacing such properties alone.

In 1957, eighteen individual Mennonite aid societies formed Mennonite Indemnity Inc. (M.I.I.), which is presently re-insuring property with values above the capacity of any single society. Risks too large for M.I.I. are spread out among the participating aid societies of North America. With economic conditions forcing property values higher, this modern version of mutual aid is becoming increasingly important.

The board of directors of M.I.I. held its quarterly meeting in Akron, Pennsylvania, on June 26.

### New Kindergarten Course For Sunday Schools

Scottsdale, Pa. — Sunday school teachers of five-year-olds in the pre-school kindergarten departments will look forward with appreciation to receiving the new Kindergarten II lesson materials prepared by the Mennonite Publishing House for use beginning this October, according to J. J. Hostetler, general Sunday school secretary.

The new course, BIBLE LESSONS FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN Year II," will complete the pre-school area of Herald Graded Sunday School Series. The "Nursery" course for three-year-olds, prepared by Kathryn Royer, was released for use last fall, and the "Kindergarten I" course for four-year-olds, prepared by Eva Carper, has been in use a number of years.

This new Kindergarten II course for five-year-olds consists of 1) a Teacher's Manual containing guides for 52 lessons; 2) a set of 36 large four-color lithographed Teaching Pictures; 3) a song book for the teacher, "Songs We Sing," which contains songs recommended in the Teacher's Book; and 4) a set of 52 four-page lesson leaflets having a colored lesson picture on the cover, one for each Sunday for pupils to take home.

The plan of the course provides for class periods in two parts, one where the child participates in one of the various interest centers, and the second where the children participate in group activities. The Teacher's Manual describes how the interest centers and class periods may be arranged and conducted in both the small and larger churches, depending upon conditions and facilities.

This course was originally prepared by Sadie N. Davis and Louise H. Entzminger and edited by Robbie Trent, author of "Your Child and God" and other books. It now has

been adapted and edited by the Christian Education Department of the Mennonite Publishing House and will be distributed as a part of the Herald Graded Sunday School Series.

Canadian Sunday schools may order this material through The Christian Press, Ltd., 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

## To Help You Teach

Teaching for Results  
By Findley B. Edge. 230pp.

In this thorough treatment of the art of teaching, Dr. Edge stresses the importance of definite teaching goals, particularly the conduct goal. Purposeful Bible study and securing "carry-over" from class to actual life through life-centred lesson plans are emphasized. A chapter on methods of testing shows how to determine the effectiveness of teaching techniques.

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Winning the Children  
By Gaines S. Dobbins. 168pp.

This book is based on the evangelical conviction that children become Christians only through an experience of personal faith in, and commitment to, God in Christ. Yet Dr. Dobbins warns against the force and pressure tactics of the superficial evangelist. In several chapters he offers methods based on a recognition of the child as a personality. Throughout the book he emphasizes the importance of winning the whole life.

Price: \$2.00

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Improving Religious Education Through Supervision

By Frank M. McKibben. 250pp.

The author insists that the improvement of leadership for the teaching task must parallel the introduction of higher types of curricula. In this book he offers a variety of advice on how to improve the teaching and the teachers. Even a casual glance at the book will convince you of the significant contribution the author has made.

Price: \$1.60

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How to Prepare a Sunday School Lesson

By Orrin Root

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## COLLEGES

### Tabor College

#### Scholarships and Grants Aid Students

A continuous program of scholarships and grants-in-aid to worthy students is carried on by Tabor College.

There are a number of ways in which students may qualify for assistance in financing their education at Tabor. For many years the College has given honor scholarships to students who have shown outstanding academic achievements either in high school or in college.

In addition to these scholarships based on scholastic performance, the College maintains a program of special grants to students who make significant contributions in other areas of college life.

A third program is designed to help worthy students who are not able to continue their education without financial assistance. Special grants are also given to selected foreign students desiring education at Tabor.

As of June 30, the committee had approved a total of thirty-three students for scholarships and grants, with a good number still under consideration.

### Goshen College

Goshen College has received a grant of \$100,000 from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., according to a report from President Paul Mininger. He indicated that the grant was designated for the completion of the new Chapel-Classroom building and will be applied towards the goal set for the Goshen College Development Program.

Lilly Endowment, Inc., has distributed approximately twenty-three million dollars since the foundation was established in 1937. In recent years one-half of their grants, which total about three million annually, have been given to higher education. The remainder of the funds are distributed in religious and community service projects.

In a letter which accompanied the \$100,000 check, Dr. Manning Patillo,

associate director of the foundation said, "Lilly Endowment is pleased to be associated with Goshen College in a building project which will enhance both the academic and religious work of the institution. I would add that we wish you success in the remainder of your development program."

The \$100,000 grant and other contributions received so far will cover the College's share in the cost of the new Chapel-Classroom building. This means other projects in the development program can benefit from subsequent contributions and subscriptions. President Mininger indicated that more than a million dollars will be needed in the next few years to carry forward the operations and necessary expansion of Goshen College. One-half of the funds needed for the Chapel-Classroom building are being supplied by the local College Church. The new building will be used by the congregation for all the regular church services in addition to its use by the College for daily chapel services and other student activities.

Two of the primary interests for which Lilly Endowment funds are distributed are higher education and religion. The Christian college combines these two interests, and the Lilly grant was given to encourage both the religious and the academic work of the College.

What is the most valuable thing a student can gain from this education? "Our answer," state the Lilly officials, "is a vital faith, a framework of fundamental belief, that gives meaning to his life. This should be a faith that has something to say about the inescapable realities of life—good and evil, joy and suffering, death, history, God—a faith that will stand the test of time." (From the 1957 Lilly Endowment, Inc., Annual Report)

Construction of the Chapel-Classroom building, for which the \$100,000 grant was designated, has progressed steadily since the first excavation was started in April. Mr. Harold Brooks, the construction engineer reports that most of the foundation walls have been completed.

The new Chapel-Classroom building is located south of the Union Building along route 15. Its circular sanctuary will seat about 1,100 persons. Twenty-one classrooms are arranged around the perimeter of the sanctuary.

The building is expected to be ready for use sometime next year.

### Little Lonely Heart

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not only had a lovely mother to care for him, but an aunt as well! Oh, if only he himself were like other little boys!

If only he had a mother and an aunt to care about him, too! He'd have been content with just one of

them. He turned away his head, blinking away the tears that would threaten his big-boy-ness.

A soft hand was laid on his. A gentle voice said:

"Isn't your Mummy coming to see you today, either?" As he glanced up, Audrey saw that the grey eyes which had smiled at her so radiantly when she came in were drowned in tears.

"I—I haven't got any Mummy to come," he whispered huskily. "I—you see, Ma'am, I'm only a nurse—a nurse child." It was out. Now she knew that he was not like other boys, cherished in the safe security, the tender warmth of home, but belonging to that sad company outside.

Audrey, her eyes tender with pity, said gently: "Tell me all about it, won't you?"

And Tim, his hand tightly in hers, told her all about Mrs. Brown and the "littlest ones," and the washing that never ceased. Audrey listened, a deep compassion in her heart.

A day or two later, Tim and Bobby were both dressed, and waiting beside their beds.

"Hurrah!" cried Bobby, "we're going home today!"

Tim tried to smile, but it was a hard job. Home to him meant Orford Road, with its noise and squalor, the crowded rooms hung with damp linen, the tired fretfulness of Mrs. Brown. He glanced across at his picture, at the gentle-faced, tender mother, and utter desolation swept over him. He hoped with all his heart that Mrs. Brown would come early so that he need not see Bobby's mother or aunt come to take him home. He felt that he simply could not bear it.

"Here they are!" shrieked Bobby, and Tim glanced down the ward. He saw both Bobby's mother and aunt coming through the doorway. Tim looked down quickly at his small clean hands, his eyes blurred so that he could scarcely see them. He hoped fervently that they'd hurry up and go away again, or that Mrs. Brown would come hurrying in her breathless way and swoop him off.

But Audrey Heath came straight to Tim's chair, and when he heard what she said, he could not believe his ears. For she told him the most wonderful, astonishing thing; that he was not going back to Orford Road ever any more! that he was going home with her, to stay for always! to be her little boy!

Speechless with delight, he glanced up into her face, and with a swift intake of breath, he suddenly saw upon it the wonder of the "mother look" that he had thought he had missed for ever. Surely that love couldn't be for him? For one breathless second he gazed, then he said, very softly: "You are like my picture!" He pointed. Her eyes filled with tears.

"Oh, Tim!" she said shakily, and gathered him to her heart.

For Audrey Heath, whose beautiful home other women so keenly envied, had been denied the one thing in life her heart most passionately desired. Beneath a brave smile she had hidden an ever-aching heart.

The beautiful house held a room which her visitors were never shown, a room that had never been furnished, that held nothing at all but the dreams of what might have been: the patter of little feet, the lilt of children's laughter. Audrey had locked the door of the room of her dreams. But she had not been able to shut away the emptiness of her heart.

She knew that Jim grieved the same, that though the world saw in him a keen-faced, prosperous business man, there was one thing for which he would have gladly given the whole of his possessions: a child to slip his little hand confidently into his; a sturdy little lad with firm chin and frank eyes. This was the vision he sometimes saw as he sat at his desk: his dream son standing, hands in tiny trouser pockets, laughing across the room at him.

And he would turn swiftly to the telephone, bark out a number, strive to banish if he could the dream that hurt so much. In the evening, he would take home an armful of flowers to Audrey, his wife, knowing that she, too, hid the same grief.

But tonight Audrey was waiting eagerly in the hall when her husband put his key in the door.

He smiled down into her radiant face.

"He is here?" he cried quickly.

"Yes! Come up and see him, Jim!"

He followed her up to the transformed room, where Audrey had been gloriously busy during the last few days, filling the room with everything most dear to a little boy's heart.

For a moment Jim stood upon the threshold, too moved for speech. For he saw, standing very straight in a shaft of evening sunshine, a shy smile on his small, eager face, the little son of his dreams.

"Tim!" he said huskily, and held out his hand. Tim slipped his own confidently into it, and looked up into the kind rugged face. He was "Little Lonely Heart" no more.

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## Bethesda Home Will Purchase Farm

Winnipeg, Man. — "A bargain," is the way C. J. Rempel, chairman of the board of Bethesda Home, Vineland, Ont., described an offer received by the board from a neighbor willing to sell a 22-acre farm to the mental home.

He told the delegates to the Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church that if they purchased the small farm it would complete the large farm complex operated by the home for occupational therapy and income purposes. Delegates agreed that the board should purchase the farm and pay for it out of the profits from the farm's operation. A total of 180 acres are farmed by residents and attendants at the home.

The board reported that the large new laundry room has been complet-

ed and is providing satisfactory service. The special offering to be received by the churches to cover the \$11,000 project was, however, quite weak, and churches were exhorted to respond more generously to the appeal for funds. More visits to the churches were promised by the board.

The Ontario Hospital Insurance plan is to take effect on January 1 and will provide financial assistance to cover operating expenses of the home for all resident patients. Full details are still to be worked out, so that financial support is still urgently needed at the present time.

A total of 71 patients are in Bethesda Home at the present time. Seventeen were discharged during the past conference year, while 17 new ones were admitted.

dren seemed relieved that school was over for another year.

For the first hour each teacher was responsible for the activities of his own class. We were fortunate to be able to use the baseball diamonds and volley ball court of the school. Then came the races. Winners were awarded ribbons for first, second or third standing. The small children of course received more tangible rewards.

Lunch was enjoyed under the huge trees in the park, after which Henry Wiebe gave a short and timely talk on the wonders of God's universe.

## Help For New Converts Published

Winnipeg, Man. — Delegates to the Canadian Conference of the M. B. Church agreed to aid in the distribution of a new booklet that will help young Christians.

"This Way", a 32-page booklet written by Rev. J. J. Toews, Kitchener, and published by the Ontario youth committee, will be made available to young people across Canada. Delegates accepted a recommendation from the Canadian youth committee to purchase a large supply of this booklet for sale at 25 cents a copy or for free distribution by churches or youth groups.

Sub-titled, "Counsel for Young Christians", the booklet was written with those in mind who have made a decision for Christ but who have as yet many questions and problems. Rev. Toews is well-qualified to write on this subject, since he has been a pastor for many years, as well as a Bible school teacher. At present he is pastor of the Kitchener M. B. Church.

## Death on the Road

Winnipeg, Man. — Henry S. Hiebert, 35, died on July 4 as the result of an accident on the highway one mile west of Plum Coulee.

Mr. Hiebert was on his way home from Winnipeg when he lost control of his truck, which turned upside down in the ditch, taking the life of the driver.

He is survived by his wife and three children.

## On the Horizon

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

July 13 to 19. — Camp for boys ages 11 to 13, at the Eden Christian College campus, Virgil, Ont.

July 13 to 19. — Children's camp at the West Bank Bible Camp, Lein-an, Saskatchewan. Write Rev. J. J. Thiessen, Herbert, Sask., for information.

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 25. — Young people's camp at the West Bank Bible Camp, Leinan, Sask. Rev. F. C. Peters, M. B. Bible College instructor, will speak.

July 20 to 26. — Camp for girls, ages 8 to 10, at the Eden Christian College campus.

July 26. — A one-day married couples camp, with Rev. F. C. Peters speaking, at Westbank Bible Camp.

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

July 25 to 31. — The Alberta Mennonite Brethren Bible Camp for children ages 9 to 14 will be held at the Southern Alberta Bible Camp, Vauxhall, Alta.

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

July 27 to August 2. — Camp for girls, ages 11 to 13, on the grounds of the Eden Christian College.

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.

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.

## Agree To Use Herald Press Materials

Winnipeg, Man. — The Canadian M. B. Church Sunday school committee recommended to the delegates meeting at North Kildonan last weekend that Mennonite Brethren churches use the Herald Press pre-school materials in the Sunday school. An imprint edition is also to be sought later. The conference accepted this recommendation, which will help to standardize Sunday school materials for the future.

Last year the conference agreed to purchase an imprint edition of the new Herald Press Sunday school material which will be ready for use in the fall of 1959. The conference this year also agreed to finance a plan whereby all Mennonite Brethren Sunday schools in Canada will receive the Primary lessons for the

first quarter (October-December) in 1959 free, to aid in introducing this material.

Pre-school materials in mind are the new Nursery and Kindergarten II materials, as well as the Kindergarten I material, already in use since 1950. These materials are prepared for use with 3, 4 and 5 year-olds. Canadian distributor for this material and the M. B. imprinted edition later is The Christian Press, Ltd.

## Sunday School Outing At Vineland

Vineland, Ont. — The Sunday school of the Vineland M. B. Church enjoyed a picnic recently, which was held at the Eden Christian College grounds, Niagara. The weather was ideal. Everyone seemed to be in a holiday mood; especially the chil-

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