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Miss Rita Klassen teaching a demonstration lesson at the Manitoba Mennonite Teachers' Society conference. (Photo courtesy Pembina Triangle Progress)

The Teacher Is a Missionary

By Margaret Harder

Winkler, Man. — "The aim of this conference is a two-fold one," stated Mr. G. N. Janzen, president of the Mennonite Teachers' Society. "We want to promote religious instruction in our schools and to preserve the German language."

Approximately 100 teachers from all over Southern Manitoba gathered at the Winkler School auditorium for this conference on Saturday, Oct. 18. The main items of the two sessions were a demonstration lesson by Miss Rita Klassen, Reinland, a panel discussion led by Mr. H. Wiebe, Springstein, and a lecture by Rev. J. H. Quiring, Winkler. The entire conference was carried on in the German language.

Mr. H. F. Wiebe, chairman of the Winkler School Board, spoke words of welcome, and expressed the hope that a summer school session could be held sometime to give teachers assistance in the teaching of religion and German.

Class Demonstration

A class of students from Grades one to four were kept profitably busy during a half hour demonstration lesson in German by their teacher, Miss Rita Klassen. The younger children discussed in German a picture which they were coloring and learned a short verse suited to the picture. The older children spent their time in silent and oral reading, as well as in studying vowel combinations and asking and telling sentences. The opinion later

expressed by the delegates was that if German were taught as thoroughly in all lower grades, pupils would have little difficulty in high school or university.

After an intermission for sports and supper, the second session was called to deal with religious instruction. Emphasis was placed on the ability of each teacher to teach a child the way of salvation. This

knowledge, it was stated, surpassed any other that could be imparted to the child.

The first speaker on the panel was Rev. C. C. Peters, formerly teaching in South America, who spoke on the child, the teacher and the method of teaching.

Child Has Implicit Faith in Teacher

"The child," said Rev. Peters, "has unbounded faith in his teacher and unknowingly is seeking the truth. If we teach him everything, but leave out Christ, we are offering the child a stone rather than bread."

The speaker asserted that only a born again teacher would be able to reach the heart of his pupil. The teacher must live so that children become better because of him. Rev. Peters told the audience that the story-telling method is still the most successful one in religious teaching.

Rev. Gerhard Enns of the MCI at Gretna spoke on religious instruction in the junior high grades. "We can take no Biblical knowledge for granted, but must teach these young people the simple facts of Scripture," he stated. "We must make

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NSSA Team to Serve in Saskatoon

By Paul J. Wiebe

Waldheim, Sask. — It is coming at last. For the first time the National Sunday School Association is sending a team to Saskatoon for a district-wide Sunday School Convention.

Convention dates are November 5, 6 and 7. The site for the convention is the Alliance church in Saskatoon, Sask.

We are particularly privileged in having the prospects of hearing some of the most outstanding leaders in the Sunday school field. The following speakers are expected: Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary, NSSA; Dr. Edwin J. Potts, executive assistant, NSSA; Miss Eleanor Doan, representing Gospel Light Press; Mr. Russell Ingraham, representing David C. Cook Publishers; and Rev. D. Kenneth Reisinger, president of Evangelical Teacher's Training Association.

Dr. Risley has a wide range of Christian Education experience. He has been the energetic pastor of a

rapidly growing Sunday school and church in Spokane, Washington. Under his leadership the Spokane School of the Bible, an evening school for training Christian leaders, and the Northwest Christian High School had their beginning. Before coming to Spokane Mr. Risley served as Christian Education Director in San Diego, California. He is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles with further study at the University of California and at Whitworth College. Those who have heard Mr. Risley at various conventions claim him one of our finest leaders in the field of Christian Education in North America today.

Dr. Potts is the editorial assistant of the National Sunday School Association. Here he assists in editing LINK magazine, the Encyclopedia, and other NSSA publications. He will direct the development of NSSA commissions, especially the

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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FAMILY WEEKLY

School Principal at Niagara Thanksgiving

By Holdina Voth

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — A Harvest Thanksgiving and Mission Festival was observed at the Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church on October 26. According to Psalm 148 we were made to realize our need of thankfulness toward God.

At the morning service, Rev. Wilmer Kornelsen, Kitchener, Ont., spoke on the topic, "Missionary Activity Born Out of Our Relationship with Jesus Christ," according to Acts 2:37-47. He stated that "the consciousness of sins forgiven is the basis of missionary work. All missionary activity must start at home first."

Rev. H. Penner, St. Catharines, Ont., challenged the church at the afternoon service with a message on the "Call to Missionary Service", according to Isaiah 6:1-13.

The whole day has caused us to remember the Lord's goodness towards us. As we look back on the past year we must certainly bless the Lord: He has given us regular church services with special deeper-life services. We could again instruct two weeks of DVBS with a total enrollment of 292 pupils. The Lord gave us 2 baptisms at which 8 members were added to the Church.

Mother of Missionaries Dies

Abbotsford, B.C. — Mrs. David Warkentin, a mother of three missionaries, passed away on October 28 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

The late Mrs. Warkentin was a member of the Abbotsford M.B. Church and maintained a vital interest in missions. This was passed on to the children, and today three are serving the Lord in mission work and one daughter is the wife of a pastor.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Lawrence, mission worker at Brandon, Man., Elmer, missionary in Borneo for his second term, and Don, Abbotsford; four daughters, Leona (wife of Rev. A. J. Sawatzky, pastor of the Kelowna M.B. Church), Verna (Mrs. Leslie Buhler, serving in India), and two daughters at home.

EDITORIAL

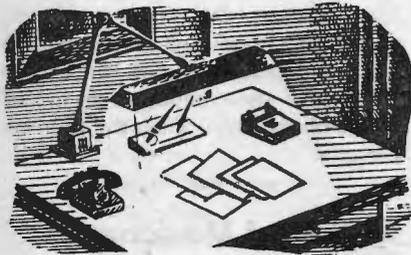
What Do You Perceive?

Dr. A. H. Unruh, who is well-known for his pithy sayings, once dryly remarked that some people are worse than chickens when listening to others. A chicken would never think of scratching through a large pile of wheat to get at some chaff, but some people would gladly do this. This was only another way of saying that some people will disregard all the truths in a good sermon, for example, in order to criticize a weak point or some weakness in delivery. Or you could say that some people can listen to a musical piece or vocal selection that is quite well presented and hear only the flat note at the end of the second bar in the third stanza.

All of us have this tendency to some degree. In fact, this mode of behaviour is so general that psychologists have come up with the proposition that we are selective in our perception. We hear what we choose to hear and understand the way we want to. We interpret another man's action as our mental set, our moods and emotions dictate—and not necessarily as the other person would want us to interpret the action.

It is thus a good test to stop mentally while we are listening to a message or a musical performance and analyze what we are listening for. Do we really hear and assimilate the truths that the servant of the Lord is proclaiming, or are we hearing only the occasional grammatical slip, the mispronunciation of a four-syllable word, or the apparently illogical order of the points in the sermon? Are we perceiving that he is giving us a message from the Lord, or are we seeing only the awkward gesture, the crooked tie, the shiny fountain pen in the lapel pocket? Or when the choir is singing a hymn of praise to God, does our heart join in—or do our ears hear only that the tenor section is weak, our eyes see only that one of the girls has a new dress and that one of the basses doesn't seem to be making any effort at all?

We lose a lot of enjoyment and miss great spiritual truths if we perceive only the weaknesses and mistakes. This can become such a habit that we may be spiritually undernourished even after years of hearing solid preaching and teaching in the pulpit. Our souls have fed on the husks when we could have had the kernel. Therefore let us take grace from the Lord to be attentive hearers, for only then can we be doers of the Word and bring forth a hundred-fold harvest.



Pen Points For Reporters

By Divers Methods: A newspaper has various sources for obtaining information. A reporter or editor may hear about an accident or a death in a casual conversation and follow up this lead by letter or telephone call to verify the facts and gain additional information. An acquaintance of either the editor or a reporter may have received a letter and pass along the word. The radio and local newspaper may provide "leads" that will give useful information. And, finally, there is the direct report by some correspondent or reporter.

All these methods are represented in last week's issue of the *Mennonite Observer*. The first method is illustrated by the short report on the newlyweds injured in an accident. The second method gave the "story" on the Aucas. The third

source is shown in the report on the girl that was killed in a highway accident, while numerous examples can be found for the last source. You will want to be keen "observers" for news stories emanating from all these sources.

Another Reporter: Residents in the Domain and Osborne area in Manitoba will be happy to know that news events in that district will now receive coverage. Mr. Herman Rempel of Osborne will write reports on activities in that area. We also notice that Miss Ruth Schmidt of Abbotsford, who has sent in reports on the activities at the Arnold M. B. Church, is the Mennonite Educational Institute reporter for the MSA News. One thing leads to another.

Significant Subject: The teacher

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DEVOTIONAL

"I Don't Want To Do It?"

By Rev. Richard S. McMillan

"Say, Jim, how about taking charge of the publicity for our special meetings next month? . . . What's that? . . . You don't want to do it? Why, you could do a grand job with your artistic talent. . . You haven't time? Well, none of us have too much time, do we? Come on, be a good fellow and help us. . . Get someone else? Well, I suppose we could, but we sure would like you to do it."

Have you ever heard a conversation something like this when there was a job to be done and someone needed to do it? You say, "Why can't young people be more cooperative in the Lord's work?"

But wait a minute, how about yourself? Did you respond with a hearty "I'd be glad to" the last time your young people's president or your pastor asked for volunteers for some task that needed doing, and that no one seemed anxious to tackle? Think for a moment of the implications of this I-don't-want-to attitude which we so easily fall into.

First, if we are true Christians we are members of one body, the Body of Christ, and each of us has a part to play in the operation of that body. When we turn down an opportunity to serve even in the smallest thing, we bring a touch of paralysis into

as the modern community missionary is an important emphasis. Miss Margaret Harder has given a fine report for this week's issue on a talk given by Rev. J. H. Quiring on this subject. Read it for its message and study it for the method of presentation. Notice how direct quote and indirect quote alternate to provide a continuous "story" in a highly readable fashion. A fresh treatment of an important subject deserves similar coverage!

Quote: "Can anyone be regarded as civilized who reads fewer than 20 books a year?" asked a *Chicago Tribune* editor during this year's National Library Week. Let's ask ourselves: Ought anything less be expected of serious-minded Christians?

Our Readers Say

Widespread Ministry

We are indeed happy for the widespread ministry of the *Mennonite Observer*. It certainly does keep us in touch with some of the main activities in the field of Christian education and church work in our conference. We have appreciated the promptness with which you have handled the various reports. May the Lord continue to use the paper to further His cause.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Wiebe,
Waldheim, Sask.

some part of the Lord's spiritual body, and cause Him grief and sorrow through our unwillingness. What would your response be if it were the Lord Himself who asked, "Jim, will you do this?" or "Sue, will you do that for Me?" Could you still say to Him, "I don't want to?"

When we say "no" we throw a wet blanket on the enthusiasm and usefulness of our group. Nothing is as unpalatable and sour as a bunch of young people sitting around waiting for someone else to do something to entertain them. One of the most alert youth groups you can find anywhere is one I know whose motto is, "I'd be glad to," and who live up to their motto. By the way, they have no patent on the motto.

Let's be sure we understand the issue confronting us. It isn't our ability to do that is in question, but our willingness. Too often our lame excuse, "I can't," is only a cover up for the real reason, "I won't." All that God ever asks of us is a willing heart, and if we have that, He will supply the ability. His standard for us is this: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". (Phil. 4:13).

Jesus said that if you would be the greatest in the kingdom of God you should be servant of all (Mark 10:44). Don't govern yourself by the unwillingness of others, but set that good example that pleases the Lord and brings blessing to yourself and all those around you.

Next time you're asked to do something, let's hear that ready response, "I'd be glad to!"

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Church Bids Farewell to Mission Workers

Virgil, Ont. — The Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church heard the testimonies and bade farewell to Brother and Sister Arthur Froese, going into mission work to Europe under the Janz Team.

Brother Froese will be in charge of the office through which all the phases of evangelistic work must pass: 1) radio ministry, 2) campaign arrangements, 3) spiritual letters, 4) ordering and mailing Christian records.

The Lord willing, the Froeses with their children Allan and Caroline, plan to sail on November 7. Until the new office building with living quarters is completed they will live with the Janz Team at Basel, Switzerland. Bro. Froese is the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Froese, Virgil, Ontario. Mrs. Froese's parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. Huebner, St. Catharines, Ont.

In their testimonies they praised God for his marvellous grace, for His saving and keeping power, and

for the way He led them in preparing them for service. God has been able to use them in mission Sunday school work, DVBS and Sunday school. Brother Froese was assistant superintendent in the Niagara M. B. Church in the past year. They have both attended the Briercrest Bible Institute. Though the way was dark for a while as to their place of service, they can now say with Joshua: "Be strong and of a good courage. . . ." (Joshua 1:7-9).

Brother C. M. Penner thanked Brother Froese for his cooperation and willingness to work in the Sunday school. The promise: "Lo, I am with you alway. . . ." (Matt. 28:20) was the parting verse. Rev. J. Pankrat thanked them in the name of the church and gave them as their motto: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

The congregation gathered for a fellowship lunch in the basement. Our prayers shall go with them.

Radio Station CFAM Goes To 5000 Watts

Altona, Man. — Radio station CFAM Altona, dial 1290, began operating at 5000 watts early in October. Its signal can now be heard over most of southern Manitoba.

CFAM calls itself Manitoba's farm station, as it devotes over one hour a day strictly to farm broadcasts. This includes livestock and grain prices, as well as talks by agricultural specialists on various farm products. CFAM is also unique in Canada in that it broadcasts only classical and semi-classical types of music. It plays no hit-parade, rock and roll or "objectionable" Westerns.

When CFAM went on the air in March 1957 at 1000 watts, it was advertised as a "welcome change in radio listening" with its programming emphasis on agricultural programs, good music by the best artists, and religious programs.

These original aims have been implemented and the emphasis of 1290 on the dial is still a welcome change to many Manitoba listeners. The owners of CFAM state there will be no change in its "good music" policy. Many religious programs are aired every week.

In the agricultural field five programs bring the latest market prices and information to the listeners of Manitoba's farm areas. Farm director is Dr. P. J. Olson, former Professor of Plant Science at the University of Manitoba. He is assisted by Leonard Enns.

In the realm of good music, Music Director Ben Horch directs five hours of classical music programs every day. His informal commen-

tary on these programs is designed both to inform and to entertain.

Today CFAM operates from 6 a.m. to midnight daily at the increased power of 5000 watts.

Niverville Firms Employ 100

Niverville, Man. — With the opening of the new George Dueck and Son Ltd. poultry plant more than 100 people are now gainfully employed in this farm centre.

The new plant employs 60 people. It was constructed at a cost of \$275,000.

A housing shortage has already developed in this town and at least one building that has long been abandoned as a dwelling has been repaired for occupancy.

An increasing business tempo is also noticed in the town.

Double Purpose For Youth Banquet

Vancouver, B.C. — A recent youth banquet in the Fraserview M. B. church had a double purpose. The October 18 banquet was designed to welcome young people who had to come into the city to study or to work and to raise money for the Union Gospel Sunday school building.

The dinner was sponsored by the Missionary Guild, and all proceeds went to the Union Gospel Mission. Following the dinner a short program was presented, in which Alfred Siemens spoke a word of welcome to those who had come to the city. Rev. Leonard Klassen, in charge of the work at the Union Gospel Mission, then emphasized the great need for a building for the

Sunday school there. A skit and musical numbers added to the enjoyment of the evening. Rev. P. R. Toews closed with a challenging talk on "What Have You to Share?" based on Acts 3:6: ". . . but such as I have give I thee."

Everyone present enjoyed the banquet, hoping that it will become an annual affair.

Missionary Visits Ontario Churches

Virgil, Ont. — Missionary Ernest Dyck from the Belgian Congo visited the Niagara Mennonite Brethren Church on October 17. He spoke briefly on the qualifications of a missionary and also gave some helpful hints concerning letters to missionaries.

Rev. Dyck based his message of the evening on Eph. 3:14-21 and showed slides of the work in the Congo. The Dycks are on their way to Hillsboro, Kans., at present, from where they will leave for Africa in December.

Two-Week Campaign At Dalmeny

Dalmeny, Sask. — From October 5 through October 17, the Dalmeny M. B. church was host to a revival campaign conducted by Rev. Waldo Wiebe, the Mennonite Brethren evangelist of the U.S. area conference.

The church, which seats approximately 300 to 400, was filled almost every night. Besides the regular evening service at 7:30 p.m., the campaign consisted of regular pre-service prayer meetings at 7:00 p.m. and Bible studies at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Special meetings were held on Sunday afternoons, where the topics "Courtship and Marriage" and "Parental Problems of Child Training" were discussed by Rev. Wiebe. God has visited Dalmeny in a mighty way in the past two weeks, for which we are thankful.

Fellowship and Inspiration in Colombia

By Esther Wiens

Colombia, S.A. — August 30 and 31 were days of rich fellowship and spiritual edification for believers in the Colombian province of the Valle.

Attending a series of meetings in LaCumbre were representatives from every group of believers in the Valle and the visiting brethren: Lando Hiebert and J. B. Toews. "The Example of the Apostolic Church" served as theme for the meetings.

The brethren from America were enthusiastically received and the listeners were richly blessed through their messages. Brother Toews

preached messages from the book of Acts on "The Church Praying," "The Church Persecuted," and "The Church Victorious." His messages included a report on our mission fields around the world.

On Sunday morning the Lord's Supper was observed and at noon there was a fellowship meal. On Sunday afternoon Brother Hiebert presented a message of encouragement to the believers. The messages by the visiting brethren were translated into Spanish by Sister Lillian Schafer. In the afternoon Brother Daniel Duque also presented a testimony and report of extensive work. In the evening Brother Robert Seibel, who visited us on his way back to America, reported on his work in Brazil.

The LaCumbre Church and its visitors will long remember those hours of rich fellowship around the Word and table.

Thanksgiving at New Hazelton

New Hazelton, B.C. — The Thanksgiving Service in the Gospel Chapel here began at 11:30 a.m., Oct. 13, with Rev. Aaron Schmidt of Terrace as guest speaker.

Once again we were all made aware of how much we as Christians have to be thankful for. We are to be thankful for the trials as well as the blessings. True victory can only be claimed if this is the case.

Following the worship service a brief dedication service was held. The children dedicated were: Wilfred Rast, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rast; Gordon and Leona Kornelson, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kornelson.

The parents pledged to bring their children up so that they would soon learn of the Lord Jesus Christ and accept Him as their personal Saviour. The members of the congregation also pledged to do all in their power to lead these little ones in the way of the Lord.

A thanksgiving dinner was shared by approximately 25 persons at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kornelson.

The afternoon service, with Rev. Aaron Schmidt as guest speaker, was based on missions. His text was John 4:35.

Death Comes After Hospital Stay

Winnipeg, Man. — Death came unexpectedly to Mrs. George Dyck, 33, of 34 Garnet Bay, Winnipeg, on October 22. She had been in the St. Boniface hospital for a week.

The late Mrs. Dyck was the former Erna Rempel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rempel. She is survived by her husband, her parents and two sisters.

Funeral services were held from the South End M. B. church on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Organize Camp Society and Agree on Site

By Peter Penner

Chilliwack, B.C. — The auditorium of the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute, Clearbrook, provided the setting for the second meeting of younger family fathers interested in building a camp for their children through a Mennonite Brethren society. Well over one hundred were in attendance at the October 20 meeting.

There was an urgent need to form a membership that evening because the option on the forty-acre site at Cultus Lake was running out on October 23.

Under the chairmanship of Rev. A. Wieler, the provisional committee presented a constitution for the consideration of all present. After this had been read, Mr. Wieler called for action on its first three items; the name of the society, its purposes and the qualifications for membership. From the floor came a motion to accept the name proposed by the provisional committee. Approval of the following name was unanimous: **The Mennonite Brethren Camp Society of B.C.**

After considerable discussion about the statement of the camp's purposes, the membership qualifications as well as about the membership fee of one hundred dollars, those willing to commit themselves as members were asked to sign a paper of intent to join. Seventy-four men registered their intention to financially contribute to the purchase of property and the erection of suitable buildings. Plans were made to recruit more members. Expectations for a large membership ran high at the meeting. As to annual dues, they will be calculated according to the budget that will be set up for consideration at the annual meeting of the society.

By the time the society had been formed it was too late to proceed with the election of officers. The important thing was to vote on the purchase of the property near Lindale Beach, Cultus Lake. Much discussion was generated over its real estate value, accessibility, off-center location and beach allowance. When brought to a vote, however, it was revealed that eighty-seven percent of the initial membership favoured the purchase of this site. Mr. Jack Block, Vancouver, who has made all negotiations with the owner of this 40-acre cleared plateau, reported that the price was \$15,500.00 excluding the real estate commission and that the erection of adequate camp facilities would cost another fifteen thousand dollars.

The provisional committee was authorized to purchase the site and was asked to serve until the next meeting. In the meantime the nominating committee chosen, consisting of Henry Unger and John Reimer, Abbotsford, and Rudy Boschmann, Yarrow, will prepare a slate of candidates for the fifteen-member

board of governors of the society. These will be elected at the next meeting. Also up for consideration will be the remainder of the proposed constitution as prepared by the provisional committee.

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

The doors to the Mennonite Brethren Bible College opened for another term on September 23. Many new and anxiously questioning faces appeared at school, wondering what the year held in store for them. Many faces were familiar and had the assured appearance that everything was well under control. After the hurry and scurry of registration students tried to settle down in their new living quarters and wondered about the subjects they would be studying for the next eight months.

Of course, it takes time to adjust to a new situation with so many new faces but the first Friday night program facilitated the adjustment by giving the students and faculty

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sure that our students have a worship experience, that they meet God personally. To this end teachers must make themselves available for personal counselling to their students."

Rev. Enns noted that this was more easily done in private institutions, but still not impossible even in public high schools. He continued, "It is our duty to show students that there is no disharmony between Scripture and secular knowledge. A seeming disharmony is due to our lack of information. We must help to clear up any confusion in their minds."

Need Harmony Between Parents And Teachers

Rev. J. M. Pauls, Winkler, represented the parents on the panel. He pointed out the importance of the love of the teacher for the child, and the need for close harmony between parents and the teacher. Religious instruction, he asserted, is of little value if the teacher does not live up to Christian principles.

Various singing groups served the conference with both German folk and religious songs. The importance of singing was thus stressed in the teaching efforts in both religion and language.

Rev. J. H. Quiring, Winkler, was the main speaker of the evening and dealt with the topic, "The Mennonite Teacher as the Missionary of the Future."

"The future," said Rev. Quiring, "means tomorrow and the day af-

ter. Each province by means of a skit introduced its students. British Columbia has forty-five representatives; Alberta, eighteen; Saskatchewan, sixteen; Manitoba, thirty-three; Ontario, twenty-four; England, one. This makes the total enrollment 137 for 1958-59. Classified according to courses there are 53 theology students, 59 religious education students, 14 music students, and 11 General Bible students.

It was soon noticeable that students found that attending college was a full-time job. Soon the library was filled with ambitious students. Everyone walked about with books in hand and purpose in their eyes. Study became the watchword.

Now, the middle of October, everything seems to be running smoothly — time tables have been finalized, practical work assigned, and as Dr. Peters says: "Lectures without homework are dull."

Peter B. Klassen.

The best way to get rid of enemies is to make friends of them.

* * *

Forget yourself for others and you will not be forgotten by others.

ter. Many forces will seek to influence others through schools, for example, the Catholics, our democratic state, and we, too, have this opportunity to influence those whom we teach."

Teachers Have Unusual Missionary Opportunity

Rev. Quiring enumerated reasons why teachers were in an excellent position to do missionary work. First, the teacher can do his work without undue concern about his financial existence. He is paid regularly, which is often not the case with workers under a mission board.

"Secondly," said the speaker, "you get the children day by day, since school attendance is compulsory. The church, the Sunday school, our DVBS, must canvass districts, must work hard to keep up interest in their meetings, yet attendance is fluctuating continually."

The teacher also holds a position of leadership in social life in any community, Rev. Quiring pointed out. In any district you can find teachers in demand for positions in church work as well as in other activities.

Teach Reading To Read Bible

"You as teachers," continued the speaker, "are teaching the elementary skills of reading and writing. This is of utmost importance because it gives the child the ability to read the Bible. Christ said to search the Scriptures; you have helped the child to do this by teaching him to read."

Finally, the teacher has the chance to teach religion for a half

hour five days a week—much more time than we have at our disposal in Sunday school. "It is understood," said Rev. Quiring, "that when we speak of a Mennonite teacher, we mean a Christian teacher who will influence the child not only by word, but just as much by example. Your life in and out of the schoolroom must portray the Lord Jesus."

Demands Upon Teacher

Rev. Quiring then dealt with the demands upon a teacher who would also be a missionary. He asked, "Do you feel that God has called you to be a teacher, and are you confident that today you are where the Lord would have you be? The correct attitude towards your profession is very important."

A teacher must also have faith in the inspiration of the Bible. "If you are not certain in your own thinking about God's word," said Rev. Quiring, "you may raise doubts in the child's mind. The Bible cannot be tested and proved correct in the laboratory, but the teacher's attitude towards it can allay the doubts in the pupil's mind."

Pupil Not Only Body

Children can be dealt with successfully only if the teacher loves the child, continued the speaker. The child is not only a body with a stomach to fill, not only a being with a mind to fill, but body, soul and spirit all in one.

"Consider the child before you," said Rev. Quiring, "as a sinner who must meet God. Report cards indicate marks in school subjects, but do they tell the whole story? As a missionary you must also consider the influence you have had on the child for the good."

Watch Activities Outside of School

A fifth demand was that the teacher must watch carefully his activities outside of the classroom. Rev. Quiring asserted that pupils were well informed as to whether the teacher attended church, Sunday school and prayer meetings. A teacher can easily destroy the influence of his word by living carelessly.

"Finally, every teacher who would be a missionary needs more than a high school education," said Rev. Quiring. "It is essential that you study the Bible, missions and personal work at some Bible school or college. This knowledge will help you to be better equipped to show the child the way to God."

In closing the speaker again said that God wanted to use every Christian teacher to win souls—an honour as well as a sacred duty.

The evening session of the conference then heard a few words from its newly-elected president, Mr. Vernon Reimer, Niverville. The meeting was adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. M. Pauls.

Entering an Open Door at Hamilton

By John Unger *

"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Rev. 3:8.

One of the characteristics of our day and age is that of acquiring security. We live behind closed doors. As a measure of security we carry with us a bundle of keys. One key unlocks the door of our dwelling, another key unlocks the door of our automobile, the third key opens the door to our office where we work, and the fourth key is used to unlock the desk which gives us access to the instruments which we will be requiring while at work. We would never think of leaving our office doors unlocked for those to enter who would desire to do so. We would fear the loss of our securities and would consider it an infringement upon our safety rules.

God also closes doors. God closed the door of the ark, in Noah's day. Paul experienced closed doors in his ministry. God has closed doors during our time as well. But God has also opened other doors where His call goes forth that the redeemed should enter and occupy, cultivate, sow the seed and gather in the harvest grain. Already in the church of Philadelphia we find that God had opened the door.

What If It Shuts?

Upon opening a door God expects His servants to enter and labor. If they fail to enter, the door might be closed at another time. The open door in Philadelphia was a direct response to their witness. The key remained in the hands of the Master, who closed or opened it at His will. If, when the door was open and the human heart was receptive to the knowledge of God, the true Gospel was not given, then others have entered that door and sown seed which brought confusion and turmoil to that heart. This knowledge makes us sad, but we dare not sit and mourn while others are in the same danger. When we realize an open door, we must enter, labor and cling to the promises of God.

Is the door where the Lord has placed us still open? Are we ready and willing to occupy in full faith and confidence that He has the keys: He has opened and no man can shut it? Will we seek guidance of Him, so that the work might be done according to His will and good pleasure?

DVBS Opens Field

Permit me to make mention of the field which has been opened for us in the city of Hamilton (formerly known as the Stoney Creek Mission, but recently annexed to the city). Step by step we were able to gain admittance into the field.

The Home Mission Board received permission to conduct daily vacation Bible school in one of the schools within the area. They were also invited to begin a Sunday school in that area at the close of the period.

The members of the Vineland church were ready to take upon themselves the responsibilities of organization and see to it that teachers would be supplied to take the classes. They began the Sunday following the conclusion of the DVBS work, namely in July, 1954. Two vehicles have been made available every Sunday for the teachers to come a distance of over 20 miles (one way) to teach.

After one year of successful service, the Home Mission Board felt led to approach the Conference regarding the placement of a full-time worker on that field. Permission was granted and in July, 1955, we began as full-time workers. Whereas the teachers and children had gained the confidence of many parents, we now felt that they should be given the opportunity of receiving the Word of God likewise. In September, 1955, we were able to open our Bible class, which has proven to be a great blessing.

Population Nearing Quarter Million

In a city with a population of almost a quarter million inhabitants, it is difficult to draw a line which would be called our borders. The opportunities for contacts by medium of house visitations are more than one worker could do justice to, even though he would give his full time to that work alone. Through this aspect of the work we have realized the many needs which are prevalent here and can only be met in Christ. Since the door is open, can we stay away?

We have now entered our fifth year of work in the field. A goodly number have been led to Christ. To provide further nurture for them, we have started a "Christian Growing Club" whereby we seek to offer them more food for spiritual growth. The Conference also realized the blessings of the work and felt that with the erection of a sanctuary, the work would be able to prosper more efficiently. Consequently on July 28, 1958, we were able to meet at the site which had been purchased and where our first church is being erected.

Rev. H. Penner, the chairman of the Home Mission Board and assistant convener of the Ontario Conference, was chairman at the service. Besides the workers, fifteen brethren were present to participate in the sod-turning service. Rev. John Unger in his brief message stated that "A Sure Foundation" (I Cor. 3:9-15) is one that is built upon Christ. Christ is the founda-



Gathered at the site where the new M. B. church building is to be erected at Hamilton, Ont., are Rev. Henry Penner, chairman of the Home Mission Board; A. A. Dyck, Vineland; Rev. F. Baine, Stoney Creek; C. M. Penner, general contractor; Rev. John Unger, mission worker in this field; A. Janzen, St. Catharines; Rev. D. V. Coombs, Hamilton; Mr. P. Klassen, Virgil; Rev. H. P. Wiebe, Vineland; Mr. Bruce Milne, Hamilton, member of the Sunday school; A. Wall, Vineland church leader; L. Martens, Vineland, member of the building committee; E. Reimer, Vineland; Peter Derksen, St. Catharines (Not showing is Mr. Edward Wiebe, the Sunday school superintendent). The bottom picture shows the progress of the construction on the new church building at Hamilton, Ont. A 43 by 60 foot church is being constructed on the 80 by 100 foot lot. The main auditorium in the church will be 20 by 35 feet, with classrooms on either side. (Photos by Mrs. John Unger)

tion and we are asked to build carefully upon this foundation. As we build God will bestow His blessings, giving the increase. At the day of reckoning God will reward the builders for their faithfulness in building. Rev. Henry Penner, the second speaker, chose Genesis 35:1-5;9-10 as his text. His theme was "Laying the Foundation for a House of Worship." Using the experiences of Jacob, we saw how the spiritual experiences of his day were to be compared with those of our present venture of faith.

Several pastors of the surrounding communities were present and were rejoicing with us. Rev. F. Baine, the minister of the Stoney Creek United Church, spoke on behalf of the Saltfleet Ministerial Association. His text for us was Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Rev. D. V. Coombs, pastor of the Kensington Baptist Church, spoke on behalf of the Hamilton Ministerial Association. In view of the fact that this work is a venture of faith and missionary endeavor, he chose the very fitting words of Galatians 6:9: "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in

due season we shall reap, if we faint not." He stated that they would be looking forward to sharing the blessings of the Lord with us, trusting that our mutual fellowship would prove a blessing and lead to the extension of the kingdom of God.

Prayers of dedication were offered by Rev. Penner and Rev. Unger. Mr. Peter Derksen, chairman of the building committee, turned the first sod, which marked the beginning of the new house of worship. Mr. C. M. Penner, Niagara-on-the-Lake, is the general contractor.

The new building will be a basement structure approximately 43 feet by 60 feet, with classroom arrangement for at least nine separate rooms and a main auditorium with a seating capacity of at least 110 people. The unofficial name for the church will be "The Hamilton Mennonite Brethren Christian Fellowship Chapel." Excavating began on August 6. The building is to be ready for services by the beginning of December.

The funds for the project are being received as voluntary contributions from the members of the Mennonite Brethren churches of the (Continued on page 11-2)



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is easy to be jealous and envious of others and the praise that they get. Juanita was such a girl. She and Janet went to the same school, but Janet always made better marks. There was a reason for this, of course, for Janet did her homework faithfully and Juanita seldom even looked at hers. She wanted to have a good time—and if there “was time” after her play she might just quickly glance at her lessons.

Now instead of thinking that Janet deserved her good marks and her standing at the head of the class, Juanita was jealous. Why couldn't she have such good marks? That Janet must be the teacher's favorite. It never occurred to her that she herself was to blame for her poor showing.

When the end of the school year came, Janet received a book as a prize for having the best marks in the tests. This displeased Juanita. She became quite furious, and when Janet came to show her the lovely book she had received as prize, Juanita grabbed it in a fit of anger and threw it out of the window.

On its way out of the classroom, the book scraped the window sill. On its way down it toppled onto a wire stretched across the yard. Then it fell onto the head of a maid taking out some dishwater from a house nearby and went splash into the water. This completely ruined the book and nothing could restore it.

All this happened because Juanita had not learned that jealousy is a bad weed in our life and that it can cause us to do many harmful things. Let's ask the Lord Jesus to rid us of jealousy of others and give us the love to them that He has.

Love, Aunt Selma

A Pass is Needed

One cold, wintry night a poor Irish boy stood in the street of Dublin—a little city Arab, homeless, houseless, friendless.

He had taken to bad courses and become an associate of thieves, who were leading him on the broad road to destruction. That very night they had planned to commit a burglary, and appointed him to meet them in a certain street at a certain hour.

As he stood there waiting, shivering, and cold, a hand was suddenly laid on his shoulder. It was very dark, he could only see a tall form standing by him, and he trembled with fear; but a kindly voice said:

“Boy, what are you doing here at this time of the night? Such as you have no business to be in the streets at so late an hour; go home, go to bed.”

“I have no home, and no bed to go to.”

“That's very sad, poor fellow! Would you go to a home and to a bed if I provided one?”

“That would I sharp,” replied the boy.

“Well, in such a street and at such a number (indicating the place) you will find a bed.” Before he could add more the lad had started off. “Stop!” said the voice, “how are you to get in? You need a pass; no one can go in there without a pass. Here is one for you; can you read?”

“No, sir.”

“Well, remember that the pass is ‘John 3:16’; don't forget, or they won't let you in; John 3:16. There,

that's something that will do you good.”

Joyfully the lad rushed off repeating his lesson, and soon found himself in the street and at the number indicated, before a pair of large iron gates. Then his heart failed him, they looked so grand; how could he get in there! Timidly he rang the bell. The night porter opened, and in a gruff voice, “Who's there?”

“Me sir. Please, sir, I'm John 3:16,” in very trembling tones.

“All right, in with you; that's the pass,” and in the boy went.

He was soon in a nice warm bed, and between sheets such as he had never seen before. As he curled himself up to go to sleep he thought, “This is a lucky name; I'll stick to it.” The next morning he was given a bowl of hot bread and milk before being sent out into the street (for his home was only for a night). He wandered on and on, fearful of meeting his old companions, thinking of the wonders of the night and his new name, when heedlessly crossing a crowded thoroughfare, by accident—or rather, we would say, in the good providence of God—he was run over.

A crowd collected; the unconscious form was placed on a shutter and carried to the nearest hospital. He revived as they were entering it.

It is usual in the Dublin hospitals to put down the religion as well as the name and address of those ad-

mitted. They asked him whether he was Catholic or Protestant. “Sure I don't know. Yesterday I was a Catholic but now I am John Three-Sixteen.”

After his injuries had been attended to, he was carried up into the accident ward. In a short time his sufferings brought on fever, and delirium. Then was heard in ringing tones the oft-repeated “John 3:16! It was to do me good, and so it has. It was to do me good, and so it has.”

These persistent cries aroused the other patients. Testaments were pulled out to see to what he pointed. What could he mean? And here one and there another read the precious words, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

“It was to do me good, and so it has,” the sufferer cried.

Consciousness returned, and the poor little fellow gazed around him. How vast it looked and how quiet it was. Where was he? Presently a voice from the next bed said, “John Three Sixteen, and how are you today?”

“Why, how do you know my new name?”

“Know it! You've never ceased with your ‘John Thr-ree Sixteen,’ and I for one say blessed John Three Sixteen.”

This sounded strange to the little lad's ears. To be called blessed—he for whom no one cared!

“And don't you know where it comes from! It's from the Bible.”

“The Bible? What's that?” The poor little waif had never heard of the Bible, that blessed book, God's Word to man. “Read it to me,” he said, and as the words fell on his ear he muttered, “That's beautiful; it's all about love and not a home for a night, but a home for always.” He soon learned the text, and its meaning, saying, “I've not only got a new name, but something to it.” This was indeed a joy.

Days passed on, and there were changes in the ward, but our little friend never felt lonely; he fed on his text and its precious words, little thinking how soon he would have use for them. Yet another soul in that ward was to be won to Christ by this means, and now in simple conscious faith he was to be the agent of blessing. On a cot near him lay an old man who was very ill. Early one morning a nun came to his bedside and said, “Patrick, how is it with you today?”

“Badly, badly,” groaned the old man.

“Has the priest been to see you?” asked the nun.

“Oh, yes; but that makes it worse, for he has anointed me with the holy oil, and I am marked for death. I'm not fit to die: oh, what shall I do?”

“Patrick, it's very sad to see you so,” she gently answered. “Look, here are these beads; they have been blessed by His Holiness the

Pope; and they will help you to die happy.”

She placed them around the man's neck, and then washing him goodbye, went out. But how could a string of beads ease a dying man facing eternity with his sins unforgiven? Poor Patrick groaned aloud. “God ha' mercy,” he cried; “I'm such a sinner; I'm not fit to die. What shall I do? Oh, what will become o' me?”

Our little fellow heard his miserable words. Poor old man, thinks he, he wants a pass. “Patrick,” he called, “I know something that will do you good, quite sure; it has done me.”

“Tell me, tell me quickly,” cried Patrick; “if only I could find something to do me good.”

“Here it is. Now listen, John 3:16. Are you listening?”

“Yes, yes; go on.”

“John 3:16: ‘For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.’” Again and again he had to repeat these words. Through them Patrick found peace in his dying hour, and with this pass he entered into everlasting life. Another soul brought to Christ in the hospital by means of a single text, blessed by the Holy Spirit.

Our little friend recovered. For a long time John 3:16 was his one text. God blessed his simple faith, friends were raised up for him and he was placed at school. Later he became an earnest, hearty worker for the Master.

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BLACK ROCK

BY RALPH CONNOR

(14th Installment)

"How beautiful! Too beautiful!" said Graeme, stretching out his arms. "A night like this takes the heart out of me."

I stood silent, drinking in at every sense the night with its wealth of loveliness.

"What is it I want?" he went on. "Why does the night make my heart ache? There are things to see and things to hear just beyond me, I cannot get to them."

The gay, careless look was gone from his face, his dark eyes were wistful with yearning.

"I often wonder if life has nothing better for me," he continued with his heart-ache voice.

I said no word, but put my arm within his. A light appeared in the stable. Glad of a diversion, I said:

"What is the light? Let us go and see."

"Sandy taking a last look at his team, like enough."

We walked slowly toward the stable, speaking no word. As we neared the door we heard the sound of a voice in the monotone of one reading. I stepped forward and looked through a chink between the logs. Graeme was about to open the door, but I held up my hand and beckoned him to me. In a vacant stall, where was a pile of straw, a number of men were grouped. Sandy, leaning against the tying-post upon which the stable-lantern hung, was reading; Nelson was kneeling in front of him and gazing into the gloom beyond; Baptiste lay upon his stomach, his chin in his hands and his upturned eyes fastened upon Sandy's face; Lachlan Campbell sat with his hands clasped about his knees, and two other men sat near him. Sandy was reading the undying story of the prodigal, Nelson now and then stopping him to make a remark. It was a scene I have never been able to forget. Today I pause in my tale, and see it as clearly as when I looked through the chink upon it years ago. The long, low stable with log walls and upright hitching-poles; the dim outlines of the horses in the gloom of the background, and the little group of rough, almost savage-looking men, with faces wondering and reverent, lighted by the misty light of the stable-lantern.

After the reading Sandy handed the book to Nelson, who put it in his pocket, saying:

"That's for us, boys, ain't it?"

"Aye," said Lachlan. "It is often that has been read in my hearing, but I am afraid it will not be for me whatever," and he swayed himself slightly as he spoke, and his voice was full of pain.

"The minister said I might come," said old Nelson earnestly and hopefully.

"Aye, but you are not Lachlan Campbell, and you have not had his privileges. My father was a godly elder in the Free Church of Scotland, and never a night or morning but we took the Books."

"Yes, but He said 'any man,'" persisted Nelson, putting his hand on Lachlan's knees. But Lachlan shook his head.

"Dat young feller," said Baptiste; "wha's hees nem, heh?"

"He has no name. It is just a parable," explained Sandy.

"He's got no nem? He's just a paramble? Das no young feller?" asked Baptiste anxiously, "das mean-notting?"

Then Nelson took him in hand and explained to him the meaning, while Baptiste listened even more eagerly, ejaculating softly: "Ah, voila! bon! by gar!" When Nelson had finished he broke out: "Dat young feller, his name Baptiste, heh? an' de old Fadder, he's le bon Dieu! Bon! das good story for me. How you go back? You go to de pries'?"

"The book doesn't say priest or any one else," said Nelson. "You go back in yourself, you see?"

"Non; das so, sure nuff. Ah!"—as if a light broke in upon him—"you go in your own self. You make one liddle prayer. You say, 'Le bon Fadder, oh! I want come back, I so tire, so hongree, so sorree?' He say, 'Come right 'long.' Ah! das fuss rate. Nelson, you make one liddle prayer for Sandy an' me."

And Nelson lifted up his face and said:

"Father, we're all gone far away; we have spent all, we are poor, we are tired of it all; we want to feel different, to be different; we want to come back. Jesus came to save us from our sins, and He said if we came He wouldn't cast us out, no matter how bad we were, if we only came to Him. Oh, Jesus Christ"—and his old, iron face began to work and two big tears slowly came from under his eyelids—"we are a poor lot, and I'm the worst of the lot, and we are trying to find the way. Show us how to get back. Amen."

"Bon!" said Baptiste. "Das fetch Him, sure!"

Graeme pulled me away, and without a word we went into the office and drew up to the little stove. Graeme was greatly moved.

"Did you ever see anything like that?" he asked. "Old Nelson! the hardest, savagest, toughest old sin-

ner in the camp, on his knees before a lot of men!"

"Before God," I could not help saying, for the thing seemed very real to me. The old man evidently felt himself talking to some one.

"Yes, I suppose you're right," said Graeme doubtfully; "but there's a lot of stuff I can't swallow."

"When you take medicine you don't swallow the bottle," I replied, for his trouble was not mine.

"If I were sure of the medicine I wouldn't mind the bottle, and yet it acts well enough," he went on. "I don't mind Lachlan. He's a Highland mystic and has visions, and Sandy's almost as bad, and Baptiste is an impulsive little chap. Those don't count much. But old man Nelson is a cool-blooded, level-headed old fellow; has seen a lot of life, too. And then there's Craig. He has a better head than I have and is as hot-blooded, and yet he is living and slaving away in that hole, and really enjoys it. There must be something in it."

"Oh, look here, Graeme," I burst out impatiently, "what's the use of your talking like that? Of course there's something in it. There's everything in it. The trouble with me is I can't face the music. It calls for a life where a fellow must go in for straight, steady work, self-denial, and that sort of thing; and I'm too Bohemian for that and too lazy. But that fellow Craig makes one feel horribly uncomfortable."

Graeme put his head on one side and examined me curiously.

"I believe you're right about yourself. You always were a luxurious beggar. But that's not where it catches me."

We sat and talked of other things for an hour and then turned in. As I was dropping off I was roused by Graeme's voice:

"Are you going to the preparatory service on Friday night?"

"Don't know," I replied rather sleepily.

"I say, do you remember the preparatory service at home?"

There was something in his voice that set me wide awake.

"Yes. Rather terrific, wasn't it? But I always felt better after it," I replied.

"To me"—he was sitting up in bed now—"to me it was like a call to arms, or rather like a call for a forlorn hope. None but volunteers wanted. Do you remember the thrill in the old governor's voice as he dared any but the right stuff to come on?"

"We'll go in on Friday night," I said.

And so we did. Sandy took a load of men with his team and Graeme and I drove in the light sleigh.

The meeting was in the church and over a hundred men were present. There was some singing of familiar hymns at first, and then Mr. Craig read the same story as we had heard in the stable, that most per-

fect of all parables, the Prodigal Son. Baptiste nudged Sandy in delight and whispered something, but Sandy held his face so absolutely expressionless that Graeme was moved to say:

"Look at Sandy! Did you ever see such a graven image? Something has hit him hard."

The men were held fast by the story. The voice of the reader, low, earnest, and thrilling with tender pathos of the tale, carried the words to our hearts, while a glance, a gesture, a movement of the body gave us the vision of it all as he was seeing it.

Then, in simplest of words, he told us what the story meant, holding us the while with eyes, and voice, and gesture. He compelled us to scorn the gay, heartless selfishness of the young fool setting forth so jauntily from the broken home; he moved our pity and our sympathy for the young profligate, who, broken and deserted, had still pluck enough to determine to work his way back, and who, in utter desperation, at last gave it up; and then he showed us the home-coming—the ragged, heart-sick tramp, with hesitating steps, stumbling along the dusty road, and then the rush of the old father, his garments fluttering and his voice heard in broken cries. I see and hear it all now whenever the words are read.

He announced the hymn, "Just as I am," read the first verse, and then went on:

"There you are, men, every man of you, somewhere on the road. Some of you are too lazy"—here Graeme nudged me—"and some of you haven't enough yet of the far country to come back. May there be a chance for you when you want to come! Men, you all want to go back home, and when you go you'll want to put on your soft clothes, and you won't go till you can go in good style; but where did the prodigal get his good clothes?"

Quick came the answer in Baptiste's shrill voice:

"From de ole fadder!"

No one was surprised, and the minister went on:

"Yes! and that's where we must get the good clean heart, the good, clean, brave heart—from our Father. Don't wait, but just as you are, come. Sing."

They sang, not loud, as they would, "Stand Up," or even "The Sweet By and By," but in voices subdued, holding down the power in them.

After the singing Craig stood a moment gazing down at the men and then said quietly:

"Any man want to come? You all might come. We all must come."

Then, sweeping his arm over the audience and turning half round as if to move off, he cried, in a voice that thrilled to the heart's core:

"Oh! come on! Let's go back!"

(To be continued)

Better Music - Better Learning

(Second of two installments)

Studying the Words

Great care should be taken that the children understand the meaning of the words they are singing. I have found quite intelligent children, nine and ten years old singing "When He Cometh" very beautifully, but when questioning them on the words, have discovered that they had not really any clear idea of what they were singing. Similarly, I have found youngsters thinking that the first line of the 23rd Psalm means, "The Lord is my Shepherd: I don't want Him." The wise teacher will anticipate such literal fallacies in the child mind, and teach the real meaning of the words when she first introduces them. The best way to find out what the child really thinks is to ask him to give you the meaning of a stanza in his own words.

In teaching meaning, I usually paraphrase stanzas quite freely. Possibly the second verse of Christina Rossetti's lovely *Midwinter* may seem difficult for eight year olds:

"Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter
A stable-place sufficed
God the Lord Almighty,
Jesus Christ."

My little ones sing it each Christmas with love and understanding because they have learned to think if it thus:

"God is so great that Heaven itself cannot really hold Him: He fills both Heaven and earth. In fact, the Bible tells us that when the time comes for Him to set up His Kingdom, and reign as King, He is going to make a new Heaven and a new earth—these ones are just not big enough to hold all His glory—they cannot sustain Him. But when He wanted to show us how much He loved us, and came down to earth to save us, He didn't come showing us all His glory and power, for we would have been afraid of Him. He made Himself so small that a tiny manger in a stable was big enough for Him (sufficed Him); and the great God, the Lord Almighty, became the tiny Baby, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Much, much more than is generally recognized can be done to help children to understand the truths of which they sing; the teacher who uses insight and imagination in paraphrasing hymns will find herself richly regarded, and her children will grow in knowledge of the Lord.

Quality or Quantity

What quality of performance should be expected in a church school? The best quality possible, for the most lasting spiritual ben-

efits. All too often we allow, even urge, our children to sing the songs of Zion in a manner that they know full well is vastly inferior to that in which they sing their songs at school: shall we wonder, then, if they conclude that the songs of pilgrimage are of less importance, and come to prefer other songs?

Most public school teachers are not accomplished musicians, but they do an effective job of classroom music teaching because they have learned a few simple basic techniques. These techniques are available to the church school teacher, too; and I feel that more time and thought should be devoted to acquiring them.

In the first place, the Church school song leader should realize that he is primarily a teacher. He is not to get the children to sing loudly enough to be heard in the next block, to pep them up with clapping or stamping, to keep them entertained with bright remarks and rhythmic gymnastics. The damage that has been done to the cause of the Kingdom among children by well-meaning persons using such techniques must surely grieve the heart of the Savior; yet such methods are very prevalent.

To teach the children a sense of reverence, a sense of worship, a sense of adoration, a desire to delight the heart of the listening Savior—these are the ideals for which church school music exists. The song leader should study and learn every possible means of bringing this about. Perhaps the first thing he must learn is that children not only respond to this approach if once it is presented to them, but definitely prefer it.

Children respond to such requests as, Sing lightly; sing very clearly; sing sweetly; sing softly: such requests should become a normal part of church school singing. If loudness is desired, show how to accent certain beats, rather than singing loudly. Use a ruler to show just where and what degree of accent, speed, lightness, etc., you want. Children enjoy phrasing their words by breathing in certain places and not in others—show them how and where to do it. They delight to enunciate their words well if their teacher lets them know what is wanted—ask them to sound final d's and t's, to hold this note for three beats and then put the final consonant on the fourth beat, etc. Let them know how many beats you wish at the end of this line and that. The use of such simple, logical techniques will revolutionize singing for the group who once tries it; yet these things are within the reach of any thinking, reasonably musical person.

I teach such details incidentally as I go along, right from the first

introduction of a hymn. As we study the words, I casually point out a few endings which we shall take care to sing clearly; as we learn a line or two of tune, we realize that we must sustain this note, stress that one, or breathe in a certain place so that smoothness of singing and clearness of words will express more truly the meaning of our song. The children learn to observe such small but important points, and take pleasure in singing their hymns thoughtfully and correctly. The time this takes is negligible; the results in interest, understanding and enjoyment have to be seen to be believed.

Whenever possible, simple part work should be employed. Antiphonal singing is the easiest type of part work, or question and answer, girl and boy singing. An interested class of teen-aged girls or boys about 9-11 might make a project of learning a few simple descants to sing against the school's melody—how the school will love it, and what a thrill it will be for the part singers! Seasonal hymns should be taught well in advance of festival days, so they can be beautifully sung when the right day comes. In fact, I like to keep Christmas and Easter

carols alive throughout the whole year. Children find nothing incongruous in this: it was their frequent out-of-season requests for such hymns that first made me realize that we should not limit them to a Sunday or two a year; for no hymns are more beloved, or have more truths to teach.

Only a heart that has itself been touched by the beauty and majesty of good hymns can teach a child to come to God in worship through them. If you are a church school song leader or worker, get acquainted with your hymn book. Read and pray over the lovely lines that have blessed the Church of Jesus Christ for countless generations. Let your own heart be led into God's presence along their shining pathways. Pour out your soul before Him in adoration and supplication in the words of hymns. Learn to sing them in your heart as you do a hundred routine tasks each day; learn to cushion your soul upon their truths as you meet the nameless shocks of daily living. Then leap to pass this priceless heritage on to the children you teach!

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Sukkaus Say Farewell on Way Home

(M.B. Board of Welfare News)

— Brother and Sister C. A. DeFehr spent nearly two weeks in Uruguay and left Montevideo for Bage, Brazil, on October 16. While in Uruguay they were able to visit each of the Mennonite Brethren groups. Their visit was a real encouragement in the work, Brother and Sister John Wall write.

— The purchase of additional land by El Ombu colony in Uruguay was finalized on October 2. The people are now busy preparing the ground for planting peanuts and sunflowers.

— A youth meeting was scheduled for the Mennonite Brethren Church in Gnadental, Neuland Colony, Paraguay, on Sunday, October 19. Invited to minister on that occasion were the Brethren G. H. Sukkau and Hans Wiens who is the South American Conference youth leader. This will also be the occasion when Brother Sukkau will bid farewell to the Neuland Mennonite Brethren Church. The Sukkaus will be going to Brazil in November and from there return to Canada after several years of service in South America.

— Brother Gerhard Wall will be serving the young people of the churches around Curitiba, Brazil, and in Uruguay in a special ministry. His ministry will be in church music and in messages to young people's groups. He will begin this ministry in Curitiba in November and go to

Uruguay after Christmas. Brother Wall serves as teacher, music director and youth worker in the Bage settlement in southern Brazil.

— In the Paraguayan Chaco the people were busy plowing and sowing the last week in September. An abundance of rain had been received at that time.

— A program of youth work is going forward in Fernheim Colony, Paraguay. Brother Hans Wiens, local youth leader and leader of the South American Conference youth work, reports developments since a center was obtained for youth work in Fernheim. A program of Bible studies, devotional services, crafts and recreation has been developed as part of the total Christian nurture of the young people. Four retreats for various age groups have been held during the past year. A missionary spirit is being fostered through all of these activities. Young people themselves are contributing to and planning the work. The newly-acquired center in Filadelfia serves as library building, classroom for the Bible school and place for youth meetings.

— Brother and Sister William Schroeder and their three children are making preparations to return to Canada after several years of devoted service in Neuland Colony, Paraguay. Brother Schroeder has

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Round-Up of World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Pentecostals Lauded For Vibrant Christianity

Survival of democracy is dependent upon a vibrant Christianity, 9,000 delegates from 40 countries to the Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches in Toronto were told.

Walter Dinsdale, assistant to the Minister of Veterans' Affairs, warned that along with great material advances in the western world had come growing moral and spiritual laxity. He congratulated the representatives of 8,000,000 Pentecostals on bringing "new spiritual vitality to the ageless message of the church of Christ."

Mr. Dinsdale, a Salvation Army officer, brought personal greetings to the conference from Prime Minister John Diefenbaker.

Charges That Open-Air Witness 'Withers'

The open-air witness of most British churches has withered,

charged a young Scottish Congregational minister in the **British Weekly**. "Lip service is paid to the glories of the past," wrote Nelson Gray, "but in practice most Churches ignore the challenge altogether. Congregations doze in the relative comfort of the pew. Parsons cling to the protection of the pulpit.

"Those whom we are pleased (somewhat arrogantly) to call 'the sects,' alone seem to speak for God to the passing crowds. If their message is distorted or inadequate, it is not for us to be smug and self-righteous in our criticism.

"From the beginning Christians have been committed to the struggle for men's minds, and the market place and street corner have always been among the most important points of engagement. Open-air preaching . . . is a primary Gospel imperative."

A happy heart make a happy time and a happy day.

6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 5, to 9:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7. A total of 19 workshops will be conducted to discuss most of the vital problems of Sunday school work. At each general session you will be hearing challenging messages. Another highlight will be a panel, "Planning Better Teachers' and Workers' Meet-

ings", under the chairmanship of Edwin J. Potts.

It is assured that you will not be disappointed, and that the convention will prove beneficial to your Sunday school. We especially urge all Sunday school teachers and officers to make a real effort to attend.

Teaching Congolese to Pray

By Nettie Berg

Every day of this week (October 7) in our daily services here at Lusenvu with the sick people, we are teaching them to pray. We are following Luke 18 where we read about two persons who prayed. The publican's simple repentant prayer was heard and answered; the Pharisee's was not. Of him it is said so significantly "he prayed with himself," and that is just as far as his prayer went.

It has been a joy for us in the past days to teach some of our sick people how to pray, either individually or in a group. Some of them have perhaps heard others pray, but to pray themselves is quite another thing. Would you know just what to say if you were suddenly escorted into the presence of the Queen? I wouldn't. How much less does a heathen know how to approach our God in heaven.

When a heathen prays, can he expect his prayer to be heard? There is the man whose wife is seriously ill. We bow together and encourage him to pray. These are his words: "God in heaven, we are praying to You. You see our trouble, the affair of this my wife. She is a good woman; she cooks my food well; there is never any noise in our house. Why does this pain come to her? Do let her get strong again and take away her pain. This is all that I pray. Amen."

Here lies a mother whom the Lord has just given the most precious gift any mother can receive—a baby. What a precious gift this black curly-headed, strong and healthy little one is. This is my usual question: "Bama, don't you want to thank God for the lovely gift He has given you?"

"Yes, but I don't know how to pray," is the answer.

"You close your eyes and I will show you; then you repeat after me."

Then we pray thus: "Lord Jesus I thank Thee . . . for this baby . . . I thank Thee for giving me . . . a

strong living baby . . . Forgive me my sins . . . for I am a sinner . . . In Jesus Name I pray . . . Amen."

What of the man who prays to God in his own tribal language, a tongue I cannot understand? Will his prayer be heard? What answer does God's Word give us? It says: "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." Again, it says: "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee." God is ever ready to help even the sinner in America or in Africa as long as his sin will not close the windows to heaven. It is like one of our nurses prayed one morning: "Just as if someone speaks to me who has been smoking—I can smell it immediately. In the same way You God can smell it right away if there is sin in my heart when I pray to You." How wonderful for saints and sinners alike to know that God always hears and answers the prayer. "God be merciful to me a sinner."

Another prayer in which the Lord must certainly delight is the intercessory prayer of you our fellow missionaries at home. And how He delights in answering them! Therefore we give a hearty thank you to each one of you who have taken part in it in the past weeks and months. God bless you for them and make you a blessing in return.

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Another Springhill Disaster

Another disaster has hit Springhill, Nova Scotia, a coal mining town. A sudden upheaval on October 23 shook loose tons of rock and released deadly gas, trapping 174 men deep in the deepest coal mine in Canada.

In the first day of rescue operations 81 men were rescued. Twelve men were found alive six days later, having survived the ordeal underground remarkably well. Forty-five bodies have been recovered to date. It is believed that the rest of the men perished in the disaster.

Thirty-nine men were killed at an adjacent mine in 1956 as the result of an explosion and gas. The mine has now been closed.

Special Session Has Stormy Beginning

Manitoba's 25th legislature opened on Oct. 23 midst the klieg lights of television and all the pomp and ceremony connected with such events.

The guests had, however, hardly seated themselves when the opposition launched its first attack in a move designed to embarrass the minority government of Premier Duff Roblin. The Liberals opposed the election of A. W. Harrison as Speaker, charging breach of faith on the part of the Progressive Conservatives. The CCF lined up with the government and the at times uproarious legislature finally heard the Speech from the Throne after

the installation of the Speaker.

In its first bill introduced in the legislature, the government proposed sweeping changes in the educational system, including the creation of larger school districts for secondary schools, greatly increased financial assistance to the school districts, both in support of teachers and construction of school buildings, and more aid in the administration of schools.

Blast Rocks Building in Ottawa

Downtown Ottawa was rocked by a huge mysterious blast on October 25, but only five persons were hospitalized, one with serious injuries. A nine-story government building was wrecked, with damage estimated at more than two million dollars.

The blast flattened a number of stores, including a motor car showroom filled with new-model cars.

NSSA To Serve At Saskatoon

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Camping and the Youth Commissions, and will devote some time to Sunday school convention work.

The other speakers holding key positions in Christian Education work are likewise very competent to instruct and inspire us in this "greatest business of helping people get in touch with God and to grow into happy, useful Christian personalities," as Dr. Risley states.

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Weddings

Loewen—Rempel

Miss Helen Rempel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rempel of Minto, Man., and John Loewen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Loewen of Elm Creek, Man., were married on October 18 in the Boissevain United church. Rev. A. J. Froese, pastor of the Boissevain M. B. Church, officiated. Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler delivered an English message.

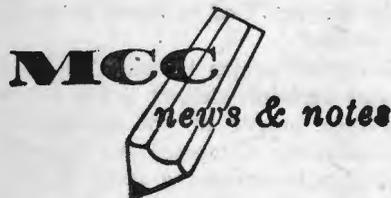
Mrs. Peter Wiebe of Winkler, Mr. Frank Sawatzky, formerly of Holmfild, and a quartet from the Winkler Bible School sang.

After a trip into the Black Hills of South Dakota the couple will reside on the groom's farm at Elm Creek, Man.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shuh (nee Katie Pauls) of Elmira, Ont., a son, Glenn Edward, on September 26.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rempel of Osborne, Man., a son, Edwin Bruce, on September 26.



Former MCC Representative in Uruguay to Attend Tenth Anniversary

Herman J. Andres, president and general manager of the Showalter Foundation and chairman of the Prairie View Hospital Board, will represent MCC North America at the Uruguay Tenth Anniversary on October 26, 1958. This mission is one of numerous others that took Brother Andres to South America at this time. It is singularly appropriate that he should be bringing formal greetings from MCC, seeing he was the first MCC representative in Uruguay. William T. Snyder, MCC Executive Secretary, sent greetings to Uruguay for the occasion, quoting I Cor. 1:4-5.

Report From MCC Unit In Peru

From Tournavista, Peru, where five Paxmen and a registered nurse are serving in various capacities with the LeTourneau Foundation, come the following reports.

Ruth Yoder (Holsopple, Pa.) who began service in July of this year as Tournavista camp nurse and is the first MCC nurse to go to Peru, writes: "The day after I arrived we

vaccinated 120 cherubs under 7 years of age for whooping cough and diphtheria." Though there is much to do, she finds it difficult to know just where to take hold in order to minister to needs most effectively. She comments on the frustration of continually "pouring pills and medicine in at the top" and not doing something to get at the bottom of the trouble—something in the line of prevention. She feels that her work will be pretty well what she makes it. At present she is occupied mostly in the clinic.

Walter Fast (St. Catharines, Ont.), one of the four men working on the LeTourneau roadway project, reports: "We are still on the job twelve or more hours a day. The dry season seems to be lasting longer than last year. We haven't had a real rain for almost two months."

Ralph Stichter (Nappanee, Ind.) who is serving in a missionary children's school program at Tournavista is doing plumbing and electrical work on the school building.

"L'ESPOIR"— Mennonite Center

In a small, quiet village about a half hour's drive from Brussels stands a 75-year-old, 12-room chateau, surrounded by spacious lawns and four acres of grounds. For a number of years this house was used as a children's home, but in the early part of 1958 its function changed. Extensive renovations were undertaken to convert it into a Belgian Mennonite Center for conferences, retreats, camp grounds, rest home and other purposes. Pax labor and available supplies made the work progress rapidly and kept the cost of renovation at a minimum. Soon the center, appropriately named "L'Espoir" (Hope), was in full operation.

Using August as an example of operations, Paxman David Burkholder (Harrisonburg, Va.) reports:

"We had 23 Russian refugee children here for a Bible camp this month. Their families fled from Russia during the last war and are now living and working in the mining areas of Belgium. The children spent their mornings in Bible school classes, using Herald Press courses translated into French, and their afternoons hiking and playing games. On August 15 there was a conference here for the two Belgian Mennonite congregations. In the afternoon Russian, Italian and Spanish miners joined the meeting and an octet of Congo Mennonites sang. It was a wonderful afternoon of international Christian fellowship. During this month there were approximately 30 overnight guests at the Center, mostly people who were visiting the World's Exposition in Brussels. . . Your prayer support is requested for this place and its work, that it may be a useful tool in the furtherance of Christ's kingdom here on earth."

Breaking Through the Iron Curtain

Rev. David Janzen (Winnipeg, Man.), newly arrived director of the MCC refugee home in Berlin, reports an interesting encounter with eighteen teenage students, nurses in training and kindergarten teachers who had come from the East Zone in order to spend eight days at one of the evangelical centers in Berlin. It was impossible for them to come to West Berlin with permission from the Eastern authorities, so they had come secretly and individually. They had taken this great risk in order to have a church contact with the West, which to them was very valuable. But ironically enough, their whole trip was surrounded by lies. For example they told their younger brothers and sisters that they were going to another place lest their actual destination be given away.

In the three and a half hours Rev. Janzen spent with them, he told them a few things about the Mennonites, Canada and the United States, then branched off into a discussion period where frank questions were asked and answered and experiences shared. The students were all eager to participate in the discussion. The plight of the East-

ern farmer, the ridiculing of religion in Eastern schools, the farce of Communist conducted elections, the induction of young people into the Communist Youth movement and the pressure brought to bear upon pastors and church leaders in Eastern Germany were discussed at length. Rev. Janzen was impressed with the seriousness of these young people, and the fact that they asked no trivial questions. He reports that the group found it difficult to separate, even after a three and one half hour session.

MCC Personnel Assists At German Youth Retreat

Sixty German youth from Bechterdissen, Enkenbach, Backnang (settlements built by Paxmen), and other areas met at Frankfurt for a big "Jugendfreizeit." A youth hostel located on the banks of the Main River served as the meeting place. Included in the program were talks by H. H. Janzen, Mennonite Brethren evangelist from Winnipeg, Man., presently located in Basel, Switzerland, and MCC director Peter J. Dyck. A 50-voice choir under the direction of Paxman Cleason Dietzel (Pigeon, Mich.) sang hymns in a women's prison after the church service on Sunday morning.

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been teaching and serving as principal of the Neuland Zentralschule and has served the church in various ways. The Schroeders expect to leave Paraguay around November 12. They plan to return to their home at Steinbach, Manitoba, via Quito, Ecuador, where William's sister Sally is serving at HCJB. May the Lord grant them a safe return and joyful fellowship with their families and church.

— Regarding the death of Missionary Kornelius Isaak, Brother Schroeder writes: "We have been profoundly moved by the martyrdom of Missionary Isaak by the Morro Indians. His mission station is less than two miles from our home, and we had learned to love and appreciate him and his devoted work. Significantly his last German sermon in the Mennonite Church was on the passage: 'Sei getreu bis in den Tod.' ('Be thou faithful unto death.') Though we cannot understand the Lord's purpose completely, Brother Isaak's death has already served to increase missionary interest, and there were a number of volunteers to take his place."

— The visit of the Brethren Gerhard Balzer and H. Friesen to Brazil was delayed a little because Brother Friesen could not obtain the necessary entrance papers. As previously reported, these brethren are visiting our Brazil churches as representatives of the South American Conference.

— Tuesday evening Bible school was held in Filadelfia, Paraguay. Courses were offered for the benefit of such persons as nurses, day-school students and others who cannot attend the regular Bible school. About 90 persons enthusiastically participated in this evening school. Instructors were the Brethren Martin August, G. H. Sukkau, P. Klassen and Hans Wiens.

— The closing program and graduation of the Fernheim Bible School and Conference Bible Institute was planned for Sunday, October 12.

— A Sunday school conference in the vicinity of Curitiba, Brazil, is planned for late November. Brother G. H. Sukkau has been invited to be one of the speakers.

— Brother Hans Kasdorf writes as follows concerning the evangelistic services in Blumenau, Brazil, which began on September 21: "Our evangelistic services have begun well. The Holy Spirit is at work. God is using His servants to throw out the lifeline to sinking souls. A number of young and old have already made decisions for Christ." A son David Mark was born to Brother and Sister Kasdorf on August 22. Another development at Blumenau is the construction of a parsonage. Brother and Sister R. C. Seibel have made a significant contribution by providing lumber, windows and doors for the building. This contribution is much appreciated. The building has a semi-basement which will be used for Sunday school purposes. Completion of the parsonage before the end of the year is anticipated.

Nearly 100 Students at Hepburn, Sask.

Hepburn, Sask. — Once again the dorms of Bethany Bible Institute have been filled almost to capacity with students coming from as far as Ontario and British Columbia. The present enrollment is well over 90, with a number expected to arrive late. Even though the new extension on the boys' dormitory is not yet complete, we trust that our hearts are fully prepared to receive the many blessings which God has in store for us this coming winter.

Registration began on October 15, but the official opening was not held until Sunday, Oct. 19. A fair-sized audience began the service with several congregational songs led by our music director and instructor, Mr. Jacob Schroeder. Mr. Jacob Epp, our principal, extended a welcome to all and read a portion of Scripture. Mr. George Geddert opened in prayer and invoked God's blessing upon our school for the coming year. The entire student body joined in singing the song, "Marvelous Grace." Mr. Epp then introduced the students to the congregation by asking each class to rise to their feet. He next introduced the members of the staff.

The following are serving on the teaching staff this year: Mr. Epp, principal; Mr. Geddert, registrar; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Heidebrecht, dean of men and women; Mr. Cornelius Braun and Mrs. Jacob Schroeder. Supervisor of buildings and grounds is Mr. Sam Peters with Mr. Jake Willems assisting. Mrs. Willems serves as school secretary and teaches typing classes. In the kitchen the meals are prepared by Joyce Posnikoff, Mary Klassen and Frieda Schroeder.

After a song from a school male quartet, Mr. Ed Fischer, chairman of the school board, gave a short address outlining the work that had been done in preparation for this

Trucker Dies In Unusual Accident

Niverville, Man. — John Krause, 28-year-old local gravel truck driver, died almost instantly when he was crushed by a gravel loading machine at the Kleefeld gravel pit.

The tragic accident occurred on October 20 while Mr. Krause was using a shovel to feed gravel from a large pile into the auger of the loading machine. The side of the pile suddenly gave way and swept Mr. Krause into the jagged steel jaws of the auger, where he died almost instantly.

The deceased man had been married only four years and is survived by his wife and three-year-old son. Funeral services were held from the Chortitzer church at Niverville on October 24. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Krause, Sr., of Niverville.

coming school year. Following this an offering was received to aid in the further operation of the school. After another song from the quartet, our guest speaker, Brother Waldo Wiebe, evangelist from Reedley, California, gave the message of the afternoon. He stressed the importance of spiritual growth and true knowledge in the life of young Christians. He summed up the pur-

pose of the Bible school as being to build Christian character.

Thus inspired, we as students trust that God will continue to supply the facilities and that in turn these together with the Word of God will mould our lives into something fit for the Master's use. This coming week we are looking forward to the blessings of the Deeper Life Conference, which is being conducted in the Hepburn Church with Brother Waldo Wiebe as speaker.

Lorenz Wiebe

Entering An Open Door At Hamilton

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Ontario Conference. It has been encouraging to see the responses. The greatest portion of the funds needed for the more than \$20,000.00 project has come in. The people of the community have been encouraged to know that others would express such a concern for them and their spiritual welfare that they would be willing to make the necessary sacrifices to erect this sanctuary in the interest of their chil-

dren and themselves. Our prayer is that God's hand of blessing will remain over this house and that many of the people will turn from a life of sin to Christ and salvation.

On our part, as those who have been redeemed, we feel that God has opened a door of service which He bids us enter. With thankfulness to God for our redemption, we want to tell the story of the good news of salvation to others. May we take grace to cling to His promises and to go forth with boldness proclaiming to a lost world, the hope of redemption which can be theirs if they

will acknowledge Him and turn to Him for pardon. The words of Jesus were, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:9). This door is open still, will we help others to find it? He will surely bless you in so doing.

* M. B. Home Mission worker at Hamilton.

Off to Bible School

Dalmeny, Sask. — The coming of fall brings with it the opening of Bible schools. This fall a number of young people from this district are attending Bible school.

Donald Ens and Florence Buhler are both in their third year of Bible school at Prairie Bible Institute at Three Hills, Alta., and Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., respectively. Arnold Voth is taking his second year at Bethany, and Clifford Baerg, Victor Lepp and Hartley Buhler are in their first year at Bethany. Norman Ens is taking his first year at Prairie Bible Institute.



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Announcing MCC Filmstrip: "If You Have Love"

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — An exciting new development in relief publicity is the production of a seven-teen and a half minute filmstrip titled "If You Have Love." Accompanied by a narrated script on a 33 1/3 RPM microgroove recording, this filmstrip seeks to interpret the present program of the Foreign Relief and Services Section of the Mennonite Central Committee.

The program, which includes Relief, Pax and Mennonite Aid, is worldwide. The needs it helps to meet are manifold and often critical. It is hoped that the filmstrip will acquaint church people more personally with programs about which they have read and which they have supported, and help them to contribute to needy areas even more generously and wholeheartedly than heretofore.

The idea of composing a filmstrip was conceived by former Secretary of Information Service John H. Purves when the annual relief fold-

er was due for production. Why not put out a filmstrip in addition to the customary folder, he suggested. Would it not be more effective to present the world's needs and MCC's program of assistance by audio-visual means along with the usual medium of the printed page?



Conference offices were consulted and proved immediately interested. A trial showing of a temporarily assembled slide set plus an improvised script covering the entire relief program convinced relief directors and constituency leaders of the possibilities of such a project.

An interested professional script writer offered to rewrite the script for a nominal fee. The slide collection was carefully revised, then handed to Visualscope to be made into a filmstrip. Pastor John H. Shenk of Newport News, Virginia, speaker on the Rock of Ages radio broadcast, consented to be narrator for the recording of the script. Many others worked hard and faithfully to assemble the finished product. The first of its kind, it will no doubt be far from perfect, but it should serve as a trailblazer for others to follow.

The material is presented in geographic order. Spectators will see the work in Asia, Europe, South America and the Middle East. Names have been omitted so that the film will not be dated.

Conference offices of the Mennonite (Old), General Conference and Mennonite Brethren churches have ordered a number of copies of the filmstrip and recording and will make these available to their local churches. MCC headquarters also has copies which other conferences or congregations can secure on loan by writing directly to Akron.

Thanksgiving at Lindbrook

Lindbrook, Alta. — The annual Thanksgiving and Missions Day of the M.B. Church here was held on October 19. A beautiful sunny autumn day gave cause for everyone to be thankful at this time. The church was decorated with a grain motto, vegetables and canned goods, which had been given to us by the Lord.

The first item of the day was a prayer meeting, which was conducted by Mr. Peter Warkentin. Many hearts were raised to God in thanks at this time. The first speaker was Rev. John Neufeld from the Tofield Mennonite Church. He stressed the point that our thoughts should not just be centered around ourselves and our welfare, but rather we should give freely of what God has so kindly bestowed upon us. The other guest speaker was Rev. Thielmann from the Calgary mission, who served both in the morning and afternoon.

The children were not forgotten on this day. Rev. Peter Warkentin told them a story in the morning and Rev. Thielmann also presented a very interesting story in the afternoon.

The theme for the afternoon was Missions, and we were fortunate to have two missionaries in our midst. They were Rev. B. W. Sawatzky from the Edmonton mission and Rev. Thielmann, former MCC worker in Japan, who is now serving in the Calgary mission.

Rev. B. Sawatzky based his text on II Corinthians 9:15, pointing out the great things God has done for us. This was followed by an inspiring English message by Rev.

Thielmann. In his message he stated some shocking statistics which showed that we really had a heathen land in our country. He said that we should strive to do our best in bringing the Gospel to others.

The Mennonite Church of Tofield had been invited to attend our Thanksgiving. This meant that the two choirs served with songs throughout the day. A mass choir was formed with these two choirs, which served the congregation with two songs.

Correction

In last week's issue we carried a story about two missionary women entering Auca territory, stating that they were the wives to two of the five martyred men. Since then we have learned that one of the women, Rachel Saint, is the sister to Nate Saint, missionary pilot of the 1956 expedition, and Mrs. Elliot is the widow of James Elliot, also killed by the Aucas in the interior of Ecuador.

The last report, October 11, is that good radio contact has been established with the women in Auca territory.

Mrs. Elliot's latest book, *Shadow of the Almighty*, the biography of her husband, and her first book, *Through Gates of Splendor*, may be ordered from The Christian Press, Ltd., 159 Kelvin St., Winnipeg. The price of each book is \$3.75.

Announce School Opening Program

Coaldale, Alta. — The official opening of the Coaldale Bible School will take place in the M. B. church here beginning at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, November 9. We cordially invite people from the surrounding churches to come and share the blessings with us.

We also invite all graduates and ex-students of the school to a reunion to take place on November 9 at 2:30 p.m. We expect that many will take part in this time of fellowship and blessing.

The Teachers

On the Horizon

November 8 and 9. — Provincial youth rally of the Mennonite Brethren churches in Manitoba at Steinbach M. B. church.

November 9. — Peace Sunday in Canadian Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren churches.

November 16. — Peace Sunday in Manitoba Mennonite Brethren churches.

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