

# Mennonite Observer

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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## Excellent Attendance at 32nd Bible Conference

Winnipeg, Man. — After 32 years, the annual "Bibelbesprechung" at the Elmwood M.B. Church is still going strong. In fact, the active participation at this year's conference would indicate an even greater ministry in the future for this annual three-day event.

Begun 32 years ago in the North End M.B. church, the annual "Bibelbesprechung" has consistently attracted men and women from a wide variety of Mennonite groups. This year's Bible conference, Dec. 27 to 29, again saw men and women, even whole families, coming from rural points, lunch-box under the arm, to join their city brethren. Among them were laymen and ministers from the Mennonite Brethren, the Bergthaler, the Rudnerweider, Evangelical Mennonite, Old Colony Mennonite, and other Mennonite churches and groups.

One of the first speakers at the Bible conference, Dr. A. H. Unruh, still takes an active part. At 80 years of age he preaches once a day—and with surprising vigor. Through the years he has worked together with various brethren in the presentation of Gospel truths.

Today, he says, God has given replacements for many of them in younger brethren who he feels also proclaim the Word of God in purity and power.

In addition to Dr. Unruh, conference participants heard Rev. J. A. Toews, president of the M.B. Bible College, Dr. F. C. Peters, teacher at the M.B. Bible College, and Rev. David Ewert, registrar at the M.B. Bible College. They joined in a verse by verse exposition of the Epistle of James during the day-time sessions and delivered deeper life messages at the evening sessions.

As conference visitors listened to the forthright proclamation of the practical truths in the Epistle of James, joined in the active discussion during the free periods, and browsed at the book-table set up by The Christian Press, Ltd., they gained new insights into God's Word and its application to everyday life. An example of how highly participants value this Bible conference is one family's annual Christmas gift to their mother—a bus ticket to the "Bibelbesprechung."

was the Christmas Eve program presented by the Sunday school. Here the old yet ever wonderful Christmas story was presented in song, poem and story.

It also was the privilege of our young people to serve needy families through a Christmas Cheer program. Individual homes of which we were notified were visited

and the situation evaluated. Then a group went out to visit them, leaving them gifts of clothes and food as needed, having a few moments of fellowship with them, and singing Christmas carols.

Pleasant also was the opportunity to welcome home for the festive season the many persons who have been away.

## Invite Mothers for Christmas Social

Regina, Sask. — "Who gives of himself, with his alms feeds three, Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me." —James Russell Lowell.

Regina M.B. Ladies' Mission Circle experienced this truth as they put into practice one of their aims: To help the needy at home as well as in distant fields. And so, the Christmas Social of 1958, prayerfully planned with this aim in mind, proved a blessed occasion.

Special guests of the evening were the mothers of the extension Sunday school. Each was contacted in her own home. What a thrilling experience it was for the canvassers! Doors were wide open and mothers enthusiastic. It was challenging, too, for many homes were destitute physically and all were needy spiritually. Canvassers made mental notes of whom and

how to remember with Christmas Cheer.

The evening came and four of the mothers arrived, transported by ladies of the Circle or their husbands. Mrs. Peter Suderman, the president, opened the doors of her home, festive with its Christmas tree, gay lights and greeting cards, for the occasion.

The social committee, consisting of Mrs. V. Friesen and Mrs. J. Janz, had planned a program of giving of oneself. The cordiality extended to the guests, the games, the carol singing, the heartfelt testimonies, the beautiful Christmas story—all these and the lunch served, bore one message: We worship the Christ of Christmas.

We thank God for this opportunity of witnessing to these mothers, and pray that He may nurture the seed sown this Christmas.

## Choirs Present Christmas Message

Vineland, Ont. — On Dec. 14 and 15 in the evening, the M.B. Willing Helpers Ladies' Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Ben Jansen, brought their annual Candlelight service, which included the singing of many beautiful carols and the portrayal of the nativity scene.

On Dec. 21 the mass choir presented the cantata "Chimes of the Holy Night."

As usual, the Sunday school brought a program consisting of songs, recitations, and dialogue on Christmas Eve.

## Hamilton In New Church By New Years

Hamilton, Ont. — The Lake Avenue Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 21. Many parents and friends attended to hear the true meaning of Christmas pre-

sented through music and the spoken word.

Rev. John Unger, who is in charge of the Mission, brought a short suitable message. He also announced that it is expected that we will be able to begin the new year in our new building, which will be called the Hamilton Mennonite Brethren Christian Fellowship Chapel.

## Christmas Provides Service Opportunities

St. Catharines, Ont. — Christmas brought with it much activity in the M.B. Church here. Many preparations needed to be made.

In a special way it was a time when the different groups functioning in the church here (Miss. Aid, choir, young peoples) and others got together for their individual Christmas nights. A highlight of course



THE REGINA M.B. LADIES' MISSION CIRCLE invited the mothers of children in the extension Sunday school for its Christmas social. Here are the four ladies that appeared, together with the mission circle executive, from left, Mrs. Lecouillard, Mrs. Debosssoff, Mrs. Klassen, vice-president (just visible), Mrs. Suderman, president, Mrs. Mattie, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. Phillipps, and Mrs. Schroeder, The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. Peters, is not on the picture.

# EDITORIAL

## A Weighty Question

Pontius Pilate was in a dilemma. His Roman training in justice told him that the man before him was guiltless, yet the mob in the courtyard was screaming for blood. In a move to pacify the mob—and indirectly to secure his position as governor—he decided to give them a choice between Barabbas the murderer and Jesus. To his utter bewilderment the Jewish mob cried out as with one voice that they wanted Barabbas freed instead of Jesus. In his perplexity Pilate exclaimed, "What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ?"

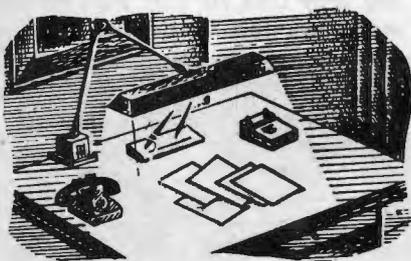
The question was weightier than he imagined. In his sanest moments Pilate could hardly have been expected to see its significance. And so the answer from the mob proved decisive—and Christ was crucified.

As we cross the threshold into 1959, with the Christmas lights still shining faintly from some houses, we face the same question. What shall we do with Jesus, who is the Christ? Our answer to this question will decide the course of the year for us.

We can decide, with Pilate, to follow the bidding of the mob and crucify Christ. We can mockingly give Him lip-service, as did those who passed by the cross. As He is nailed to the cross we might affix a placard saying, "This is Jesus the King of the Jews." And even as the soldiers callously cast lots for His garment, so we may selfishly gamble with what He has given us.

Some of us may follow afar off. We are sorry that Christ died such a cruel death. Our emotional well-springs may be released by the sight of His pain. We may even sneak to the tomb in the early morning to pay Him our last respects. But we never make that personal contact with Him that can give us the faith to roll the stone away, to raise the dead. We stay hangers-on and never become true disciples.

The only valid answer is given by the Apostle Paul. He writes in Philippians 3:8: "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus MY LORD" (our capitals). Again he writes in Philippians 1:21: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Only as we make Him Lord in our life, only as He becomes the centre of our life will 1959 have meaning to us. Only then will His power transform us, His love permeate our every motive and action, and His joy and peace give us the serenity of life that will win others to our matchless Lord and Saviour.



## Pen Points For Reporters

**A Resolution:** Did you make any New Year's resolutions? Most of us don't, for we are only too prone to break them shortly. One resolution which we would heartily support would be to provide more faithful news coverage for your church and community. We pledge to do our best to provide wider coverage, but we need your whole-hearted support.

Some of us are Sunday school teachers, youth workers or have other responsibilities in the church. Do we consider our responsibilities as reporters in the same light? We will, if we realize that one of the most effective means for the increase in missions interest, for example, has been the written word.

This is also true in evangelistic work, in efforts to promote church unity, to improve church work. Denominational work today is largely only as strong as its publication arm. Therefore we cannot afford to think of reporting as merely a spare-time activity—especially if a church has charged us with this responsibility.

**New reporters:** Church elections, in several instances have included a reporter to the *Mennonite Observer*. Among those asked to report to this paper are Peter Wolfe, R.R. 3, Sardis, B.C., for the Yarrow M.B. Church, Miss Frieda Neufeld, 2234 McIntyre St., Regina, for the M.B. Church there, Jake Doerksen, 198 Genwood Crescent, Winnipeg, for

## DEVOTIONAL

### Giving Account

By Jerry Hildebrand\*

An infidel once remarked jestingly to a clergyman, "I always spend the Sunday settling my accounts."

"You may find, sir," was the solemn reply, "That the Day of Judgment is to be spent in the same manner."

Let the stock-taking days and the settling of accounts at the close of 1958 remind us the the most solemn thing in the world is our accountability to God. There is a day of reckoning, for everyone shall give an account of himself to God (Rom. 14:12). On this great day we will be required to give an account of our life; but what will that include?

The significance of the life of Jesus is summed up in the words: "...of all that Jesus began to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1) — His **Works and Words**. Not only are these two aspects of His life worthy of note, but also the order in which they occur. Jesus first acted; then he spoke. This order may be observed in the cleansing of the temple (John 2:14-15; Matth. 21:12-13). As we study the Scriptures we learn that we must give an account of these two aspects of our lives.

#### Works

We do many deeds in one day. This number is greatly increased as we multiply it by 365 and even larger when we multiply it by the number of days in an average life-span. For each of these deeds we are held responsible and must give account. Without respect of persons God will render to every man according to his deeds (Rom. 2:6). He has appointed a day of judgment that everyone may receive the things done in his body, whether good or bad (II Cor. 5:10).

Our works will evoke the com-

mendation of our Master or remain as a standing indictment against us. As those who have fallen asleep in the Lord, though resting from their labors, are followed by their works, even so the unbelieving dead will one day be judged out of those things which are written in the books, according to their works (Rev. 20:13).

Is it any wonder that Paul asked Timothy to charge those who were rich in this world not to trust in their uncertain riches, but rather to do good, so that they might be rich in good works (I Tim. 6:17-18)? Christ intended that those whom He redeemed and purified were to be zealous for good deeds (Titus 2:14). How does the works-account for 1958 look? Does it balance? Is there a debit? A credit? Is it rich or beggarly?

#### Words

The use of the tongue constitutes a large portion of human business. It is by that organ that very many of the most important transactions of life are carried on. Speech has been appropriately called "the rudder that steereth human affairs, the spring that setteth the wheels of action on going." It is the index of the mind (Psalm 39:3). Thought and feeling dictate the language of the lips, and the habitually right use of speech is an indication of a habitually right condition of the mind.

The words we say often have far-

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**Unique Opportunity:** In this week's paper, Miss Neufeld reports that the ladies in Regina decided to invite the mothers of the children in the extension Sunday school to their Christmas social. This is indeed a unique venture and could have far-reaching effects. We hope other groups will try something similar.

Has a group in your church adopted another unique idea in preparing for Christmas? Let us hear of it—our readers will want to save it for next year. This applies to New Year's Watchnight services, also.

**Quote:** Some of our best ideas are purely accidental. We are entitled to credit only if we are smart enough to recognize the value of the accidents as they occur.

# Children Appreciate Christmas Cheer

By Frieda Neufeld

Regina, Sask. — Fortunate indeed were those who arrived early at the M.B. Young People's fellowship social. For it was they who went out to do the Christmas Cheer distribution. It was they, too, who received the special rewards that went with it.

They were chosen to give the glad message of Christmas while singing joyous carols at the doors. They were invited into homes to read the Christmas story and to ask God's blessing upon the home. It was for them, too, to leave behind the Christmas Cheer parcels.

They carried away with them, too, something to cherish always. That was the memory of expressive children's eyes. How those eyes lighted up as they heard again the story of Jesus' birth and as they recognized the teacher who had told it to them. Oh, how they shone with pride to think that the carolers loved them enough to remem-

ber THEM and their families. But there was in those eyes a wistful expression, too, a longing that their parents might love these visitors even as they loved them, and that they might love the Christ Who had sent them.

What greater joy can any of us have at Christmas than the gratitude in children's eyes, and the commendation of our Lord: "What ye have done to one of these the least of my brethren, that have ye done unto Me"?

And so we in Regina have enjoyed a blessed Christmas. For we remember how we asked God to increase the enrolment in our Sunday school. We remember, too, how in His wonderful way He doubled and tripled it. To these children whom God gave us we carried Christmas cheer, to the church was the joy of giving it. But to God be the glory and our heartfelt thanks.

## Heart to Heart Begins "Air" Study Class

Harrisonburg, Va. — Heart to Heart, a broadcast of Christian inspiration for homemakers, begins a "Study Class of the Air" beginning the first week of January and continuing through March according to Ella May Miller, speaker on this broadcast.

Mrs. Miller, mother of four growing children, will be using Dr. John A. Schindler's book, *Woman's Guide to Better Living*, as a basis for this study class of the air.

"Why Are So Many Women Failures" is the first "lesson" of the series. Some of the following talks will be: "Acquiring a Pleasant Disposition," "Adapting to Adversity," "How to Overcome Fear," and many other problems facing mothers today.

Heart to Heart, produced by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., of Harrisonburg, Virginia, is released on radio stations throughout United States, Canada, and the Virgin Islands. In Manitoba it can be heard on CFAM, Altona, at 10:45 a.m., Saturday.

## Mexico Crops Better This Year

Cuauhtemoc, Mexico — A better-than-average crop is being harvested this year on this high plateau region of Chihuahua province.

Yields varied considerably, however, depending upon the amount of rainfall received in the different localities during the June to September growing season. Beans and corn produced well and individual farmers threshed as much as 2,000 bushels of oats. Prices of farm products are good.

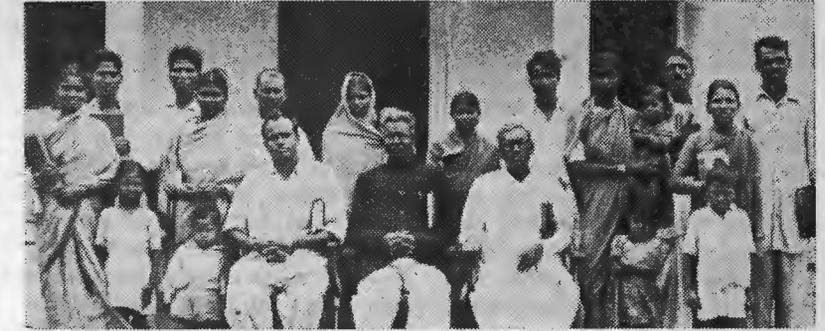
Strong winds, which blew up blinding dust clouds, caused con-

siderable damage recently to unthreshed grain still out in the fields. Losses through shattering and lodging were estimated on some farms at from 200 to 1,000 bushels.

Emigration of families from here to British Honduras is now pretty much at a standstill, although an occasional person still expresses interest in relocating to that Central American country.

## Bakersfield Has Prize-Winning Float

Bakersfield, Calif. — The float of the Rosedale Mennonite Brethren Church, depicting a Christian theme, was named Grand Sweepstakes prize winner in the annual



LEADERSHIP TRAINING is given to these national preachers and their wives on the India M.B. mission field at Wanaparthi. Seated in the front row are the three brethren who teach two of these leadership classes. The others are the students. Brother A. A. Unruh supervises the training being given to these men and their wives.

## Leadership Training Given in India

Hillsboro, Kans. — A leadership training school for village preachers is being conducted at Wanaparthi, India, under the supervision of Missionary A. A. Unruh. Brother Unruh is assisted in the instruction by three national brethren.

The schedule for this institution calls for the preachers and their families to move to the mission station for six months a year and take the leadership training classes. After the short period of training on the station, the preachers and their families return to the villages to apply the instruction. After working in the villages for several months, they return to the leadership training school at Wanaparthi to finish another set of short-term courses. These courses are especially designed to train them not only in Bible content and doctrine, but also in the practical matters of organization, operation and pastoral

care of the churches in the villages.

Another feature of this training course is to give special training to the wives of the preachers. The women are taught to witness as Bible women in their villages. They are shown how to lead illiterate women in the congregations in the villages to a greater understanding of their Lord and help them to become better Christian wives and mothers.

## Elmwood Young People Distribute Christmas Cheer

Winnipeg, Man. — Seven groups of young people, totalling about 60 in all, fanned out into the city from the Elmwood M.B. church on Dec. 20 to bring Christmas Cheer to poverty-stricken, spiritually needy, and invalid persons and families.

Poorer families suggested by the city missionary, Rev. John Schmidt, received a hamper of clothing, food and Christmas items, while those suggested by the pastor as in need of spiritual uplift and a visit were given a basket of fruit. Over 30 homes were visited by the groups.

Christmas parade at Bakersfield, Calif.

The float depicted a nativity scene being pulled by a cleverly concealed jeep which carried a scroll type of tablet.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS and their wives at the South End M.B. Church gathered shortly before Christmas for an evening of fellowship. Here they are posing for the photographer. In the front row, from left, are Mr. and Mrs. George Teichroeb, Mr. and Mrs. John Thiessen, Mr. and Mrs. Corny Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Regehr, Mary Sawatzky, Tina Peters, and Anne Froese, secretary.

In the second row, seated, are Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wiens, Mr. and Mrs. George Kroeker, Mr. and Mrs. David Redekop (superintendent), Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Neufeld, Rev. and Mrs. G. D. Huebert, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Block.

In the third row, from left, are Betty Guenther, Agnes Kroeker, Mrs. and Mr. Peter Toews, George Dyck, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Pauls, Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Giesbrecht, Mr. and Mrs. David Duerksen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Froese, Anne Janzen, Helen Janzen, Anne Schmidt.

Between the third and fourth row, at left, are Mr. and Mrs. J. Sukkau, while in the fourth row, from left, are Miss Kroeker, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters, Luise Schroeder, Anne Schellenberg, Anne Hildebrand, Tina Peters, Mr. and Mrs. George Enns, Louise Klassen, Edith Wiens, Mary Wiens, Lydia Friesen, Lottie Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Klassen.

In the last row are, from left, Susan Toews, Mary Enns, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Klassen, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Klassen, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Voth, Mr. and Mrs. John Doerksen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peters, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Unger. (Photo by Walter Toews).

## Korea - "Land of the Morning Calm"

(Mrs. Katherine Klassen, a typical MCC mother, shares with us some interesting first impressions of life in the Far East. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Klassen, Steinbach, Manitoba, and their two children, Martha and Lorna, aged seven and three, left for Korea in September. Mr. Klassen became director of the Korean program while Mrs. Klassen serves as matron of a seven-member unit.)

Two months ago we docked at Inchon harbor. We were very happy to see land after 21 days on the ocean. That morning we hurriedly packed our belongings and after filling out countless forms for the customs officer we were finally permitted to leave the ship.

It was a beautiful, clear day. From the distance we could see throngs of people milling around on shore. Looking in vain for some sign of our co-workers who were to meet us, we stepped into the little boat which was to take us to shore. It was tied to one of the many boats already bobbing around and then, hanging on to baggage and children, we jumped from boat to boat until we landed on solid but very dirty ground!

Our baggage was loaded onto the backs of several men with A frames, and with literally hundreds of people following we trudged off to the customs office. Here we were found by our MCC friends who bundled us into an ambulance (hired from the hospital in Seoul) and took us to the nation's capital. The road from Inchon to Seoul is lined with trees and flowers so we enjoyed the drive even though it was terribly bumpy and the stench at times almost unbearable.

After two restful days with the MCC nurses in Seoul, we boarded the train for Taegu. The scenery between Seoul and Taegu is really beautiful—mountainous, with terraced rice paddies up the sides of the hills and in the valleys thatched-roofed villages. This happened to be Korean Thanksgiving Day, one of the big events of the year, so everyone was decked out in his most colorful costumes.

In Taegu we were met by the rest of the unit members and now we were actually on the last lap of the journey. I was eagerly looking forward to seeing the Japanese house we would be living in the first few weeks of our stay here. I didn't have long to wait. After winding in and out of human traffic with much horn honking, I was soon told, "Here we are."

A high grey stone wall greeted our eyes, and a locked and bolted gate. What a change from our open driveways and open garage doors at home. Immediately children from alleys and doorways came crowding around the Land-rover, pressing their noses against the windows, trying to get a closer

look at these queer, long-nosed people. I think I know now what the animals in a zoo feel like. Someone unlocked the gate, closed and bolted it again as soon as we were in and then we were alone with our co-workers—as alone as one can get with about 20 little faces looking in through cracks in the gate and underneath it.

There was our Japanese home, very low, tile roof, sliding window type doors on all sides. "Shoes off" we were told as we walked in, so off they came. Our girls protested at first but have gotten used to it since. Imagine our surprise on seeing a bed in our bedroom. We had expected to sleep on the floor in true Korean fashion. There were cots for the girls to sleep on, too.

After washing up we all went to the dining room and there another surprise greeted us—a table and chairs. We had expected to sit on the floor to eat. We enjoyed a delicious supper prepared by our most capable Korean cook. Then off to bed, for a surprisingly restful night in our new and strange surroundings.

There are many adjustments to make when one comes to a new country. The change I find hardest to accept here is that of not trusting anyone and keeping everything under lock and key. The language barrier is very frustrating, too. We study every day but the language is difficult and progress is slow.

I miss my weekly shopping trips to our modern food centre. Here our cook does the marketing for us because she gets better bargains. As soon as I get my language up to par I'll try some of the marketing myself.

Wash day back home was a busy and enjoyable day for me. Here we have a laundress and every day is washday for her. Washing is done by hand, and due to our crowded quarters it is done in tubs outside, rain or shine. Washing for seven adults and two children in this primitive manner is quite a chore. The job will be lightened with the arrival of our washing machine.

School for Martha might compare with a very small country school in Canada. She attends the Presbyterian Mission school. There are only eight children and one teacher teaches all grades. Martha misses the large school back home, especially the keen competition with so many children in one grade. School is only half a day. Fortunately our cook has an eleven-year old girl with whom she plays in the afternoon. Playing outside here is different from playing in Canada, where you have no stone wall to restrict your games. Our children are learning many new ways of skipping as well as other games. Korean children seem to have an endless number of games to play.

We particularly enjoy the fellowship of the unit members who live with us. I'm sure our experience here in Korea will be one we'll never forget.

his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand" (Ezek. 33:8).

Evangelism by radio is not the final means. But it is a means of preparing hearts. Last evening we were in the home of Fujii-san, a young T.B. patient, who has been a listener for some time. Before discovering the broadcast, she was frequently called on by members of a nearby church and presented with the claims of Christ. She testifies that it was "The Light of the Word" broadcast and the Bible correspondence course that sealed her decision for Christ. She has asked for baptism although she will not be able to attend church because of her illness. But through her study of the Word she feels that she must follow the Lord in this step, too.

The Association producing the program is working hard to make it of top quality and to meet the needs of the great variety of listeners. As a Mission we are doing what we can to follow up seeking souls. But even our best efforts are inadequate to accomplish the task of convicting and transforming lives. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." His Spirit works through prayer. Prayer is still our most direct, powerful and effective ministry. Stand with us. When you give your gifts, offer your intercessory prayers, too.

## The Sunday School Times 100th Anniversary

Not many living papers in the United States can lay claim to 100 years of continuous publication. Among the many thousands listed in the 1958 edition of "N.W. Ayer & Son's Directory of Newspapers and Periodicals," only 46 religious periodicals and newspapers are shown as having been established as long as The Sunday School Times, a weekly paper published in Philadelphia.

The first issue of the Times was dated January 1, 1859, and the January 3, 1959 has been made a special Centenary Number.

In addition to the regular features, writers of the Sunday school lesson helps and of other special departments tell in this Centenary Number what it has meant to them to have had a part in the long ministry of the paper. There also was a photographic reproduction of the first page of the first issue of the Times, and a description of the contents of this first issue.

Although The Sunday School Times began as, and still is, peculiarly a Sunday school periodical, its ministry has always been much broader than its name might suggest. It touches almost every phase of Christian work and Bible study.

Prayer must mean something to us if it is to mean anything to God.

## Radio Evangelism in Japan

By Rubena Gunther

Hillsboro, Kans. — The Mennonite Brethren Mission is one of 35 missions in Japan sponsoring "The Light of the World" broadcast throughout Japan. The Pacific Broadcasting Association, a cooperating fellowship of evangelical missionaries, produces the program in Tokyo and sends out the tapes to the radio stations to be aired in the various localities where the missions sponsor the broadcasts.

The Pacific Broadcasting Association (PBA) produces three 15-minute and two 30-minute programs each week which have a combined airing on 51 of Japan's 93 stations. The association also has overseas outlets in Okinawa, Korea, the Philippine Islands, Hawaii and the U.S. In addition PBA is a recognized radio agency and is given sizeable discounts totaling several hundred dollars on all the stations each month, which are passed on to sponsoring missions. The M.B. mission helps to finance the second largest network in Japan. Our work is in Osaka.

"What is being accomplished through Gospel radio broadcasting?" was the topic of discussion at

a recent all-Japan radio sponsors' meeting in Tokyo. Akira Hatori, our radio pastor, had the following comments to make during the discussion: We are approached by people who argue that radio evangelism is too indirect and too expensive. But is not all our work indirect? We are but His channels; the only direct work as done by the Holy Spirit. Our commission and purpose is "to preach the Gospel to every creature." Another complaint is that radio evangelism is too expensive. (The cost of broadcasting time which our Mission pays amounts to \$4,000 a year besides the cost of hiring a follow-up secretary and sending out Bible correspondence courses, Bible portions and literature which amounts to about \$400 a year.) But in a recent calculation made by the PBA agency (dividing the total costs by the number of actual listeners) it was figured that it costs 1 cent to reach one person with a 15-minute broadcast 52 times. The Word speaks to us with this warning: "When I say unto the wicked, ... thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn that wicked from

## Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

### India Missionary Improving

The condition of Sister Margaret Willems (Waldheim, Sask.) continues to improve. A brief service of thanksgiving was held at her bedside on November 27 to thank God for His gracious help. "We praise the Lord for the miracle He has done and is still doing," Sister Anne L. Ediger (North Kildonan, Winnipeg) writes. "Dr. G. J. Froese has given permission for her to begin to be up a little every day. How we rejoice for the wonderful way in which the Lord has honored and answered the prayers of His children."

### Governing Council to Meet

The governing council of the Mennonite Brethren Church of India will have its official meeting this coming February. Various items of historic importance will come up for discussion and disposition. Prayer is requested that God may guide the members in their far-reaching decisions. This body was officially registered with the government of Andhra Pradesh on October 30 as the "Governing Council of the Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church of India." Brother John A. Wiebe writes that it has taken years of effort to arrive at this stage with the growing work on the field in India.

### Quirings Back to Colombia

Brother and Sister Wilmer A. Quiring are beginning to make preparations to return to Colombia in 1959. During the past several months they have been teaching in the Bible school at Nuevo Ideal, Mexico. Plans are for them to be stationed in Cali, Colombia. Their first work in Colombia will be to assist in the work of the Colombia field Bible school. The Bible school this year will be operated together with the Gospel Missionary Union in Palmira, which is a half-hour away from Cali by public transportation. The return of the Quirings is cause for special gratitude to God. Their Colombia visa was granted as a special concession to replace the John Dycks.

### Administrative Committee Meets

In the Colombian Choco our church has a national administrative committee to give leadership to the work. The committee consisting of several national brethren and one missionary met from November 19 to 24 to make detailed plans for the evangelistic program in the Choco during the coming six months.

### Opportunity to Locate By Highway

The Brazilian Mennonite Brethren Church has a challenging opportunity to locate by the highway which connects the city of Curitiba with the airport. This location would also serve the population of a new housing area. Pray that God

might provide funds to enable this young congregation to acquire the lot and construct a sanctuary to His glory and to the salvation of souls.

### Spanish Bible History Book

A Spanish Bible history book is being published in the hopes that it will disseminate the knowledge of Bible content among many hundreds and thousands who will read it. It is being printed in Mexico. The printer has reported that the type-setting is progressing and the proofs of the manuscript will soon be available to the Board of Foreign Missions office for correction.

### Attendance Increasing at Asuncion

In the work in Paraguay God is answering the prayers of His people and honoring the claims of His Word and the labor of His servants in Asuncion. Brother Albert Enns reports that attendance at the services in Asuncion is increasing and a number of people have recently accepted Christ as personal Saviour. A baptismal service is being planned for some future Sunday.

### Transferred on Field

In the Congo work Sister Elsie Guenther has been transferred from Panzi to Kafumba. At Panzi she served in the educational work which is now in charge of Brother and Sister Henry D. Derksen (Boisevain, Man.). At Kafumba she is serving in the production of Christian literature.

### Mission Centre for Kikwit

The establishment of a mission center in the city of Kikwit in the Belgian Congo has been considered by the Board of Foreign Missions for several years. Kikwit is a strategically-located city in our church mission area in the Congo. Occupancy of Kikwit has been delayed up to this time by the presence of another mission in the city. But the fast-growing population of the city has removed previous limitations. Kikwit is to become the base of operation for our mission's legal representative. This new center is also to provide a spiritual ministry for many Congolese Christians who move to Kikwit for employment. There are also wide opportunities for an evangelistic ministry in Kikwit to win men and women to Christ. Brother John B. Kliever is the mission legal representative. Since the center has not yet been constructed, they will be living in rented quarters. A center is to be constructed on ground granted by the government for that purpose.

### Correspondence Course to Be Printed

The German Bible correspondence course to be used in our work in Europe and at HCJB is ready for printing. The Board of Foreign



SESSIONS OF THE M.B. BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS offered missionaries an opportunity to fellowship with the board and with one another. Posing for the camera are 19 missionaries now home on furlough, together with the board and office workers. Standing in the first two rows are, from left, Mrs. Orville Wiebe, Anna Enns, Mrs. Ernest Dyck, Doris Harder, Mrs. J. A. Loewen, Annie Dyck, Mrs. Dan Petker, Katy Penner, Mrs. Jake Friesen, Regina Suderman, and Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Bartel. The rest of the group are, from left, Orville Wiebe, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Buschman, Ernest Dyck, Herman Lenzman (member of board), J. P. Neufeld (member of board), J. A. Loewen, J. P. Kliever (member of board), G. W. Peters (member of board), I. H. Tiessen (member of board), Dan Petker, J. B. Toews, deputation secretary, C. A. DeFehr, Jake Friesen, John C. Ratzlaff, J. H. Epp (member of board), Lando Hiebert (member of board), Marion Kliever, information, J. A. Harder and H. K. Warkentin (member of board), and A. E. Janzen, executive secretary.

Missions has assumed responsibility for the publication of this material, which will be printed in Europe. It is expected that it will be ready by about mid-1959. The course has been translated into the German language from the Spanish. It was originally prepared by HCJB, where it has been used successfully to provide spiritual help for hundreds of persons.

### Growth in Linz Congregation

Brother A. J. Neufeld has encouraging observations in a recent letter concerning the work in Linz, Austria. Growth can be seen in the congregation and attendance at the Sunday services and Bible studies is good. Brother Neufeld invites continued intercession for the work in Linz so that even greater things will be accomplished for God.

## Logs Serve as Pews

Sao Paulo, Brazil. - When Christians move, it often provides a new opportunity for evangelism. Peter and Alice Sawatzky, (Old) Mennonite missionaries in Brazil found this true recently, as may be seen from the following excerpts from a recent prayer letter:

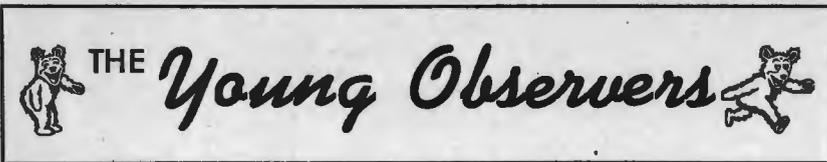
"South America is often called 'the land of tomorrow' because the people are leisurely and progress has often been slow. Often we lament the indifference on the part

of many people and the slow progress in some areas. Yet, on the other hand, we rejoice to see advances being made and are confident in the One whose message we proclaim.

"The special evangelistic services held August 28 to 31 attracted fair numbers in spite of some rain. Two of the meetings were held outside in our backyard, since it was not possible to accommodate nearly one  
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This is a street scene in the rapidly growing Congo city of Kikwit. The Mennonite Brethren missionaries in the Belgian Congo do much of their shopping in Kikwit in the store at the left.



### Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

People walking along a promenade saw a large sign saying "Mind Your Head" as they approached a low bridge. If they did not watch out, they might bump their heads! Truck-drivers also need to watch for low bridges, since their loads are so high at times that they could get stuck under a low bridge. In fact, this happens over and over again.

At the beginning of a new year we need to remind ourselves to "Mind Your Head." The head includes many important parts of our body, such as the eyes, the ears, the mouth, and the brain. If we are not careful, we can injure one of these and suffer much for it. If we want to serve Jesus we need to be clear-headed, we need to use all the parts of our body in his service, and if we carelessly injure something we cannot serve Him as well.

Then what about the thoughts you allow to stay in your mind? Of course, thoughts are slippery things and we cannot control them completely. Yet we are told in the Bible to be on guard, since Satan wants to fill our minds with evil thoughts—such as are found in the cheap comic books you find on newsstands and handed around by boys and girls. He wants to fill our mind with hatred toward others, with thoughts of disobedience to our parents and teachers.

How can we "mind our head"? By filling our mind with the thoughts of God. Read Bible stories, memorize Bible verses and get good books out of the Sunday school library. Then you will be able to do what Jesus did when Satan tempted Him. Jesus simply said, "It is written." He had filled His mind with the thoughts of God found in the Bible and was able to overcome evil thoughts that way.

We wish all of you a happy and joyful New Year!

Love, Aunt Selma.

## A Difficult Word Explained

We stay-at-home folks are familiar with such plain names as Mary, John, Annie, Tom, Philip, but in other countries they have names strange to our ears.

An Englishman once visited Cyprus, a large island at the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea, not far from Palestine. He was invited to tea with a Greek family. He heard the mother trying to make her children behave properly at the table. She would say to her son, "Themistoles, my love, don't fight—Alcibiades, sit still, my dear—Socrates, put down that cup—Aspasia, don't, oh! don't be naughty." The traveller was very amused at hearing such grand names. If you look at John's third epistle you will discover three such Greek names. Who will be the first to seek them out, and pronounce them, if you can?

But if you were to visit far distant China with its many millions you would find a different set of names there. For instance, Wang is as common a name there, as Friesen is here.

I want to tell you about a Chinese Christian, Leyland Wang, who is an earnest preacher of the Gospel of the grace of God. He is fond of telling how he learned in a practical way the meaning of that big word

"substitution" when a little boy; and how that helped him when older to understand the meaning of that word in the Gospel story.

Wang as a little boy was very, very naughty, as little boys are apt to be, whether they live in England, Scotland, Cyprus, China, indeed all the world over. And girls, too, can be naughty, for we are all sinners, whether we are boys or girls, men or women. Leyland's mother thought it was only right to punish her young son because of his naughtiness. She took a cane in her hand, and called upon Leyland to come forward, and receive his punishment. But he ran away, and taunted his mother by telling her she would never catch him.

What did the mother do? She stood quite still, and said to her son, "I am ashamed to have brought up a son, who is not obedient to receive his punishment, when he deserves it. So I must punish myself, instead of you." She then bared her arm, and with the cane began to bear the punishment that Leyland deserved. This so touched his heart, that he rushed into his mother's arms, and besought her with tears not to punish herself, but to punish him. But punishment was not now necessary, for he was repentant of his naughty ways, and

he was ready to do what his mother wished.

Leyland never forgot this incident in his young life, and when he heard the Gospel story he learned how the Son of God came from heaven, became a Man, and finally died on the cross of Calvary, taking the sinner's place, that is substitution, bearing the punishment due to man's sin, and enabling a holy God to offer sinners salvation and pardon through the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ righteously. If Leyland was touched at what his mother did, how much more should you and I be touched at what Jesus has done for us at the cross of Calvary. So Wang learned the meaning of substitution in a far deeper way.

We cannot find substitution more plainly put before us than in Isaiah 53:5, where we read:

## The Day of Rest

We all love Sunday, the Lord's Day, don't we? Not only does it give us a holiday from school, and time to go to Sunday School, but it is the day of rest for our bodies, too. God saw that people would need a rest after a week of toil—or lessons!—so the Lord's Day is set apart for this purpose.

But did you know that "Sunday" is held on different days of the week in certain parts of the world? In Greece, for example, they have their day of rest on a Monday. No doubt the schools will be closed on that day, and maybe the people will all go out in their Sunday best to their places of worship.

The Persians have adopted Tuesday as their day of rest, and the Assyrians hold it on a Wednesday. Then, of course, the Egyptians were a bit different, and held "Sunday" on a Thursday, on which day most of us are feeling like a holiday, aren't we?

The Turkish people, we are told, have gone a step further and acclaimed Friday as their day of rest.

## At the New Year's Gate

Who is it stands at the New Year's gate  
Calling, dear reader, to thee?  
Calling so tenderly, "Come, oh come!  
Little one, come unto Me!"

Jesus the Saviour it is who calls —  
Calls you dear girl, dear boy;  
A New Year truly begun with Him  
Will be a year of joy.

Come! trust in the living Lord who died —  
Who died to bear your sin;  
Then, sins forgiven and your hand in His  
A glad new life begin.

No longer your own, but led by Him  
Along the New Year's way,  
Loving you all life's journey through,  
He'll guard you night and day.

"He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."

**Our Lord did not die for Himself. He offered Himself up without spot to God for others. He did not die for Himself for He was sinless. He paid the penalty of sin.**

But if the blessings of the Gospel, the forgiveness of our sins, is to be enjoyed, we must believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and accept Him as our personal Saviour. It is not sufficient to be able to say, Jesus Christ is a Saviour; or to say, Jesus Christ is our Saviour in a general way. Let us never rest till we can say out of a full heart, **Jesus Christ is MY Saviour, He has saved ME, He has forgiven MY sins, I am His, and He is MINE.**

—A. J. P.

Last of all, we know very well that the Jews still hold to the original day of rest—a Saturday, or Sabbath. It was the very day that God rested from the creation of this great world of ours. Read Genesis, chapter two, for the story.

But that rest was broken, wasn't it? Adam sinned and disobeyed God, and then God became a seeking God. He called to Adam, "Where art thou?" for that sinful man was trying to hide himself among the trees and cover up his sin. Ah! but he was found as all sinners are—either in time or eternity.

Sin brings unrest, doesn't it? You know how unhappy you feel when you have done something wrong. There is no peace in your mind or heart. But when you confess your sin to whomsoever you have wronged, and they forgive you, my! what rest of mind there is.

And so it is with God. If you know full well that you are a sinner today, why not seek out a quiet corner, get down on your knees and confess before the Lord Jesus you are a sinner, but you now trust Him as your Saviour?

# BLACK ROCK

BY RALPH CONNOR

(23rd Installment)

## CHAPTER XI

### The Two Calls

With the call to Mr. Craig I fancy I had something to do myself. The call came from a young congregation in an Eastern city, and was based partly upon his college record and more upon the advice of those among the authorities who knew his work in the mountains. But I flatter myself, that my letters to friends who were of importance in that congregation were not without influence, for I was of the mind that the man who could handle Black Rock miners as he could was ready for something larger than a mountain mission. That he would refuse I had not imagined, though I ought to have known him better. He was but little troubled over it. He went with the call and the letters urging his acceptance to Mrs. Mavor. I was putting the last touches to some of my work in the room at the back of Mrs. Mavor's house when he came in. She read the letters and the call quietly and waited for him to speak.

"Well?" he said, "Should I go?"

She started and grew a little pale. His question suggested a possibility that had not occurred to her. That he could leave his work in Black Rock she had hitherto never imagined; but there was other work, and he was fit for good work anywhere. Why should he not go? I saw the fear in her face, but I saw more than fear in her eyes as for a moment or two she let them rest upon Craig's face. I read her story, and I was not sorry for either of them. But she was too much of a woman to show her heart easily to the man she loved, and her voice was even and calm as she answered his question.

"Is this a very large congregation?"

"One of the finest in all the East," I put in for him. "It will be a great thing for Craig."

Craig was studying her curiously. I think she noticed his eyes upon her, for she went on even more quietly:

"It will be a great chance for work, and you are able for a larger sphere, you know, than poor Black Rock affords."

"Who will take Black Rock?" he asked.

"Let some other fellow have a try at it," I said. "Why should you waste your talents here?"

"Waste?" cried Mrs. Mavor indignantly.

"Well, 'bury,' if you like it better," I replied.

"It would not take much of a

grave for that funeral," said Craig smiling.

"Oh," said Mrs. Mavor, "you will be a great man, I know, and perhaps you ought to go now."

But he answered coolly:

"There are fifty men wanting that Eastern charge and there is only one wanting Black Rock, and I don't think Black Rock is anxious for a change, so I have determined to stay where I am yet awhile."

Even my deep disgust and disappointment did not prevent me from seeing the sudden leap of joy in Mrs. Mavor's eyes, but she with a great effort, answered quietly:

"Black Rock will be very glad, and some of us very, very glad."

Nothing could change his mind. There was no one he knew who could take his place just now, and why should he quit his work? It annoyed me considerably to feel he was right. Why is it that the right things are so frequently unpleasant?

And if I had had any doubt about the matter, next Sabbath evening would have removed it. For the men came about him after the service and let him feel in their way how much they approved his decision, though the self-sacrifice involved did not appeal to them. They were too truly Western to imagine that any inducements the East could offer could compensate for his loss of the West. It was only fitting that the West should have the best, and so the miners took almost as a matter of course, and certainly as their right, that the best man they knew should stay with them. But there were those who knew how much of what most men consider worth while he had given up, and they loved him no less for it.

Mrs. Mavor's call was not so easily disposed of. It came close upon the other, and stirred Black Rock as nothing else had ever stirred it before.

I found her one afternoon gazing vacantly at some legal documents spread out before her on the table, and evidently overcome by their contents. There was first a lawyer's letter informing her that by the death of her husband's father she had come into the whole of the Mavor estates and all the wealth pertaining thereto. The letter asked for instructions, and urged an immediate return with a view to a personal superintendence of the estates. A letter, too, from a distant cousin of her husband urged her immediate return for many reasons, but chiefly on account of the old mother who had been left alone, with none nearer of kin than himself to care for her and cheer her old age.

With these two came another letter from her mother-in-law herself. The crabbed, trembling characters were even more eloquent than the words with which the letter closed.

"I have lost my boy, and now my husband is gone, and I am a lonely woman. I have many servants and some friends, but none nearer to me, none so near and dear as my dead son's wife. My days are not to be many. Come to me, my daughter. I want you and Lewis' child."

"Must I go?" she asked with white lips.

"Do you know her well?" I asked.

"I only saw her once or twice," she answered, "but she has been very good to me."

"She can hardly need you. She has friends. And surely you are needed here."

She looked at me eagerly.

"Do you think so?" she said.

"Ask any man in the camp—Shaw, Nixon, young Winton, Geordie. Ask Craig," I replied.

"Yes, he will tell me," she said.

Even as she spoke Craig came up the steps. I passed into my studio and went on with my work, for my days at Black Rock were getting few and many sketches remained to be filled in.

Through my open door I saw Mrs. Mavor lay her letters before Mr. Craig, saying, "I have a call too." They thought not of me.

He went through the papers, carefully laid them down without a word while she waited anxiously, almost impatiently, for him to speak.

"Well?" she asked, using his own words to her. "Should I go?"

"I do not know," he replied.

"That is for you to decide—you know all the circumstances."

"The letters tell all."

Her tone carried a feeling of disappointment. He did not appear to care.

"The estates are large?" he asked.

"Yes, large enough—twelve thousand a year."

"And has your mother-in-law any one with her?"

"She has friends, but, as she says, none near of kin. Her nephew looks after the works—iron works, you know. He has shares in them."

"She is evidently very lonely," he answered gravely.

"What shall I do?" she asked, and I knew she was waiting to hear him urge her to stay; but he did not see, or at least gave no heed.

"I cannot say," he repeated quietly. "There are many things to consider. The estates—"

"The estates seem to trouble you," she replied almost fretfully.

He looked up in surprise. I wondered at his slowness.

"Yes, the estates," he went on, "and tenants, I suppose—your mother-in-law; your little Marjorie's future, your own future."

"The estates are in capable hands, I should suppose," she urged, "and my future depends upon what I choose my work to be."

"But one cannot shift one's responsibilities," he replied gravely. "These estates, these tenants, have come to you, and with them come duties."

"I do not want them," she cried.

"That life has great possibilities of good," he said kindly.

"I had thought that perhaps there was work for me here," she suggested timidly.

"Great work," he hastened to say.

"You have done great work. But you will do that wherever you go. The only question is where your work lies."

"You think I should go," she said suddenly and a little bitterly.

"I cannot bid you stay," he answered steadily.

"How can I go?" she cried, appealing to him. "Must I go?"

How he could resist that appeal I could not understand. His face was cold and hard, and his voice was almost harsh as he replied:

"If it is right, you will go—you must go."

Then she burst forth:

"I cannot go. I shall stay here. My work is here: my heart is here. How can I go? You thought it worth your while to stay here and work. Why should not I?"

The momentary gleam in his eyes died out, and again he said coldly:

"This work was clearly mine. I am needed here."

"Yes! yes!" she cried, her voice full of pain. "You are needed but there is no need of me."

"Stop! stop!" he said sharply. "You must not say so."

"I will say it! I must say it!" she cried, her voice vibrating with the intensity of her feelings. "I know you do not need me. You have your work, your miners, your plans; you need no one; you are strong. But," and her voice rose to a cry, "I am not strong by myself; you have made me strong. I came here a foolish girl, foolish and selfish and narrow. God sent me grief. Three years ago my heart died. Now I am living again. I am a woman now, no longer a girl. You have done this for me. Your life, your words, yourself—you have shown me a better, a higher life than I had ever known before, and now you send me away."

She paused abruptly.

(To be continued)

Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow.

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We are saved to serve; but we cannot serve to be saved.

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Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.

# To My Daughters: A Spiritual Will and Testament

By Helen Good Brenneman

They say, "these days, that we should all make a will, a statement in black and white which would be carried out in case of death. Few are our possessions, my daughters; little have we to pass on. But "all that glitters is not gold," and thank God life's most valuable possessions are subject neither to inflation nor taxation. I would pass on to you, my daughters, treasures without price, a few gems gathered from a costly inheritance and through rich experience.

Rich I am, rich in the wealth of sons and of daughters. What tax assessor could place a value upon a warm hug, a dimply smile, a look of mischief from behind a half-closed door? Rich I am, in a true husband's love. Nor do I pay a property tax upon the priceless memories of quiet talks along a wooded path, tea just for two, the many daily joys incomplete until shared with your dad. And how utterly untaxable are the riches of Christ, sustenance for the soul "without money and without price."

And so, my daughters, since I cannot tell how long my torch will burn, and since God has bestowed upon me unlimited wealth, I want to pass on, in writing, a sort of spiritual will and testament. I hope that you, in turn, will pass on these valuable possessions to your children, who will then give them to the third and fourth generations.

(1) **Take love.** Love is the substance, without which we are but noisy gongs and clanging cymbals. I Cor. 13:1, RSV. I did nothing to deserve the love of your grandmother, then young and golden-haired and, yes, inexperienced, who poured upon her first-born child a mother's devotion. Nor did I anything to earn the adoration of your grandfather, slight of build and full of humor, who plopped me down in a field of daisies to take my picture for the family album. Nor did I need to beg of them their sympathy and understanding during the days of my childhood, but they were mine. And by God's help this treasure will be yours, yours to grow by and yours to grow in, yours, my daughters, to pass on in full measure to friends, a love-hungry world, and later to good husbands and welcome children.

(2) **Take faith.** And while I say this, well do I know that faith is caught, not taught. Daughters mine, I would pass on to you a mother's faith, tested, tried, proved. Passing on such a virtue is not like willing you the piano or the record player. For these possessions would be yours at once, while faith is a miniature living thing which comes to fruition only with time. It is walking through an obstacle course, blindfolded, with your hand secure-

ly in God's. I would live by faith, my daughters, that it will also become a part of you. And when you reach those thoughtful teens, I would help you see that the doubts Satan throws in your pathway can be steppingstones to a stronger faith. Faith in what? Faith in a personal, loving, understanding Saviour, Companion, and Friend. Faith in your spiritual leaders. Faith in your friends. Faith in us, your parents. Faith in God's workings in your own lives.

(3) **Take courage.** What a world we have brought you into, our daughters! Surely we can pass on to you no flowery optimism about the future, worldly-wise. There is no security to be found in present peace negotiations. Nor is there in the United Nations. The world boasts of military security, as its watchdogs glare ferociously at one another. All we can give you is His word, "When these things... come to pass... look up... for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). And that is enough, my daughters.

(4) **Take health.** My mother tells of the day when it was stylish for an attractive girl to lie back on her pillow, appearing delicate and expecting to be waited on hand and foot. What a misfit such a frail creature would be in our modern world! You, my daughters, have been endowed by God with strong bodies, minds, and spirits. Keep them that way. You know the rules of health and recreation. Discipline your lives to observe them, for what you do is not so important as what you are. Enjoy a wide variety of hobbies and skills. Pause for the aesthetic pleasures that enrich life—inspiring books, fine music, flaming sunsets. Remember that your bodies are God's house, and carefully guard His gift to you, the very foundation of your future happiness, your Christian purity. Think on those things which are "true... honorable... just... pure... lovely... gracious... (excellent)... (and) worthy of praise" (Phil. 4:8, RSV).

(5) **Take home.** I am glad, my daughters, that the word "housewife" has given way to the more expressive "homemaker" or "home builder." And I thank God for the privilege of creating a home for you, your brothers, and your dad. Take home, my daughters. Live in it, love it, wear out the carpet with the hurry of your play. Learn to do by doing; learn to love by being loved. I hope you will grasp life's difficult lessons right here in our home, so you will not need to sweat them out with tears after you have gone. Learn from your parents to forgive and be forgiven. Learn from us to live above the petty things, unfair criticism, un-

sympathetic judgment. Yet we acknowledge that we are all too human and subject to error. We pray that we may, by example, help you to master those two magic expressions: "Thank you," and "I'm sorry; I was wrong."

(6) **Take joy.** There is a boisterous humor, my daughters, which is not for you as Christian girls. It struts itself upon the screen, making ridiculous faces, and tiresome, superficial gestures. It is weighed in the balances and found wanting. For it leaves in its wake a weary emptiness. Take fun, my daughters, real Christian fun. Take a sense of humor, the ability to laugh even at yourself (you'll need it). Take the merry heart the Bible speaks about. Fill up with joy and let it bubble over. But never at the expense of anyone else. Nor at the expense of principle. Nor at the expense of your relationship with Jesus Christ.

(7) **Take a correct sense of values.** A college professor, addressing a group of young mothers, once said, "I'm glad your families are so fortunate: in your homes people will be more important than things." I never could forget that. When you are small, you may be tempted to think that children who own the most toys are happiest. When you are older, you may be enticed by extravagant wardrobes. And when you are older still, you will be introduced to a fairyland of picture windows, Sterling silver, and fine linens.

Be not deceived: a woman's happiness consists not in the abundance of things which she possesses. Some of the happiest people I have met were destitute refugees; some of the world's most desperate characters live on Easy Street.

The things which mean the most to you, my children, are time, love, companionship, and understanding. They cost nothing in dollars and cents. Pass on to others these inexpensive pleasures. And let the Joneses keep up with themselves.

(8) **Take character.** I realize, my daughters, that when you are old enough to read this, your characters will long have been basically formed. I hope that you will never need to say that you were but a side line in your mother's life. For my highest calling is bringing you and your brothers to a mature Christian adulthood.

I hope that you will always be eager to learn, that you will be enthusiastic and dependable, and that you will rejoice in each day the Lord has made as an adventure with God. I hope that you will begin making decisions for yourself long before you are eighteen or twenty-one, and that you will learn self-discipline, so vital to a happy life. I want you to grow spiritually tall, as you grow physically mature,

abounding in such graces as honesty, understanding, kindness, and respect for others.

Does all of this sound as though I expect perfection of you, my daughters? Of course not, for I fall short in all these things. Yet, as your grandmother so diligently taught me, "If we aim for the sky, we may at least hit the treetops."

(9) **Take womanhood.** Pearl Buck recently wrote that, when she rebelled at learning the arts of homemaking, her mother said, "Pearl, you cannot escape being a woman." I beg of you, my daughters, accept gladly the fact that you are girls. For God has planned for you a satisfying fulfillment of the best that is in you in womanhood, motherhood, and companionship with some earnest disciple of His.

Although my mother allowed me many opportunities for personal enrichment, she also taught me to do the ordinary tasks around the house. How I chafed when the mother of a friend remarked, "Helen is so domestic!" At the time her daughter's glamour seemed more exciting than my dishwashing. But I would not change places with her daughter today.

I want you to learn early, my daughters, that God didn't mean work to be distasteful. I want you to see homemaking as a creative vocation, with such tangible rewards as shining dishes, attractive meals (well-balanced and home-prepared), and a harmonious family life. Be glad you are girls, my daughters. Women were not meant to compete with men, but to complete them.

(10) **Take Christ.** And as I write these things, I am keenly aware that you could become gracious, lovely, young ladies in the eyes of your friends, yet be motivated by Self instead of Christ. Many are the cultured, refined persons who have appropriated some of the by-products of Christianity, but who have missed the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

More than anything in all this world, my daughters, I pray that you will become intimate with Christ, that His Spirit will bear His gentle fruits in your lives. Then will your faces radiate an inner joy that needs no artificial improvements. Then will you be endowed with an inner peace and poise unobtainable at a charm school. Then will your life have meaning, purpose, and enthusiasm which cannot be induced by natural means. Then will you find your place—His plan—in the world. Then will your mother's prayers for your lives be answered.

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# Round-Up of World-Wide

## RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

### Back for A Rest

Mrs. Elisabeth Elliot and Miss Rachel Saint returned to civilization this month after almost eight weeks of living with the Auca Indians of Ecuador.

It was reported that the two women missionaries came back for a rest, and not because of any unexpected difficulties.

Thus was completed a significant contact with the tribe that killed Mrs. Elliot's husband, Miss Saint's brother, and three other young missionaries in 1956. They were accompanied back by Quechua Indians.

Mrs. Elliot, who was accompanied by her four-year-old daughter, Valerie, planned an early return to the tribe.

### Moslems "Honor" Christ

Moslems in Java, Indonesia, are prepared to "pay high respect and honor" to Jesus Christ, but in a purely Moslem version of worship. During Christmas time these Islamites remembered Christ as a "prophet" of their faith. Indonesian Evangelicals consider this season their golden opportunity for proclaiming Christ as Saviour and Lord, and accordingly prepared an evangelistic drive for December.

### Spanish Baptist Churches Closed

Dr. Cornell Goerner, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, has reported that the Baptist church at Seville, Spain, was closed on November 10 by order of the Spanish Government.

"The addition of this church to the list brings to eight the total number of Baptist churches in Spain which have felt the hard hand of religious oppression from the central Government of Spain," he said.

### Nigeria's Open Door

The Premier of Northern Nigeria a Muslim, told a special session of the Sudan Interior Mission this month that self-government will bring no change in the government's friendly attitude toward Christian missions.

"The differences in our religions need be no bar to our continuing to work together for the good of our people," said Alhaji Ahmadu, Sardauna of Sokoto.

Nigeria is to become completely independent from Britain by October, 1960.

The Sardauna spoke by his own request to council members and African representatives of SIM. Church leaders who have been watching Islam's attitude toward Christian missions considered the

Premier's move a highly significant gesture showing the government's desire to win the confidence of Christian minorities. The Sardauna holds the second highest rank among Muslims in Northern Nigeria, which is the only area in the world besides Saudi Arabia where there is strict adherence to Islamic law.

### Scriptures Dispatched to the USSR

Consignments of Scriptures go out from the Bible House in London, England, at the average of six tons every working day. A recent item of exceptional interest has been the dispatch by bulk post of two hundred copies of the Armenian Bible (in the Armenian Ararat version) to a destination in Soviet Armenia. This is the first such consignment for many years, and indicates the readiness and ability of the British and Foreign Bible Society to respond to even the most exceptional requirements and opportunities.

### Graham Chicago Crusade Planned by Midwest Region

Preliminary plans for the 1961 Billy Graham Chicago Crusade occupied an important part of the recent annual convention of the NAE Midwest Region in Judson Baptist Church, Oak Park, Ill.

Mr. Herbert J. Taylor, chairman of a temporary laymen's committee and chairman of the board of Club Aluminum, said that present plans for the evangelist's visit call for church laymen, instead of ministers, "to carry the ball."

"We are approaching this campaign on an entirely new basis," Mr. Taylor said. "It is unique in the history of the Graham Crusades."

Evangelist Graham is holding June, July and August 1961 open as tentative dates for the crusade, the temporary chairman announced.

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### "Fantastic" Record in Winnipeg

A veteran police officer described as "fantastic" a police report that not a single person was arrested in the whole of Winnipeg for any offence connected with liquor during the 24 hours from 8 a.m. Boxing Day to 8 a.m. the next morning. He couldn't recall any period during his long service when the department had failed to make a single arrest for liquor violation in a 24-hour period.

Police said this meant there had been no drunks arrested on the street, no drunken or impaired drivers and no bootleggers apprehended.

### Important Court Ruling

The Exchequer Court of Canada has handed down judgment in a case that may have far-reaching effects in the Canadian oil and gas industry, ruling that Imperial Oil Limited was entitled to deduct \$10,334,000 from its income in calculating its 1951 income tax.

The ruling by Mr. Justice J. T. Thorson ultimately may involve \$40,000,000 in tax refunds sought by Imperial on taxes paid in 1951 and subsequent taxation years.

### Approve Winter Work Projects

Municipal works projects totaling \$27,000,000 in eight provinces have qualified for \$3,900,000 in federal aid during the first three weeks of the federal government's program to encourage winter work projects by municipalities.

Labor minister Hon. Michael

Star, announcing these figures last week in a preliminary report, said it is expected many more municipalities will apply for aid on other projects.

### Cleric Tells of Shoplifting Club

Rev. Rex Taylor told a public gathering in Ottawa recently of sexual licence and girl shoplifters among Ottawa teenagers. He said concern about teenagers has risen with two "gang slayings" in the last year.

Mr. Taylor said he has learned an Ottawa high school has had to shorten its lunch hour due to "shoplifting by students in local stores." He added that a teenage girls' club is in operation in the capital that requires recruits to shoplift before becoming members in good standing. Mr. Taylor said five per cent of Ottawa teenagers are involved in sexual licence.

## God's Word IN MAN'S WORLD



### Agony Until Anchored

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

"Every month that passes without agreement, magnifies the problem" — a telling sentence applicable to almost every area of affairs, and easy of personal reference. He who coined the phrase, "talk is cheap," was somewhat in error, for "talk" which is not touched into "walk" readily becomes far too expensive.

The words are from John Foster Dulles commenting on the disarmament situation. He understands that progress is poor unless and until "words take wings" and fly from fancy to foundation. However it must be remarked that the Word of God definitely marks the absence of peace apart from the presence of the Prince of Peace on the world horizon.

Turn the spiritual searchlight on that phrase. We play our part on a planet plagued by problems, and while wise men seek for answers, fools raise other questions. But it is time to realize that all problems strike to the single thorn: "by one man sin entered into the world" (Romans 5:12), and the evidences of that entrance have assumed gigantic proportions in these telling end-times. There is little need for further talk on the problem. More than enough has long ago been said. The great need is the end of speech and the beginning of listening... to the Almighty, to the Son through the testimony of the Word.

Do you agree with the Word as to the absolute necessity of a personal relationship with the Prince of Peace to end the internal warfare raked by sin? Do you agree as to the desperate necessity of spiritual transformation (II Corinthians 5:17) re-fashioning the

whole of life with eternity's value in clear, single view? And do you agree that this is rendered operative, "not of works lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:9), but rather through the finished (John 19:30) Calvary work of the One Saviour? The soul will always know agony until it is anchored upon such required agreement; bitter experience "amens" that.

The Almighty calls... commands... demands... such agreement (Is. 1:8) for of a solemn truth, "every month that passes without agreement, magnifies the problem." "My Spirit shall not always strive with man" (Genesis 6:3) needs modern re-sounding for far too many choose to play "religious scrabble" with this solemn matter.

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## Obituaries

### Abraham Siebert



Mr. Abraham Siebert, 64, of Main Centre, Sask., passed away on November 27 in his farm home as the result of a heart attack. He was

found by his daughter a day later when she returned home for the weekend. Funeral services were held from the Main Centre M.B. church on December 2.

Mr. Siebert was born on July 24, 1894, at Inman, Kansas. At the age of 14 he was baptized and became a member of the KMB Church at Inman. He attended the Zoar Bible Academy at Inman and later the Winkler Bible School. In his early twenties he moved to Main Centre, Sask., with his parents, joining the M.B. Church there. In 1919 he was married to Miss Lena Schroeder, who predeceased him in 1951. In June of this year he was elected leader of the Main Centre M.B. Church, which he has served faithfully until his death.

He died November 27 in his favorite armchair, apparently without any pain. His daughter Esther, a teacher, found him Friday evening, Nov. 28, when she returned home for the weekend.

Surviving are one daughter, Esther; two sisters; two brothers; three aunts and one uncle. All of them, with the exception of his daughter, reside in the United States.

Soviet authorities came in 1947, many of the men in the group were deported to Russia. In 1951-52 the Chinese seized their small farms. Then the families turned to the World Council for help to leave China and emigrate to South America.

It took six years of arduous negotiations before WCC was able to clear the way for resettlement of the present group on a 6,000-acre tract of virgin land in the state of Parana, Brazil. Still hoping to come are another 200 members of the Orthodox group remaining in Manchuria.

Most of the settlers have moved into permanent homes which they have built, leaving shacks which housed them temporarily for use as "summer kitchens" Ploughing is going on 24 hours a day with the help of four tractors which several of the Old Believer settlers have learned to operate. The young people working for the Mennonites are getting acquainted with local methods of agriculture, learning Portuguese and earning some much needed money for their colony.

### Set-backs and New Beginnings

The hog project in Petit Goave is experiencing a major set-back due to an outbreak of "athritic rhinitis", a disease hitherto unknown in Haiti, which causes gradual malformation of the bones but does not affect the meat.

The entire herd of 150 hogs will need to be disposed of, which means that the two MCC-VS men and their Haitian farm director, Rev. Marco de Pestre, will be going into the hog-butcher business. Finding a market for all this pork poses somewhat of a problem but boarding schools and private businesses have already expressed interest. The investment of some cutting and freezing equipment may be found necessary, in order to handle the meat with greater efficiency.

The money coming in from meat sales will relieve the chronic shortage of funds at the farm and make it possible for some of the many projects to be continued.

Heifer Project, Inc. will supply new hogs for the farm as soon as the place is ready for them. The first shipment of 24 animals is scheduled for the latter part of January. A group of Mennonites from the Mountain Lake area is considering donating hogs for this shipment.

### Bienenberg Bible School In Full Swing

The Bienenberg Bible School reports that 64 students have registered for classes this year. Six teachers offer a variety of courses in the German and French language. Student representation according to nationality is as follows: Germany — 29, France — 18, Swit-

zerland — 12, Luxembourg — 2, Canada — 3.

Peter Dyck, MCC director in Europe, serves as one of the instructors at the school. He teaches courses in New Testament, Ethics, Bible and Christian Education. Several Paxmen are taking advantage of the school's offer to accept them as students during their two to three-week vacation period.

Reports indicate that an excellent spirit pervades the work being done at Bienenberg. The school closes at the end of February.

### Giving Account

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reaching consequences. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:2). "Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:9-10). "...that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man" (Matth. 15:11).

The effect of our words makes them of no mean matter. God holds us responsible for the words we utter. "...every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment, for by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matth. 12:36-37).

How does that 1958 word-account look? Does it show red? Is there credit? How much? Have you been prospering?

Do you think it would be fair to conclude that the two accounts which we have been considering are an indication of the condition of your soul? Would you want John to address his "parity promise" to you: "...that you may prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth" (III John 2)? No doubt all of our accounts would abound if we would heed the admonition of Paul, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him" (Col. 3:17).

### Mexico Bible School

The Mexico Bible School of the Mennonite Brethren Church will conclude its first semester of work toward the end of January. A number of students are married and both husband and wife are attending the Bible school. Instructors during the first semester have been Gamaliel Bello, Yolanda Villareal, Irma Pizarro, Daniel A. Wirsche, Wilmer A. Quiring and Mrs. Wilmer A. Quiring. The Bible school offers a three-year Bible course and a fourth year designed especially for ministers, evangelists and others who definitely go into Christian service.



### European Emphasis on Christian Alternative Service Grows

On November 11, 1958, an International Christian Service for Peace meeting was held at Brethren Haus, Kassel, Germany, with fifteen persons in attendance. Representatives included North and South Germany, Holland, Fellowship of Reconciliation, World Council of Churches, Brethren Service Commission, Mennonite Central Committee and others. Milton Harder and Peter J. Dyck were the two Mennonite representatives.

The purpose of the meeting was to help find direction, through consultation, for the practical peace program, EIRENE. This program, you may recall, seeks to "provide a channel through which young men in various countries can render voluntary services as Christian pacifists in places of need and particularly in places of tension where Christian love can contribute to reconciliation."

EIRENE's greatest challenge at present lies in Germany, where CO applications are definitely on the increase, but where no government recognized alternative service program exists. Thus far EIRENE is actually only sponsored by two American organizations (MCC and BSC) but is working toward a broader European sponsorship. It

is unlikely that Bonn will allow its COs to be trained by foreign organizations, but it is hoped that a local project, somewhere in Germany, would lead to the government's recognition of EIRENE as an organization which can sponsor alternative service for German COs.

Representatives from England, Ireland and Holland felt that their respective governments should also be approached concerning recognition of EIRENE for alternative service.

Peter Dyck was in charge of a very active 2½ hour discussion period during which, among other matters, the following points were agreed upon:

1. EIRENE should remain specifically Christian in character and accept only volunteers who are Christian pacifists.
2. More publicity for announcing EIRENE's service opportunities to European young men is needed.
3. A project should be set up in Europe, probably in Germany, as soon as possible.

### Russian Immigrants Work on Mennonite Settlement in Brazil

According to a news release from World Council of Churches, fifty young people from a new Russian colony in Brazil have gone to a neighboring Mennonite settlement as farm laborers.

They belong to a group of over 500 Old Believers, members of a Russian Orthodox agriculturist group, who have settled in Brazil since May. The Old Believers left Russia in 1919-20 and settled on farms in northern China. When



## Coaldale Bible School

Inches of snow fell, and with it came the much feared blizzard. It was indeed cold and miserable. Would we be able to travel to Vauxhall? This was the question that was in the minds of the CBS students during the week of preparation. Together with the teachers, the students spent much time in prayer asking God to give us suitable weather for travelling, but above all, asked the Lord to bless us and really make us a blessing.

God answered our prayers. We were all able to go to Vauxhall on November 30, and present our program to the well-filled church. To Him be all the honor and glory.

The program was centered on the theme "Die Gemeinschaft mit Gott." For introductions, each student quoted a favorite Scripture verse and gave their name and hometown. Hulda Prochnau presented the object lesson and story to the children.

The school choir, ladies' group, and the mens' quartet rendered several good numbers in song.

The highlight of the evening was a reading "Vom Sturm in die Stille", written by Leslie Stobbe, editor of the Mennonite Observer. In this reading, three different people are portrayed in their fellowship with Christ. The first person is a high school student. Although he has been a Christian for three years, he shows little interest in Christian things. The next person is one who has completed her high school and is now a secretary. She has been a member of the M.B. Church since the age of 17 and is now a Sunday school teacher. She has no deep desire to enter into closer fellowship with Christ and thereby shows little concern in preparing her Sunday school lesson.

The third person portrayed is a well-loved worker in the Church. He is a real follower of Christ. His walk and talk give way to his close relationship with Christ. The secret of his success as a Christian is found in the fact that he puts fellowship with Christ first. By taking time in Bible reading and prayer first he gains that inner spiritual strength which enables him to do his daily tasks joyfully.

Rev. Jacob Dueck closed the evening with a brief message.

After the program, the people of Vauxhall served us a good lunch.

Sunday, December 14, we presented the Christmas program in the Coaldale M.B. church. The choir sang a number of Christmas songs. Various songs were sung by the ladies' group and the mens' quartet. Erika Koop recited a Christmas poem. Katherine Doerksen told the children a Christmas story. We presented the same reading again, "Vom Sturm in die Stille" only we changed it slightly so that it would be more fitting to our Christmas theme, "They fell down and worshipped Him."

Friday night, Dec. 19, we had our Christmas banquet. This evening proved to be a real success. All felt that it was an evening of real fellowship where we were all drawn closer to the One who was born on that first Christmas.

Although we are enjoying our Christmas holidays, yet we are looking forward for the coming four months where we will again learn many more precious truths from His Word.

Elinor Willms.

## Logs Serve as Pews

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hundred people in the living room. We rejoice with those who manifested decisions for Christ and are seeking to lead them on in the faith.

"One couple, Alberto and Maria, had never before attended a gospel meeting, but responded wholeheartedly to the invitation and soon manifested their joy in the Lord. They showed a hunger for spiritual things and regularly attended all the services. Suddenly they had to leave the house they were renting, moving some distance away. We were disappointed, since now it was difficult for them to attend the meetings, but they invited us to begin services in the new area where they are now located.

"Their home is located in a new, developing area where the people are poor and live in small shacks. Alberto and Maria's house has only a bedroom and a kitchen, so meetings have to be outside. The neighbors and near residents were invited, and on the first Sunday afternoon about 60 people, including children, assembled beside the small house. Only a few chairs were available, so the people stood or

sat on some logs that were conveniently at hand. The people are used to privations and do not worry about the lack of beautiful pews. The listeners showed good interest, and a number who were sick asked for prayer (Pentecostal influence is strong here). The place where we meet is on a hill, and when the people see our carry-all arriving they begin to assemble. The second Sunday about seventy-five were present and quite a number showed a desire to follow Christ. Last Sunday it began to sprinkle a little, but we boldly continued the service. A few minutes after the close a heavy downpour began. On clear days the sun gets very hot since at this season it is almost directly overhead; so in both kinds of weather some kind of shelter is necessary. Pray that a stable and growing work may develop there.

"One other young couple, Benedito and Dilza, who manifested a decision, has had some difficulty in beginning the Christian life. They have a new baby and attended services irregularly. The wife, Dilza, began to have curious spells of crying and shouting. The doctor said it was nervousness, but others attribute it to a former contact with Spiritism. During a number of visits we pointed out the power of Christ to save and to keep, but also the need of a complete commitment to Him and of continual prayer and trust. They had already bought a Bible, and some additional Christian literature was left with them. Dilza has recovered and is now attending services regularly with her husband. Pray that she may be kept from further lapses and become a strong believer.

"Nelson Litwiller from Montevideo stopped here for several days before going on to northern Goias. Hostetlers and Musselmans came to Sao Paulo for a council meeting and for a time of fellowship. Pray that God will provide the necessary workers before next fall when our furlough comes due. Apart from the need for replacements for furloughs, there are many large communities that urgently need a stable gospel witness.

"Our new location with more room helped to increase our Sunday school to about fifty. Occasional meetings can be held in the cemented back yard. It is also very convenient for recreation time on Saturdays after the Bible class with children.

"You have been praying with us for a much needed church building. Dirt fill for the lot has been slow in coming, but is now nearly completed. A builder is working on plans, but the rising cost of materials (some have doubled within a year) requires us to change our already modest plans. We may put up a smaller building toward the back of the lot, to be used as a church until the membership increases and it is possible to construct the main building."

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This picture was taken at the Hue University in Hue, Viet Nam, during an MCC-sponsored seminar held there. In the back row are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lefever, MCC workers in Viet Nam.

## Student Ministry in Vietnam

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — When the international Rescue Committee left Vietnam in October, 1957, MCC took over the student services portion of their program and has gradually been developing a ministry to the student body. There are about twenty Christians at the University of Saigon; with this group as a nucleus, and in cooperation with the Vietnamese church, it is hoped a Christian student program can be developed.

The first step in this direction was the organization of workcamps with emphasis on the unselfish giv-

ing of service for the good of others. The workcamp idea was not entirely unfamiliar in Vietnam, the first students having participated in camps abroad as early as 1955.

In August, 1958, MCC workers Harry Lefever and Carl Hurst arranged for an MCC-sponsored, two-week workcamp to be held in Hue, Vietnam. Some 25-30 participants helped build a road through a little village and participated in a seminar on the theme "The Role of the Student in Society." A second, smaller, but very successful camp was held in late October with a

group of students who had spent the summer participating in workcamps, seminars and excursions abroad.

## "More than a Crutch"

By Raymond L. Cox

"Hello, Wash!" greeted Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll. "Why are you looking so intently out onto the street?"

Washington McLean, a prominent Philadelphia citizen, sat by the window overlooking Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington's Riggs House's reading room. The city was wrapped in the fierce embrace of a storm of sleet and snow, and the scene outside was most dreary.

"Come over by the fire," invited Ingersoll, who had just entered the room, "and cheer yourself."

But McLean sat silently, peering out onto the avenue.

"Is something wrong, Wash?" inquired the infidel colonel solicitously. "Why do you just sit and stare?"

"Bob," McLean said after a moment, "I wish you could have been here at this window just a little while ago. I saw a scene out there that made me wish I were twenty years younger!"

"What happened?" demanded Ingersoll curiously.

"A poor, old crippled soldier was limping across Pennsylvania Avenue, supporting his tottering frame on a crutch," explained Washington McLean. "When he was about in the middle of the street some athletic-looking young punk ran by him and kicked the crutch out of his hand. The old veteran tumbled painfully into the slush."

"The villain!" spat Ingersoll angrily. "That clumsy fellow ought to be sent to the penitentiary!" America's most famous infidel always had been known as a champion of the unfortunate.

"Do you really think that culprit should be jailed?" inquired McLean.

"What else could I think?" demanded Bob Ingersoll.

"Then what ought to be done with you?" inquired McLean pointedly.

"With me?" sputtered the astonished agnostic.

"Yes, with you, Colonel Ingersoll," declared Washington McLean. "Every day of every week in the year you do the same thing and worse!"

The accused agnostic's face flam-

ed with indignation as he heatedly demanded an explanation of his acquaintance's brutal charge.

"Bob, you really are doing something worse than that clumsy fellow," persisted Washington McLean. "Think of the scores of people who have nothing to aid or support them as they walk through life—except their belief in Christianity. They have nothing to keep them out of the mire of despair except their faith in God and Christ. Faith is more than a crutch. But you go about trying to kick the support from under them. That's bad. It's worse than what the bully did to the crippled soldier out here a few minutes ago. If that clumsy lout ought to be jailed, what should be done to you?"

Gospel Herald.

## On the Horizon

January 9 to 11 — Canadian Board of Christian Service study conference on "The Church and Its Witness in Society" in Winnipeg.

January 11. — Dedication of the new Canadian Mennonite Bible College student dormitories.

January 16-17. — Annual meeting of Mennonite Central Committee in Chicago.

February 9 to 22. — Ministers' Course in the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg.

February 13. — Women's World Day of Prayer.

February 19 to 22. — Missionary conference at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College, Winnipeg.

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