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Mission Board Chairman at Kronsgart

By Bert Dyck

Winkler, Man. — The Kronsgart M. B. Church was privileged to have the chairman of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions, Rev. J. A. Harder, in their midst March 4-6.

Because Rev. Harder is vitally connected with mission work and since he has visited some mission fields, his messages spoke from personal experience. During the three evenings, he spoke on "The Missionary Command," "The Missionary Message," and "Qualifications of a Missionary and a Missionary Church."

Christ commands His disciples to go into all the world, teach all men, and baptize them. The message to be brought to the unsaved is a message of God's love. It is suitable for all, since God is no respecter of persons and loves all men.

The work of evangelizing is done by the church. "This is the Biblical way of doing missionary work," stated Rev. Harder. The missionary church must have a good testimony at home in order to be able to do missionary work abroad. Those at home must be just as willing to sacrifice as those who go out.

Rev. Harder also stated some qualifications absolutely essential for one contemplating foreign missionary work. First of all, a worker must have assurance of salvation. He must be able to get along with others. He must also feel a definite call from the Lord, and distinguish from what might be mere emotionalism. The physical and spiritual health of a missionary must be very stable. If it were not, he would quickly succumb to tropical diseases and break down under constant contact with demon powers. Lastly, Rev. Harder stressed the importance of an extensive education. Governments of the countries to which missionaries are sent demand a good education of those entering.

In closing Rev. Harder urged Christians to continue to pray earnestly for the missionaries because they are in need of the intercession of those at home.



SERVING IN MISSION: The young people of the Virgil M. B. Church serve at the Harbour Rescue Mission at Hamilton once a month. The picture at the top shows a small male choir singing for the men gathered in the chapel, while below the fellows are serving those who receive a meal at the mission. (Photos by Ernie Friesen)

Young People Visit Mission

By Ernie Friesen

Virgil, Ont. — A group of young people from Virgil made their monthly trip to the Harbour Rescue Mission in Hamilton on February 7.

A small male chorus, led by John Derksen and accompanied by Jake Wichert, served with five numbers in song. Brother Vic Loewen led the program, while our pastor, Rev. J. Baerg, proclaimed the Word.

After the service we assisted in serving the meal in the basement. This experience was unique for us, since all groups until now had been mixed groups and girls had done the kitchen work. Passing out buns and

tarts, which the men received in addition to soup and coffee, and drying dishes later was much enjoyed by the group.

For one year now the Virgil young people have served at the mission on the first Saturday of each month. The Harbour Rescue Mission has been the refuge of many a "down and out" during the three years of its operation in downtown Hamilton.

The third floor of the Mission building has recently been completed and furnished, and was officially opened for use during the third anniversary celebration on March 8.

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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YOUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEKLY

Living Out Missions

Morden, Man. — The Junior Ladies' Aid of the Morden M. B. Church presented the drama, "Nur eine alte Orgel," on Sunday evening, Feb. 22.

The drama depicts a sewing circle that appears to be very active in mission work. When one of their number is called to the mission field and sacrifices her whole life for the cause of Christ, the ladies finally realize that they had an entirely wrong attitude toward missions; that they had been self-centred and were really not living out missions.

The drama was superbly presented in four scenes. Between the scenes, as well as at the beginning, a ladies' choir directed by Mrs. Olga Friesen served with songs, among them: "Wohin Gott mich führet," "Nun ade, du mein lieb Heimatland," "Tiefer und tiefer," and "So nimm denn meine Hände."

Mr. Wm. Wiebe made the opening remarks, while Rev. F. H. Friesen brought a brief message to close the program. An offering was taken to help build a dormitory for missionaries' children in Africa. A great blessing and challenge was received by all who were able to be present for the presentation of the drama.

Twelve Years Of Broadcasting

By George Olfert

Winnipeg, Man. — Special joy and thanksgiving were felt by the Gospel Light Hour team on February 23, for on that date, twelve years ago, their first gospel radio program was aired over CKRC in Winnipeg.

The Brethren Henry Poetker and Henry Brucks, who are now both active foreign missionaries, began this work of faith in 1949, trusting the Lord to carry it through. He has done so marvellously! This small beginning has expanded into six programs, three of which are heard internationally in the English, German, and Russian languages.

We who are actively engaged in the production of these programs seek your earnest prayer support that the Gospel Light Hour may continue to proclaim the Gospel message which is "... the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16b).

EDITORIAL

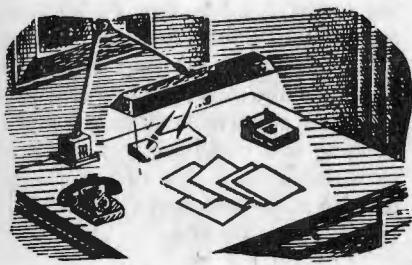
Stewardship of Time

Young people today are being challenged as never before to devote part of their life to direct service in the program of the church. Daily vacation Bible school, MCC summer service or voluntary service and local programs are basing their challenge to young people on the principles of stewardship of time. Many of the older folks are giving of their time to projects that help those in need and to work on church committees.

Yet there seems to be a strange distortion—or possibly evasion—of the principle of stewardship of time for many couples during the first years of married life. In a day when the desire to get that new car, that new furniture, and to pay off the debt on the new house seems to be stronger than ever, the Lord is getting less and less time. In this race to acquire material goods and security as quickly as possible it is often not enough that husband and wife both work—the husband even puts in evenings on a second job (or devotes them almost wholly to finishing or renovating the house). The plea that "We've got to pay for our furniture . . . our car . . . our house" apparently is sufficient excuse for robbing the Lord of the time rightfully His. Sometimes even service to the church must be rewarded with dollars and cents (despite a regular income).

Yet it is just this age group that can contribute so much to the building of the church. Even if both husband and wife cannot serve, one should be able to give part of his (or her) time to the Lord's work. These men and women are needed in the religious education program of the church, to provide leadership in the youth program, and to help in the evangelistic and extension ministry of the church. Their intercession is needed, their talent in singing and speaking—and writing too—even if some of these skills and talents could easily be applied in remunerative employment evenings and Saturdays.

Let us test ourselves if we haven't, through lack of stewardship in time, placed our material welfare above the welfare of the church and the Lord's work in general.



Pen Points for Reporters

Writers' Workshop: Sunday school teachers gather for conferences, youth workers have workshops, ministers, missionaries and song directors participate in courses to improve the effectiveness of their service. That is as it should be.

There are, however, two important types of workers in our churches not receiving the benefit of such conferences and courses: radio personnel and writers. In an age when radio and literature production are receiving top priority among false cults and communists, radio workers and Christian writers in our circles must try to get by with what they can pick up incidentally. There are no expense-paid trips to conferences or scholarships for advanced study. We do hope these phases of church work will in time receive the recognition and attention given to the traditional phases of church work.

Not that there are no conventions or workshops for radio personnel and Christian writers. There are, but they are held in the United

States or eastern Canada, and the radio worker or writer must first get the time off and then count on relatively heavy expenses if he wants to go. Should anyone reading this column have time off during the week following Easter—and is in a financial position to go to Chicago—we would recommend the following conference and workshop for Christian writers.

The 11th annual Christian Writers' Conference and Workshop, sponsored by Christian Writers Institute, will be held April 2 to 4 in Chicago. The conference is designed to help both beginning and advanced writers, with the emphasis on writing news or feature articles—or fiction—right at the conference. Two whole afternoons will be devoted to 15-minute lecture periods interspersed with time to put to immediate use the techniques studied.

Other features of the conference are addresses by 10 leading editors and authors (including Joe Bayly of

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DEVOTIONAL

The Good Samaritan Lives On

(Highlights of an address by David Derstine Jr., pastor of the Mennonite Church, Blooming Glen, Pa., given at the Mennonite Disaster Service annual meeting in Chicago, Ill., Feb. 12, 1959.)

In the familiar story of the Good Samaritan Jesus refers to three types of people: those who are beaten up, those who pass up, and those who pick up. In this account Jesus points out that there is a law by which we must live—the law of love. It is this law which brings to us certain responsibilities.

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" asked the lawyer. Jesus answered, "It is not a question of how much good work you do in your community or in your church, the important thing is, do you love God? Are you a committed disciple? And, do you love your neighbor? If you love God and your neighbor you will live?"

The man then asks, "But who is my neighbor?" I think the lawyer was sincere. He asked a legitimate question, a question that should be asked by every human. His heart yearned for life. His was not an attitude of unconcern; his was not a call for death; his was a call for life. The question which the lawyer really posed was, "How far does my responsibility go?"

Jesus then unfolded a most interesting scene. A man on the Jericho road was attacked by thieves. In addition to being robbed, he was badly beaten and left for dead. Along comes a priest. Surely this man will stop; but without even giving first aid, he goes on his way. The second man, a Levite, comes along. He stops, looks at the man, pities him. But he, too, moves on, leaving the man half dead, broken, bleeding, helpless. Here were two religious leaders, two representatives of religion, who should have known better than to leave a fellow Hebrew on the ground to die.

Then the Samaritan appears—an unknown man of another nation. Notice how Jesus builds this story to a climax: a Hebrew is lying by the side of the road; a priest and Levite (both Hebrews) pass him by; but a Samaritan senses what is wrong and is moved to action. Jesus said, "He was filled with compassion" for one who was suffering, in need of love and sympathy and help. Instead of looking for excuses to bypass the suffering man, the Samaritan gives his heart free play. He stops and looks upon this suffering man as his own brother, a brother in distress. He pours wine upon the wounds to keep down inflammation. He pours oil upon the wounds to insure healing. He binds up his wounds, sets him upon a beast, takes him to the inn, pays the bill.

Jesus turns to the lawyer and

says, "You asked me 'Who is my neighbor?' I have told you a story. Now you tell me, who do you think was neighborly?" Unhesitatingly the lawyer replied, "He who showed mercy." Then in sharp, piercing, flaming, yet kindly tones Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." Thus Jesus explains the way to life eternal: love God, but love your neighbor as well.

We recognize, therefore, that Christian service—whatever form that service takes—can never be completely Christian until we have learned the law of love, the love for God with all the heart, soul, strength and mind. This law, when obeyed, will add a new dimension to life.

Today, too, we see people who are beaten up. I suppose most of us here have at one time or another been on the scene of a disaster. Concern for people who have suffered from some kind of disaster is the reason which brings us together. I recall the flood disaster in Eastern Pennsylvania in August, 1955. The rains came. Rivers and streams overflowed their banks. In a matter of hours many bridges were washed away. In the course of one night a swift current of water swept through towns in the valley taking along houses and animals and people. Death and destruction were everywhere. I shall never forget one of the first sights I saw—mud being shoveled out of windows on the first floor, the second floor, the third floor. Amid all the rubble and ruin we saw faces—empty faces, dazed faces, hopeless faces. Tragedy had struck and taken its toll. People couldn't talk or laugh or cry.

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West Indies Missionaries at Foam Lake

By Mrs. A. Dell

Foam Lake, Sask. — Missionary Ben Wall of the West Indies Mission took us on a pictorial trip to the island of Guadeloupe, where he has been for four years before coming home on furlough in August, 1958. He was in the M. B. church here on the evening of Feb. 27 and also for the following Sunday morning service.

The island of Guadeloupe is in the Caribbean Sea, a tiny mountainous island of about 25 square miles with a population of 360,000, mostly of African and Indian descent. There are some white people and some Hindus. The latter two are hard to reach with the Gospel. Only two Hindus and three white persons have been converted in the 12 years the Gospel has been preached there, while there are approximately 400 converts in the native population.

First Bible School Graduates

The island is a French possession. A Bible school is operating there and will have three native graduates this spring, the first ones to finish the course. This Bible school had to close down in 1957 due to lack of funds, but reopened in the fall of 1958. The mission is allowed 15 minutes of free radio time weekly on the government-owned station.

There are several Catholic churches on the island. Hindu worship is carried on with blood sacrifices and feast days, some of which were shown to us by slides. The need for missionaries is great, as there is only one missionary couple and one single lady in a city of 70,000 people.

Hard Work Erecting Churches

There have been several churches erected by the natives in outlying districts. These represent much hard labor, since the lumber is obtained by first cutting down the trees up on the mountains, sawing these up by hand, and then transporting the slabs down the mountainside on their heads, three heavy and green boards at a time.

Hospitals have improved immensely in the last six years, with European doctors in charge. The main diseases in this tropical climate are leprosy and parasites (worms); the latter are responsible for the death of many children. There is a government leprosarium on a nearby island where about 3,000 lepers are cared for.

Volcanoes Still Erupt

The living standard is good when compared to Africa, but poor according to American standards. The main crops are bananas, sugar cane, pineapples, oranges, grape-fruit and rice. The island is volcanic by nature and eruptions occur occasionally. Scenery is beautiful, with palm trees, flowers and good roads, mostly paved.

Brother Wall brought a message on the topic, "Why Every Christian Is a Missionary." He summed up the argument in the following words: "A Christian is a person doing God's will with God's grace, in God's time, in God's place for God's glory." We are saved for service. This means self-denial and sacrifice. We are to rejoice in service in spite of circumstances, and go about doing good.

The Walls return to the island of Guadeloupe in August, the Lord willing. His visit here was much appreciated and a blessing to all. Our prayers will follow them as they return to the field.

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Hear Missionary Speakers

By Mrs. Harvey Jantzen

Swift Current, Sask. — The group at the Southside M. B. Mission Chapel has experienced many blessings in the New Year.

Prayer week was observed the second week in January. Rev. Eugene Martens, Turnhill, Sask., and Mr. and Mrs. Royal Schmidt, teachers at Beverly, served at the evening service on Jan. 18.

A young married couples' social was enjoyed at the home of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jake Adrian.

Rev. Fredlund, missionary to the Eskimos, reported and showed slides of the work on Jan. 21.

The pastor, Rev. J. Adrian, attended the ministers' course at the M. B. Bible College from Feb. 9 to 18.

Sunday, Feb. 22, Rev. and Mrs. Herb Jantzen, missionaries to Germany and now home on furlough, served us morning and evening with messages from Isaiah and with special singing. The film, "The Danger Trail," was also shown that night.

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Saskatoon Chapel Notes Progress

By Rita Unruh

Saskatoon, Sask. — The Lord has been merciful and richly blessed us here at City Mission Chapel. Our Sunday school attendance has increased considerably for which we praise the Lord. The attendance at the weekly prayer meeting is also on the upward climb.

We have been challenged anew to search our hearts first, that God may cleanse us and remove all hindrances and to pray more faithfully for those in His service and those who are lost in sin. We praise God for each soul who has found peace in Him.

A few weeks ago we had a "farewell" service for Miss Helen Giesbrecht, who has been serving as a mission worker in Saskatoon for about nine years. Miss Giesbrecht has faithfully made house calls, con-



DEDICATION AT HAMILTON: The top picture shows the basement chapel of the Mennonite Brethren Fellowship Chapel at Hamilton, Ont. The men on the bottom picture are: Rev. G. G. Epp, Vineland; Rev. J. J. Toews, Kitchener, chairman of the Home Missions Committee; Rev. H. P. Penner, St. Catharines, moderator of the Ontario M. B. Conference; Rev. John Unger, pastor; Peter Rempel, Kitchener, member of committee; Corney Penner, Niagara-on-the-Lake, contractor; and George Wiebe, Vineland, committee member.

ducted Bible and handicraft clubs in the various areas of this city, taught a Sunday school class and also visited those who were ill. She has now left for Regina, where she will serve in the same way. As she enters this work, may the promise in Joshua 1:9 be constantly with her: ". . . I will go with thee, whithersoever thou goest." We pray that God will bless her and make her a blessing in her new location.

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Clearbrook School Announces Scholarship Winners

Clearbrook, B.C. — The names of three persons receiving scholarships were recently announced at the Mennonite Educational Institute here.

The MEI Alumni Scholarship has been awarded to Harold Harder. This is a general proficiency scholarship awarded on the basis of achievement, leadership and all around sportsmanship at school.

Walter Warkentin and Kathy Cornies have been awarded the two community scholarships. They were chosen on the basis of achievement.

All three students are presently in grade 12 at MEI.

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Girls' Chorus Sings

Dalmeny, Sask. — The girls' chorus under the direction of Mrs. George Dyck, rendered their program in the Dalmeny M. B. church on March 1. Two of their eleven numbers were in the German: "O Gott, mein Gott" and "Es schaut bei Nacht und Tage."

Instrumental numbers were interspersed with the songs of the girls' chorus.

Rev. J. J. Toews from Kitchener challenged the congregation with the words from Philippians 2:5-16. He pointed out that the expression, which often gives difficulty to people in verse 12, "to work out your own salvation," means to bring forth, or to demonstrate.

Paul's concern was that our very own salvation might be worked out. The best compliment that anyone can give us is when they mistake us for Christ. A little boy from the slums of London was watching his nurse take care of him and asked her, "Are you Jesus?"

To whom are we to demonstrate our own salvation? The answer is found in verse 15, "in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation."

After closing prayer the girls sang the benediction.

Giant Vegetable Centre Planned

Plum Coulee, Man. — Lower Red River Valley vegetable growers approved almost unanimously the preliminary plans for construction of a giant vegetable centre in Plum Coulee this summer.

The centre, which is estimated to cost about \$100,000 would package, grade, size, and store the fresh vegetables grown in the area from Morden to Altona.

The meeting was attended by 200 growers from all the vegetable growing areas in the valley.

Tabor Home Group Visits Elm Creek

Elm Creek, Man. — The Mennonite Brethren Church here was honored by a visit on March 5 by a group from Morden in the interests of the Tabor Home for the Aged.

The group consisted of Rev. F. H. Friesen, D. J. Reimer, W. J. Wiebe, Miss Regehr, Miss Rempel, and the male chorus of the Morden M. B. Church, under the direction of Isaac Voth.

Brother Reimer was chairman for the program, which consisted of songs by the male chorus, a recitation by Miss Rempel entitled "Der königliche Dank," reports by Miss Regehr and Brother Wiebe, and a message from Rev. F. H. Friesen.

Miss Regehr gave a very interesting and informative report on the life and activity of the Home. As a basis for her report she read Galatians 6:2: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." The Home has a total staff of 12 girls doing the laundry, kitchen, nursing and cleaning up work.

The Home has a total of 35 "patients" at present, ranging in age from below 70 to one old lady who is 99 years old. Some of these are able to get around by themselves and can even help in serving fellow patients, while others again must be helped completely, including the feeding. This requires a great deal of work by the nurses, since they are

required to carry the trays of food to the patient's bed, etc. Miss Regehr told of one dear old lady who was crippled and bent with age. She could sit up during the day, but at night had to be propped up with cushions because her body could no longer straighten out. She had to lie in this position all night. Most of the old folks were thankful for the privilege of staying in this Home.

Brother Wiebe, who is in charge of the spiritual nourishment and counselling in the Home, gave a report on his work there. He told of some of the difficulties and trials these folks go through. The nurses require our prayer support because they often have a hard load to carry.

Rev. Friesen based his message on I Thess. 1:9, stressing the high calling of the believer—that we are saved to serve. There is much blessing and also much hardship in service to mankind in general, it requires sacrifice. The service of the staff in the Home is no exception. However, service for the Lord brings peace to the heart. Brother Friesen reported that the Home was in financial need and asked for our support in prayer and in money to clear up the debt.

An offering was held at the meeting and after the program the group from Morden was served lunch in the church basement.

F. C. Peters Visits Elm Creek

Elm Creek, Man. — Rev. F. C. Peters served at Bible study services on March 7 and 8. The meetings were held Saturday afternoon and evening and again on Sunday morning and afternoon.

Rev. Peters spoke on I Peter 1:2 and 3. The theme Saturday afternoon was "The Praise of Salvation," in which he stressed the description of salvation, the experience of salvation, and the glory of salvation. Saturday evening he spoke on "The Redeemed Life in Relation to God." Sunday morning the topic was "The Redeemed Life in Relation to the Brethren" and Sunday afternoon "The Christian's Duty," duties in general, duties to the state, duties in the household, and duties of husband and wife.

The meetings were a blessing to us here and it is our prayer that they will be of lasting benefit to our congregation.

College Group at Ashern

Ashern, Man. — The congregation of the Mission Chapel was pleased to welcome the members of the Africa Prayer Group of the M. B. Bible College on March 8. About 12 people took part in presenting a program.

For the morning's service we were

favoured by a group song, a trio and a quartet. Mr. George Dirks based his message on Matt. 6:24. He explained clearly that we cannot serve two masters.

In the afternoon we again assembled in the chapel for a service. There was a song by the group, a duet, a trio, and a solo by Henry Janzen. Miss Elfrieda Dueck told the children a very interesting story, explaining the way of salvation. Two members of the group gave their personal testimony, telling us how the Lord found them and led them to college.

For his afternoon's message Mr. Dave Froese used Hebrews 10:19-25 for his text. As God's children we have obligations to fulfill towards God and towards our fellow men.

Korean S. S. Shows Phenomenal Growth

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Fifteen months ago, when a Sunday school was begun at the Mennonite Vocational school in Korea for children of teachers and surrounding village children, there were 20 children and five teachers. Today this same Sunday school has an enrollment of 261, with 27 teachers, most of whom are our orphan boys. The teachers meet

one evening a week to prepare their lesson together, under the guidance of a faculty member.

The children all come eagerly on Sunday mornings, sometimes one or two hours early. After opening exercises they divide into 16 classes according to age. These classes are named after the disciples and prophets. In order to appear on the register, each child must attend four consecutive Sundays. A total of 440 children attended this Sunday school in 1958 but only 261 were registered on the official roll.

Children receive points for regular attendance, for bringing an offering, for bringing another child, and for memorizing Scripture. Since all of these children come from poor families, the average offering per Sunday is small—perhaps 400 won, or 45¢. This money is used to buy Sunday school books, paper, hymnals and prizes.

At a special recognition service after Christmas 65 children with the most points received prizes, many of which were furnished by MCC. I had the privilege of giving out the prizes and saying a few words in addition to the talks given by the pastor and Sunday school superintendent. The children provided special musical numbers with the help of their teachers.

Sponsors of Korean orphans who send \$10 a month to the school have enabled us to establish the Sunday school. Their contributions make this plus service possible.

Mrs. Joane Voth,
MCC, Korea.

Pre-Easter Week Services At South End

Winnipeg, Man. — Rev. Frank C. Peters will serve at a week of pre-Easter services at the South End M. B. church. Beginning on March 22, the services will be held nightly at 8:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. on Sunday). The final evening, March 28, will be devoted to the singing of "The Crucifixion" by Stainer by the choir of the church.

Over-all theme for the six messages is "The Character of Jesus Christ As It Is Revealed in the Passion Week." Rev. F. C. Peters will speak in German on: No Self-Will; No Violence; No Insincerity; No Curiosity or Sentimentality; No Hatred; and It is Finished.

John Thiessen will conduct the South End M. B. Church choir in the presentation of "The Crucifixion" on March 28. Soloists will be Victor Martens, tenor, and Helmut Rischer, baritone.

God's Word IN MAN'S WORLD



Operation Impossible

By Edwin Raymond Anderson

For about a century and a half, a certain European engineering project has been blowing "hot and cold." At times it almost . . . almost —But then, at other times, it became as distant as the moon. At present a "warm wind" is blowing favorably.

It is the old plan of building a tunnel under the English Channel to connect England and France by land transportation. Recently, the prospects of a common European market, and the value thereof, has turned the favorable tide, and there may be, at long last, the sights set for such a linking.

But for 1900 years, men have been seeking to construct another tunnel under a deeper dredging and to connect to a greater goal-port. Ever since Calvary, men have rejected the council of God, the rigid rules of the Gospel, and sought for other means to "tunnel through" the bed of condemnation and make connection with peace and soul's eternal harbor. The Gospel's "yea" has been nullified into man's "nay" as he has sought the by-pass and the short-cut.

Concerning the European project, it is estimated that over \$280 million would be required; that is a lot

of currency, and nothing has been estimated of the required time for actual construction. Transfer that onto the spiritual stage. How much of empty effort, precious time, misdirected sincerity is pressed into "Operation Impossible"—seeking to gain salvation favor of the Almighty with the tokens of human make (Ephesians 2:9)! Such indeed are treacherous tunnels which shall cave in at life's last. On the other, and saving hand, it takes such little effort to "right track" and look away to the prepared pathway (I Corinthians 3:11).

The single eye and the faintest whisper God-ward is enough for the marvelous motions of "so great salvation" and in a day when all things seem to be underscored of push-and-fury-and-motion, it is well to be reminded of these blessed elementals. "Jesus paid it all" may appear simple, but modern life has tragically complicated it, and thus missed out on the best. God's way, after all, is "the best way" into life indeed (John 17:3).

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The greatness of our fear shows us how little is our faith.

Even the turtle gets nowhere until it sticks its neck out.

Group From Mission Goes Into Interior

By Peter Huebert

(Translated from the German)

For some time the workers at Curitiba together with the young Brazilian Church have felt the need to carry the Gospel message into the interior of Brazil. This need has been presented to God in prayer at our meetings.

Brother Afonso de Oliveira, coming from the interior, senses a special burden for his people. He is physically handicapped, but finds great joy in tract distribution and testifying to the lost. Because of his great concern, he himself has entered the interior several times to witness, to read the Bible and also to sell Bibles.

In line with plans of the Mission Board, we prepared for a trip into the interior. God manifested Himself in helping to overcome various obstacles. The workers and church planned the trip for the Brethren Afonso de Oliveira, Francisco Fantinati and myself. The mission supplied the vehicle and half of the expenses while the church paid the other half.

On Thursday, November 27, we started out in Mest Parana. Our first stop was at Sao Mateus, 150 kilometers (approximately 95 miles) from Curitiba. Here we wished to visit a Christian family. Two years ago this couple accepted the Lord in our home. The wife, especially, gave a clear testimony to her devout Catholic relatives. For almost a year they attended the services regularly after which they moved away. Our concern for their spiritual welfare turned into joy when after almost one year they paid us a visit and the sister asked for baptism.

We received a warm welcome in their home at Sao Mateus. Plans were to stay one day, but the response to our invitation for the first evening meeting was so good that we decided to stay over Sunday. This family's testimony had attracted the neighbors and for the first time they listened attentively to the Gospel.

The first Sunday school at this place was conducted on Sunday morning. This Christian lady will continue the work. We left some Sunday school material with her as well as other literature and Bibles. Thus the Lord has placed a little light in the darkness of this small town. We too are very conscious of our responsibility in this place. The matter of baptism was discussed and they desire to be baptized in their original home community of Curitiba to have their unsaved relatives and friends present.

Monday morning saw us on our way to Palmas. Here we stayed three days and visited Brother Afonso's relatives at two different places. These, too, gave us a warm welcome. At both places we opened the



TRIP TO INTERIOR BRAZIL: At the left the three brethren that made a mission trip to the interior of Brazil are seen with their truck, from left, the Brethren Huebert, Francisco, and Afonso. The centre picture shows some of the people to whom the Gospel was proclaimed, while the picture at left shows some who made a decision to accept Christ as Saviour. At the extreme left is Francisco Fantinati, while at the extreme right is Afonso de Oliveira.

Scriptures to attentive listeners. The two evening services were attended by some 30 persons in spite of rains. At this place a couple and their daughter, another lady and a young man accepted Christ as their Saviour.

During the day we visited homes and also the jail to witness with tracts and testimony.

The orphan boys at the home had wrapped more than a thousand tracts in colorful cellophane paper for this trip. We dropped these to pedestrians and road workers who read them eagerly. These people have not come in contact with modern civilization and receive little attention. We pray and believe that God can save some through the reading of the leaflets "for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (I Sam. 14:6).

In the area close to Palmas we found several groups of Indians supervised and protected by the government. Many of them read and the majority speak the Portuguese language. However, there remains a barrier between them and the rest of the population. Nothing is being done about their spiritual need. The government official in charge related of his working together with missionaries to the Indians in other areas and welcomed the idea of beginning a work here.

Thursday we left Palmas for Clevelandia—some 50 kilometers (approximately 30 miles) distant. A group of Mennonites settled here about five years ago and we visited Brother Jacob Kasdorf, the minister, and the home of Brother Henry Froese. We enjoyed the fellowship with these dear friends. They pled with us to begin a work there, too, while the doors are open.

On Friday morning we again continued our journey towards Pato Branco. This region is well settled because the soil is fertile. The people are of Italian origin and thus strictly Catholic.

To the north of Pato Branco we came to Laranjeiras do Sul where the highway ended. The country is hilly and well-populated. We had to cross two streams on a ferry and all along the way we scattered the seed of the Word. We arrived in La-

ranjeiras just before a big rain-storm. We stopped at the home of Missionary Jim Orr and his wife. Brother Orr had served with the Word at our orphanage a number of times. As a result of several services here, nine souls accepted salvation in Christ Jesus. These can now be added to the small organized church there. Here, too, we took the Gospel message to the prisoners on Sunday. Another meeting was conducted with a group of lumbermen working about 15 kilometers (nearly 10 miles) into the forest. Brethren Afonso and Francisco gave a clear testimony everywhere.

Early Monday morning, December 8, we started for home and arrived the same day finding all in good condition. What we planned to be an exploratory trip turned out to be a fruitful mission trip. This was due to the prayers of the church which gathered every evening to pray for God's blessing on this trip. Not the missionaries, but the Brazilian Christians suggested to meet for prayer even after a hard day's work, and God answered.

So we are thankful to Him for this grace, for the open doors, for the souls that were able to hear His Word. We would ask you, dear reader, to remember us and this work in your prayers.

Where Are Our Volunteers?

(This is the fourth in a series of articles describing MCC sponsored VS projects—the physical environment and the contribution our young people are making.)

Wiltwyck School for Boys

Mention New York City, and images of skyscrapers, the stock market, United Nations and Rockefeller Center come to mind. Less happy thoughts are those of the city's crime record and its notorious juvenile delinquents. Knifings, beatings, rape and murder, frequently committed by teen-age gangs, confront the city with a problem that defies an easy solution.

Wiltwyck School for Boys, located 90 miles north of NYC on the bank of the Hudson River, represents a redemptive approach. Sens-

ing the need for preventive measures, private individuals have collected funds, appointed a board of directors, and opened a special school away from the city atmosphere. Boys who are constantly getting into trouble and appear to be heading for a life of crime are brought here for remedial treatment.

A beautiful drive through rolling, wooded country brings the visitor to Wiltwyck School. One can imagine what a refreshing change the physical environment alone must be for the NYC youngster who comes here. The buildings, however, are old and worn, and tell the familiar story of insufficient funds.

We were cordially welcomed by
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Residents at the Wiltwyck School for Boys, Esopus, N.Y., playing on the school grounds. A VS unit of 7 currently serves here.



THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

It is hard to describe faith, for it is not an object you can see with your eyes or grab with your hands. It is something inside us—in our heart and mind—that makes us trust other people and trust Jesus. But faith can be illustrated.

The little girl I am thinking of had a father and a mother who loved Jesus. Because they loved Jesus they also told their little girl about Jesus, with the result that she trusted in Jesus. One day her father did not come home at the usual time. Her mother became worried and anxious, wondering what had happened to him. Suddenly the thought flashed through her mind that Jesus might have come to take the Christians to heaven and that she had been left behind. For a moment, she had forgotten that since she had let Jesus forgive her sins she would go to heaven too when Jesus comes again. While her mother was bothered by these thoughts, the little girl lay sleeping in the room next door.

It was very late when father came home that night. Next morning at the breakfast table the little girl's mother started telling how anxious she had become and that she had thought Jesus might come again without taking her along. The little girl was listening to what her mother said, and when her mother had finished talking she exclaimed, "But Mommy! Why didn't you come and look in my bed, because when Jesus comes He will take me along!"

Are you as sure of being taken to heaven by Jesus when He comes as this little girl was? You can be, when you have the same faith in Jesus that she had!

Love, Aunt Selma

The Girl Who Was "Game"

Mary's heart pounded and her eyes were wide with fear. She looked around at the circle of boys' faces. Everyone wore a fierce scowl. What would they do to her?

She knew that they had been trying to break up the mission work in a poor district in Scotland where she taught a boy's class. Several times they had thrown mud at her and called her names. Today they had surrounded her on the street. Mary's throat felt so tight that she could hardly bear it. But she stood her ground, a slim, brown-haired girl, staring back at them.

The leader, the biggest and roughest boy, moved up a little closer. He began to swing a weight, tied to a cord, over her head; closer and closer the weight came. Then, whiz! It grazed her forehead. Still she did not move. The weight fell to the ground.

"She's game, fellows," said the leader. "Come on, we're going to the meeting!"

Mary's heart sang a hymn of praise to God as she led the neighborhood's toughest gang of boys into the mission. God had protected her from them and she knew He would tame their wild hearts.

Many years later, in Africa, Mary Slessor's heart was still singing praises. On the wall of her bush hut hung a picture of a man with his wife and family. The man was the

boy who had swung the weight over her head that night in Scotland.

"God tamed you, my lad," said Mary, "and He can tame the African cannibals, too!"

Mary Slessor, who was born in 1848, had gone out to West Africa after spending several years working in the Scotland mission. She had won many of the toughest boys to the Lord and loved the work. But she also had a burden for Africa.

"There are so many workers here," she said. "So few out there." So she went.

At first she worked at the mission station in Duke Town. It was wonderful teaching the natives about the Lord Jesus. But then she heard of the savage people in the bushlands who had never heard the Gospel.

"I want to go to them," she said. "There are enough workers here to teach these people."

"You can't!" said the missionaries. "Those people are cannibals. They will kill you!"

"Perhaps," said Mary Slessor. "But I believe God can tame cannibal hearts too."

So arrangements were made and on a dreary, rainy day her things were packed in a canoe and she set out for the heathen people of Okoyong.

When she arrived at the first village, Ekenge, it seemed deserted.

From the few people left Mary learned that the people had gone to the funeral of a chief's mother in the next village. The young missionary's heart sank. She knew enough of the natives to know that there would be drinking and dancing for days. What a way to begin her new work—with drunken savages.

When the people returned they were ugly with drink. They found a young boy who had left the heathen feast early to come home.

"He is deserting our ancient customs," they growled.

Mary saw them lead the boy to a big pot of oil. She saw the boy hold his arms and the chief start toward him with a ladle of boiling oil.

"Oh, don't!" she cried, darting forward. But she was too late. The boy shrank under the oil and the people looked angrily at Mary.

Things moved along more peacefully for a while after that. Mary tried to make friends, using her medicine kit to help them and, when she could, telling the story of Jesus and His love. The people began to accept her. Then one day a man slave was brought in in heavy chains.

Mary learned that he was to be put to death because a woman had hanged herself. Indignantly she spoke up. "Why should he die? He did not kill her!"

"He has used sorcery and put the idea into her head," was the answer.

Mary still argued that he should not be put to death. The crowd became excited and angry. They gathered around her, waving guns and swords and shouting, "Why should a stranger interfere with our customs?"

"Yes, she tried to stop us from punishing the boy with oil, too!"

But just as she had faced the gang of boys in Scotland, Mary stood still and stared at the savage Africans. The noise and confusion died down. Then she talked to them quietly. They agreed to spare the man's life. Mary's heart sang. Her God had won the first victory.

Mary Slessor lived for many years among the cannibals. They learned to love and honor her and her God. She became a judge among them and made good rules for them. She went deep into the jungles, taking the Gospel to the fiercest African tribes. No one ever hurt her, and when she died in Africa in 1915, countless natives wept for their "Great White Ma" who had given her life so that they might know her "Great White God."

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This is one of the six excellent missionary stories to be found in the booklet, "The Lady With the Lamp and other True Stories." This booklet can be purchased for only 25¢ from

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Who Made God?

This is one of the most interesting questions with which we can puzzle ourselves. The answer is, of course, that no one made God. But what does this answer mean?

All the things we can see around us are things that have been made, things that have had a beginning. In the house we look at pieces of furniture, books, clocks, ornaments, and so on; and on many of them we read "Made in Scotland" (or some other country), or "Made by Green and Company" (or some other manufacturer). And even if they have nothing like that printed on them, we know that they were made by someone somewhere.

Outside we look at natural things like hills and valleys, rivers and lakes. These have had a beginning too; and they have had a maker. The Bible tells us that "He who built all things is God." The scenery of land and sea was designed and built by God.

What about living things, plants and fish and animals? What about ourselves? We grow by eating and breathing, just as the other living things in this world do, but that does not explain our beginning. The Bible gives us the answer to these questions. It says that the plants and fish and animals started because God gave them life, and they continued because He made them do so. And it tells us that we also received our life from God.

But God did not have a beginning, like a clock or a hill or an animal or a human being. And since He did not have a beginning, then He did not have a maker. That is what the answer means: no one made God—because God was never made, God never had a beginning.

Do you find this a difficult thought to think? I do. But it is not impossible for us to realize that the answer has a deep and wonderful meaning, even if we cannot quite understand it with our small minds. And it is good for us to think it over because it teaches us that our minds cannot understand everything. It helps to keep us humble in our thoughts about God; and that is a good thing.

The Red Lama

By Mildred Cable and Francesca French

A member of the Tibetan religious order known as "The Red Lamas" comes to a Chinese town to transact some business and is robbed. He goes berserk and is rescued from an infuriated crowd by a missionary doctor.

The story of how this Lama found Christ and went back to the Lamasery to tell the other Lamas of his new Master, is told in this booklet. It is a fascinating tale.

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A Review of the Literature World of Today

(This report was prepared by Miss Anne Heier, secretary in the office of the Gospel Light Hour, Winnipeg. —Ed.)

A visitor in Latin America boarding a subway in downtown Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the late afternoon noticed that crowded facilities were no obstacle to those who had something to read. In a car of nearly 100 passengers, 25 were busily absorbed in their reading while on their way home from work.

A Bolivian school teacher expressed the desire of many people when he said: "I read everything I can get hold of."

An Argentine publisher engaged in the production of encyclopedias and dictionaries said: "Our trouble is not that of production but of distribution. We know people are reading. We aim to reach them wherever they may be. People who live in the mountains and other isolated places deserve to have a book."

Literacy Increasing

Mexico, using Dr. Frank Laubach's method "Each-one-teach-one," was able to help six million people to read and write during a six-year period. Dr. Laubach himself states that 140 million people are learning to read every year. But he has also added that 800 million will learn to read before the church will wake up to the opportunity. What will they read? The answer is simple: whatever is available—everything, anything.

Throughout the world literacy is becoming Project Number One in the planning of educational systems. Uruguay claims that literacy in that country is 90%. India, with a population of 400 million, claims that its literacy rate is now 25% compared with 15% a few years ago.

The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization reports that today approximately half the world's population can read. Certainly the percentage of readers in the world is rising rapidly. Present estimates indicate that one million people are learning to read every week.

In the light of these facts it is significant that the Communists are spending \$40.00 for every \$1.00 the United States is putting into literature to reach the minds of the world's uncommitted peoples. Non-Christian cults are spending more than all Protestant efforts combined to win converts. The Roman Catholic Church is using literature as never before to convince the world that it is the one true church.

Communists spend 50 times more for printed propaganda than the United States. It is stated that the Communists print four and a half million beautifully designed and illustrated leaflets a year. To date four pieces of their literature have been produced for every inhabitant

of Latin America. Their books and leaflets bound and printed in attractive colors can be bought throughout the Orient. In 1955 Russia printed over 900 titles in non-Russian languages. The writings of Lenin are translated into more languages than the Bible. Their well-written books sell at nominal cost. They feel that the printed page is so important that, according to Mr. G. Christian Weiss, "In India you can get books that could stack fifteen inches high of selected Communist works plus a lamp to read them by at night, all for one dollar. Seventy per cent of all the literature printed in India has come out of Communistic printing houses. In one year Russia produces 30 million text-books and 42,698 new titles." It is little wonder that the Communists have succeeded in exercising control over one-third of the world's population.

False Cults Thrive on Literature

The Seventh Day Adventists have an annual budget of not less than 15 million dollars for literature purposes alone. They have 43 plants around the world doing work in 198 languages. They print 359 magazines and periodicals. It is not surprising to find that they have spent 250 million dollars in the last few years on printed material.

Jehovah's Witnesses last year distributed seventeen and a half million pieces of literature. They print 43 million copies of "The Watchtower" and 30 million copies of "Awake" annually. One printing house, their largest in the world, occupies a whole city block and a new 13-story building is being completed across the street from it. In this place they have seven big presses, each of them capable of producing 500 periodicals every 60 seconds or 30,000 per hour. It is said that if all the books produced in this publishing house alone were to be stacked, in eight hours time they would reach higher than the Empire State Building, the tallest building in the world.

Apparently distribution is no problem to them, since in 1954 their people donated 80 million hours for the distribution of their literature. No wonder they are growing at the rate of 400 per cent per year. Their number has increased 15 times in Latin America in the last decade. They have 1,700 missionaries in 159 countries.

A prominent Islamic leader has declared that Islam must catch up with and pass Christianity in education and literature production. In 1956, Egypt sent 1,200 teachers into various parts of Africa.

Filth on the Newsstands

Our nation is today being bathed in filth. The growing minds of our youth are constantly subjected to it.

The minds of adults are being immersed in it. The church is hardened to it, authorities ignore it, families pretend it isn't there or accept it.

Our newsstands, department stores, bookstores and drugstores are filled to overflowing with magazine and "pocket book" descriptions of lurid crime, lust, savage hate, flagrant immorality, adultery, sexual perversion, dope addiction and alcoholism, complete with pictures and vivid details. Yet few are bothering to lift a finger against it.

The printed corruption being made available to the public today breaks down all moral restraints, and opens the flood gates to all forms of license and immorality.

Pick at random some of the magazines on our newsstands today and note some of their feature articles. Here are just a few: **True Crime**—"Dungaree Doll and Teen Age Lover on a Thrill-Kill Binge"; **True Mystery**—"Legal Prostitution in the U.S.); **Suppressed**—"America's Isle of Sin" (imagine a nice, secluded spot in America devoted just to sin); **Secrets**—"My Husband Betrayed Me"; **My Confession**—"Drink! Men! And Sin!" The blazing neon-sign type of title with its screaming appeals is quite common: **Confession Stories**—"Dope! Drink! Illicit, Love! What It Did to Me"; **Personal Romances**—"Wife Swap Party"; **Revealing Romances**—"Any Man Can Be Tempted." The vendors place on the racks what the public will purchase. Doubtless the public could be introduced to nobler and better material, but the printed filth moves by the carloads and means far more money.

A Contributor To Juvenile Delinquency

J. Edgar Hoover has this to say: "High in the ranks of contributors to juvenile delinquency are the vicious and unscrupulous peddlers, producers and printers of obscene literature. They are as responsible as the sex fiends they incite by their wares." After one particularly brutal rape-murder a killer told police, "It was the magazines. I read and saw the pictures I looked at."

"It is shocking that sometimes this type of literature is seen also in Christian homes. In such cases the tragic loss to the church cannot be computed statistically. The committing of adultery behind the shades of the mind does not enter into any statistic, never gets into the papers, and is not heard of in court, but the omniscient God sees" (Evangelical Action magazine). Christians, it is imperative that we dry up this stream of corruption.

Godly men like William Tyndale, John Wycliffe, William Carey and others have given of their lives in burning out themselves for the sake

of the Word, to make it available for the task of evangelism. No nobler, more self-sacrificial tasks, no greater lives, nor more shining examples of dedication and industry can be found than those which marked the early pioneers in the field of missions and Bible translation.

Protestants Lagging

It is to be regretted that today the leadership, the most striking examples of devoted effort in the field of literature are not necessarily to be found in evangelical Christendom.

In the face of this tremendous challenge we must confess that "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light" (Luke 16:8). We might just as well accept the fact that the Protestants are away behind. With all that we are doing we are still producing very little both in quantity as well as in quality. It behooves us to be more alert and work harder.

Nervous? Worried?

The Way of Release

By Ernest White, M.B., B.S.

Dr. White says, "A large proportion of the patients under the care of any doctor in general practice are suffering from symptoms for which no definite organic cause can be discovered... There is a tendency to tell such patients that there is nothing really the matter with them... Besides those who constantly go to the doctors in the hope of finding relief, there is a large number of people who suffer from emotional disturbances and mental conflicts, and who for various reasons keep their troubles to themselves." This book has been written for such people.

Dr. Frank C. Peters, teacher at the M.B. Bible College, warmly recommends this book to church workers and others who work with people who have mental and nervous troubles—and to such who seek release from them. Some of the chapter headings are: Faith and Nerves; Lack of Confidence; Fears; Worrying; Depression; Guilt and Forgiveness; the Problem of the Unpardonable Sin; Thoughts Which Tyrannize; The Right Use of Imagination; The Power of Suggestion; Faith Healing; The Way of Acceptance; The Building of Personality; A Well-Balanced Mind.

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Where Are Our Volunteers

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Falter I. Johnson, resident director, while Anna Jo Trost, one of our volunteers, smiled hello from the switchboard in the adjoining office. After arranging for an interview with Mr. Johnson later in the day, we left with VSer Barbara Yoder for a tour of the premises. We noted with interest that Wiltwyck is a completely integrated community, with a variety of nationalities represented among staff members and children.

First we visited the school. Renovations were under way and there were harrassed faces amid the confusion. Youngsters stared at us curiously or indifferently as we passed by. What a tremendous responsibility rests on the instructors of these children!

A "good" boy proudly conducted us through the buildings. We saw the crafts shop, gymnasium, stock room, barn, billy goat, hospital facilities and staff quarters.

At noon we assembled in the huge dining room for lunch. At each long table a counsellor supervised his noisy charges. Suddenly there was a hush, and then a raucous chorus broke out with "Happy birthday to you" interspersed with lusty cheers at the end of each line. What, again? This time the singing was even more hearty as a popular counsellor's birthday was remembered.

In the interview with Mr. Johnson we gathered some pertinent facts about the school. Wiltwyck is both a school and an institution. As a school it is subsidized by NYC and staffed by the city school board. As an institution it is supported by private donors and charitable funds; a staff of professionally trained social workers look after the boys outside of school hours. There are approximately 100 boys with a live-in staff of 40-50. All the boys come from NYC and are admitted on the recommendation of a psychiatrist. While the child is at Wiltwyck, social workers in the city work with the home situation.

A VS unit of seven is serving at Wiltwyck currently. Untrained volunteers obviously cannot give professionalized services, but they can perform a host of necessary duties which do not require specialized training. The girls fill secretarial positions and help in the institution's activity program. The men assist in construction of buildings, drive the school vehicles, take care of the farm project and help organize the recreational program.

A significant contribution has been the group's participation in religious activities at Wiltwyck. They have taken part in chapel services, taught Sunday school classes, read Bible stories to the children at bedtime and conducted summer vacation Bible schools.

In a recent article for an MCC publication, Mr. Johnson wrote: "Of

great importance to the rehabilitation of our children is the fact that the Mennonites give their service without monetary gain. To most of them it is at first incomprehensible that anyone would want to contribute so much for so little. In learning that people can work for the enjoyment they experience in contributing their services and that the inner satisfaction derived can be payment enough, our children can find a new world of meaningful values suddenly before their eyes.

"During these nine years the Mennonite Central Committee has with a high degree of selectivity sent to us not only young people of the highest caliber but also those whose interest in the work has been notably high. Our staff has found working with them both pleasant and fruitful."

Before we left, we were invited to tea at the home of one of the head counsellors. A spirit of goodwill and fellowship pervades this home and makes the visitor feel instantly at ease. One feels that this spirit must carry over into the staff-pupil relationship as well.

The visit to Wiltwyck has been enlightening. We have seen a group of workers coming to grips with the problem of NYC's socially maladjusted children. We have recognized our sins of omission, for should not these children be first and foremost the Christian's concern?

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

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This summer there will be an opportunity for four volunteers to assist in the religious education program and conduct daily vacation Bible school classes at Wiltwyck for one month. There are numerous other summer service openings as well. Interested young people are encouraged to write to Summer Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa., for further information.

Susan Krahn.

The Good Samaritan Lives On

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There were people in our area, even in Mennonite churches, who shrugged their shoulders and made excuses for not going to the rescue. They were too busy; weren't feeling too well; ready to go on vacation; it was too far away. Here were professing Christians who passed them up. But there were others who laid aside everything and went to the disaster scene. Farmers, factory workers, school teachers, doctors, undertakers, students, businessmen—they worked side by side to bring help to those who were beaten up.

I suppose every one of our Mennonite Disaster Units is noted for being "on the spot" and eager to serve no matter how difficult the task. We have been known for our good organization and efficient op-

eration. We have received good publicity. We have been called heroes. We have been honored. We have been thought of and looked upon as nice people. But have we really left a spiritual impact upon those whom we have helped? Can it be that we are nothing more than "angels of mercy—helicopter style," dropping in on those who have suffered tragedy and then, when the cleaning up operations have ended, taking off for home, never to be seen or heard of again?

How well have we been able to share with disaster victims our faith? Have we been able to get across to them the reasons for our service? Do they know us or are they yet confused as to who we really are? Do they know us as committed followers of Christ and his love? Unless they do, what we have done is of little value; we have failed God and the people whom we have served.

I should like to suggest three areas which would enable us to give a spiritual message to the individuals or communities in which we work. 1. **The family plan**—the disaster volunteer, perhaps with his family, could call upon the families he has helped. Keep in touch; visit with them and share your convictions and ideals. 2. **The church plan**—visit your new friends as a brotherhood or invite the disaster community to an annual anniversary service in your church. There may be a possibility of a summer Bible school in the community. This doesn't mean we must throw our faith at them. 3. **The community organization plan**—some of you might belong to community service clubs. What have you done as a Christian in helping your local club relate to a similar organization in the disaster community? This could well be the beginning of continued friendship.

We must know what the law of God really is. We must be neighbors. Past generations have been faithful in passing on to us a living faith; now as Good Samaritans, let's share it!

Pen Points for Reporters

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HIS, Robert Walker of **Christian Life**, and Eugenia Price), a "Clearing House for Writers" where participants may air their problems for discussion, a tea sponsored by Moody Press, the annual banquet, and a smorgasbord sponsored by Scripture Press (speakers, films and music).

Should anyone be interested in going, please write to Christian Writers Institute, 33 South Wacker Drive, Chicago 6, Illinois (and let us know if you are going!).

New Reporters: The first report from Mrs. Harvey Jantzen, 1020 Sidney St. East, Swift Current, Sask., came in this past week. Mrs. Jantzen is reporter for the Southside M. B. Mission Chapel. In Sas-

katoon, Wes Willems, 208-25th St. West, has been elected as responsible reporter. He plans to ask others in reporting on various events.

Quote: "Few things are impossible in themselves. It is not so much means as perseverance that is wanting to bring them to a successful issue." —Rochefoucauld

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Winnipeg Flying Pastor Dies in Plane Crash

A Winnipeg pastor, Rev. Gerald E. Splinter, 40, of the Grant Memorial Baptist Church, died when the four-passenger Stinson airplane he was flying crashed into a farmer's field near Notre Dame de Lourdes, Man. Also killed in the plane accident was Allen J. Boehme, 25, who had gone along for the ride.

The two were enroute to Killarney, Man., to conduct a service of welcome for the new pastor there on March 5. The farmer on whose field the plane crashed said that it had been quite foggy at the time.

Rev. Splinter is survived by his wife and four children, while Mr. Boehme is survived by his wife and three children. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 10.

Rev. and Mrs. Splinter came to Winnipeg from Jamestown, N.D., in 1953 when Rev. Splinter assumed the pastorate of the Grant Memorial Baptist Church. At the present time he was also moderator of the Central Canadian Baptist Conference, chairman of the Winnipeg Crusade for Christ and the Winnipeg branch of the American Association for Jewish Evangelism.

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More Eye Trouble for Graham

On February 25—ten days after his Crusade began—Billy Graham suffered another attack of the eye ailment which caused a one-week delay in the opening of his Australian Crusade. His latest spell was not considered to be serious. Associate Evangelist Grady Wilson reported that the Crusade would continue as scheduled with Graham taking a less strenuous part. Other team members are taking the evangelist's place wherever possible. Christians have been urged to pray for Graham and for the success of the Crusade.

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Bible Study in Japanese Armed Forces

To imagine an officially recognized Bible study group within the old Japanese Army and Navy system is quite difficult. However, in today's Japanese self-defense forces, several such groups exist, and with official sanction. One of these is in Shikaya, the navy air force center, where two years ago a few Christians stationed there started a Bible class. As the attendance grew, they applied to their Service Section to have their Bible Class recognized as a regular club activity. Their commanders gave them immediate clearance, and also with official recognition, a place to meet and an

annual grant of \$15,000 (about \$3,000).

The Bible study group meets once a week, with a local pastor as their teacher. The 48 members who now make up the group include officers and men of various ranks, as well as men and women from offices and ground crews.

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Modern Church Design Triumphant

Ninety-eight per cent of the 60,000 houses of worship and auxiliary buildings to be constructed during the next ten years will be of modern design. This prediction was made during the recent National Conference on Church Architecture in Los Angeles. Some 1,000 members of the Church Architectural Guild of America and the Department of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. reconsidered the question that has dominated their field in recent years: progressive architecture vs. traditional, Gothic, Roman and Colonial design.

According to the Rev. Edward S. Frey, chairman of the Department of Church Building of the NCC, about 90 per cent of the churches being built today are functional in design. "It would be prohibitive in cost to erect the old wasteful Gothic structures," he said. "We have to build for smaller congregations who use their churches for an ever-increasing number of activities. The cheaper, smaller church is designed to last about as long as the parishioners' homes. Why build a church that will last a thousand years? When the homes deteriorate, all that's left around the church is a slum."

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Postpone Admitting Women To Ministry

The Church Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland postponed action on the knotty problem of admitting women to the ministry. By a vote of 75 to 45, delegates recommitted the issue to a special committee for further study and report to the Church's next assembly in 1963.

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Literature Effort Reaches Tibet and Morocco

The Moody Literature Mission of the Moody Bible Institute is making the Gospel of Christ known in Tibet by means of newspaper advertisements. The ads are appearing in a secular trade magazine published in India near the border of Tibet, and purchased by Tibetan traders enroute to the Communist-controlled country. Though fewer than 500 copies are printed, each copy is often

read by several hundred people, including those in high public office as well as the Lamas. Another series of newspaper ads offering a Bible correspondence course is being published by the Moody Literature Mission in Morocco. The first ad brought 11 responses which is considered very good in view of the fact that Morocco is a Moslem stronghold.

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Prayer Rugs for Moslem Passengers

The Czechoslovak Airlines' TU-104 jets, scheduled to start flying twice weekly to Cairo soon, are being equipped with prayer rugs for the use of Moslem passengers. The planes will be airborne at the Moslem's early morning prayer times, and the faithful Moslem never fails to say his prayers.

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New Radio Development

Ted Haney of the Electronics Laboratory of Stanford University, recently traveled to Manila to install a "Back-Scatter" transmitter at the Far East Broadcasting Company.

The Back-Scatter principle is a new feature in short-wave radio, having been recently developed by Dr. Millard of Stanford University, who is one of the ten top electronics men in the United States. Up to now the accuracy of short-wave propagation, despite careful calculations, has been less than perfect and has had to depend on reception reports to check on the signals. Briefly, the back-scatter principle takes the "guess" out. Any given frequency can be pulsed in a second of time and our engineers can know exactly where, in all the world, the signal can be picked up. This is of inestimable value to FEBG in sending out broadcasts in many languages to all parts of the Orient.

Mr. Haney stated that FEBG is the first private organization in the world to enjoy this new principle of determining short-wave propagation. It is our earnest prayer that Missionary stations around the world will soon be using it.

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Farmers March In Four Special Trains

One thousand one hundred farmers arrived in Ottawa this week bearing over 300,000 signatures from farmers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Their mission was to impress the federal govern-

ment with the need for deficiency payments for the grain crops. Yet already before their arrival Agriculture Minister Harkness stated quite definitely on a national network broadcast that the government would not institute deficiency payments.

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Controversial Labour Legislation In Newfoundland

Two controversial items of legislation affecting labour unions in Newfoundland became law with the signature of the lieutenant-governor on March 6. One decertifies the International Woodworkers of America in the province, while the other is designed to drive the International Brotherhood of Teamsters from the island. The second law gives the lieutenant-governor in council the right to dissolve any union if a "substantial number" of its officers have been convicted of "heinous crimes."

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Ontario Indians Set Up Independent "Country"

One thousand Indian braves of the Six Nations Indian Reserve near Brantford, Ont., have declared their 30,000-acre reserve an independent country. The rebels, including young warriors with headdress, war paint and tomahawks, broke down the doors of the unoccupied council house and took it over as a symbolic gesture to indicate the return to power of the hereditary chiefs.

Wallace (Mad Bear) Anderson, a spokesman for the chiefs, has said they would appeal to the United Nations if the Canadian government does not recognize the new regime.

The fight may go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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Weddings

Goertzen—Bergen

Miss Katie Bergen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bergen of Adams Road, Sardis, B.C., and Gerhard Goertzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Goertzen of Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, were married on March 1 in the Greendale M. B. church, Sardis. Rev. H. H. Nickel of Abbotsford officiated.

Many friends of the young couple, who came from Paraguay recently, came from throughout the Fraser valley to attend the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Goertzen will reside in Vancouver, B.C.

Golden Wedding at Sardis

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergmann of Sardis, B.C., recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

The golden wedding was held on Feb. 15, 1959, in the Greendale M. B. church, where the white-haired couple were surrounded by their children, grandchildren and many friends.

The three ministers officiating at the occasion were all of Sardis, yet each depicted how God led the Bergmanns through a different phase of their life. Rev. John Wiebe spoke as a friend of theirs from the Cuban in Russia, which was their first home. Rev. J. B. Harder, speaking as a minister of their present church, related the wonderful ways God has led the couple, John and Anna Bergmann, throughout their years of wedded life. There has been only one death among the descendants of the honored couple, which occurred four days short of one year ago, when their eldest son, Cornelius, passed away due to illness at the age of 45. Then Rev. H. G. Dueck (as neighbour of the couple) reviewed all their life, looking back as Moses on Mt. Nebo, and in looking back they are overwhelmed by the love of God. Throughout their years together the couple with their family have never experienced any great calamity.

After five years of marriage they had to face separation when Mr. Bergmann had to be away from home during World War I. Next came the revolution, with all its untold misery. Yet they were always protected, and did not need to suffer from the raging famine. Then they came to Canada, which was to them as "from Egypt to Canaan."

A poem in two parts had been specially written for this golden wedding, depicting their life story. The first section concerned their life from Russia to British Columbia in Canada, and was read by their daughter, Mrs. Peter Heppner. The second section of the poem depicted their life in Sardis, the loss of their son a year ago, and the love of their sons and daughters and grandchildren, but best of all, God's love,

which was read by Mrs. Corny Wiens, wife of a grandson to the couple.

Present to observe this commemoration of their first wedding day, Feb. 14, 1909, were two sons and families, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Bergmann and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Bergmann; three daughters and families, Mrs. Peter Heppner, Mrs. Jake Wiens, Mr. and Mrs. I. Berg; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Cornelius Bergmann, 19 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

Agatha Friesen, 92, Dies in Kitchener

The oldest member of the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren Church, Agatha Friesen, passed away at her home in Kitchener at the age of 92 after a lengthy illness. She was a charter member of the congregation and the widow of the first leader of the congregation, Rev. Jacob Friesen.

Mrs. Friesen, the former Agatha Enns, lived in Kitchener for 34 years. She was the last survivor of the Daniel Enns family. Her husband predeceased her in 1934.

After coming to Canada, the Friesen family settled in Kitchener. Rev. Friesen was one of the main instigators in establishing the local congregation and also the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference.

The funeral service was held on Monday, March 2, In the absence of the local pastor, I. W. Ewert conducted the service.



Gingerich Represents Mennonites at Senate Hearing

A statement on the Mennonite peace position was presented to the U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee by Dr. Melvin Gingerich at the public hearing March 3, 1959. The hearing was on H.R.2260, the bill to extend until July 1, 1963, the induction provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act.

On Jan. 30, Esko Loewen spoke on behalf of the Mennonites when the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee conducted hearings on the same bill.

Brother Gingerich, managing editor of the Mennonite Encyclopedia and director of research of the Mennonite Research Foundation, served as MCC peace representative to Japan from 1955-1957. A copy of his statement is available from MCC Peace Section on request.

Orie Miller Home From Middle East

Associate Executive Secretary Orie Miller arrived home March 5 from a three and one-half month commissioner trip for the Eastern Mennonite Mission Board that took him to mission stations and churches throughout Africa. He also paid an MCC visit to the LeTourneau project in Liberia where five Pax men have been stationed since January. In Europe he stopped at the Agape Verlag publishing project in Basel, Switzerland, and other MCC units.

Russian Mennonite Resides in Athens

A 65-year-old lady who is possibly the only Mennonite residing in Athens, Greece, wrote a letter to a friend in America with the request that American Mennonites be informed of her existence.

Mrs. Helen Maximos, daughter of a certain Hamm in Chortiza, Russia, grew up in a Mennonite home, married a Greek from Odessa and fled to Greece with him in 1919.

The friend, a former Church of the Brethren relief worker in Greece, writes that Mrs. Maximos is a well-educated woman who speaks Russian, German, French and English fluently. However, she has suffered much and is getting on in years. By teaching a few English classes for Greek children she manages to earn a meager living.

In her letter Mrs. Maximos writes: "At the Fellowship of Evangelical Leaders of Athens I was introduced as the sole Mennonite representative in Athens... Will you please let the Mennonites in the USA know about this?"

Sponsor an Orphan!

Picture your child turned out on the street—no food to eat, no place to go, haunted by the loss of parents and home. Perhaps a neighbor comes along, pities him and takes him to an orphanage. But there are thousands of children like him, and there is not enough money or personnel to provide adequate care for them all. Perhaps he grows up on the streets—begging, stealing, hiding.

The image is not a pretty one, yet it is stark reality for countless children in the world today.

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Under the MCC orphan support plan you may individually, as a family, Sunday school class or organization sponsor an orphan. There are two projects to choose from.

At the Mennonite Vocational School in Korea approximately 200 boys, 12-18 years of age, receive vocational and academic training. Your \$10 may convert a Korean

street waif into a useful citizen. If you prefer to help an Arab child, you may adopt one of the 35 youngsters (mostly boys) at the Hebron Mennonite Orphanage in Jordan. Plans are under way to enlarge this orphanage so that more children can be accommodated. Lives to be salvaged—is there a worthier cause?

More than 30 sponsors are needed immediately. When you indicate your willingness to support an orphan, you will receive a picture and case history of the boy who becomes your charge. Channel all communications through MCC Relief Office, Akron, Pa.

Berlin City Council Assists in Refugee Maintenance

The MCC refugee home in Berlin receives approximately 68¢ per refugee per day from the Berlin Senat (city council). In addition, the Senat provided all the furnishings for the home at the outset. For Christmas each child received a bag of sweets and a coupon worth about \$3.50 to purchase clothing.

Minimum floor space and food rations for refugees have been carefully specified by the Senat. At the MCC home this means that six to ten people must share a room, an arrangement that frequently causes problems. It also means that MCC and government surplus foods have to be supplemented by other varieties to meet the required standard. The noon meal is ordered hot from the city kitchen at less than 20¢ a serving. Other meals are handed out in cold rations which the people eat in their rooms. Hot drinks are served.

"Our refugees come from various social strata and professions. Some are polite and well-mannered while others are coarse or even uncouth. Many are in very poor health," comments Director David Janzen. "The greatest wish these people have is for a room or two for themselves. The Senat has a number of large apartment blocks where each family gets one room and a number of families will share a common kitchen. But the available space is so limited that even those with means may have to remain in a refugee camp for three years."

First Graduates Leave Mennonite Vocational School

Twenty-three orphan boys composed the first graduating class of the Mennonite Vocational School in graduation exercises held Feb. 12, 1959.

Dr. Koe, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and three MCC workers, Principal Kenneth Brunk, Korean Director J. M. Klassen and Agriculturist Leland Voth spoke. Special music was provided by a soloist from Taegu, a senior boys' quartet and the school choir. Dr. Paul Peachey, MCC Peace representative in Japan, was among the guests present.

COLLEGES

Tabor College

Every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Tabor College students are given the opportunity to meet for prayer on the campus. These meetings, recently organized, are an outgrowth of the prayer groups held during the Bible Conference, and have been arranged in answer to student request.

The Campus Christian Life Committee of the Christian Fellowship Association is sponsoring the meetings, with 100 per cent backing from the Student Council.

The groups meet in separate rooms for women and men. Student leaders are in charge, and all students interested in joining fellow students in prayer during these weekly noon hour meetings are welcomed.

Five Students to New York

A delegation from Tabor will attend the annual Peace Fellowship Conference to be held at United Nations headquarters in New York City March 12-14.

The theme of the conference discussion will be "Problems of World Disarmament and Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy." The agenda will also include a tour of the United Nations building, attendance at some of the U.N. meetings, a special

briefing by the Atomic Energy Commission, and discussions with U.N. delegates from various countries.

Challenges Student Body

"I have come very specifically for the purpose of challenging college students—young people from Christian homes—to give serious consideration to the call into the ministry," said Rev. B. J. Braun, president of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary of Fresno, in a chapel address at Tabor on Monday, February 23.

Rev. Braun pointed out the present and future lack of workers in the area of foreign missions and pastorates and called on students, especially graduating seniors, to consider "first things first" in the face of the innumerable opportunities available to college graduates.

After pointing out that action at the last general conference was in the direction of a change in our missions program, the speaker stressed the fact that we must begin to educate missionaries to meet changing world conditions. "The men who will be our pastors and missionaries in the future will have to meet higher requirements in terms of preparation than they have had to meet in the past," he said.

"There is a tremendous challenge in the ministry. Consider well if God has called you into this area of service," he concluded.

Missionary Conference at Coaldale

The missionary conference, held February 22, 23, and 24, proved to be a decisive event in many of our lives. Definite prayer sessions before and during the conference were organized. Detailed displays as well as the free distribution and sale of literature during the conference helped to create a very distinctly missionary atmosphere. Invitations had been sent to neighboring churches as well as to the AMHS.

The response was most favorable. The high school participated Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The evening services were especially well attended. Speakers during these days included: Rev. John Ratzlaff, missionary to Africa at present serving in the Board Office in Hillsboro; Rev. Ted Fast, missionary to India, at present on furlough; Rev. B. W. Sawatsky, city missionary of Edmonton; and Rev. H. Lenzmann, pastor of the Yarrow M. B. Church.

On Sunday afternoon, Rev. T. Fast introduced the book of Nehemiah to us through the challenging message on "Consecration to God." Rev. Ratzlaff put before us the question of "the unfinished task which it is up to us to complete."

During the Sunday evening session Rev. B. Sawatsky presented a report on the city mission work in

Edmonton. He did this by answering the question: "Who is being served in Edmonton?" After this, Rev. T. Fast showed some slides on the work in India: On one side there is heathendom and its darkness and on the other the glorious results of the power of God.

On Monday morning Rev. J. Ratzlaff spoke on "Three Kinds of People." First of all, there is the natural man who lives according to his limited understanding of God. Then there is the carnal Christian. His choices in life are governed by self, not God's will. He can also be called a human-minded Christian. The spiritual Christian is a person who yields completely to the dictates of the Holy Spirit. This message, we are sure, produced a lasting impression upon us all. Rev. T. Fast concluded this session by speaking on "Build Up Your Walls," emphasizing devotion, preparation for the future, and relations with others.

"Love, the Greatest Motivating Element in Missions" was the theme for Rev. T. Fast's sermon on Monday afternoon. Then Rev. J. Ratzlaff asked us to "Deny Yourself" for Christ's sake.

The report by Rev. J. Ratzlaff and the film, "The Call of Africa" on

Monday evening stressed the hopelessness of Africa and the hope through the Gospel.

Tuesday, the last day of the conference, was introduced by a message by Rev. H. Lenzmann. He emphasized the fact that "to know Christ also brings with it an obligation." Rev. T. Fast continued in showing us the secret of "Overcoming the Evil One." Then very fittingly Rev. J. Ratzlaff stressed the point of being "Christ-like."

The afternoon service was in some respects the climax of the conference. After a heart-searching message by Rev. J. Ratzlaff, directed mainly to the young people on yielding ourselves completely to Christ, he asked believers to dedicate their

lives to Christ. A number of young people consecrated themselves to Christ. Rev. Fast pointed his message to both the Christians and non-Christians. We are to be different from the world. He closed the afternoon service with an altar-call.

The main emphasis of our last service was placed on the mission work being done in India. Rev. T. Fast gave a short report stressing the necessity and importance of the indigenous church in India. We became better acquainted with the work being done in India through the slides he showed.

Throughout the conference we were blessed by the songs rendered by groups from the Bible school, high school, and the radio choir.

Missionary Conference at Clearbrook

Clearbrook, B.C. — Students at the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute were privileged to take part in a soul-stirring missionary conference beginning on the evening of March 1 and continuing to the evening of March 3. Special speakers whom God used to present to us the challenge of "The Great Commission" were Rev. Ted Fast, missionary on furlough from India, and Rev. John Ratzlaff, returned missionary from Africa, at present employed in the office of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions at Hillsboro, Kans.

Missions, according to Acts 1:8, begins at home and then spreads to all parts of the earth. The weakest point in our missionary programs today, said Mr. Ratzlaff, is right here at home where we fail to reach our neighbor for Christ.

He stressed the fact that in following Christ and obeying His commands, a Christian must practice self-denial. Not every Christian is asked to deny himself the same thing. The important matter is that we be willing to give up that which God asks us to give up.

Our lives are effective in witness only as far as they are Christlike. If we would be useful in God's kingdom we must be like Christ in the following respects:

- Willing to be whatever God asks us to be.
- Willing to be of no reputation.
- Willing to become servants.

Rev. Ted Fast used texts from the book of Nehemiah for several of his messages. Just as there were walls around Jerusalem that Nehemiah had a part in rebuilding, there are walls in a Christian's life that need to be kept in order and rebuilt where necessary. These include the walls of separation from the world, of prayer life, of consistent testimony, of a Christ-like walk, and of the impact of our life in the community.

In giving us a glimpse of the field of India, Mr. Fast emphasized that the most important work of mission-

aries there is the organizing and establishing of self-supporting, self-propagating indigenous churches so that the natives may carry on the work of evangelization there, should the doors close to foreign missionaries.

The conference was closed with a brief dedication service in which a large number of students as well as others signified by standing that their lives belonged to God and that if He should call them to foreign missionary service they would be willing to go.

Bethany Bible Institute

The Bethany Bible Institute sponsored the showing of the film, "Preacher's Kid," in the M. B. church of Hepburn on February 28. The service was well-attended and a deeper insight was gained concerning the actual life of a minister's son. A Bible school trio and a quartet presented the musical items.

On Monday morning, March 2, Rev. J. J. Toews of Kitchener, Ont., spoke in the chapel. His theme was centred around the first words of Christ, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). The service in the evening was held in the church, with Rev. Toews speaking on "The Chastening of the Lord." From Hepburn Rev. Toews left for Saskatoon, where he held a series of meetings centering around the theme, "The Gospel in the Old Testament Tabernacle." The evening services were classified as special youth meetings entitled "The Life of Sanctification." The Chorus Choir of Bethany brought the musical numbers on the Thursday night of these services.

Rev. J. H. Franz from Paraguay visited the school on Thursday, March 5. His was a challenging message, presenting the need of Paraguay.

On the Horizon

March 14. — A special program for students will be presented at the M. B. Bible College Student Night, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sub-topics of the over-all topic of faith will be discussed by students from MBBC, the Canadian Mennonite Bible Col-

lege, and the University of Manitoba. A special welcome is extended to students in Winnipeg.

March 14 and 15. — The choir of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College is singing Bach's "St. Luke Passion" and other passion songs in the auditorium of the college in Tuxedo. The time is 7:30 p.m.

March 15. — The Gospel Light Hour group will present a program in the Gospel Light M. B. church, Logan and Ellen, Winnipeg, at 7:00 p.m. You are welcome!

March 15. — The Bethany Bible Institute at Hepburn, Sask., will present a program in the M. B. church, Dalmeny, Sask.

March 17. — A special meeting of the provincial relief committee of Saskatchewan. Under discussion will be treatment of the mentally ill. Churches are requested to send one delegate for 25 members.

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March 21. — The Oratorio Choir of the M. B. Bible College, accompanied by a small orchestra, will sing Bach's "St. John's Passion" in the North Kildonan M. B. church.

March 22. — The Elmwood M. B. Church choir and soloists will present a program of Easter music from various composers at 7:00 p.m.

March 29 to April 5. — Revival Crusade at the Gospel Light Mission Chapel at Brandon, Man. Rev. B. D. Reimer of Steinbach will serve as evangelist.

April 3 to 5. — The annual Canada-wide Sunday School Conference of the M. B. Church in Canada, to be held in Hepburn.

April 17 to 19. — Seminar on Race Relations by Mennonite Central Committee Peace Section at the Woodlawn Mennonite church, Chicago.

April 26. — Annual Youth Workers' Conference of the Manitoba M. B. churches, to be held at Springfield M. B. church.

July 4 to 8. — Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference at Hepburn, Sask.

July 4 to 9. — Annual sessions of Conference of Mennonites in Canada at Clearbrook, B.C.

August 19 to 23. — Annual conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches in North America, to be held at Grace Church, Abbotsford, B.C.

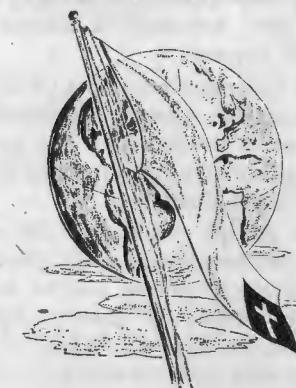
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