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Twenty-Nine Graduate at M.B. Bible College

Winnipeg, Man. — Twenty-nine graduates received their degrees and diplomas at the 13th annual Commencement exercises of the M. B. Bible College, held May 31 in the North Kildonan M. B. church.

In a church so full that standing room was at a premium, nine graduates received the Bachelor of Theology degree, 17 received the Bachelor of Religious Education degree, one the diploma from the General Bible Course, and two the Sacred Music Course diploma. The college president, Rev. J. A. Toews, awarded the degrees, while Rev. D. Ewert, registrar, presented the candidates for the degrees.

"The existence of our college testifies to the fact that brethren had a correct evaluation of what is really important," declared Jacob Neufeld, St. Catharines, Ont., in the German valedictory address. "This evening they are again reaping the fruit, not in terms of material value, but in terms of young men and women ready to make spiritual values pre-eminent in their lives."

He pointed out that materialism is advancing rapidly, even in the church. We must do all in our power to halt the march of materialistic thinking—and this can be done by giving young people a Biblical training.

"Like a tree we have been able to send our roots deeper, thicken them and send out new ones. Into various classrooms and personalities our roots have gone to draw nourishment for spiritual and mental development," said Harold Ratzlaff of Vancouver, B.C., in the English valedictory address. "God has allowed us to progress and advance. We believe that we are more prepared now to live the Christian life and to make a defence to anyone who calls us to account for the hope that is in us."

Expressing thankfulness to the teachers, the school board and the constituency for this opportunity to study, Mr. Ratzlaff declared, "Our roots are established in the Word. Scripture, especially the revelation in Jesus Christ, has become our standard to which we desire to re-

late and which we accept as our final authority. Our God-given confidence is in Christ, the centre and mediator of God's great plan of redemption."

Pointing out that privileges also bring responsibilities, Mr. Ratzlaff exclaimed, "Our cars, homes, furniture, education, abilities and families—may they all be used to save some!"

Rev. D. B. Wiens of Vancouver delivered the graduation address. He spoke on the three-fold enabling of the Christian by God's gift of the spirit of love, of power, and of a sound mind (or self-control). These counter-act fear, which is the expression of an unenlightened mind or a heart that fails to trust.

"Love is the determining factor in the application of power," Rev. Wiens said. Without love, power is dangerous—as can be seen in the dictatorial rule of some men and

Matsqui Man to Brazil in August

Hillsboro, Kans. — Brother and Sister John Klassen are new missionary appointees to Brazil under the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions. They are scheduled to leave for that field in August.



At present the Klassens are members of the Bethany Church in Fresno, Calif., where Brother Klassen has taught in the Pacific Bible Institute. Brother Klassen's parents live in Matsqui, B.C., while Sister Klassen's mother is resident in the United States.

Prior to studies at the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Broth-

nations. Yet this love is not merely emotional exuberance, but a sane and sound expression.

After the presentation of the degrees and diplomas, Rev. Victor Toews presented the annual alumni bursaries. They were won this year by Len Neufeldt, Yarrow, B.C., and Miss Esther Wiens, St. Catharines, Ont. The A Cappella Choir served in song. A ladies' choir sang "Lift Your Eyes" and Victor Martens, voice teacher, sang a solo. A special word of greeting was delivered by Rev. G. H. Sukkau from the Bible Institute in Paraguay. Rev. and Mrs. Sukkau arrived from South America on May 30.

Rev. C. Wall, instructor, closed the service with prayer. Thereafter parents and friends were given the opportunity to congratulate the graduates.

The previous evening the graduating class had presented a program in the auditorium of the college. A capacity audience heard short talks, testimonies and songs from the graduates.

er Klassen had completed grade 12 at the Mennonite Educational Institute, Clearbrook, B.C., going on to the University of British Columbia on a provincial scholarship.

The Klassens will spend their first year in Brazil in language school in preparation for a Bible school teaching ministry.

Hepburn Ladies Auxiliary Fetes Mothers

Hepburn, Sask. — About 35 young women were able to bring either their own or an "adopted" mother out for an evening of fellowship on May 12. A program, mostly in German, was rendered.

Two poems were recited, while Mrs. Toby Voth and her daughter, Mrs. Corny Boldt, sang a duet. Mrs. C. C. Willms, Mrs. Abe Ens, and Mrs. Mary Loewen gave testimonies in tribute to their departed mothers. Mrs. H. S. Rempel of Saskatoon addressed the gathering on the value of a mother in the home, be she a natural mother, a step-mother or a foster mother, encouraging all mothers present to live lives showing forth God's love and our faith in Him.

The guest of honour for the even-

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

I Cor. 2:2.

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ing was the oldest mother in the community, Mrs. John Heinrichs, who at 90 years of age is remarkably agile and keen. Widowed almost six years ago, she now lives alone and likes it. Mrs. Heinrichs has always enjoyed good health and is thankful to God that she has never needed pills. She does admit, though, that it might be wiser to plant only half as many potatoes as usually, for she is beginning to tire of weeding her fair-sized garden!

The auxiliary noticed with gratitude that one young mother, Mrs. R. Hildebrandt, who has been absent for six months after delicate brain surgery, was again well enough to be out and bring her own mother.

Happy informal reminiscing continued around the tables as all enjoyed zwieback, butter, cheese, angel food and coffee.

A Message to the Churches

from the Third National Conference of the Church Peace Mission, Evanston, Ill., April 20-23, 1959.

God has not called us to be dragged like slaves in the wake of history plunging to its doom, but to be the messengers and servants of Christ, who is the Lord of history and victor over the demonic forces in it.

Our own country and the world are threatened physically with the holocaust of nuclear war. Spiritually we in this land are in the far greater danger of committing the sin of mass extermination of another people in the name of defence or retaliation.

This is no longer war as it has been known in the past. It is no longer merely war of men against men. It is war of man against himself, monstrously corrupting the image of God in him. It is war against God and God's creation. All the justifications and rationalizations which have been used for war in the past are now unrealistic, irrelevant, and irresponsible. The very heart of the Christian Gospel is denied and betrayed by those who still justify or condone such evil.

The world stands in desperate need today of a clear Christian word, a distinctively Christian contribution. Neither the church nor

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EDITORIAL

The Fear of Failure

Many people have failed to achieve their potential in the Christian life and service for God because they have been afraid of failure. The spectre of an embarrassing failure has kept them from developing the talents God has given them. The results are inwardly shriveled Christians and fossilized abilities.

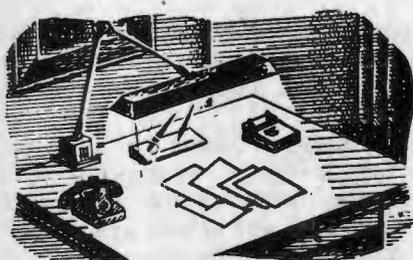
Some of us are just naturally timid. We dislike being in the eye of the public. We feel that we cannot do anything as well as others anyway. As long as people leave us alone and we can occupy an insignificant corner we feel fine. We are quite content to let others serve the Lord and hope to slip into heaven just as unobtrusively as we lived. The tragic part is that we never know what joys we have missed here and do not realize what it will mean to enter heaven without reward.

Others of us have failed so miserably upon one occasion or another that we have an obsessive fear of failure. Thus an embryo violinist may let his gift from God fossilize because he really made a mess of his first public appearance. A potentially good speaker may remain a pew-sitter because his first venture into rhetorics brought only criticism. Someone who has the potential ability to write a best-seller gives up when his first essay is not published in the school paper. These people have never tapped the power resources of God available to all who are walking in the Spirit and who are led by the Spirit.

Fear of failure thus has negative results for the person himself, in that it stultifies his growth, robs him of much that God would give him, and often ends in feelings of self-pity and in self-centred living. But it also has negative results in the church and community, for often there is a shortage of workers because those available are afraid that they will fail. God's program for the church cannot be carried out for lack of personnel, dedicated and disciplined to the cause of Christ and His church.

Yet few realize that when they let fear of failure prevent development of talents and assuming of responsibilities they are also just as guilty of sin as any man breaking a direct law of God. James writes: "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." Paul charged Timothy, "Stir up the gift that is within thee." God will judge us not only for what we have done, but also for what we have failed to do.

That is why it is important that we learn to overcome our fear of failure. That this is not always easy is obvious, for it means conquering our flesh, our pride and our love of praise and dislike of criticism. Only as we depend wholly upon God, exercise the faith that the Holy Spirit has given us, and become concerned only with the glory of God can we conquer fear of failure. We must realize that it is not the man who tries and fails that is to be pitied—it is the person who never tries. Finally, we must realize that only continuous effort—even if marked by frequent failure—is the only way to grow, develop and to perfect the talents God has given us.



Pen Points For Reporters

Conferences: Will there be (or has there been) a conference of churches in your church or community? Then you, as local reporter, are responsible for the report on the conference. Should you not be able to attend the conference—or unable to report for other reasons—you can still assure a conference report by writing us. We will then ask someone else to get in a report.

Accurate reporting is a must when covering a conference. Many

of the decisions have far-reaching effects and an error can cause much misunderstanding. That's why it is best to check all reports on conference decisions with the publicity committee (if one exists) or the moderator or secretary of the conference. In addition, try to secure a copy of the reports from the various committees—this eliminates a lot of note-taking. And if you send the significant reports (especially the statistical ones) along with the

DEVOTIONAL

Let Us Love, Not Judge

By Jack Kytle

What is the mighty power of Christ in winning human hearts? Recently a wise and much-loved pastor asked this question in a discussion of soul-winning with a men's class. Then he gave the answer: "Love, never criticism—sympathy and understanding, never judging."

The pastor said, "All of us have friends or acquaintances we would heartily welcome to share acceptance of Christ. A Christian knows how much of living, how much happiness is being wasted by those who have not given their lives to the Saviour. But in eagerness to win sharers of this Christian happiness, too many of us allow criticism to surmount encouragement and understanding; too many of us allow love to fall into second place.

"What is the mainspring of Christ's power?" he asked. "The clear answers are before us in His words, 'I judge no man' (John 8:15); 'I came not to judge the world, but to save the world' (John 12:47); 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her' (John 8:7); 'A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another. . . (John 13:34).

"And so," the pastor concluded, "if we would win sharers of Christian fellowship, we must love, understand, encourage, and pray. Judging drives away, never draws.

report we will be able to have a double check (mistakes have a way of creeping in unawares in citing statistical results).

What is significant at a conference? Reports of growth in various areas are always news (to the glory of God!). This may mean new churches accepted in the conference, new mission stations being opened, a significantly larger enrollment in conference schools, the start of new projects. It is also news when some church is dissolved, when the conference must cut back on some phase of activity. Elections of new officers, reorganization of committees and redistribution of responsibilities are news. Policy announcements certainly should be reported. But don't give lengthy summaries of devotional messages, unless these contained really significant information and challenges.

Reporting: Melvin Wiens will be reporting on events at Beechy, Sask., during the summer months. First reports have come from Jake Wichert, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., Mrs. Jake Wall, Matsqui, B.C., Victor Pries, Alexander, Man., and Miss Esther Klassen, Mt. Lehman, B.C. (East Aldergrove M. B. Church), and Walter Foth, Niverville, Man.

Quote: One who is contented with what he has done will never become famous for what he will do.

Each of us has sinned in some way. When we judge others, we only call attention to our own shortcomings. Those criticized want to know if the judge himself is guiltless."

Love triumphs where all else fails. One young man, after joining the church, explained, "I was loved into this. One of my sisters did it. If she had only condemned my way of living, I would have been bitter; I would have resisted her. If she had persisted in literally picking me to pieces, I would have found ever-stronger cause to resist. She never did that. She was kind, patient, and always tolerant. All the time, she was praying for me, and I knew great love was behind those prayers. Love bound me to her and her faith. She inspired me to go to Jesus and His church."

Among the friends and acquaintances of every Christian today are those desperately in need of love. Their hearts hunger for tolerant understanding, patient guidance, and assurance of Christ's great mercy. They need assurance that He joyfully washes clean the sins of those who return His love, accepting Him with complete faith. They need comfort of the truth that He never turns away from a sinner, that His patience is mightier than any human can realize.

Let us love, not judge. Arthur H. Stainback once said, "The value of compassion cannot be overemphasized. Anyone can criticize. It takes a true believer to be compassionate. No greater burden can be borne than to know no one cares or understands."

Every Christian has power, through Christ, to lift this burden for some fellow being.

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and the essential unity of all true
Mennonites as its guiding principle.

A Preaching Mission to South America

Hillsboro, Kans. — During the past year or two the leadership of the South American Mennonite Brethren Conference has repeatedly requested the ministry of an evangelist from North America. Our brethren in the South have felt the need for a minister brother from outside their conference to minister to the spiritual needs of their churches and communities. Their first concern has been for an evan-



gelistic ministry in which a brother might concentrate his efforts in preaching the Gospel.

These requests have been the objects of considerable prayer and effort to find a brother who could devote the needed time to this ministry. We believe the Lord has led so that a brother is available to begin this several-month ministry in June. He is Brother G. W. Peters of Fresno, Calif. Brother Peters has served extensively in evangelistic and revival services. He has been dean of the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary at Fresno and is a member of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions.

First To Paraguay

It is planned that Brother Peters will leave for South America the first week in June and possibly begin working in eastern Paraguay. Brother Peters' ministry in South America is under the auspices of the Board of General Welfare, of whom the South American Conference requested an evangelist. The nature and schedule of his ministry are being worked out with the leaders of our South American Conference and local churches in Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil.

The nature of his ministry will be dependent upon local circumstances. His main mission shall be an evangelistic one. In addition, he may conduct conferences for ministers and church workers, speak to young people's meetings, conduct Bible conferences and minister in the Bible schools. It is hoped it will be possible for Brother Peters to visit and minister in all of the

Mennonite communities in Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil in which there are Mennonite Brethren Churches.

To Promote Revival

We are thankful for the spiritual concern of our South American Conference. We are glad for this occasion in which we may work together with our brethren in the South to promote the cause of revival and the claims of Christ and the Church.

Herewith we present this special preaching mission to the intercession of our churches in North America. Let us pray for a divine visitation in our churches and communities in South America and the salvation of many souls through this mission. Let us pray for Brother Peters in his many travels, strenuous schedule and many services expected of him.

Provision for this ministry has been made in this year's budget of the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations. As continued contributions are forwarded to the general treasury, it will be possible to carry out this ministry along with the other assistance extended to our brethren in South America.

From time to time we will seek to report to the churches on Brother Peters' schedule and experiences so the brotherhood may follow and pray for this mission.

Board of General Welfare and Public Relations,
Waldo D. Hiebert, Chairman

Visited By C. Walls

Lena, Man. — The Lena M. B. Church had the privilege of having Rev. and Mrs. C. Wall in their midst on Sunday, May 24. Brother Wall served Saturday night at a special service, Sunday morning, and again Sunday night, when the young people presented a program.

Ladies Exchange Visit

Lena, Man. — The Boissevain M. B. Ladies' Aid paid a goodwill visit to the ladies of the Lena M. B. Church on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27.

The visiting group presented a very interesting program. Lunch was later served in the church basement.

Gideons Present Program

Hepburn, Sask. — The Dalmeny camp of the Gideons presented a program in Hepburn on May 24. A display of Bibles, identical to those set up at funerals, had been prepared. Reports, testimony and music showed the work of the Gideons.

Two films were showed. The one showed how Bibles are printed; we were impressed by the painstaking and skilled work needed to produce a copy of the Scriptures. The Gid-

eons' work of placing the Bible in jails, hotels, hospitals and schools, came alive for the audience in the second film.

Joyce Thiessen, Clifford Friesen and Kenneth Quiring gave two instrumental numbers.

An Open Letter

Dear Brethren and Sister of our Conference,

Greetings with "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23).

We would like to express our appreciation for the kind letters since our return from Austria. The sympathy and get-well cards, as well as the many visits in the hospital have been so encouraging. Thank you

for your many prayers. My health is almost back to normal. We are grateful to God that our service for Him might not be finished.

Your brother and family,
Nick Willems, Woodrow, Sask.

Summer Pastorate In Nova Scotia

Rose Bay, N.S. — Victor Adrian, former principal of the M. B. Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg, is serving in the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church here during the summer months.

Mr. Adrian has completed the second year of his studies at the Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa.

Anybody touring the Maritimes is welcome at the Adrian home here in Rose Bay, Nova Scotia.

Henry Borns Return to Paraguay

Hillsboro, Kans. — Henry C. Born and family have returned to Paraguay to serve in the Christian-worker training program of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

The Borns are stationed in Filadelfia, Fernheim Colony, Paraguay, where he is serving as principal and instructor in the South American Conference Bible Institute and Fernheim Bible School. They arrived in Paraguay the first week in June after a plane flight from Vancouver, British Columbia.

Brother and Sister Born are members of the Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church, Winnipeg. Their children are Julia 11, Naomi 8 and Rebecca 2.

The services of the Borns in Paraguay are under the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium in Canada) of the Mennonite Brethren Church. In addition to his teaching assignment, he will serve as liaison in various matters between the Board of General Welfare and the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Paraguay.

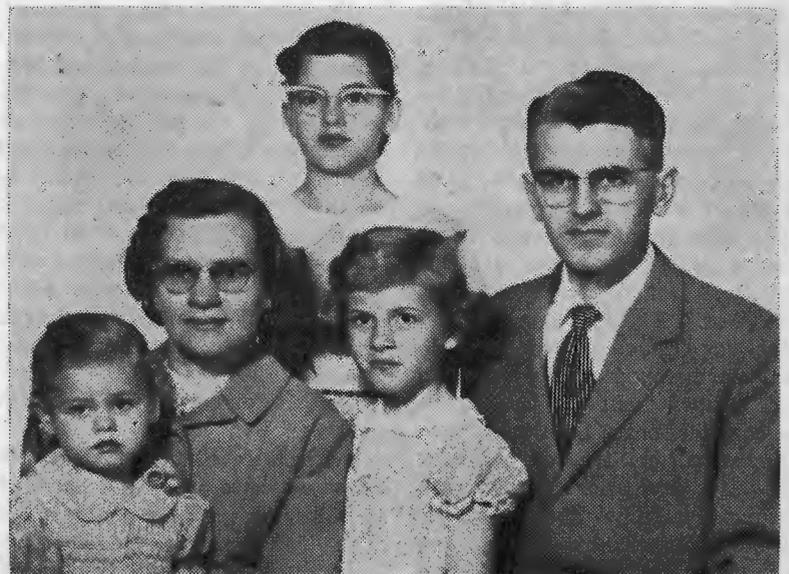
The assignment of serving in the Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute

of South America is a responsible one. The work of the Institute is the training of ministers, Sunday school and youth workers for the churches. As the Borns bade farewell to churches and friends, they expressed the need for prayer remembrance for them in their work and for their children.

In preparation for his administrative assignment in the institute, Brother Born spent the past year in graduate study at Kansas State Teachers' College, Emporia. He was graduated with the master's degree on May 23.

Immediately after graduation, they left for Brit. Columbia, where they visited with her parents until departure for Paraguay. Mrs. Born's parents are Brother and Sister John K. Brandt of Clearbrook. The mother of Brother Born is Sister Anna Born of Altona, Man.

The first term of the Borns was in Volendam Colony in Paraguay from 1954 to 1958. Brother Born taught in the Zentralschule and served the Mennonite Brethren Church.



Rev. and Mrs. Henry C. Born and family, Rebecca 2, Naomi 8 and Julia 11, who have returned to South America for a second term of service.

Hate Turns to Love

By George Burnham

Pasadena, Calif. — The lady from China, unlike most Americans, had paid a high price for the name of Christian—Japanese brutalities in war against her people . . . the falling bombs which killed a loved one . . . but still wore the name proudly on the day eight years ago when she came from behind Communism's Bamboo Curtain with her pastor-husband and children.

Mrs. Roberta Yu was safe now in the United States. But on this particular afternoon, in a strange situation, she was a defeated Christian in the midst of a prayer meeting by staffers of World Vision, Inc., for the biggest evangelistic crusade ever held in Japan, where more than 400 churches challenged members to do a job for Christ, no matter how small. Friends sitting nearby would have been shocked if they had known of the turmoil raging inside their industrious co-worker with the peaceful countenance.

Her co-workers were praying for thousands of Japanese to find the peace and plenty of Christ. The Chinese lady, however, had vowed never to pray for a single native of the Japanese race and was determined not to offer one prayer for the Osaka Crusade. Silence was her only defense against offending sincere friends. She had been taught for years to hate the barbaric invaders of her land, and had a nightmare memory of screaming Japanese bombs which smashed life from her beloved father-in-law.

Near the close an American veteran of 20 years on daily newspapers and wire services—who discarded the editorial curse of worthless day-old news after finding that headlines of promise by God are fresh yesterday, today, and tomorrow—began to speak softly, simply and without emotion. His prayer seemed little different from thousands of others the Chinese lady had heard. He asked for God's strange, warm surge in the life of at least one outstanding Japanese newsman sitting with other indifferent writers at the table labeled "Press."

God was present at the meeting, as He had promised. Many said they felt His presence in an unusual way. Several promised to set alarm clocks at 3 a.m. to coincide prayers with the actual service in Osaka.

The lady from China was never close to real victory over her private sin. But on the way home from World Vision's concentrated prayer for Osaka, she recalled with great clarity words of the newsman as he prayed from the back rows. She couldn't forget his words, even during supper and the hum of family talk. The expressions stayed with her until bedtime. Suddenly, she surprised herself by setting the alarm for 3 a.m., and then, before climbing into bed, prayed: "Lord, I am willing now to pray for the

Japanese people and Osaka, but you will have to supply the ability and power for me to do it. If you want me to pray for Osaka, then replace all the hate with love by the time I am awakened at 3 o'clock. I know, you can accomplish this miracle."

When the clock's harsh ripple of sound penetrated her sleep, she was instantly aware of words which had stuck from the previous afternoon. At the same moment, she was filled with a new, thrilling, unbounded joy! The hate was gone! No doubt existed about complete victory.

She fell to her knees and prayed for the Japanese . . . for Osaka . . . for all people there to be freed of pain and poverty and afflictions. The lady from China found little sleep that night, but she found millions of new people to love! Prayer for them poured out in bursts of rapture.

Mrs. Fu arrived at World Vision's office a few hours later with an inner peace to go with the outward composure—an indescribable combination of calmness with bubbles.

Staffers met again to pray for Osaka, and the first announcement

A Message to the Churches

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the Christian may put off until tomorrow the response to that need and to the call of Christ to take up His cross and follow Him.

Today let the church unequivocally renounce war and take some decisive action to break the terrible circle of armament and counter-armament in which the world is trapped. Then peace will cease to be a painful and frustrating dilemma. It will be a challenge to be met in faith.

Christian spokesmen here and abroad are increasingly becoming sensitive to the challenge presented by the changed nature of warfare. An ecumenical group* recently said, "Every element of Christian faith, hope, and ethics involved in the Christian affirmation stands in opposition to this warfare. Although there are differences of opinion on many points, we are agreed on one point. This is that Christians should openly declare that the all-out use of these weapons should never be resorted to. Moreover, that Christians must oppose all policies which give evidence of leading to all-out war. Finally, if all-out war should occur, Christians should urge a cease fire, if necessary on the enemy's terms, and resort to nonviolent resistance."

In the face of this emphatic declaration there are still a multitude of Christians, including members of the Commission quoted above, who sincerely hold that the church cannot now make a final break with nuclear war, because atomic bombs

came from the lady from China. She told of the great change in her heart, and concluded: "Please be especially faithful in praying for the Japanese. These are my people. My love for them goes deep and comes from God."

Such a dramatic change, in the heart of one taught to hate, could be a magnificent mark to end the true story of the lady from China.

But this story seems to be just beginning. The Holy Spirit began working in scores of hearts at World Vision as Mrs. Yu shared her forgiveness for those who killed, wounded and humiliated the people of her native land.

A large number of those present, none of whom could be termed overly emotional, said they began to feel a strange burden to pray much for Japan—a burden so demanding it was almost frightening. A thought ever before them was that less one-half of one per cent of Japan's total population professes Christianity.

Tremendous results for God were seen in strategic Japan. And the staff of World Vision felt a breath of revival from Osaka, thousands of miles away . . . because of prayer . . . and the cheerful lady from China!

and missiles must be retained as deterrents. But this presents a sore dilemma. If, on the one hand, the arms race and popular dependence on it continue up to the moment of the final awful choice, it is idle to expect that then the counsel to renounce these weapons will be suddenly heeded. If, on the other hand, the course is indeed to be rejection of the all-out use of nuclear weapons, this fact must be made completely clear, risking no further delay during which tension will become intolerable and war may be precipitated. In this event atomic weapons lose their so-called deterrent efficacy. It is imperative that we proceed now while there is yet time to develop and apply creative alternatives in defence and in foreign policy which are responsive to the demand for justice and order, to imaginative service to human need, and to the aspirations of the oppressed.

The moral dilemma is far more serious. Christians cannot be content to await some frightful future crisis and then decide what to do. It is the Christian vocation now to reject the sin of involvement in nuclear war and to live today in simple obedience and faith, and carry out the work of love and reconciliation.

It is with a deep sense of our own unworthiness, our little faith, our halting obedience that at this Third National Conference of the Church Peace Mission we send this message to the churches and to our fellow Christians everywhere. But we believe that in response to faith, God will now, as in other times of man's

sinning and despair, impart new light and power to His church and His people. The church will then be a channel of grace and renewal for the world, and Christian citizenship will acquire a new meaning.

* This quotation is from a provisional study document developed by a World Council of Churches Commission on Christians and Prevention of War in an Atomic Age. This study is still in process, and the quotation in no sense represents official policy of the World Council.

Home Missions on the March Winnipegosis, Manitoba "Praise Ye the Lord"

• For those who have shown more interest in the Gospel of late and have come out to the meetings.

• For the man who recently accepted Christ and came out to church with his Roman Catholic wife.

• For new opportunities of service. At the last service at an Indian Reservation, some hundred miles away, a boy accepted the Lord. The large school room was filled to capacity. At Campbelton we tried an open air service where they hold their ball games. The people thus heard the Gospel before they played. They, themselves, invited us to come back again. This will be done every second Sunday.

• For the opportunity to teach four Good News Clubs, where three boys and one girl decided for Christ. The girl is local and has come out to Sunday school ever since, even though her parents go to the Catholic church.

"Pray Ye the Lord of the Harvest"

• For the street-meetings which are being held this summer in cooperation with the young people of the General Conference Mennonite church.

• For the services at the Indian Reserve and Campbelton.

• For the Catholic children at Good News Clubs.

• That those who have shown interest may go all the way.

—Frank Peters

Next Deadline

Contributions for the next home missions' column should be in by June 15. This is your column—use it to the glory of God!

TV or Not TV

"Few thoughtful persons can deny that television has sunk into a malodorous quagmire . . . Good programs that have intellectual appeal are being swamped by commercials that are often meretricious and sometimes in atrocious taste. Any program, no matter how valuable, can be interrupted without warning for advertisements that most self-respecting publications would reject out-of-hand."—New York Times.

Mennonite Brethren Mission Notes

Folder on Colombia

A new folder describes the current activities in the M. B. missionary program in Colombia. In an account written by a missionary on the field, Brother Vernon Reimer, the bulletin presents the status and objective of the various ministries on the Colombia field such as church-building efforts, the educational program, medical work and the linguistic work. The folder contains numerous illustrations and a statistical chart providing a fine summary of the Colombia work. Individuals or churches not on the mailing list for such folders may obtain the Colombia folder by writing: Board of Foreign Missions, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans.

Hugo Jantz's Daughter Now Well

Brother and Sister Hugo Jantz, HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, write that the physical condition of their daughter Janet continues to be normal. Janet became ill with a bone disease in her hip last fall, and her restoration became the object of many prayers. The specialist in Quito handling this case marvels that such a serious disease has healed so quickly and completely. "We praise the Lord for His goodness and wonder-working power."

Cause of Congo Unrest

Concerning the January riots in Leopoldville, EFMA Missionary News Service shares the following from Africa Special Report: "A commission of nine Belgian deputies assigned to investigate the causes of the January riots in Leopoldville returned to Brussels after 74 meetings with more than 100 witnesses and a strongly-worded 94-page report which cites the attitude of white residents toward the African population as the prime cause of unrest in the Congo."

Final Contract Signed in Congo Hospital Project

Government approval for the construction of a hospital at our Kajiji station in the Belgian Congo has been referred to in these columns in the past. Previously it was understood and reported that all the negotiations for approval had been completed. On May 15 Brother Henry Brucks, acting legal representative of the Congo field, wrote that the contract between our Congo mission and the Congo government had been signed, which according to his knowledge opened the way for our mission to build the hos-

There are times when a clear conscience is nothing but a poor memory.

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It does not do you any good to sit up and take notice—if you just keep on sitting.

pital. "This day," Brother Brucks writes, "is a landmark in a long and tedious task. Nearly five years have elapsed since the first application was submitted. Many a letter has been written (this particular file is bulging). Many a personal contact has been made with state officials. Many a kilometer has been driven. Many a prayer has been wrung from the hearts of various people. Would it not be opportune at this time to unite our hearts and voices in giving praise to the One Who so graciously has helped us to arrive at this juncture? Would it not be wise that we implore God's special blessing on the erection and use of the hospital that it be an effective arm in the missionary program?"

To Come on Furlough

Brother and Sister George Faul and family are scheduled to leave Kikwit, Belgian Congo, by plane on July 10 and arrive in Chicago on July 15 for furlough. They plan to spend their first several weeks in the homeland with Sister Faul's parents, Brother and Sister Gerhard Wiens, who live in the Chicago suburb of Forest Park, and then travel to Brother Faul's home church community of Sawyer, North Dakota, where his father, Brother Gust Faul, resides.

Other Congo missionaries returning for furlough this summer will be Brother and Sister Ben H. Klassen and Sister Mary Toews. May we pray for pleasant and safe traveling for all of these missionaries.

Visit Europe First

Sister Kathryn Willems, also returning from Congo for furlough, was to arrive in Hillsboro on June 3. She was accompanied to America by Jack Shannon, son of Brother and Sister Clyde Shannon, who has returned to attend college. Sister Willems and Jack Shannon traveled on the same plane with Brother and Sister John B. Kliever and family as far as Geneva, Switzerland. This party left Kikwit on May 19. From Geneva they planned to travel to Belgium via a car and visit our churches and workers in Germany.

Brother John B. Kliever will spend a year in study in Belgium. His studies are to provide him with further training and recognition in his work in the Congo as school inspector and legal representative.

Baptism in Congo

Kajiji station in the Congo reports with gratitude that 29 believers have followed the Lord in baptism at three different outposts. Sister Arlene Gerdes also writes that there has been a response in the hearts of the people living in the field next to the Angola border which is difficult to reach. Another item of praise from Kajiji is for the village teachers who, though having lim-

ited training and salary, possess spiritual concern to go to various villages to teach candidates for baptism. Prayer is requested for Christian growth and spiritual renewal in the lives of various national workers and others touched by the ministry of the Kajiji mission station.

India Committee Recommends Retention of English

In New Delhi, India, a parliamentary committee has recommended that the English language be used by the Central Government as a "subsidiary official language" for an indefinite period. This major recommendation of the committee is contrary to the constitutional provision that Hindi, which has been adopted as the national language of the country, should completely replace English in the Central Government by 1965. After that date English would cease to have official status and be used in specialized departments only with the approval of Parliament. —EFMA Missionary News Service.

Neustadt Results

The recent evangelistic services in Neustadt, Germany, resulted in several decisions for Christ. One of the persons making decisions was an elderly man 88 years old. Another was a young couple. In the follow-up work, Brother and Sister G. H. Jantzen are seeking to help those who have made decisions and to encourage those who felt they should have made decisions. May we pray for these folks. Attendance at the services in which Brother H. H. Janzen preached was good. The second week the rented auditorium was nearly filled each evening. Several neighboring church groups assisted with special music.

Furlough for H. H. Janzens Late 1959

Brother H. H. Janzen continues a very full schedule of Bible conferences and evangelistic services in Europe. During July Brother and Sister Janzen will be serving our church in Linz, Austria. Late this year they hope to return to Canada for a furlough of several months and return in the spring of 1960, the Lord willing, to resume their work in Europe.

Increasing Camp Facilities in Japan

In Japan our mission is expanding its camp facilities. Increased use of the camp is foreseen this summer in view of the Japan Mennonite Fellowship, the Osaka Christian Crusade and the Protestant Centennial Year. The camp kitchen and dining room are to be expanded before the rainy season so these facilities are ready for the meeting of Mennonite missionaries in Japan from July 2 to 4. This year's meeting of the Japan Mennonite Fellowship will be well attended because our mission as host is centrally situated as far as the location of the various Mennonite and Brethren in

Christ missions. Total attendance may be approximately 100 guests.

The evangelistic crusade in Osaka, Japan, sponsored by Bob Pierce of World Vision, began on May 12 with many decisions for Christ the first evenings. May God grant a great harvest of souls as a result of this crusade in Osaka. All of our churches in Japan have counselors in the meetings to help seekers accept Christ. Our mission anticipates that a number of converts and seekers will be referred to our churches in Osaka and will also be interested in the summer camp. The mission also anticipates increased interest in the camp program as a result of increased attendance in the new church buildings and because of special Centennial Year evangelistic efforts.

Among those ill in our missionary ranks is the small son of Brother and Sister Harry Friesen in Japan. Philip, who will be 2 in October, is under medical care. May we pray for his complete restoration.

Spiritual Fruit in Japan

Brother Frank J. Wiens, South American MCC director, makes the following encouraging observations regarding the work in Asuncion: "It has been my happy privilege to work with Brother and Sister Albert Enns in our mission program in Asuncion. Last Sunday at the close of the service a middle-aged woman who had been attending for some time requested to make a public statement of her acceptance of Christ. It is a thrill to see how a person thus accepts salvation, becomes liberated from superstition and takes on a willingness to be cut off by family and neighbors. But it was also a thrill to see the happiness on the part of the brotherhood. Last Wednesday evening at the close of the service her 18-year-old son requested prayer and he, too, made a public confession. This 'newness of life' is an inspiration."

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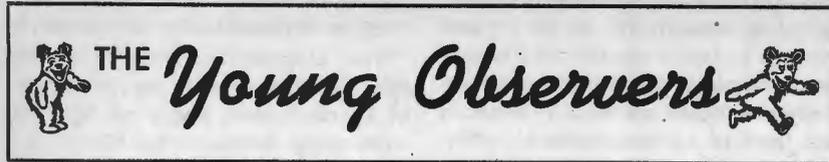
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Let's Visit a Minute

Dear Boys and Girls,

"Daddy, where are you?" Margaret, a little girl, heard her father, who was a grocer, moving about in his shop. But when she went to find him he was nowhere to be seen.

"I'm down in the cellar," he said.

"But Daddy, I can't see you!" said Margaret, peering down into that mysterious place, where there was only a moving shadow.

"But I can see you!" came Daddy's voice from the depths, "Just jump and I will catch you!"

In perfect confidence the child jumped into the darkness and strong arms were clasped round her. Instead of a dark hole she found the cellar quite a nice place.

Many years ago a grown man was frightened in the darkness, instead of trusting Jesus. I expect you remember the story of Simon Peter who thought he could walk on the water to meet the Lord (Matt. 14:28-31). Jesus said, "Come," and Peter did walk on the water, but when he looked at the waves and the boisterous sea, he couldn't trust Jesus, so he nearly sank.

I wonder if any of you are feeling afraid because of something you have to face. It may be that important exam coming off soon, or if you are rather small perhaps it is a long walk alone in the dark. Whatever it may be, suppose you tell the Lord Jesus about it and leave it with him. If you do that, He will undoubtedly carry you safely through. You will wonder why you ever feared anything!

Love, Aunt Selma

Pay for the Damage

It was summer once again. The warm breezes wafted over the stream, the town and the nearby fields, hills and valleys. David lived in the town, at the edge of town, to be exact.

The days were sunny and warm. On just such a day David met with his two friends, Jack and Richard. They were going to spend a wonderful afternoon playing in the fields. Out there, past the graveyard, the field of wheat was already cut and the stooks stood straight and tall under the hot summer sun. The sun was doing its work, preparing the wheat for the threshing machines.

"Come on, fellows," called Richard, "Let's play catch." With that he dashed off onto the field, and into the very centre of the nearest stook. He came out the other side. "Always crawl through," he said. Soon the boys were having a wild time. Half the field looked as though a battle had raged there, for stooks were torn apart, or fallen over, and sheaves were flying here and there.

David was crouching in one of the stooks and was quite unaware of a man coming across the field. He came on—crouched behind a stook—came closer—hid again—until he was almost upon the boys. At the last minute Jack and Richard noticed him. "David," they called, and then ran as fast as their legs could carry them, off the field into the nearby bush. The farmer hurried after the two speeding boys. If only

David had remained quietly in his hideout! But he hadn't realized how near the danger was. He jumped up and tried to escape, but when the farmer saw him, he left off from the other two and caught David by his shirt collar.

"Got you, fellow," said a deep man's voice. David expected to feel the sting of the man's fingers on his cheek. "What's your name, where do you live?" Questions were fired at him.

David had a hard struggle inside him. Should he try to talk himself out of it? In the meantime the farmer fumbled around in his pockets for paper and pencil. David's mind was in a whirl: don't tell him anything—yes, tell him—lie to him—no, tell the truth—he'll never know—yet, he might find out. All these thoughts flashed through his mind in seconds, and then—he told the truth.

The farmer said a great deal to him, but David got only the words, "Pay for all the damage." The man was finished with him and had long since gone, yet David couldn't forget the words: pay for the damage. The damage. Which damage? Then he looked about himself and realized what a dreadful mess they had made. Pay for it—how much—and with what? David felt like closing his ears and eyes to everything around him, for he could only think of "damage" and "pay for it" the rest of the day. He began to figure mentally. How many bushels of

wheat might they have lost? And how much would that come to?

Strange—the fresh white bread didn't taste as it should at supper-time. Did his mother suspect? David glanced up at her, and decided to tell her all about his trouble later on. As he was ready for bed he told her all about the damage he had caused and that he would have to pay for it. To David's surprise his mother didn't appear angry with him. All she said was, "Well, then you'd better go and pay for it." That was all.

David couldn't say his prayers. Suddenly he thought of his little bank. Oh, there's not enough in it. But, he crawled out of bed, got the bank and the key, and unlocked it. The money was spread out on the blanket. Would it be enough? He counted: seventy-five—one dollar—one twenty-five—one fifty—two—two fifteen. Pay for the damage with \$2.15. Would the farmer demand more? He put the money back into his bank and set it back in its usual place. His thoughts left him no peace and praying was out of the question. Pay, pay, how much, when, will \$2.15 be enough? If David hadn't been dead tired from his playing he would have spent a poor night.

The next day David decided his friends could help him pay, too. After all, they had done their share of the damage.

"Say, Jack, the farmer says we are to pay him for all the wheat we spilled."

"Pay him! Who, I? That's what you think. He never caught me." Jack went off and left David alone.

He tried Richard. "Dick, you know the farmer took my name down. He expects us to pay for the damage we did."

"Who me? I don't pay a cent. Why did you let yourself get caught?" Richard disappeared.

That was stupid to ask them, thought David; the farmer had spoken to him only when he spoke of the payment. Several days longer the struggle continued in his heart. Then he made his decision. He emptied his bank, put the money in his pocket and set out to look for the owner of the wheat field. He found the house all right; the gate stood open. Suppose no one should be home. The thought came to him—turn back. He felt ashamed of his lack of courage and walked up to the house. He went to the back door and knocked. No answer. "Go on, there's no one home. By now he'll have forgotten it." But he remained and knocked again, and again for the third time. He heard footsteps. The door opened.

"Is your husband at home?" he enquired of the woman at the door. "I would like to see him for a minute, please."

"No, I'm sorry, he isn't in just yet, but I expect him from the field any minute now," was the answer.

David felt relieved and turned to go. "Thank you—and goodbye." He

hurried out to the road. A team of horses came toward him, driven by the man he was looking for. Should he hide and run away? Should he stay? He stayed. When the farmer was unhitching his horses at the barn David approached him shyly.

"Good evening, Sir. I came to pay for the wheat."

"For whom are you paying?" said the man, busy with the traces.

"Well, you took my name down, out there on the field," said David.

Surprised, the farmer turned around. He looked the boy up and down for quite some time. "I took your name down? Let me see—Oh, yes, now I remember. But who'd ever have thought you would really come! Well, we'll say \$2.00 and the case is closed."

David felt a load had been lifted from his shoulders. He paid and left the yard, a happier boy than he had been in a long while. At the gate he turned once more and said, "Thank you very much."

On the way home he asked himself, "Is the damage really all paid for?" Much later he received an answer to his question in Sunday school, for he learned that the Lord Jesus has paid for all sins with His death. Now David realized why he had to pay only \$2.00. The Lord Jesus had paid for all the rest.

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But Not Forsaken ★

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(12th Installment)

Entering one side of a two-family house, they stumbled into a warm kitchen. For a few dizzy moments Maria saw only through a blur of tears, but before she could clear her vision, she was ushered into a chair by wrinkled hands. And as she wiped her eyes to look around, she saw that the children's backs had been unloaded of their bundles and that they, too, were seated on stools close to the wood stove at the west end of the kitchen.

"You are hungry and Father and I were just about to eat our evening meal. Do you have any rations with you?"

Maria shook her head, unable to speak. They had eaten the last of Frau Schmidt's bread at noon. She had wanted to save some but it was obvious that the children needed it. So she had had to depend on the Lord beyond the noon meal.

"Then we will share with you," the low, shaky voice assured them. "We are having potatoes and clabbered milk for supper. I will add a few extra potatoes tonight, and we will have a special treat. We'll have coffee."

"But—but we hate to eat your rations," Maria objected weakly. "We will never be able to pay you back."

"It doesn't matter. You aren't the first family we have lodged for the night. Perhaps I will fry the potatoes tonight instead of cooking them in their skins. They will get done a little sooner. Take off your coat, please—why, we don't even know your name yet."

"Penner—Maria, Hansie, and Rosie. Please tell us your name, too, Grandma. You are so kind. You—you don't know what this means to us."

"I think I do. My name is Erna Maier and my husband is Wilhelm Maier. He is upstairs looking at our supply of wood. He will be surprised."

Maria took off her shoes, moved closer to the fire, and sank farther into her chair. "Then we will call you Grandma Maier, if that's all right."

Her eyes followed the new friend around as Grandma tried to hustle her old body to get their meal. The children watched, too, with interest. Grandma Maier was supple for her age. She was dressed in a dark, long-sleeved dress and a large, print apron, patched colorfully.

"Mama, I'm afraid I'll have to replenish the wood supply. I don't

believe it's going to last." They had been hearing footsteps in the room above the kitchen, and now a tottering old man appeared in the stair door beside the stove. Rosie, not yet at ease, gave a startled little cry.

Grandma Maier's face crinkled into a smile.

"It is only Father, child. Father!" She lifted her voice and her words came forth with new resonance. Apparently the old man was somewhat deaf.

He glanced in surprise around the kitchen and then looked questioningly at his wife, who begged him with her eyes to understand.

"They had no place to spend the night and no food, Father," she explained, and the knife in her hand trembled. "Is it all right?"

He stroked his beard and looked thoughtfully first at one and then the other. Finally, his eyes rested on young Hans and filled with tears.

Forgetting to acknowledge the introductions which his wife had hurriedly made, Father searched Grandma Maier's face.

"Did you notice?"

"Yes, I did. And the girl, too."

He looked at Rosie for a long moment, "Yes-sssss," he finally agreed. Remembering his manners, he shook hands solemnly with each member of the family.

"Of course they may stay, Mamma," he replied benevolently. "Have I ever been one to send a child out into the night?"

When supper was almost ready, Grandma poured some hot water from a dilapidated teakettle into a washbasin.

"You will all want to wash now, and perhaps bathe sometime before you leave again in the morning." She hesitated. "Or whenever you decide to leave; there is no hurry."

And then they ate, Grandfather helping the children to their food, and Grandma obviously enjoying her bustling for the sake of these new friends.

Maria did not know whether the old couple would have bowed their heads in thanksgiving or not, had she not instantaneously done so. Limping along from one meal to the next, Maria knew how to be thankful. It was a lesson she could never forget.

CHAPTER X

It was morning, late morning. Maria had no idea what time it was, but she did know that she had not felt so rested in weeks. She stretched and yawned and gazed affection-

ately into Rosie's still sleeping face. Then she hurriedly dressed and went into the kitchen.

Hansie was up, investigating everything about the house and asking questions. Breakfast, which consisted of potato soup, gave off a tempting smell. Grandma Maier turned spryly, smoothed imaginary wrinkles from her apron, and smiled a "Good morning." Grandpa, grinning through his beard, looked up briefly from a chat with Hansie. Suddenly Maria felt that she was at home, in a real home with warmth and love and cheer. Laying the plates on the table, heirlooms which Grandma had taken from her living room cupboard for the occasion, Maria could not help thinking what her children had missed in life.

When breakfast was over, Grandpa Maier looked significantly at Grandma and suggested that instead of washing the dishes, they all go into the living room and become acquainted. He felt that he could not stay away from his work very long and that he would not want these guests to leave until they had learned to know one another better. Rosie by this time had joined the group and they sat around in the little living room, visiting in the pleasant, easygoing way that old people love.

"You were very tired last night, weren't you?" Grandma Maier began. "How far did you come?"

And then Maria told her story, starting with her separation from Hans and Lenie's death, and occasionally referring to times previous to that. She felt none of her usual restraint. These people were friends.

"But I have only talked about 'us,'" Maria finally said. "Do you folks have children?"

The old couple became silent, and Maria wondered if she should have asked. Then, very deliberately, Grandpa answered, bringing forth his reply with the same respectful, cautious care that they had brought their best china from the cupboard.

"We had two children, just as you do here, and they differed in age about the same as Hansie and Rosie." He paused to pat Hans on the head, which gesture Maria knew was not too much appreciated by her son.

"But Martha and Peter did not stay little. Peter was killed in the Wehrmacht und lies in a field in France. Martha—"

He was careful that his eyes did not meet his wife's.

"Martha just would not stay at home as we wanted her to. When she was twenty-one she went to the city (Berlin) and got herself a job as maid. There she met a likable chap and they married. They had three sweet children, just babies."

He stopped for a long time to regain his voice. Then, unexpectedly—Grandma filled in the rest.

"During the American air raids, their house crumbled into many pieces. Of course, they all died. Our

cousin wrote us of it. We did not even get to have a funeral. Cousin went to the heap of rubble which had been their house and put up a white cross and said a prayer. It was all the funeral they had."

"I guess you know what Berlin looks like since the war," Grandpa asked, trying to shift the topic a little from its most painful point of focus.

"We lived in Krauter, you know," Maria responded. "It got blasted pretty badly. But from all we have heard, Berlin must be much worse."

Grandpa dropped his head, as though he carried all the shame and folly of his generation upon his own shoulders.

"War," he gasped. "How foolish it is! Oh, may there never be another war!"

He stayed submerged in his own melancholy for several moments, then lifted his eyes and looked at Maria.

"Where are you going now, my dear?" he asked earnestly.

"I don't know," Maria replied, wishing that he would not bring up that subject so soon.

"You see," she continued, "I have no idea whether there is any use trying to find Hans. And then, too, we have to stop somewhere and get some rations or we will starve along the way. Eventually we want to try to cross into the western zone."

She lowered her voice.

"Because that is where we know Hans is headed for, and that is where we will find him."

Grandma's eyes filled. "You are brave, maybe too brave."

"God will take care of us."

Again Grandpa cleared his throat and looked almost beseechingly at Maria.

"You know," he said, glancing first at Hansie and then at Rosie, "you know, Frau Penner, your children remind Grandma and me a lot of our own two when they were young. Last night, after we went to bed, we talked a long time. We are very old people, and we can hardly care for our four acres of land, to spade, to plant, to cultivate, to harvest, to gather wood, to milk the cow, to care for the pig and chickens. We can do some of it, but I'm getting to be a tired old man. I've lived my day, and done my work. But Grandma and I must keep on working. We must keep on appearing to get things done, or I'm afraid we, too, will be out of a home."

He spoke slowly, frowning and thinking hard as he went along.

"And so last night, Mamma said to me, 'Father, we've got enough room for the Penners. We're lonely, and they seem to be good people. Maybe if we pooled our energies, we could all live off this farm. Let's invite them to stay.'"

Maria looked from one to the other of the old people, and her heart beat violently.

(To be continued)

Grandfather's Footprints

By Mrs. David Durksen

Written in loving memory of my grandfather, the late Rev. A. B. Peters, who went to be with the Lord on May 17 at the age of 99.

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints in the sands of time."

As the years during which I knew my grandfather passed slowly before my inward eye, I could not help but be reminded of these lines.

I had seen little—too little—of grandfather in the last few years of his life and will see him no more until I, too, pass through the valley of the shadow, into eternal light. But the footprints are there, definite, clear, unmistakable, marking the way he trod and pointing the way to the heavenly Father Grandpa loved, and wanted us, his grandchildren, to love, too.

Disowned When Joined M. B. Church

My earliest recollections of Grandfather go back right here to the City of Winnipeg, where he lived almost all his life after he came to Canada. For a short while only we lived in the same house with him. I can remember many of his friends coming and going, but out of the many a few names stand out in particular.

One of these friends was Rev. Jacob Reimer, a very dear and close friend of his. Their friendship dated back to Russia, where years ago they joined the Mennonite Brethren Church together (Grandfather had been disowned by his father for this, which caused him much heartache, but he was later again reconciled with his family). We children loved "Onkel Reimer," as we called him. It was interesting to see them together because, although they were the same age, Onkel Reimer was considerably taller than our little Grandfather. Physically speaking, they were sort of the long and the short of the Mennonite Brethren ministry of those days.

Disagree on Angels Singing

As far as I recall today, there were few Scriptures over which they disagreed. However, one little thing I do remember. Onkel Reimer claimed that angels could not sing. What Scripture he based his claim on I do not know, but Grandfather, who loved singing, could not agree that angels should not be musical. Of course we, being his grandchildren, agreed with him. Today the argument has been forever settled between them, and doubtless they are both singing with the angels now (I'm still on Grandfather's side!). Onkel Reimer lived in Steinbach for a good many years and I remember that their 80th birthdays were celebrated simultaneously in the North End M. B. Church.

I recall other friends who came to see Grandpa, such as Rev. C. N. Hiebert, now living in California. I believe, Rev. Herman Neufeld, for many years editor of the "Rundschau," and Rev. J. Enns, who is presently pastor of the First Mennonite Church. Then there was his good friend Dr. Salter of the Winnipeg Bible House. When he came, they would sit down together to talk about the Bible. They must have had some interesting times, since Grandfather knew no English, and Dr. Salter practically no German. In spite of this, it was a friendship that lasted a long time.

Language Problems

In fact, the visits with Dr. Salter were partly to the end that they both should learn each other's language. Just how much German Dr. Salter learned I do not know, but Grandpa's English vocabulary remained, to put it kindly, extremely limited all his life. This proved to be one of his chief annoyances. He often asked us children to speak more English to him and so help him learn the language, but it just wouldn't come. This was a hard pill for him to swallow. For a man who knew German so well, and had won recognition from Russian educational authorities for his work in the Russian language, it was difficult to realize that English somehow was beyond him. However, he stubbornly refused to give up, and even after he had passed his 90th birthday he ordered an English-German dictionary, to the amusement of us all. Good old Grandpa was still trying!

Not being able to speak English also gave Grandfather some trouble with his shopping. Just how he always managed it was often a mystery to us, but manage he did—and very capably too. One of his greatest joys in life was Christmas shopping for his grandchildren. He seldom asked us what we wanted, and yet I can remember few things he gave us that did not delight our hearts. He could think of everything from books and games when we were tots, to gayly-colored scarves and the latest shades in silk stockings as we got older. I well recall one visit when he brought us stockings in an orange-red shade that happened to be very fashionable at the time. Mother and Dad disapproved of such foolishness and said we looked "wie in Russland die Störche." But we won out because you couldn't hurt Grandpa's feelings by not wearing them, could you?

Solved Childhood Problems

We consulted Grandfather on many matters, some serious, some not so serious, and always respected his opinions. If we ran into dif-

iculties with Mother and Dad, we could always clinch an argument with, "Grandpa says it's OK!" And who could, or even wanted to, argue with Grandfather?

One of the things that gave me a complex for many childhood years was the fact that I had to wear my hair in two dreadful pigtales when everyone else in school had short hair. I begged, cried and entreated, but my parents stood firm. My hair remained long—until one day Grandfather asked Mother why I was wearing pigtales when all the other girls my age had short hair. He suggested that they let me have it cut. I needed no second bidding. I flew for the scissors! My long hair came to a sudden short end, thanks to Grandfather. So in more ways than one, he was a constant delight to us.

Came for Christmas

I can remember few Christmases in my childhood when Grandfather was not with us. For weeks we looked forward to his visit and learned songs and verses to sing and say for him when he came. We sang a great deal in our family and Grandpa never tired of either joining in, or just listening. At some time during each Christmas visit he would remind us that it was probably his last year in our midst. He said it for so many years that it got to be a little joke amongst us. If he ever forgot to mention it we would remind him about it and all laugh together. Grandfather it seemed to us, could never die. Yes, Christmas was always a blessed time of year in our home, but especially when Grandfather was there to share in the festivities.

He visited us often at other times of the year as well, but never for very long at one time. He liked to be on the move. In summer he would come to fetch the cows with us, go berry-picking along the river, or if we had work to do he would watch and talk to us.

Potato Picking Adventures

My mother had a big garden with every kind of vegetable you could name in plentiful supply, but when it came to potatoes and beans, her enthusiasm passed all reason. At least that was the unanimous opinion of her four daughters! We always felt a bit hard done by when beautiful fall days had to be spent picking endless rows of potatoes and beans.

Grandfather shared our sentiments, I believe. He told us how he had to pick potatoes when he was a boy and had never liked it. One day he had decided that he was meant for bigger and better things in this life than potato picking. So when he was sent out to the garden by his father, he had dared to suggest, "Zum Kartoffel auflesen bin ich nicht geboren." His father said little in reply, but the session in the proverbial woodshed had convinced Grandfather that, for the time being

at least, he had better keep his lofty thoughts a little closer down to earth where the potatoes were.

We discussed the possibilities of such an approach with our parents, but decided that the end result was most likely to be too much like Grandfather's story for comfort. So the matter was dropped. Mother continued to plant beans and potatoes by the acre, and we continued to pick them up for her.

Artistic Hand-Writing

When Grandfather could not visit us he would write us letters. He had a lovely, smooth, almost artistic handwriting like most people who have gone to school in Europe, and took great pride in it. He was very unhappy with the lack of stress on penmanship in our Canadian schools. One day he stood watching me copy history notes and marvelled at the speed with which I flew across the lines. However, at the same time I noticed a hurt expression in his face that could not be disguised, because my left-handed scribble was, at its best, barely legible. My three sisters made up for this. In spite of our Canadian schools, their handwriting did make Grandfather proud.

Of course it was not the handwriting that made his letters so important to us. They always contained some special instructions for us children, and we waited eagerly for them: a Psalm to memorize, a story to know or identify or, more often still, a verse of Scripture that we were to look for in the Bible. If it was difficult he sometimes gave us a few clues. It was great fun for us and a wonderful way of stimulating our interest in the Bible.

In fact, Grandfather was responsible for a good part of our spiritual upbringing. This is not to belittle what our parents did for us in that respect. I rather think that the teachings of all three of these dear people intermingled and diffused with one another in such a way that it was difficult to draw a line and say, "This I learned from my parents, and this from Grandfather." We will be forever grateful to them for their loving guidance.

A Tolerant Man

Grandfather's influence of course, reached out beyond his immediate family. Countless numbers of young people went to him for advice and guidance and always found an open ear and a kindly word. One of his most admirable characteristics was his tolerance. People of all churches came to him. He knew no denominational limitations. He said it mattered not what church you called your own, it mattered only that you knew and loved the Saviour.

My Grandfather officiated at hundreds upon hundreds of weddings. He often said he wished he had kept a record of them. For some time he did try, but gave it up again later

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Round-Up of World-Wide RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Many Make Decisions for Christ at Osaka

Osaka, Japan. — An unprecedented response of over 4,100 decisions for Christ—against a background of unusual stress on culture and previous indifference—has marked the first two weeks of the 21-day Osaka Christian Crusade.

Capacity crowds have averaged 70 to 80 per cent new attendance each night through the necessity of reserving seats because of space limitations—meaning that an estimated 39,200 separate individuals attended the first two weeks from the area's total Christian constituency of about 25,000.

Crusade Highlights

A busload from the distant city of Himeji contained 70 persons, with 35 Christians each bringing a non-Christian. There was "great rejoicing" on the way home, because all 35 non-Christians responded during the invitation to accept Christ. . . A businessman's crusade ticket disappeared. Next day an employee came to him and said, "I stole your ticket, as I wanted to go to the crusade and didn't know how to get one. But I was saved at the meeting and now I want to know if you can get me six more tickets. I have friends who need to go."

An Australian businessman, whose sons had been converted in the Billy Graham Crusade at Sydney, accepted Christ at a meeting in Osaka's Festival Hall. . . A pastor invited 10 architects, all of whom had attended his week-day Bible class for three years but had never gone to church. All 10 responded when Dr. Pierce gave the invitation.

A labor union official, who professed to be an atheist, attended several nights and then made his decision. He told soloist Gary Moore: "I heard you sing in Japanese and I saw you stand in tears night after night during the invitation. Your attitude of love has brought me to Christ."

The head waiter of the hotel, where World Vision's team is quartered, walked down the aisle to record his decision. A few days later, when asked how he felt, he said with an expression of joy: "I feel like I have been turned upside down and inside out."

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Bible Study in Israel

The Bible study movement in Israel continues to grow and increase in importance with the passing years. Political and civic leaders, by their own active participation, have invested the Old Testament

with newness and relevancy so that today it is quite chic to be a member of one of the many groups which meet regularly to study the Bible. Among the most recently formed Bible classes is the one held in the Jerusalem residence of President Ben Zvi and Premier Ben-Gurion. The first meeting was devoted to the Book of Joshua.

The circle was led by the Relieving President of the Supreme Court, Justice Cheshin. It is interesting to note that there are no Rabbis in this group, but archeologists and important national figures. Meanwhile, for the last four years a Women's Bible Class has been meeting in the home of the President every Monday night. This is sponsored by the Pioneer Women's Organization, which also furthers 15 other classes held in Jerusalem. The women's group at present are analyzing the Book of Nehemiah.

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South Africa Takes Over Mission Hospitals

Three Church of Sweden Mission hospitals with nurses' training schools in Zululand and Natal are being taken over by the Union of South Africa government. The government has decided to assume the management of all hospitals for non-whites which are located in areas assigned to whites. The decision effects 22 mission hospitals in Transvaal, besides the Swedish institutions in Natal and Zululand. The latter are connected with the 21,681-member Evangelical Lutheran Zulu Church of which Bishop Helge Fosseus of Rorke's Drift, a Swedish missionary, is the head.

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Protestant Bibles Displayed in Italy

Italians in several public squares are witnessing an unprecedented spectacle. Protestant Bibles are being sold publicly, and that with the permission and protection of the police.

Details of the story, as published in the May issue of *The Convert*:

"Last October our director, Guido Pagella, received a request for a free Bible from a couple who had just married, Mr. and Mrs. Bolelli. He sent the Bible but for many weeks he received no answer. Then he wrote again to several people who had requested Bibles and invited them to come and attend a Bible Study in his home. Only Mr. and Mrs. Bolelli came. Only two people, but the Lord blessed them, in fact after a few days both of them accepted Christ.

"After much prayer our director asked them to apply for a license

to sell Bibles in public squares. This license has been denied to our director who even appealed to the president of the Italian republic. This Christian couple was able to obtain the license. Now they are selling Protestant Bibles in public."

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New Evangelism Magazine

Evangelist Billy Graham, during the final meeting at Carlaw Park, Auckland, surprised his hearers by saying: "I'm going to say something which I have never said to a crowd before. . . We are going to produce a monthly paper called *World Evangelism*. We are not going to sell it. It will be full of devotional articles, news of the Crusades and a sermon of mine. It will be sent free to anybody who sends me their address."

The new periodical will be edited by Dr. Sherwood Eliot Wirt, who compiled the book on Graham's San Francisco Crusade last year. (Circulation will begin with a print order for two million copies. No publication date has been announced but Dr. Wirt has already resigned his pastorate at Hillside Presbyterian Church, East Oakland, Calif., and is planning to make his home in Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Indonesians Restrict Protestant Activity

A directive prohibiting the importation of literature printed in foreign countries is the most recent, and perhaps the most drastic, action taken by the Indonesian government in a series of moves which have greatly restricted activity of Protestants.

CANADASCOPE

Sudbury Union Spent Unauthorized Union Funds

Former officers of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers local at Sudbury, Ont., have been charged with spending union funds on luxuries without membership authorization. The charge was made by Alistair Stewart, a former CCF Member of Parliament who audited the books of the local at the request of the new leadership.

He said in a report that officials under former president Mike Soliski "developed an extraordinary arrogance" and that it was a tightly-knit group which had a close bond with the national office.

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Prison Warden Says Jails Not the Answer

A rising tide of North American crime is threatening to sweep the penal system to disaster unless criminal treatment methods are changed, the Canadian Congress of Corrections was warned by Thomas J. McHugh, who until recently was in charge of 21,000 prisoners in New York.

He told the convention delegates, "My experience has convinced me

that few individuals, if any, actually benefit from penal confinement. . . To change a criminal for the better, we have to change the conditions that made him what he is, his associations, surroundings and state of mind."

Mr. McHugh said that a crisis is approaching in the prison system, caused by soaring numbers of inmates, costs, and "most frustrating of all, a dawning recognition of the sterility of institutional programs."

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Say Electrical Combine in Ontario

A federal combines report has recommended court action, if necessary, to halt attempts by the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario to restrict competition in the sale of electrical equipment and material in the province.

The commission found that the policy of the contractors association, backed by an "implied threat of a joint boycott" against manufacturers and suppliers, is that electrical contractors should be suppliers of materials used in carrying out contracts. The commission also found that there were "efforts to restrict entry of competent persons or firms into the electrical contracting industry."

Our Reader Says

Reporters Take Note

We appreciate it that you have sent us the *Mennonite Observer* past our subscription period and are herewith sending the subscription for another year.

We like to read the news from the different church activities and wish more news items would come in. We are hoping that you may be able to carry on with the paper on a Christian basis.

Eugene Martens,
Leinan, Sask.

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Likes Editorials

We do appreciate the *Mennonite Observer* in our home. Personally, I like your editorials very much. They are usually so practical and to the point. Our flesh does not like them, but we need them nevertheless. Keep it up. It is through a paper like yours and your vision that we can keep awake and our vision clear.

John J. Penner,
Swift Current, Sask.

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Weddings

Fehr—Arendt

The Glenbush M. B. church was the scene of a pretty wedding on May 17, 1959. Miss Mary Arendt of Glenbush, Sask., was the bride, while Mr. Henry Fehr of Hepburn, Sask., was the groom. Rev. George Braun of Saskatoon officiated, with Rev. Abe Pauls assisting.

After their honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Saskatoon, Sask.

Future Subscribers

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sawatzky of Smith Hill, Man., on Sunday, May 17, a son, Clarence Nick.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Laura Pauls) Albert Pahlke of Pierceland, Sask., a daughter, Victoria Josephine, on May 20—a sister for Bernice.



Snyder Visits MCC Workers On the Job

During his commissioner visit to Korea May 13-20, Executive Secretary William T. Snyder, accompanied by Korean Director Jacob Klassen, visited all of the 19 MCC staff members on their project assignments, interviewed other Christian workers and attended a part of the KAVA (Korean Association of Voluntary Agencies) annual meeting.

"MCC unit spirit in Korea is excellent," Snyder observes, "and the workers enjoy each other's fellowship. We talked at length concerning our opportunities in Korea and the possible course our work should take for the future. I went with the fellows to observe feeding operations in the Kyong San province where MCC is taking responsibility and am convinced that the best possible controls are followed in seeing that the food and clothing get to the neediest people."

Regarding the MCC Christian Vocational School for orphan boys at Kyong San, Snyder comments: "It is my judgment that the farm and school form a base from which a strong Christian testimony can be brought to Korea, particularly to the indigenous church, through preparing boys for vocations and in helping the church take broader responsibility through a community development program that would help to meet the people's needs on several levels."

Two of the six MCC nurses in Korea are assigned to the Children's Relief Hospital operated by the city of Seoul. After stopping here, Snyder writes, "The need was highly impressive as we visited the wards and saw unfortunate children receiving loving care. Many children are abandoned and many come to the hospital near death. Our nurses are a steady influence in the hospital to provide good care and to channel MCC foods, surplus commodities and medicines to these needy children."

Associate Secretary Reports Almost Unbelievable Need

Haiti's four million population with its eroded and eroding soil on treeless mountain sides and no other natural resources, its eight per cent literacy, its poverty illustrated by a \$75 average family income per year, represent problem and need indeed! So reports MCC Associate Secretary Orrie O. Miller after visiting this island 700 miles southeast of Miami May 16-23.

While visiting the two MCC VS men working in the Methodist co-operative agricultural services project at Petit Goave May 17, Miller worshipped in an area harvest meeting where 600 were gathered; the service was in Creole, Haiti's native language. Near St. Marc, at Hospital Albert Schweitzer, Miller observed the medical and community program where eight MCC VSers (six nurses and two laboratory technicians) serve in the 100-bed institution.

In northern Haiti near Gap Haitian (where Columbus landed in 1492), Miller stopped to see the Grande du Riviere hospital and the Grand Pre Agricultural services project where it is proposed that MCC establish a combined medical and agricultural services unit. Miller comments: "The area is as needy as any in Haiti. My visit with Methodist Missionary Spence gave me a picture of almost unbelievable poverty, starvation, ignorance, illness in which the masses here have to live. To be Christian one must care; we must do what we can as God opens the way."

Mennonites To Attend Southern Christian Leadership Conference

The MCC Peace Section Executive Committee May 26 authorized a delegation of five to participate in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta, Ga., July 28-30. This action grew out of concern expressed at the April MCC-sponsored race relations seminar in Chicago and in response to a direct invitation, by planners of the Atlanta conference. The Southern Christian Leadership group, in which Martin Luther King, Jr. and

Ralph D. Abernathy (guest speaker at the Chicago seminar) are active, includes representatives from all over the south who are concerned with the problems of desegregation, human rights and the status of the Negro in American society. Attendance at this meeting, which is planned solely to discuss non-violence, will offer Mennonites opportunity to share both historical and practical insights regarding the way of love and nonresistance.

Guy F. Hershberger, who attended the SCL annual business meeting in Tallahassee, Fla., May 14-15, at Peace Section request, reported to the Executive Committee: "It is clear that the organization is facing a very tough situation. Atlanta and Montgomery seem to be making progress, but in other places the situation is very bad. For example a Birmingham minister has had his house bombed or burned twice and is in constant danger of his life. At another church in Birmingham two police cars stand outside at every Sunday service. Similar stories come from many parts. I feel convinced that King and Abernathy are doing their best to follow the way of love and suffering in their search for justice. In this they deserve all the encouragement which we can give them."

Mennonite Missionaries Say Peace Witness Important

Representatives of Mennonite Missions in Japan meeting May 12 with MCC Executive Secretary William T. Snyder and Paul Kraybill, secretary of the Mennonite Mission Boards' Continuation Committee, concurred that a Christian peace witness in Japan is important and that it should be a part of the message of the churches to Japanese Christians. Snyder, in reporting the discussion, emphasized, "It is a pity that the Christian faith to most Asian people is a faith that condones war and thereby is not true to its own gospel. If Christian forces are to be effective in the Asian revolution that is now in process, they must not allow the Communists to preach peace, to monopolize the idea which is complete only 'in Christ.'" Attendants at the meeting in Naduku, Kobe, included Mennonite Brethren, General Conference, (Old) Mennonite and Brethren in Christ missionaries along with MCC Peace Section Worker Paul Peachey.

Grandfather's Footprints (Continued from page 8-4)

on. When he officiated at our wedding, it was his last service in this capacity. He was then only a few months short of 90 years old. His last funeral sermon was preached at the age of 96, when he spoke at the burial of my aunt's brother. A little more slowly than usual he climbed the steps to the pulpit, but

his voice rang out as clearly and strongly as ever. He had always had a big voice for so little a man—a big voice, a big heart and a great mind—but physically Grandfather was small, so small that his sermons for the most part were preached as he stood on his toes behind the pulpit.

Knew Secret of Visitation

As was mentioned at his funeral, Grandfather regularly visited the sick and dying in our Winnipeg hospitals. Eternity will reveal the extent of his blessing in this work. I only know there were many who looked forward eagerly to his weekly visits. He knew the secret of hospital visiting—his stay was short, cheerful and uplifting. I recall how he visited me a few days after our first child was born. He looked fondly on the little one in my arms, and then knelt down beside the bed and prayed a great-grandfather's blessing on this wee one just starting out on the journey, along which he had progressed so far. I do not remember exactly what he said, I only know I felt that all was well.

I will never think of Grandfather without remembering his prayers. In some respects perhaps a little proud, he was always a very humble man before God. He could talk to God in a way that made you feel the Majesty of His Presence, and always you were aware of an ever-loving and forgiving Father in Heaven reaching down to sinful man and drawing him up ever closer.

People Remembered His Praying

There were others who felt the same way about Grandfather's prayers. Only a few years back I heard a young man preaching who had been in our Sunday school years ago. He too remembered and mentioned Grandfather's prayers, and how sometimes even just a closing prayer after a Sunday morning service was a blessed little sermon in itself. I was happy to know that others felt as I did about the dear old man.

I really shouldn't call him old. Grandfather never admitted to being old. He just grew a little older every year. So often we offered to help him with his overcoat or rubbers. He never accepted any assistance. It hurt his pride to think that he was not able to do things for himself. For years he used a cane only when he thought no one was looking.

Grandfather no longer needs a cane or wheel-chair. His mortal body has been laid to rest. He has gone to spend eternity with the Master he tried so faithfully to serve here in time. Only his memory lives on among men. And here and there are the footprints that we, his grandchildren, will see and recognize, and say, as was said of Enoch of old—Grandfather walked with God.

COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

A year of studies has come to an end, exams have been written and 29 students will leave the college as graduates. Much has been heard and learned, and much has already been appropriated in the lives of the students, but there remains a continual striving for a holier walk.

Some of the graduating students will be going directly into some aspect of Christian service. These I would like to mention, trusting that from time to time they will find their way into your prayer list.

Two of the graduates will be going directly into church work, while others will be active in various other phases of the Lord's service. Jacob Schmidt, B.R.E., of Yarrow, B.C., will be going to Kelstern, Sask., with his family to assume pastoral work in the M. B. Church there. The West Coast Children's Mission has called Jacob Neufeld, B.R.E., of St. Catharines, Ont., to the chapel at Otter Road, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. Neufeld have one child, as do the Schmidts.

Teaching will occupy five of the students: Jean Penner, B.R.E., of Herbert, Sask., Ann Siebert, B.R.E., of Sardis, B.C.; Irma Dueck, B.R.E., of Niverville, Man.; Ernie Block, Th. B., Clearbrook, B.C.; and Harold Ratzlaff, Th.B., of Vancouver.

Peter Teigroeb, Th.B., of Port Rowan, Ont., will move to Hamilton later to attend the Teacher's College there and help in the chapel.

Elfrieda Toews, B.R.E., of Winnipeg is entering MCC service at the London, Ont., mental hospital, while Martha Ewert, B.R.E., of Kitchener, Ont., is going to the Willow Hall Orphanage at Waterloo, Ont. Going into camp counselling this summer are Alice Dueck, B.R.E., Coaldale, Alta.; Susan Epp, R.N., B.R.E., of Vancouver, B.C.; Linda Matthies, R.N., B.R.E., of Vancouver; and Lillian Loewen, B.R.E., of Yarrow, B.C., who will serve as camp secretary at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp. Jake Dueck, Th.B., and family will serve at Lake Winnipeg Mission Camp also, with Mr. Dueck in the position of business manager in preparation for full-time service in camp work next summer. Agnes Konrad, B.R.E., of Matsqui, B.C., will work in DVBS or camp work with the West Coast Children's Mission.

A junior at college, Rev. David Nickel, formerly of Compass, Sask., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Gospel Light M. B. Church in Winnipeg on a part-time basis for the coming year.

The Baccalaureate Service of the college was held for the graduates in the college on Thursday, May 28. An octet, men's and ladies' quartets and a violin duet provided the musical portion of the program. Rev. H. R. Baerg, dean of students, delivered the Baccalaureate address, charging the students on behalf of the teachers, the college, the church and the conference. He spoke on Philippians 2:19-24, challenging the graduates with the noble service and character of Timothy. Many parents and friends of the graduating students were in attendance.

— develop local community leadership.

— raise the esteem of the teaching profession and encourage outstanding pupils to pursue it as a vocation.

2. Medical. Also since 1954, MCC has sponsored 20 registered nurses and one doctor for a total of 30 years of medical service in Newfoundland.

During His earthly ministry, Christ paused to heal the lepers, the woman with an issue of blood, the man born blind. Christian responsibility cannot exclude itself from physical suffering. The Grenfell Mission, the Baie Verte Clinic and the Notre Dame Bay Memorial Hospital still lack sufficient, professionally-trained personnel to operate their program. Therefore MCC should continue supplying qualified medical workers to these places, who will make it their aim to:

— alleviate physical suffering and anxiety in times of sickness and death by ministering "In the Name of Christ."

— encourage local girls to become efficient hospital workers by raising the esteem of the nursing profession in the eyes of the average girl.

— train local personnel by on-the-job training.

3. Social. — Because the average outpost Newfoundlander leads a relatively isolated life, his activity is usually restricted to the cove in which he lives. VS workers have developed a greater awareness of how life is lived in other parts of the world, thereby creating in the local people a greater desire to improve their own condition. They should continue to do this by:

— visiting people in their homes and associating with them freely.
— the classroom presentation.
— example and public observance.

4. Spiritual. — The MCC objective in Newfoundland is not to build a Mennonite Church. The denominationalism already too prevalent has many adverse effects. However, this does not excuse us from making a spiritual contribution. We must strive to bring people into a personal relationship with Christ and lead them into active church participation. The churches are in need of a demonstration of vital Christianity which is lived and practiced consistently. This has been the aim of VSers in the past and should continue to be theirs in the future. It can be achieved, while strengthening the Protestant Christian witness at large, by actively participating in the United Church of Canada and the community in general by:

— Teaching Sunday school
— Singing in the choir
— Organizing YP activities
— Visiting in homes
— Distributing Christian literature
— Teaching DVBS

— Utilizing scripture and prayer in the classroom

— Praying with post-operative patients

— Witnessing by word
— Witnessing by deed

To American Mennonites

Though we did not go to Newfoundland with the intention of receiving, that element is always an integral part of giving. "It is in giving that we receive," St. Frances of Assisi has observed. What have we received from Newfoundland?

1) Participants. — Newfoundland has provided young people trained as teachers and medical workers with an opportunity to perform Christian service in their profession. The following areas could be mentioned:

— An insufficient number of qualified workers have often required VSers to participate in assignments they would not undertake in their home communities. This has been true of nurses and teachers and has led to the discovery of undeveloped talents.

— Life in Newfoundland is simple. The women do their own baking and knit for the family. Men build their own houses and boats from trees cut from the wood lands. Living in such an environment leaves a lasting impression with the participants and teaches us that life can be happy without many of the things we had previously thought were essential.

— There are also the usual benefits we receive when we give of ourselves to help others in need.

2) The Mennonite Brotherhood. — Mennonites, like the rural Newfoundlander, are often unaware of the world around them. When returning workers write to tell of their experiences, the Mennonite churches of North America are brought into a more vital contact with their neighbors, thereby increasing their vision for world missions.

3) MCC. — Because volunteers contribute their entire pay check to MCC and receive only maintenance and \$10 monthly (the usual VS arrangement), the MCC program receives another important source of income to be applied to other needy projects.

Evaluation by Edgar Stoesz

"There is much evidence that our 62 Newfoundland workers through their dedicated service have achieved the stated objectives to a great degree. Local school boards, ministers and hospital directors speak enthusiastically of the results brought about by Mennonite influence and efforts. A statement made recently by a local resident is a case in point: 'Our young people are modelling their lives after your workers.'

We solicit your prayerful interest that we may make the most of the challenge of Newfoundland.

Five Years in Newfoundland

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — "Newfoundland continues to provide us with a unique place of Christian service for Mennonite teachers and medical workers," reports Edgar Stoesz, assistant MCC-VS director, who visited the 31 volunteers on the island recently.

Termining his adventurous trip a "frustration voyage," because it entailed long delays due to transportation difficulties, Brother Stoesz nevertheless found the experience rewarding. He reports that MCC teachers and medical workers are making a definite impact on the isolated communities in which they serve.

Five years have elapsed since the first MCC workers left for Newfoundland to contribute to the educational and medical needs of the people and, less tangibly but no less significantly, to their social and spiritual needs. As MCC looks back on this five-year span, it might be helpful to briefly size up past achievements and re-evaluate goals and objectives for the future.

Comments are based on a careful analysis of the overall New-

foundland program prepared by Edgar Stoesz and the local unit members.

1. Educational. — Since 1954, 41 teachers have taught a total of 54 school years in isolated, usually inadequately equipped schools which might otherwise have remained closed or taught by poorly qualified teachers.

Education is one of the basic needs of every country and individual. A low educational standard makes religious training, medical assistance and national development difficult. Since Newfoundland's major school problem—the great shortage of qualified teachers—has not declined, the contribution of MCC teachers is greatly appreciated and solicited for the future. We believe we should continue to recruit well-motivated and qualified teachers with the following goals:

— provide classroom opportunity for those who would otherwise be unable to obtain it.
— raise the general educational level by providing qualified teachers.

Need to Enlarge Boys' Dormitory

By Anna Suderman

At the moment I am sitting in the examination hall of the Deverakonda middle school here in India. Twenty eighth-class students are writing government exams, hoping to pass this long-feared ordeal. A few have been hit by the "flu bug" and are feeling miserable. They are steeling themselves to write. Failure to do so means a year of wasted effort. It is a tough world. In six half days they will write exams in English I and II, Mathematics I and II, History and Geography, Science, Telugu and Hindi languages. It is the hot season and they write only in the morning hours. Those who pass will be eligible to enter any recognized high school.

This school year we enrolled 179 pupils. About half of them are boarders; the rest day scholars. A few have dropped out. The Scriptures are taught in all classes in the morning before the regular government school hours. Besides

all the regular subjects, we taught spinning and tape weaving to the boys and sewing to the girls. In the girls' boarding house the matron, an elderly Christian woman, has taught the girls to work in the kitchen, cooking, cleaning, sewing and the Christian social graces. She is a mother to them and a great help.

Need to Enlarge Boys' Dormitory

An urgent need at this time is the enlargement and improvement of the boys' boardinghouse. The rooms are small and inadequate. Some of the boys have had to live in a different location, making supervision almost impossible. The present building needs a new roof,

a spacious porch for study hall and extra sleeping space and some windows. We should also like to construct a wall, making a compound where boys can have recreation with proper Christian discipline under an appointed warden. Do pray for this need.

Some five or six girls and a few boys must be provided for during the holidays since they have no other place to go. Several orphans who have been studying in the mission high school will be coming home. Two of our girls should have homes of their own. Will you pray that a way may be found for them? There are problems, but we have a great heavenly Father. Do pray for the children who have gone to their villages that they might be witnesses and that the orphans might live to God's glory.

College Choir Sings at Niverville

By Walter Foth.

Niverville, Man. — On the evening of May 17, the A Cappella Choir of the M. B. Bible College, under the direction of Henry Voth, presented a program in the local M. B. church. Rev. David Ewert delivered a very inspiring message concerning the "Call to Service."

The program consisted of a solo, trio, and trumpet duet in addition to the many songs sung by the choir. Two students gave their personal testimonies, confessing Jesus Christ as their Saviour and relating how God had led them to college. At college, they testified, they had experienced many blessings and life had become more meaningful to them.

Rev. D. Ewert read a portion of Scripture from I Samuel 3 concerning Samuel's calling into service.

"When does God call?" he asked. He calls when we are still young. This is the time for preparation. We are physically strong and can render a great service in God's kingdom.

"How does God Call?" he continued. God speaks to us through His Word. Therefore, it is very important that we read and study and learn to understand His Word, the Bible. We should live very close to God in order to hear Him better when He speaks to us.

Finally, what is the result of God's calling to service? If we yield wholly unto him, we will first of all grow spiritually and then be able to help in the evangelization of the world to an extent known only to heaven.

The evening in which we became more intimately acquainted with the college was a great blessing to all of us. We wish the students success in their future place of service.

Manitoba. The home mission program of the conference will be spotlighted at the service in the South End M.B. Church, Winnipeg. The time is to be announced at the Conference.

June 6 and 7. — The Young People's Committee of the North Kildonan M. B. Church is sponsoring a Missionary Conference Saturday night, 8 p.m., Sunday morning and Sunday evening (7 p.m. CDT).

June 6. — The provincial Spring Conference of the M. B. Churches in British Columbia.

June 10 to 14. — Annual conference of the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren churches in North America, to be held at Grace Bible Institute, Omaha, Neb.

June 14. — Graduation and dormitory dedication at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

June 13 to 15. — The Alberta Mennonite Brethren Conference will be held in the Calgary Highland M. B. church.

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

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SPEAKERS:

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