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

I Cor. 2:2

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Saved, Baptized and Received as Church Members

Winnipeg, Man. — Sixteen young people testified in the South End M. B. church of having applied God's saving grace in their lives. Their testimonies were given before the church body on Wednesday, February 3. On the following Sunday, February 7, they were baptized by Rev. J. P. Neufeld and received as members into the South End M. B. Church.

The evening message, delivered by Rev. Frank C. Peters, was addressed to the entire large audience, but especially to the baptismal candidates. The theme which Rev. Peters discussed was, "Baptism and Discipleship," based on I Peter 3:21. The speaker stated that baptism is a test of discipleship, a dedication to discipleship, and an induction to discipleship.

A large number of encouraging testimonies were heard from the congregation during a short period of waiting. Following this, the body of about 450 believers observed the Lord's Supper. In closing, all



Baptismal service at South End M. B. church. Front row, left to right: Edward Peters, Gerald Peters, Irene Neufeld, Kathryn Redekop, Elfrieda Bergen, Charlotte Redekop, Ernie Epp. Back row, left to right: Walter Froese, Gerhard Neufeld, Edwin Wiebe, Robert Peters, Peter Bergen, Rev. J. P. Neufeld, Rev. Frank C. Peters, John Epp, David Redekop, Arthur Huebert and Jake Thiessen.

the new members drew nigh to God in prayer.

Rev. and Mrs. John J. Neufeld were also accepted as church members. Brother Neufeld is the former leader of the Grossweide M. B.

Church and is the present fieldman of M. B. Home Missions in Manitoba, and director of the Low German Radio program heard over radio station CFAM every Sunday from 10:00 to 10:30 p.m.

A Widening Horizon in Paraguay

By John R. Schmidt, M.D.

More than 18 years have passed since I first came to the part of the Chaco where we are now visiting. At that time the hospital was a solitary building at the very edge of the bush. I was a lone doctor with 10 days travel to the most immediate consultation. Indians still had their heathen dances and killed their babies to keep breast milk for their dogs. Paraguayan Mennonites were glad to have a thatched roof and crude wooden shutters for rough window frames. The ox was just giving way to the horse, and milk cows had thin, long horns. There still was no time to learn or teach the Spanish language, hence little opportunity to contact the Paraguayan or to confront him with a positive spiritual witness. Roads were non-existent; only paths through the bush had been cleared. There was not a single car, truck or tractor in possession of Mennonites. Farms were small and families in villages close together.

Today, the picture is entirely different. The darkness of the bush, of

the hearts of the Indians, of crude houses, of little Spanish knowledge, has been exposed to the light of advancement, giving a much wider horizon. The same hospital is a modern complex of buildings surrounded by homes and gardens, with the bush pushed back almost out

of sight. Now there are four doctors in the Chaco instead of one, each with facilities for his work. As time went on the luxuries of windows, roof tile, bigger homes and better furniture came in, along with many other things which have become necessities in nearly every home. Refrigerators and modern washing machines are not uncom-



Paraguay. Voluntary Service retreat which the Christian Service committee has in various colonies of Paraguay several times a year.

mon; mechanized carpenter shops are the rule. Tractors and trucks are found by the dozens and bicycles by the hundreds. Roads lead everywhere, with the Trans-Chaco Highway off to a good start.

To be sure, all of this advancement did not come easy and there has and still is financial aid coming from the outside. Many of my readers will know that help to South American Mennonites has been given in the spirit of missions. Let me assure you that good use is made of the investments that have been and are being made along missionary interests.

Christian voluntary service was looked at askance in 1952; the thought of alternative service was forbidden and could not be expressed openly. Today Christian service for young people is organized in mental hospitals, the tuberculosis sanatorium, Salvation Army children's home and the leprosy mission. Five large churches have been built for the Indians in the Chaco and a school started for Paraguayan children.

We have been in the three Mennonite colonies in the Chaco reporting: what our combined efforts have done in the past, the present situation as it exists and the opportunities for the future in the leprosy mission at Kilometer 81. We find great enthusiasm for the Lord's service. One is especially encouraged by the Christian awakening among the Old Colony Mennonites from Canada. The Lord is working mightily in their midst. They are aware of their opportunities and responsibilities. They all share their earthly possessions. However, our expansion needs more than our South American brethren can pay. We need your support to give light to the widening horizon in Paraguay.

Spiritual Emphasis Week at Sharon High School

Yarrow, B.C. — The week of January 25-29 marked a spiritual milestone in the lives of many students at Sharon. God's Spirit moved among us in a real and powerful way and sinners were able to come to repentance and peace, while Christians took grace to cleanse themselves before God and man.

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EDITORIAL

Christian Stability

With regard to views, opinions or convictions on various questions of faith, conduct and problems of life, people may be divided into four classes, namely:

1) Those who have no opinion of their own. They depend solely on the leadership of others and are willing to follow, even though there may not be any good reason for doing so. As an example, we refer to the many Israelites who followed their religious hypocritical leaders without knowing that they were led astray.

2) Then there are those who may have an opinion, but they constantly change it and never reach the point of forming a definite conviction. A prominent United States lawyer said, "The difference between an opinion and a conviction is that you may have an opinion, but a conviction has you." The people we are considering under this point may be compared to the restless wave of the sea which has its never-ending ups and downs. They are never laid hold of by a conviction, and the opinion they have is changed so often that they are utterly unreliable. A good cause must have strong supporters, but unstable supporters cannot be considered as pillars on whom a weight of responsibility can be placed.

3) The third class of people do have opinions. They form views and they are also gripped by firm, never changing convictions. They may call themselves *blessed* because they think they have revealed strength of character and a spirit of stick-to-itiveness, but in reality it may be an expression of stubbornness, of a static mind, or of foolish consistency. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds."

Consistency is the mark of a great mind, but when a person never admits anything new into his mind, never checks the accuracy of what he has learned, and still stands where he was many years ago, that consistency may be called a foolish one.

Herod the Great did not change the vow he had made to his daughter, even though it cost the life of John the Baptist. That was foolish consistency, and stubbornness combined with wickedness.

If a Christian has made a mistake, he should admit it and change his view and actions. If he has received new light, he should not walk in the dim light of the past. Paul realized that he had failed in the past by persecuting the church, but he was willing to follow Christ and change the complete course of his life.

4) The fourth class of people have definite views and convictions, but they are wise in what they believe, say and do. They are open for new light, are eager to increase their knowledge, and are willing to go forward in God's new way. They are anxious to grow in their experience with Christ and make their witness more effective in the new situations of life.

May God help us to be Christians with firm convictions and with hearts and minds that are open for new truths and that are willing to apply them.

G. D. H.

DEVOTIONAL

They that Love His Appearing

By Rev. Herman Voth

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me that day: and not to me only, but to all them also that love his appearing" (II Tim. 4:8),

These were the words of the great apostle, who was nearing the end of his journey. By this expression he intimates that he is not the only one that waits for Christ, but many more with him loved the appearing of their Lord. The question comes to us: Who are they that love his appearing?

One answer is: they are the ones

who are in a right relationship with Christ and who are true believers in Christ. As we received forgiveness of sins, we were brought into the right relationship with Christ. No child of God with known sin in his life can really be happy when he thinks of the coming of the Lord. Instead of joy, there is fear in the heart; instead of waiting, there is anxiety; instead of longing for the Lord, there is dread of judgment. But those, whose sins are forgiven, whose slate is clear, love His appearing.

This also indicates that they are

in a right relationship with their brethren. If I do not love my brother, how can I love Christ's appearing for me and my brother? If I cannot get along here, how will I be able to enjoy heaven's glory with him? He that waiteth for his Master, has to be in a right relationship with his brother. The Word of God states: "He that hateth his brother is in darkness" (I John 2:9). If we therefore belong to those who are in a right relationship with Christ and our brethren, then we love His appearing.

How do those who love His appearing express this love in their lives? John said, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (I John 3:3). Our love towards Christ finds expression in a sanctified life. He purifieth himself. This is not forced upon him by rigid church rules. This is not motivated by a "better than thou" attitude. The motive for purification is a deep love for the Master. "I want to be as pure as He expects me to be," is the prayer of the believer. This will be achieved by humbling himself, by confessing sins before God and man, and by a constant fight against sin.

But pure love will also find expression in service for God. Jesus said: "Blessed is that servant, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find so doing" (serving Him). Christ saved us to serve the true and living God. (I Thess. 1:9) If we really love Him, we want to serve Him, who gave Himself for us. A dedicated life of service to God is an expression of love towards Him Who will soon appear.

What will await those who love His appearing? When Paul spoke of Christ's appearing, he also mentioned something that awaits him when He will appear. He writes: "The Lord hath laid up for me a crown of righteousness." This is not a righteousness which Paul had earned. This is the righteousness which Christ has wrought for us through His death on the cross. In Christ we are righteous even now, but the crown of righteousness, which was never fully attained upon earth, will be given to all those who endure unto the end. And this will be done by Christ Himself. He will proclaim us as righteous before God and man. All the angels in heaven will rejoice that we have endured to the end, fought the good fight, finished the course, kept the faith.

Oh, what a day will that be! Do we love His appearing? Do we wait for Him? Are we willing to cleanse our lives and be ready? Do we all have this desire to be ready when He comes, and are we praying with Paul, "for me to live is Christ and to die is gain"? (Phil. 1:21).

Grade XI Student-Editorial

"Education is worse in the United States, but it's bad in Canada." These are the words of Mr. Han-

sen, member of the Royal Commission investigating our educational system. This may be shocking to some of you, but, nevertheless, it is true.

The teacher, logically, is a vital part of our educational system. It is he, and not the hard and fast rules, who inspires conduct and neatness. A sloppy, careless teacher will leave his mark on his students. For this reason, he must be an example in his manner of dress, in his actions, and speech.

However, teachers cannot be expected to tackle the problem of converting rowdy teen-agers into useful men and women single-handedly. Only by the constant support of parents and students alike can this be successfully accomplished.

Are we doing our share in raising the educational standard in Canada? By developing proper study habits, we not only acquire a good foundation for our future profession, but we also encourage our teachers.

We are very thankful for the fine Christian teachers we have, but, the question is, do we show our appreciation? By our whole-hearted co-operation, we can show them that their instruction is worthwhile. Such co-operation means doing our homework, maintaining order in class, complying with the rules, and showing eagerness to learn and determination to do our best. May God give us grace to make this last half of the school year a time of earnest efforts and concentrated hard work. Lynda Peters (MBCI)

K.M.B. Conference

Doland, South Dakota. — The Ebenezer KMB Church here will be host to the mid-year committee meetings and the ministerial and Christian workers' session of the KMB conference on March 30 and 31. Rev. C. F. Plett is pastor of the Ebenezer Church and chairman of the conference.

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Highlight Hutterian News

New Leader Appointed

At the convention of the Hutterian Brethren, at Crossfield, Feb. 2, at which delegates were present from all the colonies in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Montana, the Rev. Christian Tschetter, assistant to the former bishop (the late John Wurz of Wilson Siding), was elected as bishop. The election was made by secret ballot, and 43 ministers of the Hutterian Brethren, as well as other delegates, were present.

The new bishop is 73 years of age, and he lives at the Fairview Colony, Crossfield, Alta., where he has lived for 20 years. His wife and family are still living, including two married daughters, one single, and two married sons. He has been a Hutterite minister for 30 years.

His assistant elders were also appointed by secret ballot, and are Peter Hofer of Penhold, and Christian Waldner of Cardston. These two, with the new bishop, form the Conference Group of the Darius-Leut. This is one of the groups of three which will hold conventions this coming summer to appoint an Alberta delegate for their Federal acting representative to Ottawa.

Leaders Meet Alberta Cabinet

A delegation of leaders representing 51 Alberta Hutterite colonies met Wednesday with a committee of the Alberta Cabinet to discuss changes in communal property legislation.

The Hutterites also commented on the report of a committee which had studied their problems and recommended a rewriting of the Communal Property Act. The committee recommended establishment of a committee with discretionary powers to regulate colony land-holdings and start the long process of integrating the Hutterian Brethren into the Alberta society.

About 20 Hutterite leaders attended the meeting. They represent the two major groups in the province—the "Darius-Leut" and the "Lehrer-Leut."

Under the existing act, Hutterite colonies can be no closer than 40 miles apart. Premier Manning has said there is some doubt whether the restriction would stand up in court.

Rich Experiences At Vauxhall

Vauxhall, Alta. — Rich blessings were experienced by the Vauxhall M. B. Church from January 24 to February 2. Rev. D. D. Derksen of Boissevain and Rev. P. P. Doerksen of Calgary began a series of eight Bible discussions on Sunday. The letters to the Seven Churches of Asia (Rev. 2 and 3) were thoroughly discussed by the two visiting min-

isters. Truly, this was a time of introspection of our own lives and church to see whether we are still faithful. We were also encouraged by the seven promises to "him that overcometh."

Following these meetings, the brethren spent seven days visiting the homes of our members. We are thankful to the Lord and the two ministers for the blessed time we were able to have.

Youth Sunday was observed on January 31 by dedicating the morning and evening services to our youth. Brother Peter Rempel of Calgary, who had been invited as guest speaker, directed his morning message to the church under the topic, "The Responsibilities of the Church to the Young People."

During the evening program, Rev. D. D. Derksen, from his vast experiences, gave the young people much fatherly advice on the topic, "How Can a Young Man Cleanse His Ways?" Then Brother Rempel brought an English message directed to youth on "What Does Christ and the Church Expect of the Young People?" May the challenge to the church and the young people result in more zealous service for the Lord!

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Eastern Mennonite College

Harrisonburg, Virginia. — Notice of a \$500 grant from the United States Steel Foundation for the library at Eastern Mennonite College was received recently by Sadie A. Hartzler, college librarian. The award, to be used for the purchase of scientific journals, was one of 74 US Steel awards made to privately endowed colleges. Most of the \$500 grant will be used for the purchase of files of the Annual Reviews published in the fields of microbiology, biochemistry, physiology and plant physiology.

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Swift Current Bible Institute

Swift Current, Sask. — The entire student body presented programs the past two Sundays, in the local Conference church, and at Rhineland. Martin Harder and Marge Bergen, third class students, brought the messages. The octet rendered a program at the Victoria Ave. Mennonite Church and Herbert Conference Church on February 7. Peter Letkeman and John Bergen, respectively, were the speakers.

A new type of Christian service has been started this week. Five groups of students are teaching Bible Clubs in the city. One group reported an attendance of 21 at their first meeting. We are thankful to the Lord for the increased interest in His Word. As mentioned in an earlier school report, the students who work with Miss Anne Quiring, are encouraged by the substan-

Multitude at Church Dedication



Winnipeg, Man. — On Sunday, January 31, 1960, the Sargent Mennonite church on the corner of Sargent Ave. and Garfield St., Winnipeg, was officially opened. A great multitude of people attended the service.

Rev. J. Adrian introduced the speakers and the choir. Rev. G. Lorenz spoke at the morning service and Rev. H. Poettcker in the afternoon. Corny Epp and Gerald Loewen each rendered a solo. Inspiring and appropriate music was brought by the amalgamated choirs. Church representatives from across Manitoba expressed their best wishes and congratulations towards the resident congregation. Mr. George Epp expressed heartfelt thanks for all the help and gifts they had received.

tial increase in attendance, which includes many adults.

Students on deck for chapel were not disappointed when visiting speakers took their place. Guest speakers in the previous two weeks were Rev. A. Neufeld, M. B. missionary to Germany; Rev. J. Ardian, local pastor of the Church of the Open Bible; Rev. Ben D. Reimer, principal of Steinbach Bible Institute; Rev. H. Werner, West Indies Mission; Rev. E. Lautermlich, local M. B. pastor; Rev. Pete Funk of Park Valley and Rev. J. J. M. Friesen of Rhineland. Rev. Friesen spent the entire day at the school, participating in classes. At the time of this report, Mr. George Wiebe stopped in to greet those he knew. He was on his way back to the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

Every Friday is hockey night. Our school team remained undefeated until the game on February 5. The Conference Church won, 3-1. Too many good players left us for the weekend.

Mrs. O. Epp

Bluffton College

Bluffton, Ohio. — The cornerstone of Mosiman Hall, new music hall on the Bluffton College campus, was laid at impressive ceremonies

The church proper is done in tones of brown, with a deep blue velvet curtain circling the pulpit and choir loft dais. The ceiling and walls are painted white. An outstanding feature of the structure are the tinted windows. The light from them bathes the church in subdued rainbow colors, and adds to the worshipful atmosphere of the church.

In the basement a fully equipped kitchen is at the disposal of the ladies for occasions which call for a meal. Approximately five hundred people can eat at once in the basement, which is transformed into separate Sunday school rooms on Sunday mornings. The seating capacity of the church proper is about 850. It is a comfortable, beautiful church where one can worship God.

held Sunday afternoon, January 24, in the College Hall chapel and at the building site.

The main address was given by Prof. Marvin Dirks, professor of church music and worship at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., on the topic, "What Is the Task of the Church-Related College in the Area of Music?" Prof. Dirks emphasized the importance for the church of the music training given young people in colleges. He urged that all students be given the opportunity to experience great music, and pointed out that the greatest appreciation comes through actual performance of music.

Rev. Wilmer Shelly of Bluffton led in the opening prayer and read portions from the Psalms. Prof. Russell A. Lantz of the college music department recalled the long music tradition of Bluffton College and the encouragement in this field by the late Dr. S. K. Mosiman, after whom the building is named.

The audience then went to the building site, where the cornerstone laying took place. A prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. Gordon Neuenschwander, pastor of the First Mennonite Church, Berne, Ind. A number of items of historical interest were encased in the stone.

Leadership Conference of CBMC

By George Derksen



Dave Redekop speaking to CBMC conference.

"The modern day man is hungry after power and he will do anything to get it."

This statement was made by Dave Redekop, international director of the Christian Business Men's Committee International, as he addressed the organization's upper mid-west regional leadership conference held recently at Winkler, Man.

As Mr. Redekop elaborated in his talk, "Power to Be," he said that man's thirst for power is portrayed first and foremost among the nations of the world. Countries, in pursuing after power, have started and developed an arms race which knows no limits. Mr. Redekop pointed out that the tentacles of this power-thirst reach right into the hearts of men. They desire physical, mental, authoritative and material power.

Men of God do not rely on these types of power for their strength, Mr. Redekop went on, for they derive their power from the very source of all power, that is, from God. Once a man believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, God gives him the power to become His son. Men who are reconciled to God can be compared to an electrical transformer on God's electrical system, Mr. Redekop said. Their work is to channel the high voltage power of God into witnessing for Him, so that it can be used for transferring souls from darkness into light.

The speaker declared that if CBMCers, listening to Him, would take up the challenge and put God's power to work, the CBMC committees in Manitoba and northern United States would surge ahead during 1960.

More than 150 delegates, friends and their wives, who attended the evening banquet at the Harvest Inn, Winkler, heard Mr. Redekop's address.

The Leadership Conference was the first of its kind to be held in southern Manitoba, where delegates from the Pembina committee comprised of CBMCers from the towns of Winkler, Morden and Manitou, and the Red River committee representing the towns of Morris and Altona took part. These committees were formed in 1959. Delegates were also present from Winnipeg, Grand Forks, Minot, Brandon and Portage la Prairie.

The conference proved to be a real spiritual 'shot in the arm' for the young committees which started last year. The members had the opportunity of having fellowship with other CBMCers and discussing with them the many problems of starting new committees.

During the afternoon of the same day, discussions took place and representatives from each committee dealt with various subjects: prayer, membership, extension and tract distribution. Cornie Riediger of the Pembina committee, announced plans for the coming upper mid-west regional convention to be held in Morden, May 27, 28 and 29. He said that plans called for the biggest and best attended convention ever to be held in Manitoba. Suitable guest speakers, possibly Waldo Yeager of Toledo, Ohio, will be among those ministering at the convention.

Art Watson, Grand Forks, on behalf of the Bemidji committee, announced plans for the area retreat to be held at Bemidji on the weekend of August 4, 5 and 6.

Dr. Ross Willows, past CBMC International Director, in a short afternoon address, specified that the purpose of the Leadership Conference was to give delegates the proper perspectives in applying CBMC principles in reaching lost men for Christ. He said that if the spiritual vision of the CBMC movement should be lost, CBMC would collapse. Dr. Willows concluded his talk with Ephesians 6:20, where Paul urges Christians to speak boldly for Christ.

MTS Offices to Help Missions in the Congo

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — To study ways in which Menno Travel Service can be an integral service to mission boards in Africa and the Near East, MTS is sending Paul Ruth (MTS managing director) on a study trip to Africa. Ruth will leave February 9 to spend three days in Leopoldville, Belgian Congo. There he will meet with O. O. Miller in the interest of setting up an office to assist missionaries in their travel arrangements. (Enroute he will spend several days with the field secretaries of the Sudan Interior Mission and the Church of the Brethren in Kano, Nigeria, with the same concern.)

"The Protestant Mission Union in the Congo has encouraged MTS to a Leopoldville location. With mission officials we want to consider how we can be mutually beneficial; We will discuss ways in which we can help them and ways by which they can assist MTS in establishing a travel agency there," states Ruth. Contacts will be made with US gov-

ernment consulates to discuss the advisability of having a foreign corporation move into the Congo, especially in the midst of strong nationalism which has been sweeping the continent.

Ruth will continue his visit in Africa and stop at Mennonite missions in Tanganyika and Ethiopia to confer with Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities personnel, also to evaluate how MTS can become useful to them. After a stop with EMBMC personnel in Israel, Ruth will go on to review MTS activity at the Beirut, Amsterdam and London Menno Travel Service offices.

Enlarged Laidlaw Gospel Chapel Dedicated

East Chilliwack, B.C. — Of interest to the members of the M. B. Church of East Chilliwack was the dedication service of the new addition to the Laidlaw Gospel Chapel. Six Sunday school rooms have been added to the chapel. The dedication service was held on Sunday, January 31, 1960.

Rev. Jake Friesen, Terrace, who was formerly associated with the work, was the guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service. With his text from Rev. 3:7-13, he challenged us to keep our spiritual progress abreast of our material progress. Rev. P. S. Thiessen spoke the dedicatory prayer.

The afternoon service was held at 2:30, preceded by open house. Rev. Peter Penner, Clearbrook, who is the chairman of the West Coast Children's Mission, spoke to us on the dedication of the treasury in the temple at Jerusalem. Art Isaac, who is in charge of the services at Laidlaw, gave a historical report of the work dating back to its beginning in 1945.

We were also privileged to have

a visiting missionary, Miss Kay Unger, who works under the Evangelical Alliance Mission in India. Dressed in an attractive native costume of silk, she gave an interesting and informative talk on the Sunday school work on the mission field. Many friends came to share the blessings of the day with us.

Wilma Wiebe

Spiritual Emphasis Week (Continued from page 1-4)

God used Rev. J. J. Toews of the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg, to challenge us anew in a stirring way and show us the reality of His great love and redemption. Many students availed themselves of the opportunity of personal counselling by Rev. Toews.

Evening church services were also conducted during this week. A mass choir of about 70 voices, conducted by Mr. George Reimer, assisted. Again hearts were stirred as Christ became more precious to His own, and others were added to the believers.

The following week, February 1-5, we were again fortunate in having as guest for our morning chapels, Rev. I. W. Redekopp, pastor of the Elmwood M. B. Church in Winnipeg. Rev. Redekopp was at this time conducting evangelistic services at Greendale, from where a large group of our students come. Rev. R. Janzen, pastor at Greendale, is also a member of the staff at Sharon.

Rev. Redekopp's messages appropriately stressed the practical side of Christian living and thus were a very suitable follow-up work to the previous week of decisions. The numerous illustrations he used vividly brought to our minds and hearts the lessons they were to teach. We wish both Rev. Toews and Rev. Redekopp much joy and success in their future work in God's vineyard.



Presenting the Gospel to Indians in Brazil are Josea, newly-converted brother; Victor, son of Peter Hueberts; and Sister Huebert, at the right. (See report on Brazil page 8-2)

Mennonites Launch Russian Broadcast

A Russian-language broadcast was recently launched by Mennonite Broadcasts, Inc., Harrisonburg, Va., with Dr. Ivan Magal, medical doctor and minister of the Mennonite Church, as speaker.

"Golos Drooga" (The Voice of a Friend) is a 16-minute broadcast beamed to Europe and Russia from HCJB, a powerful short-wave station in Quito, Ecuador, S.A. This station regularly receives mail out of Iron Curtain countries from listeners to its several other Russian-language programs.

Released every Tuesday at 5:30 a.m., EST (1:30 p.m. Moscow time), the program can also be heard in North and South America by short wave. Dr. Magal always begins the broadcast with medical or personal hygiene information which he then relates to a spiritual theme.

Dr. Magal, Russian-born, came to

this country as an ordained minister in 1947 to take up medical training. He is now an American citizen, married, and has three children. He is on the staff of the Blue Ridge Sanatorium in Charlottesville, Va. On off hours, he produces this Russian broadcast and is editor of "The New Way," a Russian-language paper with a circulation of 7000 copies. It is sent to 43 countries with about 1000 copies going to Communist countries.

Besides the Russian broadcast, Mennonite Broadcasts Inc. also sponsors programs in the English, Spanish, Navaho, Japanese, Italian, French, and German languages. The programs familiar to the English audiences are "The Mennonite Hour," "The Way to Life," and a women's broadcast, "Heart to Heart."

Mission Work in Nepal

By Dr. Bob Pierce,

President of World Vision Inc.

To the outside world little Nepal has through the centuries been a land of mystery, the "Forbidden Land" that resisted the encroachments of other cultures and civilizations as successfully as its mighty mountain ranges turned back the few intrepid climbers who sought to scale their heights.

So recently has it opened to the rest of the world that only some 7,000 tourists have ever crossed its borders, and much of its 50,000-square mile area remains as mysterious and impenetrable as ever.

For this reason, the average person in other parts of the world probably knows little about Nepal except that its towering Himalayas are the highest mountain range in the world, led by Mt. Everest rising to over 29,000 feet.

But Nepal should be recognized also as a land with a colorful and dramatic history . . . the home of 8.5 million unusual people and one of today's great missionary frontiers.

Only in recent years has Nepal been reached with the advance of Christian missions, but it is one of the most religious nations on the face of the earth. It was here that 2,500 years ago was born Prince Siddhartha Gautama—better known today as The Enlightened One—, Lord Buddha himself. And it is here that Hinduism and Buddhism are combined as nowhere else in the world—with the same statues worshiped in the same temple under different names by both Hindu and Buddhist.

Just as there have been those who through the centuries inched their way up the icy slopes of "Chomolungma" (Mt. Everest), so across Nepal are to be found, here and

there, a handful of dedicated missionary heroes who are climbing valiantly upward for Christ.

In the central portion of Nepal, the United Mission of Nepal (a joint venture of 13 boards representing denominational and interdenominational agencies of nine nationalities) operates several hospital and various other social service projects. Active evangelism as such is not permitted by outside missionaries, but must be carried on by Nepali Christians.

In the city of Pokhara, six valiant missionaries (five women and one man) from the Nepal Evangelistic Band operate a hospital and leprosarium in one of the greatest examples of selfless missionary service I have ever seen. Eight years ago six women (three of whom remain to this day) walked for eight days to open this work in a wild and untamed area. Last year their hospital treated 24,000 patients, but they still live in mud-huts like the poorest Nepalese.

In Kthmandu, the capital of Nepal, the ancient Mar Thoma Church of South India has launched a tiny church, and there are six other Nepalese congregations like it—-independent, autonomous and purely national—that are seeing people won to Christ.

Recently two representatives from each of these seven churches met to form the Nepal Christian Fellowship—not as a denomination, but simply as a fellowship for prayer and mutual understanding as they seek in their own areas of service to gain ground for Christ.

Nepal, with its smiling, lovable people, needs Christ. This dedicated handful of workers, assembled by God from all over the globe for this special task, merit the prayer support of Christians everywhere. May we not fail them in this great hour

of opportunity—when the door at last is open.

(This report was sent directly from Kathmandu, capital of Nepal.)

Mission Station Dedicated

Grande Prairie, Alta. — Dedication services for the Mennonite mission station at 96th Street and Hillcrest Drive in Grande Prairie were arranged for Sunday, January 31. This mission post of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada is in charge of Rev. and Mrs. John Friesen. Invited speakers for the dedication day were Rev. H. H. Penner of Saskatoon, Sask., chairman of the Board of Missions, and David P. Neufeld of Rosemary, Alta.

The Friesens have been engaged in mission work here for some time. Grande Prairie is a growing city located in the Peace River District about 400 miles northwest of Edmonton.

\$718,000 Mission Budget

Salunga, Pennsylvania. — At its meeting in January the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities adopted a budget for 1960 of \$718,000 to carry on its mission and service projects at home and overseas. Total contributions to the board last year amounted to over \$701,000. The new budget represents an average of \$47.86 per member for Lancaster Conference members. Somewhat over half of the total has been designated for overseas work, and the rest for work in the homeland, including home missions, relief appropriations and voluntary service. As of last year the board had more than 130 workers stationed in overseas fields. They are serving in Tanganyika, Ethiopia, Honduras, Luxemburg, Somalia and Vietnam.

European Mission Work Presented

Sardis, B.C. — Recently Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Janzen, well-known to Mennonite circles throughout Canada, visited at Greendale, B.C. The Janzens have returned from the European mission field on a short furlough, and staged an interesting evening of slides and talks about the work overseas. Mr. Janzen commented on the pictures as they were shown, many of which were of chapels and churches where they have toured and ministered. Many interesting incidents were related—experiences in the work done in countries of western Europe such as Switzerland, Germany, Austria, France and Italy.

Following this interesting evening's report on the mission work of Europe, were three days of Bible study and discussion conducted by Dr. Janzen, sponsored jointly by

the Greendale First Mennonite Church, where Rev. Bruno Enns is the elder, and the Greendale Mennonite Brethren Church, where Rev. Rudy Janzen, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Janzen, is pastor. Many friends of the Janzens, and present Canadian citizens whom they first became acquainted with in Europe, came to the well-attended meetings of Bible exposition. The talks were based on the first Epistle of Peter. The church was filled to capacity each evening.

H. Penner

Church Dedication In South America

Buenos Aires, Argentina. — A new church building was dedicated in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in September. Martin Duerksen, who helped many Mennonite refugees settle in the area, is the pastor and founder of the congregation.

Being director of the Voluntary Service program in South America, Mr. Duerksen divides his time between this work and the congregation. He takes care of Mennonite Central Committee interests in Argentina. Made up of Mennonites who came from Europe in the 1940s, the church at Buenos Aires is ecumenical in nature.



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THE Young Observers



Let's Visit a Minute

Hi, Boys and Girls,

How are you getting along with your study of the Word of God? Can you manage well with most of it? To be sure there are some parts that are hard, but don't let that discourage you. You haven't decided to have no more turkey just because the turkey has two hard drum sticks, have you? Of course, not. We just keep on getting at the parts we can manage. Do the same with the Bible. Keep on enjoying and feeding on that which you can get out of it, and you will find that this wonderful Book, which the Lord has given us, will open more and more to you.

One more thing I am wondering about. As you read your Bible, are there verses or longer portions which you wish to remember for a long, long time? Perhaps the verses say something just to you. Perhaps the verses express God's wonderful truth in a specially wonderful way. Perhaps the verses tell of God's wishes for your life. Well, what do you do with these "extra special" verses; that is my question? Do you underline them in your Bible? You could do it very neatly and your verses would stand out on the page.

But one more thing you could do. You could cut yourself neat packages of little cards and on each write one of these special verses. On the reverse side write the reference. Then carry them with you, and learn them while you walk to school, get ready for bed, or do the dishes. You will be surprised what a joy these verses will be to your heart; and how useful they will become as you grow up for God. Seek to learn one verse each day, and keep on reviewing the old ones. What a treasure you will have before long! And God will bless His Word to your heart!

'Bye, boys and girls. God bless you and His Word!

Love, Aunt Anne

They Ate the Collection

It was nearly bedtime, at the sleepy end of a rainy day. Anne, Freddie, Bobby, and Jane had been—well, nearly good, for such a day, but it had been a strain, and now they were nearly at the quarreling stage.

"Let's play at meeting!" It was Anne's suggestion.

"If I can be Captain," Freddie and Jane said at once, while Bobby just marched over in front of the fire-place, where a log was doing its best to cheer everybody up, and announced: "Well, this is the platform, so I am the Captain."

"But let's pretend the Captain's on furlough," was Anne's happy thought. "I know! Let the soldiers do one of those surprise meetings when the one that's doing something has to call on somebody else for the next item."

"Well, you start then," Jane decided, "seeing nobody's going to be Captain."

"All right," Anne agreed. "Comrades and friends! We're so happy to see you here on a bad night like this, and we shall commence our meeting by singing, 'We want everybody to be happy.'"

They liked it so well that they sang the chorus four times. Then

Anne announced: "Now I shall call on Sister Elizabeth Jane to say a poem."

Sister Elizabeth Jane took elocution lessons, and loved to say poems. She stood on a chair and recited:

I'll be a Captain when I'm grown—
The Sunday pieces say;
And in the week go visiting
The mothers every day;
But, oh, I'll have to grow some,
For I am very small.

"That's the one you said at the annual," Freddie chimed in.

"Well, it's a nice poem, and she said it very well," Anne soothed her little sister. "Don't forget to call on someone, Jane."

"Oh, well, I call on Brother Frederick William to read a Scripture—'cos I know he can't read, anyway. So there, fault-finder," she shouted, not at all like an elocution girl would really use her voice.

"You can tell a Scripture story, Freddie, dear," said the big sister peacemaker.

Freddie fell off his chair, he was so eager to get to the "platform" for his turn.

"Daniel's my Scripture," he beamed; "he wasn't scared of lions or anything. He just shook his fist at the biggest one and he said: 'You

come any nearer me than you are now, old lion, an' I'll . . ."

"That isn't right, either," Jane interrupted.

"He's got the right idea, anyhow, Jane," said Anne. "Daniel was brave, all right. You did fine, Freddie."

Freddie was so pleased with himself that he had to be reminded to call on someone.

"I'm hungry now," he said. "Can I call on Brother Robert John to get the cookies, Anne?"

Anne laughed. "Why Freddie, you know people don't eat in meetings. But I know what we'll do—suppose Bobby takes up the collection, and we'll give cookies, then we can eat them when meeting's over. And shall we have another song all together while the offering is being taken? How about 'My cup's full and running over'?"

"Can't I call on anybody, even if I did only take up a collection?" Bobby pleaded.

"I think Brother John had better call on mamma to put her Army family to bed," a laughing voice called from the door.

"Oh, do let's call on mamma for the sermon," Anne cried.

"Well, what shall the sermon be about?" asked mamma.

"I know," Freddie shouted with glee; "all about the big bull that rushed out of a field and chased baby Moses, and his big sister Anne said: 'Boo, to you, old bull!' and he just ran back into the field again."

"Where, oh, where did you get that story from?" mamma asked.

"We had it in company meeting last Sunday," Freddie said.

"I'm very much afraid my little boy wasn't paying close attention to his company guard," mamma said quite sadly. "But suppose I tell you the real story—or shall I say, suppose Freddie listens this time to the real story of baby Moses in the bulrushes, and his watchful sister, Miriam."

"Do, do—oh, please do, mamma," they all shouted, for not even the company guard could tell a story so life-like as mamma could.

"And now you may eat the collection, my dears," she finished, which was a most unusual fate for an Army collection.

Writing to Jesus

Charlie was a little fellow whose mother was dead, and whose father had not worked very steadily in a long time, because he was sick. Sometimes they did not have enough to eat, and then Charlie would feel more sorry for his sick papa than for himself. He was a Sunday school boy and had been taught to pray. He decided that Jesus would help them out of their trouble if he asked Him, and he resolved to write



Blessings

Dear little reader,
When you are among
Playmates and friends
And are having such fun,
Do you feel thankful
That God up above
Guards you and keeps you
With tenderest love?

Gives you so richly
All things to enjoy,
Something to gladden
Each girl and each boy?
Clothing and shelter
And good things to eat,
Playmates and playthings,
And sometimes a treat?

Thank Him, dear children,
For He gives you all,—
Even your marbles,
Your sled and your doll.
All of your treasures
And all you hold dear
Jesus has given
For blessing and cheer.

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:20

Him a letter. So he took a pencil and wrote:

"Dear Jesus:—Papa is sick and lots of times we have no money to buy food and medicine that will make him well. Please send us a little very soon and when I get big I'll pay it back. Charlie Borden. 23 Rock St."

He addressed it "Lord Jesus in Heaven," and went to put it in the letter box. It was too high to reach, so he asked a gentleman standing near to drop it in for him, and went home feeling sure Jesus would help them in some way. As the gentleman took the letter he noticed the queer address, and finally opened and read it. The Good Shepherd put it into his heart to go and see Charlie and his papa, and through him sent the money Charlie had asked for to buy food and medicine. He became their friend and took care of them until Charlie's papa was well and able to work and send the boy to school.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken. —Johnson

It is never too late with us, so long as we are aware of our faults and bear them impatiently. —Jacobi

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(8th Installment)

It seemed to Virginia that she could not move, either to heat the water or to return through that dark dining room and down the long hall to—she drew in her breath sharply and clenched her hands in an effort to refrain from screaming, for a sudden picture had come to her mind of that hall mirror and the girl she had seen there. In the half-light she had a thought it was her own reflection. But now, in her fright she recalled the image clearly—a dark-haired girl with a white collar. And yesterday she had worn her blue crepe *without* its customary collar! She was shaking with fright and her impulse was to run, to run out of this house, anywhere, to get away from this unknown being who hid in closets, walked about at midnight and haunted the kitchen at four o'clock in the morning. But Kit was suffering and must be helped.

With shaking, clammy hands Virginia lit the lamp. The doors were all closed, the shades drawn, and there seemed nothing amiss in the kitchen. When the water was hot she decided to leave the lamp burning. If she had to make another trip out here tonight it would be much easier to come back to a lighted room.

When the hot-water bottle had been tucked against the aching limb, Kit drew a quavering breath of relief. Virginia held her close and sang softly the old song that had been a favorite in Kit's babyhood.

Sleep, baby, sleep!
The father guards his sheep;
Thy mother is shaking the dream-land tree,
And down falls a pretty dream for thee:
Sleep, baby, sleep.

Gradually the sobs ceased, the tense nerves relaxed, and Kit was asleep. Virginia lay quietly, fearful lest she rouse the child again. When she had come from the kitchen she had drawn the heavy bolt on the bedroom door, and the windows fastened with a catch that allowed an opening of only an inch or two. Surely, no one could enter this room. She thought of how trustfully Kit slept, and wished she might be a child again with no responsibilities to rest like lead on her heart. She recalled with homesick longing the home they had left a few hours ago, with its shady green lawn, its broad terrace, the living room with its deep comfortable chairs, its soft rugs and lovely curtains, the shelves of books, the grand piano by the west window where the best light fell. She thought of the sun deck

over the porch, where they would all gather on summer evenings, and like an overpowering breaker, a wave of yearning for her parents came over her. Kit was not the only one who wanted Mother and Dad.

She dared not cry lest she waken Kit, so she turned her face into her pillow and prayed.

"Dear God, take care of us all. We're so far apart and in trouble and we need Thee so much. Please make Kit and Dad well and bring us together again. And help me to be brave and able to do the things I have to do. Amen."

She knew it wasn't a well-phrased prayer. It sounded more like that of a primary child than an English teacher in a large school. But it banished the loneliness of that dark hour, and brought a sense of peace that enabled her to go to sleep.

CHAPTER VI

"Ginny, oh, Ginny, wake up! It's been morning for hours and I want to get up."

Virginia tore herself reluctantly from the hold of sleep and turned over to look at the clock on the dresser.

"It can't be!" she gasped. "That clock says nine o'clock. It must be wrong."

"No, it isn't. Your watch says the same and the clock in the dining room just struck. I've been listening to it for hours! It sounds awful—like the one in the book of poetry, saying, 'Forever, never, never, forever.' Don't you remember, Ginny? It's in the red Longfellow book in Dad's set of poets. It makes me think it's talking about him and Mother and saying they'll never get home."

"None of that foolish talk, Kitty. You promised. I'm sorry to be so late. Why didn't you wake me sooner? You're probably hungry."

"Hungry? Why. I'm like Kurt would say 'in the last stages of starvation.' But I didn't call you because I was ashamed for keeping you awake in the night."

"Why, that's all right, pussy! I didn't mind that."

"Well, you sure looked all done in when you brought the hot-water bottle. And that's what made me ashamed, 'cause the leg didn't hurt quite as much as you thought it did. It hurts lots, but my inside hurt most."

"Your inside? Were you sick?"

"Not really sick; just miserable. I won't tell what I thought about most, 'cause you reminded me that I promised. But I didn't promise not to talk about how different this place is from home. I liked it yesterday, and I think I'm going to

like it today. But last night it felt spooky. And it sounded spooky, and it even smelt spooky!"

"Sounds like a slight touch of homesickness instead of an infected leg, and I'm relieved. I guess I was pretty sleepy, when you called me, but I don't want you ever to keep still if you feel 'miserable' in the night."

Virginia unlocked the door, threw wide the window to let in the clean October air, and then they started for the kitchen, Kit's crutch making a rhythmic thump as she hurried down the hall.

"Don't I sound like a pegleg!" she giggled. "Pegleg Martin, that's me! Er—I mean T!"

The sun was shining, and through the frame of the diningroom window the maple tree by the door made a crimson and gold picture. With the brightness outside and the gay little girl inside, the atmosphere was so cheerful that Virginia began to wonder if the fear during the dark hours of the night was all a dream. But when she reached the kitchen her confidence received a shock, for in the old iron sink stood a cereal bowl with a spoon in it—a bowl that had not been washed. Virginia knew that she had not left such a bowl in that place. The sink had been left clean and empty last night when she finished the dishes. She went about the preparations for breakfast, not letting Kit see her concern. During the meal she joined in the child's merriment, and laughed and talked as if this were a pleasure jaunt rather than the sternly necessary undertaking it was.

But in the back of her mind was always the consciousness of that hot lamp chimney and the unwashed cereal dish. Furthermore, the bottle of milk that she had opened for Kit's bedtime glass had less in it than it should. Try as she would to keep her thoughts occupied, she caught herself listening for steps overhead, and as soon as she could do so without attracting Kit's attention she bolted the stair door. She wondered why Grandpa's father, when he built this house more than a hundred years ago, had put bolts on every door, inside and out. But whatever his reason, she was glad of it now.

When the telephone bell rang, both she and Kit were startled, for its shrill jangle was startlingly different from the telephones to which they were accustomed. For the moment she had forgotten that the telephone was to be connected today. But Steve Barrett's voice reassured her. He was inquiring about how they were and if they would like to have Aunt Molly Haley deliver milk and eggs as they needed them. It was a commonplace inquiry, from a commonplace country lawyer, but this morning he was a most welcome contact with a world that seemed too far from them.

"I promised your brother that I would help you whenever possible," he said, as if in apology for this early call. "But I won't know what you need unless you tell me. I hope you will feel free to do that at any time."

Virginia wondered what he would think if she told him that she was afraid to stay there, that the house was haunted. But she thanked him for his kindness and promised him she would call upon him whenever she needed help. As she turned from the phone, Kit said, "That was Mr. Barrett, wasn't it? He's not a very glamorous person, but it's nice to have somebody call, anyway, isn't it?"

"Yes, indeed. I'm glad for that old phone. And it's certainly kind of Mr. Barrett to be so thoughtful of us."

All morning as she went about her unfamiliar task in this unfamiliar atmosphere she puzzled over the events of the past night or looked forward with dread to the coming one. How could she go to bed and to sleep knowing that there might be—there surely was—somebody else in the house where she and Kit were supposed to be alone? She thought she knew how pioneer women felt when they had to barricade themselves and fight off Indians. A vincible Indian might not be so fearsome as this unknown being.

After noon, when the sun had warmed the air, she took Kit out on the porch. The house sheltered them from the wind and, snug in their jackets and scarves, they did not mind the slight chill. It was the first time Kit had had the opportunity to view the surrounding landscape, and she gazed on it with lively interest. Virginia saw several landmarks that were familiar to her and pointed them out to Kit.

"That white house on the hill beyond the creek is where Allie May's other grandpa used to live. Jim and I envied her because she had two grandpa's and we only one. And the bridge over the creek was our ship. We sailed all over the world on it."

"Like a fellow I read about on a merry-go-round. You paid your money and took your ride, and where's you been?" Kit laughed.

"Exactly, but it was lots of fun. The cupola on the barn here by the orchard was one of our favorite spots. It was our lookout when we played games."

"What games?"

"Pirate and Indian and Civil War and lots of things. Once we were Perry's crew finding the North Pole."

"Who's 'we'?"

"You know. Jim and I and Allie May?"

"Oh, why was I born so late? All the fun was used up when I got here. Even Kurt used to visit here when he was a baby."

(To be continued)

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Costa Rica

Brother and Sister Walter Pastre report an encouraging response to their house visitation and preaching ministry in Costa Rica. Since October they have ministered in numerous towns and places surrounding the capital city of San Jose where they have their residence. Most of these places are 10 to 15 miles from San Jose and the farthest is 80 miles away. Let us thank God for conversions and fellowships of believers in these places and pray for His continued blessing upon the work of the Pastres in this Central American country.

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General South America News

The American Bible Society reports that circulation of the Bible in Latin America has increased during the last 10 years from over one million copies to more than four million copies. ABS has provided more than 70 per cent of these additional texts. An indication of the spiritual awakening behind this wider circulation may well be seen in the growth of Christian churches. Latin American churches have grown more rapidly during the past 10 years than in any other comparable area in the world.

Brethren B. J. Braun and J. B. Toews were scheduled to arrive back in the States on February 6 from their six-week assignment and ministry in South America. They arrived in Brazil on January 16 after their work in Paraguay, Uruguay and Argentina. Their last week in Brazil was spent at the South American District Conference at Guarituba, Brazil.

A paper by Brother J. A. Loewen has been accepted for publication by the Institute of Ethnology which is part of the ministry of education of the Colombian government in Bogoto. Brother Loewen of our Colombia missionary staff is currently on the staff of Tabor College. Written in Spanish, the paper defines nine or 10 speech areas of the Choco language family and is the first attempt to define and classify these speech areas. The paper grows out of Brother Loewen's linguistic work in Colombia and Panama.

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Paraguay

Among the Chulupie Indians near Filadelfia, Paraguay, it was necessary to tear down the old church building and to rebuild a larger structure because of the increasing attendance. Also the work in Neuland Colony among the Chulupie Indians is growing so that at present a church building is under construction in which the Indians are taking an active part. These houses of worship represent a new experience for the Indians who through all the

centuries have never conducted any religious services within a building. May the Lord through the Holy Spirit especially visit them so that many may come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

It is encouraging to see the Mennonite Brethren Churches among the Indians reach out into various areas and locations of the Paraguayan Chaco. Special thanksgiving is due unto the Lord that at the following places regular churches are in operation: Yalwe-Sange with a membership of more than 100; Languna Ipuna with a membership of around 75; Kayin. Aklim with a membership of more than 20; and Filadelfia with a membership of around 30. In addition to these baptized believers, there are more than 200 believers who have not yet been baptized. Another church is in the large capital city of Asuncion, where the work is done mainly among Paraguayans. The congregation at that place has nearly 20 members, and the outreach has great possibilities under the Lord's blessing. May the Lord continue to bless this Gospel outreach in the land of Paraguay among the Indians and among the Paraguayans. A special point of interest is also that the workers in Paraguay, which number around 20, have been drawn from the Paraguayan Mennonite churches. At present there are only three or four missionaries from North America, while the rest are taken from the ranks of the Mennonite churches in Paraguay as well as Paraguayan believers.

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Brazil

The Bible Institute for Brazil which has been planned for the Curitiba area for some time is slowly coming to realization. The Lord willing, the school will open in September of this year. By that time some of the workers who are now in language study will be ready to take up work on the staff of the Bible school. Before September it will be necessary to construct additional buildings for dormitory facilities. This program is in need of much prayer as well as material support to make the construction of these facilities possible. Although the success of a Bible school program resides in its spiritual instruction and in the devotion and soundness of its instructional program, it is nevertheless necessary to have buildings in which to carry on the program.

Special thanksgiving is also due the Lord for the relocation of some of the Christians from the Curitiba congregation to Sao Mateus. In this little city they are a good witness, and Gospel services have been conducted there for some time now with the help of our workers at Curitiba. The missionaries recommend that the mission buy, or assist the little local group to buy a lot with two houses which can be had at a reasonable price and

which would serve to locate a native worker at this place as well as furnish quarters for church services.

Although the extension work by our workers at Curitiba is primarily among the Brazilian people, they also encounter or have opportunity to conduct Gospel services among the Indians in Parana state in the area of Palmas. Brother and Sister Peter Huebert, who are now in language and Bible school at Jacutinga, have a large share in promoting the extension work in the interior of Parana. The extension work as a whole is in need of earnest intercession, and the work among the Indians also needs our prayers, for apparently very little or no work is done to bring them the Gospel message. These Indians can be reached in the Portuguese language. At a number of these outposts where people have come to faith in Jesus Christ, a good share of the work now consists of teaching them the Scriptures according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." It is hoped that a number of these people will be ready for baptism so that small congregations can be started at these various places where there are now small groups of believers. This extension work is also in need of a number of modest dwellings where native workers can be stationed and where services can be held in the absence of any church buildings.

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India

A recent letter from India states that village churches have been constructed at Narayanpet and on the Mahbubnagar field. As previously reported, the plan is that the national believers furnish the ground and build the walls of the new village church. Upon the completion of the walls the mission then grants such a village church the price of a roof, which is \$175. Roofs are still needed on the Wanaparthy, Gadwal, and Nagarkurnool fields. Contributions to cover these roofs are highly appreciated.

Brother and Sister Paul Hiebert and family (Minneapolis, Minn.) sailed from New York on January 25 as planned, but on another ship. The departure of the ship on which they were scheduled to sail was delayed by two weeks. In a final letter from New York, the Hieberts extend their greetings to the churches as they leave for India and ask us to remember them in prayer.

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Belgian Congo

Mission work includes varied experiences and problems. From Panzi, Belgian Congo, Brother Henry Derksen (Boissevain, Man.) writes that six houses on the compound, which were new this fall, burned when one of the boys tried to fight ants with fire. Brother Arnold Priebe (Inman, Kans.) writes that

the mission's large diesel truck loaded with six tons of supplies for the Kajiji hospital went down into the river when the platform on which it was being ferried across the river gave way. The truck and load have since been pulled out of the water. Fortunately, both were insured, and it appeared there would be a satisfactory settlement. Another matter becoming more acute is the black-white or workman relationship. Commented Brother Henry Brucks (Yarrow, B.C.): "In these days it takes much grace to maintain a balance and to let the peace of God reign."

The Belgian Congo field administrative committee met at Matende January 7 and 8. Present were the Brethren William G. Baerg (Morden, Man.), Henry Brucks (Yarrow, B.C.), Henry D. Derksen (Boissevain, Man.), Ernest Dyck (Abbotsford, B.C.), Irvin L. Friesen (Dinuba, Calif.) and Clyde A. Shannon (Mountain Lake, N.D.). Considerations included: construction of a hospital unit at Kafumba, representation of missionaries and native church at the forthcoming meeting of Congo Protestant Council, furloughs of missionaries, staffing of stations, and scheduling of the annual missionary conference from May 7 through June 1.

Eighty Congolese delegates were to be invited to Brussels for round-table talks beginning January 18 to discuss relations between Belgium and the Belgian Congo, according to the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

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Europe

Brother and Sister Wolfgang Rueschhoff, now serving in Steyr, Austria, were to be ordained at Neuwied, Germany, January 10. The morning service was devoted to missions and a centennial emphasis and the afternoon meeting was devoted to the ordination.

Further repair work on our church building in Neuwied, Germany, was to be undertaken on January 6. With the assistance of several Paxmen for several weeks, the high ceiling was to be lowered to make heating easier.

A copy of our new conference magazine in Japan has come to the Board of Foreign Missions Office. The American reader begins with the last page where the Japanese would find the front page which in this issue carries an evangelistic message. Other features of the paper include articles on victory, Bible studies, news from the churches, articles on the Bible school, radio work and Kuwana work camp, and the introduction of a new book.

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to C.M.R.C. Annual Meeting,
February 20.

The annual meeting of Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee is to be held in the Steinbach EMC Church on February 20, 1960, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This is your cordial invitation to attend.

The morning session will be mainly devoted to the business of the committee. Various reports will be given by the chairman, the vice-chairman, and the secretary, as well as by Brother Harvey Taves, Director of MCC in Canada.

The highlight of the afternoon session will be the address by Brother Robert Miller, son of Orie Miller, Akron, Pa., USA, who is now director of the Foreign Relief and Services program of MCC. Brother Miller will be telling of the work of MCC in the past in the foreign field, as well as what is being planned for this year. There will also be reports by MCC workers in the foreign field, Ann Driedger, who was Pax matron in Germany, and Earl Schmidt, Pax worker in Europe and Nepal, will report.

Another important project that your committee has undertaken for this year is the surplus pork program. Brother Enns will give us a full report at the annual meeting on this program. This, tied together with World Refugee Year and doing something concrete for the permanent refugee, should provide the main emphasis for our program in 1960.

Our annual meeting has always been an open meeting and we would like to see as many people as possible attend. Those of you who have charge of churches, please make the announcement from your pulpit and through your bulletins. Although we have no elected delegates to the meeting, if it brings more people out, then by all means elect your delegates at home. Our main concern is to get as many people to attend as possible. Provision will be made for the noon meal to be served in the basement of the church.

Christian greetings with I Cor. 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

PROGRAM

for the Annual Meeting of Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee to be held in the Steinbach E.M.C. church on February 20, 1960, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Theme: "The Love of Christ Meets the Needs of the World."

Morning Session

1. Welcome by local pastor, Archie Penner
2. Reply to address of welcome by the chairman
3. Appointment of
 - a) Resolutions and Press Committee
 - b) Assistant Recording Secretary

4. Condensed minutes of 1959 annual meeting
 5. Music
 6. Chairman's Report — G. S. Rempel
 7. Financial Report — T. E. Friesen
 8. Program Report: Surplus Pork — W. M. Enns
 9. 1960 Budget and Plans — T. E. Friesen
 10. Committee Report — G. S. Fast
 11. Music
 12. MCC Annual Meeting report — Harvey Taves
 13. General question period
 14. Announcements
 15. Close of morning session
- During intermission dinner will be served in the church basement.

Afternoon Session

Time: 1:15 p.m.

1. Opening devotions — Rev. H. G. Rempel, Steinbach
2. Music
3. Introduction of guest speaker, Robert Miller — Wm. M. Enns
4. Address by Robert Miller, Associate Director, Foreign Relief and Services, MCC Akron, Pennsylvania, USA
5. Congregational Singing
6. Reports by MCC workers:
 - a) Anne Driedger, Steinbach (Pax, Germany)
 - b) Earl Schmidt, Altona (Pax,

- Europe, Nepal)
7. Question and discussion period
8. Greetings from Mennonite Central Relief Committee
9. New Business
10. Resolutions and Press Release
11. 1961 Annual Meeting invitation
12. Music
13. Closing — Rev. J. M. Pauls

WEDDINGS

Neufeld—Wiens

Miss Margaret Wiens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Wiens, Arnold, B.C., and Mr. Edward Neufeld, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Neufeld, were married in the Arnold M. B. church on Saturday, February 6, 1960. Rev. George Konrad officiated, assisted by Rev. G. Ratzlaff. The bride graduated from a Vancouver Nursing school this January. The groom is completing his medical training.

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Congo Nurse Enjoys Visit in Manitoba

By Mrs. Dave Durksen

Robert Browning loved his England in April, Lowell spoke of a rare day in June, Milton sang of a May morning. But where, oh where, is the poet who would wax eloquent over Manitoba's January? Where indeed!?

Yet, it was right here in the midst of a Manitoba January that Arlene Gerdes, a young missionary nurse recently returned from Africa's Congo jungles, found a warm, friendly welcome in the hearts and homes of her sister nurses in Winnipeg.

It all began several months ago when Rev. J. B. Toews, deputation secretary of the M. B. Foreign Mission Board, visited our city. Rev. Toews, having visited various foreign mission fields, felt that our missionaries at home on furlough (particularly our single lady missionaries) needed an extra-special treat during their year in the homeland. Several venturesome ideas were being bandied about in his mind, but in order to materialize into something tangible the co-operation and support of our Winnipeg nurses was needed. Hence a meeting was called.

As a result of this meeting the first chapter of the M. B. Missionary Nurses' Fellowship was organized. Serving as president is Miss Lydia Wiebe, R.N., of Winnipeg. The purpose of this group is twofold. First of all it is hoped that the people at home might become more personally acquainted with the missionaries. We seem at times, justly or unjustly, to get the impression that missionaries are a race apart. They appear so remote and far away behind the pulpit, as they do their deputation work, that we sometimes forget to see them as people at all. Surely they have the deep need of open homes and understanding friends as much as anyone else. In fact, there are probably times when more than anything else, they would like to be treated as plain, ordinary human beings. That is what the nurses wished to accomplish.

Above all, it was stressed that while a missionary was a guest here she would accept no speaking engagements anywhere. It was to be a complete rest from any form of deputation work.

Secondly the MBMNF expects that this closer contact of nursing missionaries abroad with people of the same profession at home, will help them to share and better understand the needs and problems peculiar to their profession.

Thus it was that, one frosty January morning, Arlene Gerdes, whose home is in Mountain Lake, Minnesota, had her first glimpse of our Manitoba capital as the train steamed to a stop at the terminal. The trip, so far, had been without

incident, that is, almost. One little occurrence at the border town of Emerson had threatened to upset her equilibrium temporarily. When the passengers were requested to open their baggage for custom inspection, Arlene obediently opened up her travelling case, only to find, to her utter dismay, that it contained a goodly array of white shirts, ties and socks such as are not usually worn by young ladies. Slowly the truth dawned on her—she had obviously picked up the wrong suitcase somewhere! Hastily she examined the outside of the case. It was identical to hers except for one little item—it bore a nameplate which plainly displayed the name of a gentleman totally unknown to her. If you think Arlene was embarrassed, picture if you will, a certain gentleman opening what he thought to be his travelling bag and displaying to an amused customs officer the unmistakable belongings of a young lady! Well—the suitcases were returned to their rightful owners in due time and all was serenity again. After all, missionaries do have more important and weighty matters on their minds than insignificant little things like nameplates on suitcases! Besides the gentleman in question proved himself to be no gentleman at all when he sent word to Arlene, by means of a customs officer, that he was "simply furious!"

The rest of Arlene's week met with better success. After a good night's rest she visited the Mennonite Brethren Bible College on Friday morning and spent the day with nurses who are attending classes there. In the evening, a reception in her honor was held at the home of Mrs. Margaret Derksen. Here she met some 35 or so of Winnipeg's M. B. nurses and had the opportunity of acquainting them with her work. She was presented with a corsage and a gift of money.

Saturday evening a group of nurses took their guest out to dinner, after which they attended one of the finest musical concerts Winnipeg audiences had the pleasure of hearing this winter—the Vienna Academy Choir. It was a most enjoyable evening and Arlene expressed her delight in the fine singing.

Miss Gerdes, who was staying at the home of Mrs. Olive Siemens, accompanied the Siemens' family to worship service at the Fort Rouge M. B. church on Sunday morning. The afternoon was spent at the home of another nurse—Mrs. Lois Peters.

Monday turned out to be "meet-the-missionaries" day. Arlene lunched with Miss Anne Ediger (missionary to India) at the home of Mrs. Sarah Neufeld. Later in the day she visited the Ben Klassens (home on

furlough from Africa), and together with them she dropped in to see Dr. Ferdinand and Ruthie Pauls who are preparing to go out to Africa in the near future.

The next day, Tuesday, caused a bit of a flurry. The faculty members at the M.B.B.C. asked Arlene to speak at their morning chapel service. She was not to have any speaking engagements! Would this be a violation of the fellowship? What to do? The Nurses' Executive hurriedly called an emergency meeting (over the telephone) and decided that if the young lady was willing she would be permitted to do as she chose. It turned out that the young lady was most willing, and thoroughly enjoyed the chapel service with the students.

Tuesday afternoon was spent at Concordia Hospital where Arlene was permitted to observe such things as interested her, and on Wednesday she was the guest of Miss Lydia Wiebe.

The Winnipeg Symphony, quite unaware of Arlene's visit, obligingly scheduled one of the season's concerts for Thursday, January 28, and Mrs. Florence Dyck was hostess to Arlene for the concert.

Friday evening, a little family get-together at the Siemen's home, saw a host of little white youngsters staring wide-eyed from the living room floor at a host of little black youngsters on a screen, while Arlene told the children of her work in Africa.

After a bit of shopping on Saturday afternoon, Arlene left by train for Minneapolis that evening. She was enthusiastic in her support of the nurses' new venture. The visit had been an enjoyable one for all concerned.

It is the heart-felt desire of the nurses of the M.B.M.N.F. that these "little holidays" will show, in some small measure, their appreciation and kind regard for their nursing sisters at work abroad.

In Luke 10:33-34 we read in part: "And when he saw him, he had compassion on him, and went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. . ."

Let us thank God for these missionary nurses who, when they saw the need of helpless millions, went to them, and are bringing them the "oil" to bind their broken bodies, and proclaiming the "wine," the precious blood of Jesus Christ, to heal their wounded souls. Let us pray for them while they labor in the harvest fields for the Master, and let us always welcome them into our hearts and homes when they return again to our shores.

A Chalk-Talk Service

Foam Lake, Sask. — Something new entered our church recently when chalk-talk Evangelist Peter Penner of Winnipegosis visited Foam Lake. The service opened with the reading of Matth. 6:24-34. Brother Penner had as his theme,

"How Big Is Our God?" Do we really believe in God? Do we trust Him for all things? Are we working for Him or for self?

Then he drew a picture in chalk while the tape-recorder played suitable music and songs. All eyes watched attentively as the picture took shape. It was done in many colors and showed a country scene of trees, snow, fences, house and a pair of birds in the foreground. Different colored lights were played upon the finished picture as the brother talked, making it very lovely. He told of his first call to preach the gospel and the resulting near starvation for three days when his funds ran out and his faith in God nearly vanished. He finished the last bit of bread he had and tossed the crumbs out the window and soon some sparrows came and picked them up. This reminded him of the above text and he picked up his Bible and looked for the text. In doing so he found three \$10.00 bills in the Bible. He still doesn't know how they got there, but his faith in God has increased since then as he trusts Him for all things. The God of the Old Testament is a great God. Noah believed in a powerful God. Do we limit God by our weak faith? The God of the Israelites opened a way through the Red Sea and supplied their needs in the wilderness. Do we trust Him to supply our every need? If we believe in a God who can raise dead bodies, we must believe He can supply our needs now, instead of continually doubting.

The brother stated that he worshipped a Great God, One Who protects supernaturally and Who satisfies completely. Our life here is like a journey by sea, and we need a pilot, Jesus, the Son of our Great God. We must turn everything over to God, if we really want a purpose in life.

He drew another picture of ships on the sea, of rocks, of shipwreck. Many people are destroyed, many fear the future by not trusting the pilot to guide them. We are in one ship or the other, controlled by God or Satan. Let us give God the wheel and He will guide us through life's journey to safety.

He ended with a challenge to Christians to give God complete control of their lives and to trust Him. He is a Great God, in Whom we can trust completely.

Brother Penner also spoke in the Foam Lake Composite School the next morning, telling the story of creation and drawing a suitable picture. May God's blessing go with this young man as he uses his talents in the Lord's service.

Mrs. A. Dell

The best fruit is for him who climbs rather than for him who shakes the tree.

One evidence of the value of the Bible is the character of those who oppose it.

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

Canadian Mennonite Bible College

Winnipeg, Man. — Our winter term is moving forward very rapidly with students and faculty back at classes and the various other activities and duties.

We were privileged to have Rev. J. T. Friesen, pastor of the First Church, Bluffton, Ohio, as the guest speaker at our annual Bible Week, held on Feb. 3-5. He gave us a series of lectures on the "Ten Commandments." We, as students, experienced great spiritual blessings as these commandments of God were presented to us in a new and wider dimension as they relate to the Christian life.

Our instructors have again had very heavy schedules outside of the regular classes. Mr. W. Janzen spent a week in Alberta, speaking to Mennonite churches there. Rev. D. Schroeder was in Chicago for two weekends, attending several meetings there. We are expecting Mr. George Wiebe, who was absent for a time to further his studies in music, to return to College very soon. He will again be taking up his duties here as an instructor in music.

Our annual Yearbook Selling Contest came to a close with the boys proving to be the better salesmen this year. As a result the girls sponsored a "Tally-ho!" for them on January 29. This old-fashioned sleighride provided everyone with plenty of fresh air and exercise, for it is rather difficult to remain on a sleigh with no sides, when there are a dozen and a half other students with you, eager to see you tumble in the snow.

Sixteen students are at present taking the course in "First Aid to the Injured" given by the St. Johns Ambulance Association. This course, which is a new extra-curricular venture since Christmas, is taught by Mr. Ken MacMullan, a part-time instructor for the Association.

The moving drama, "The Return of Chandra," sponsored by the literary society, has been presented at six different communities during the weekends since Christmas. The cast, directors, and all those associated with the drama have felt that its great message of Christian living and its relation to the world has been an inspiration to the receptive audiences it was presented to. We hope to give the final presentations of this drama at the College auditorium on February 13 and 14. Our prayer is that it may continue to be a blessing to those who hear it.

M. Klassen

Bethel College

Newton, Kans. — Bethel College faculty members heard summaries

of three recent doctoral dissertations by fellow staff members at a faculty club meeting held January 29.

Dr. J. W. Nickel in his report on "An Analytical Approach to Mennonite Ethics" traced and analyzed the development of concepts of right and wrong among the Mennonites. He was awarded the Ph.D. degree at Iliff Theological seminary in Denver last summer.

Dr. Rupert Hohmann received his Doctor of Philosophy in Music Literature and History at North-Western University in Chicago last August. The title of his dissertation was "The Music of the Old Order Amish Mennonite Church of the United States," wherein he traces the development of over fifty of the tunes used by the Amish in their church worship.

Prof. Vernon Neufeld has completed his dissertation but must finish other requirements for his degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. His dissertation is entitled "The Primitive Christian Homologia According to the New Testament." The study delves into the origins of the Christian Confession.

Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Elkhart, Indiana. — Twelve new students—including three full-time and nine part-time—have enrolled for second semester classes at the Seminary, beginning Feb. 1. This brings the total enrollment to 55, of whom 41 are full-time students.

Three of the new students are missionaries home on furlough from General Conference missions overseas. They are Peter Derksen from Japan, Henry Dueck from Paraguay, and Hugh Sprunger from Formosa. The nine new part-time students include six wives of students, two local ministers, and one Elkhart resident.

President Erland Waltner was the speaker at two Illinois churches on Sunday, January 31: morning service at Calvary church, Washington, and evening service at the Normal church, Bloomington.

Pacific Bible Institute

Fresno, Calif. — Rev. N. A. Wiens, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church in Kalamazoo, Mich., was the speaker at the annual Bible conference of the Pacific Bible Institute and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary beginning Sunday, January 31, and continuing through Friday, February 5.

The speaker has carried on a radio ministry for the past 17 years and has a daily broadcast called "Showers of Blessing." Along with his pastoral activities, Rev. Wiens is vice-chairman of the Board of Baptist Seminary in Grand Rapids, Mich.

This mid-year Bible Conference, which is open to the public, has been an annual affair at the

schools since they were founded. Services were held in the mornings at the Butler Avenue Mennonite Brethren church, at Butler and Winery Avenues, and in the evenings at the Bethany Mennonite Brethren church, Orchard at Olive Streets.

Grace Bible Institute

Omaha, Nebr. — The Alumni office recently reported 373 graduates and 183 former students now in full-time Christian service. These figures indicate that one-third of our total Alumni are now in home (which includes pastors) and foreign mission service.

Orlando Wiebe, instructor and pastor at Grace Bible Institute, is appointed as a member of the Congo Inland Mission delegation to the Congo. The group will leave January 29, spending a day in Ghana, the in Leopoldville for a few days and three weeks on Congo Inland Mission stations. The purpose for the delegation's visit to the Congo is to assist missionaries in planning an over-all missionary strategy for the next five years and to give young missionary churches assistance organizationally and faith-wise in the light of rapid change and political evolution.

The Faculty Research Committee will continue their discussions the second semester. The following topics will be considered: February 16, "A Harmony of Bible and Science Relation to the Early Chronology of the Earth"; March 20, "A Survey of the History and Development of Methods in Evangelism with special emphasis on Invitations, Altar Calls and Decisions"; May 3, "Our Curriculum in the Light of Missionary Requirements and Needs as Viewed by Mission Boards."

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

J. H. Quiring Appointed to Board

The Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Canadian Area Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church has appointed Rev. J. H. Quiring of Winkler to fill a vacancy in the College Board. The vacancy was created when Herman Dick, formerly chairman of the board, resigned to move to San Jose, Calif. According to the constitution of the Canadian Conference, such vacancies are filled by appointments made by the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Rev. Quiring will serve as chairman of the Board until the regular elections at the July sessions of the Conference.

A former Bible College teacher, Mr. Quiring is presently serving as pastor of the Winkler Mennonite Brethren Church. He is also instructor at the Winkler Bible School. For several years he served as the Canadian representative on the Tabor College Board.

Faculty Presents Special Program

The College student body and friends of the College were guests at a special program sponsored by the faculty on January 30. Featured on the program were several brief talks by members of the faculty. Rev. J. J. Toews related his conversion and F. C. Peters told of his call to and experiences in the ministry. President J. A. Toews gave the group an insight into the affairs of the World Conference of Mennonites and Rev. Cornelius Wall discussed Youth Conferences in Europe. Of special interest was the faculty chorus which rendered two numbers. Mr. Victor Martens sang several solos.

Student Arrives from Argentina

Second semester enrollment brought a student to the College from Peru, South America. Jacob Funk, formerly of Niverville, Man., has served two years with the Mennonite Central Committee in Paraguay where he was engaged in the road building project in the Chaco. Later he transferred to the Le Tourneau project in Peru.

Mr. Funk has spent two years at the Evangelical Bible College in Bragado, a training school for Argentine nationals conducted in Spanish by the Old Mennonite Conference. He hopes to return to South America for further service after spending a semester at the College.

Missionaries to Participate in Institute

Several missionaries studying at the College will participate in the Institute for Missionaries to be held at Hillsboro, Kans. Leaving for Hillsboro will be Miss Mary Toews, Miss Sally Schroeder, Miss Viola Janz, Rev. Ben Klassen and Dr. Ferdinand Pauls. The Institute, sponsored by the Board of Foreign Missions, offers the workers an opportunity to share experiences and give them a larger vision for the work done in the various fields.

All Districts Represented At Preachers' Course

The Annual Preachers' Course began Monday, February 8, with ministers present from all the Districts of the Canadian Area Conference. The sessions began with more than thirty ministers present. It is expected that more will arrive on the second day. The course is open to ministers of all denominations and features lectures in English and German. It ends with the annual missionary conference, February 18-21.

Half a Million Flu Victims in Los Angeles

Los Angeles health authorities reported that one-half million of the city's residents were victims of the Asian flu. While the illness wasn't particularly serious, it caused many thousands to stay away from their jobs or miss school.

Annual Missionary Conference

of the

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

We would like to extend a cordial invitation to all our friends to attend our Annual Missionary Conference which is scheduled for February 18-21. Dr. J. A. Loewen, Professor of Modern Languages at Tabor College, and former missionary to Colombia, and Rev. A. J. Neufeld, who has returned from missionary work in Austria, will serve as the main speakers for the occasion. A number of missionaries from the home and foreign mission fields will assist in these services with reports and messages.

There will also be special meetings for the children.

Kindly take note of the time and place of these services.

There will be three services daily on **Thursday** and **Friday**: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m.

Two services are planned for **Saturday**: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

There will also be two services on **Sunday**: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

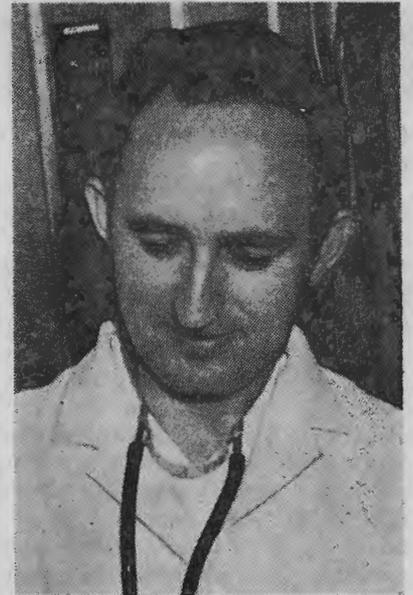
All services will be held in the College Auditorium, except the final service Sunday night, which will be held in the South End M. B. church.

May it please the Lord to enlarge our vision and deepen our interest in the great course of Christian missions.

J. A. Toews, President.

Canada Assumes Responsibility in Hong Kong

The British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada has assumed responsibility for the Hong Kong Bible House along with the British and Foreign Bible Society, London, England, the National Bible Society of Scotland and the American Bible Society. The Hong Kong Bible House produces over 500,000 Scriptures annually and is responsible for supplying Scriptures for the 20 million Chinese outside mainland China. This additional responsibility is part of the general Bible Society program whereby Canada will assume a larger role in the world-wide enterprise of providing Scriptures in the languages and quantities required by the non-Roman Catholic missionaries and churches of the world.



Dr. Ivan Magal, Mennonite Church minister broadcasts in Russian and is editor of a Russian paper. See report "Mennonites Launch Russian Broadcast," page 5-1.

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On the Horizon

February 8-17. — Annual Minister's Course at the M. B. Bible College.

February 10-17. — Second M. B. Missionary Institute for missionaries to be held in the Tabor College building, Hillsboro, Kans.

February 8-19. — Annual Ministers' Course at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg, Man.

February 13 and 14. — The drama, "The Return of Chandra," will be presented in the Canadian Mennonite Bible College auditorium.

February 14. — Dedication service of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute auditorium-gymnasium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg, 3:00 p.m.

February 17-23. — Semi-annual meeting of the M. B. Board of Foreign Missions to be held in Hillsboro, Kans.

February 18-21. Annual Missionary Conference at the M. B. Bible College.

February 20. — Conquest Youth Rally is to be held in the Vancouver M. B. church on Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

February 20. — Annual meeting of the Canadian Mennonite Relief Committee in the Evangelical Mennonite church, Steinbach, Man., at 10:00 a.m.

February 21. — Ordination of the missionaries Frank Peters of Winnipegosis in the Elmwood M. B. church.

February 28. — Dedication of the Gospel Light studio at 2:30 p.m. in the Elmwood M. B. church.

March 25-27. — Annual Mennonite youth conference at Swift Current, Sask.

March 27-April 3. — Evangelistic services in the South End M. B. church, corner of William and Juno, Winnipeg. Rev. J. J. Toews will conduct the meetings.

April 22-24. — Canadian M. B. Sunday School Convention in Winnipeg.

May 22. — Centennial services of the Manitoba M. B. churches to be held in the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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