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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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Board of General Welfare Meets



Attending sessions of the annual meeting of the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations were the above brethren (left to right): Albert Loewen and George L. Klassen, representatives of the K. M. B. Peace and Welfare Committee; Louis Goertz, interim alternate for Clarence Hiebert; B. C. Schellenberg, member; A. A. Wiens, member; Raymond C. Schlichting, member; O. B. Reimer, member; Waldo D. Hiebert, chairman; C. A. DeFehr, treasurer for Canada; C. J. Rempel, vice-chairman; M. A. Kroeker, secretary-treasurer; Marion W. Kliever, employee.

Members of the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations meeting in Hillsboro February 21, 22 and 23 for their annual session took the following actions:

Acknowledged the blessings of God upon the work in South America and the work of relief and service during the past year.

Welcomed representatives of the K.M.B. Peace and Welfare Committee meeting with them in preparation for the merger of K.M.B. and M. B. relief, peace and service interests.

Received reports on the following fields of service during the past year: South American Mennonite Brethren Churches and Conference, conference 1-W services, services to our men in government service and to our conference representatives in MCC service, MCC relief and foreign services, MCC peace section, MCC 1-W and Voluntary service, Mennonite Mental Health Services, Kings View Hospital, Prairie View Hospital, Mennonite Disaster Service and Civil Defense, information to the constituency, Peace Sunday observance, services by the Board office, Pacific District Welfare Committee.

Acknowledged with gratitude to the Lord and to the churches that it was possible to meet all financial commitments of the past conference year.

Heard a report on pressing needs of our churches and conference in South America from Brother G. W. Peters who ministered in South

America during the past summer.

Met in joint session with Board of Reference and Counsel and Board of Foreign Missions to hear report of Brethren B. J. Braun and J. B. Toews and to discuss mutual

concerns for work in South America.

Made plans to assist our churches in South America during the coming year via the Bible schools, aid to ministers and students, relief to needy families and other ways.

Revised several policies and procedures for services to South America.

Met with Brethren H. W. Dueck and Frank Peters, worker appointees to South America, discussed assignments with them and wished them God's blessing in a brief service of prayer and farewell.

Discussed the appointment of other workers requested by the South American churches.

Received a report on the El Ombu land purchase in Uruguay indicating that our El Ombu church has been able to repay a large amount of a loan from our General Conference Board of Trustees for this purpose and that our brethren and

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Rev. and Mrs. Frank Peters left for South America



Brother and Sister Frank Peters and daughters Martha Agnes (centre) 3, Louise Elizabeth (left) and Lydia Catherine (right), both 1½.

Board of General Welfare Brother and Sister Frank Peters have responded to a call for service to the Mennonite Brethren churches in South America under the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium). The Peters family was scheduled to fly from Miami on February 27. Enroute from Winnipeg to Miami, they stopped in Hillsboro to fellowship with members of the Board of General Welfare meeting there February 21 to 23 and

also to spend some time with the staff preparing for their assignment.

Brother and Sister Peters' destination is Montevideo, Uruguay, where for the present they will be in charge of our Mennonite Brethren Church center and from where they will minister to and serve the various groups of Mennonite Brethren Church members in Uruguay. They will continue the work of

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A "Thank You" from Neuwied

Neuwied, Germany. — "We thank our God upon remembrance of you, always in every prayer of ours for you making request with joy, for your fellowship in the Gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1: 3-5).

These verses express our inward feeling toward you, our dear prayer-partners. Your lovely and assuring letters, beautiful greeting cards, good wishes and gifts, received during the Christmas season were a special reminder of your faithfulness, and have stirred within us a new spirit of gratitude toward our heavenly Father and you. It has made us more aware that we are your mouthpiece for God in Europe. We thank you most heartily for every prayer, greeting and gift received. The long delay in our response to your tokens of love is an imposed experience, not an ungrateful attitude toward your kindness. Work and more work, spiritual and physical, has occupied our entire time for the last months. Forgive our delay.

Christmas brought a number of American students, visitors and friends here for the holidays. Some left after Christmas and others came in for the New Year weekend. Altogether it was a happy family gathering, although none were related, except two cousins. It was a time of services, programs, visitations and work. On January 10 we observed the centenary, combined with a missionary rally. For the afternoon the ordination of Wolfgang Rueschhoff, our missionary in Austria, took place. Rev. and Mrs. G. H. Jantzen, Neustadt, assisted in the services.

During the annual Bible Week four Pax boys arrived to witness for Christ through hand, heart and mouth by remodeling and redecorating our large still unused sanctuary. It is a large dome-shaped hall, 50'x36', and about 20' high in the centre, with a corrugated-iron roof lined with plaster plates underneath. In front, clear across, is a stage, 3' high and 12' deep. The baptistry is located in the back-centre stage. The task was to build a second ceiling 12' from the floor, redo all the walls and construct

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EDITORIAL

M.B. Study Commission Considers Liberal Arts College

The Education Committee of the M. B. Conference, with certain invited brethren, conducted a study conference at the M. B. Bible College on February 12, 13 and 14 on the question of the need for, and the possible implementation of, a private liberal arts college. This was in accordance with the wishes expressed at the annual conference last July.

Participating in the study commission were J. J. Toews, chairman, A. Schellenberg, secretary, J. A. Toews, F. C. Peters, C. C. Warkentin, all from Manitoba, H. H. Voth from Ontario, J. J. Thiessen, G. Dyck from Saskatchewan, P. Bargaen, A. Neumann, from Alberta, and Wm. Neufeld and W. A. Wiebe, from British Columbia.

The conference heard and discussed seven papers on various aspects of the subject of a private liberal arts college. The members of the study commission felt that first of all the need for such a college would have to be ascertained. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that such a need exists. In view of the increasing number of our young people who are interested in education beyond the high school level, and the fact that no evangelical liberal arts college exists in Canada, it is time that we erect such a college, where our young people can receive a sound liberal arts education in a Christian frame of reference and under the inspiration of our own leading men.

The conference then heard a paper from Dr. F. C. Peters on the topic, *A Brief Survey of Canadian Higher Education*. The survey traced the development of institutions of higher learning in English-speaking Canada. Dr. Peters concluded his paper with the reminder that any thought of the erection of an M. B. liberal arts college would have to consider possibilities of affiliation. One of three ways would have to be adopted: obtaining a charter, acquiring affiliation with another university, or operating without charter or affiliation. Obtaining a charter would hardly be possible for a private college. Operating without a charter or affiliation would not be very satisfactory. The study commission asked Dr. Peters to get in touch with the appropriate Canadian universities to find out about possible affiliation.

What are the objectives of a liberal arts education? Dr. Peter Bargaen, school inspector from Edmonton, Alberta, sent a questionnaire to 100 of our church leaders, asking them to give their answer. Thirty-one completed questionnaires were returned. Opinions expressed varied considerably. One man wrote, "The future of our church lies in the hands of those who are best prepared (educationally) to lead." In contrast, another said, "A liberal arts college has no value as far as social and cultural aspects are concerned. In fact it can only be harmful in destroying what we now have."

Dr. Bargaen felt that for us as Christians the first objective should be to prepare our young people for witnessing for the Lord in a manner most effective in the present day world and in the society in which we live. It is not so much a matter of preparing the path for our youth as to prepare our youth for the path.

A report prepared by H. H. Dueck of Ontario was then read regarding the proposed Mennonite resident college at Waterloo University. Present indications are that after certain details regarding the support have been arranged, this college will become a reality. However, it is felt that this would not meet the needs of our entire conference.

A basic consideration in the need for our own liberal arts college is the question of student potential. How many of our young people are at present going to university and how many of these could be expected in our own college if we had one? Rev. George Dyck from Dalmeny, Sask., made a survey on this subject. There are about 300 of our young people who complete high school annually. If 20% of these proceeded to our own college we would get a yearly freshman class of 60 students. This would mean a total college enrollment of some 200 students. The commission felt that this would certainly warrant the existence of our own college.

Of equal interest was the survey of faculty potential made by A. W. Schellenberg. We have in our Canadian Conference a potential of some 40 men who have their Masters degree or bet-

ter. These men have their study specialties in the fields of English, German, Hellenistic Greek, Hebrew, philosophy, psychology, sociology, education, and music. It is realized that our college requirements are more than just academic, but the commission came to the conclusion that we could meet the bare requirements for the staffing of a college.

Where should such a college be located? Rev. H. H. Voth from Ontario suggested that this would depend on many factors. For example, what kind of school is under consideration? Are we thinking of a Junior Arts College, a residential college or a senior liberal arts college? The concensus of opinion was that if possible an off-campus, private college, with university affiliation and located in a region where our people are concentrated, would be preferable. This would give the students a spiritual home while at college and also provide the required social contacts. Location as to provinces was discussed, but because of the question of affiliation, no recommendations were made in this regard.

W. A. Wiebe then presented a survey of costs. An independent liberal arts college, to meet initial requirements, would cost about \$500,000, without the cost of the land, which would vary greatly, depending on locality. A resident college for 50 students with three lecture rooms and other required facilities would cost about \$200,000. An extension to Winnipeg College or the facilities at Clearbrook would cost from \$220,000 to \$250,000.

It would seem that the financing of such a project would be possible. At present the Canadian church members are contributing \$2 per member to our Bible College, whereas the church members in our American churches have pledged \$23 per member annually for the next five years to support Tabor College and Pacific Bible Institute and Seminary. This sum is divided 60-40% for Tabor and for the other two schools. If we in Canada would give \$8 per member for evangelical liberal arts purposes it should be possible to erect and maintain a private college.

A final paper on the topic, *Alternatives to a Private Liberal Arts College*, was presented by J. A. Toews, president of the M. B. Bible College. Since there are many difficulties in the way of establishing a private liberal arts college, Brother Toews suggested the following alternatives: appointment of a college chaplain, spiritual supervision by local churches, strengthening of the liberal arts division at MBBC, and cooperative venture with other denominational groups. Even if a liberal arts college should become a reality, it would be some time before this would happen. The study commission respectfully recommends that the local churches in university cities make it their specific responsibility to give spiritual leadership to our many fine young people who are studying at the university.

In conclusion the study commission felt that there is a need for a private liberal arts college, that we have a student potential, a faculty potential, and that the finances are not prohibitive. We need to ask the Lord for wisdom and guidance in this important matter.

W. A. Wiebe

DEVOTIONAL

Forgive Us Our Debts

Matthew 6:12

The above passage is of vital interest to the followers of Christ today just as it was when Christ gave it as part of the pattern or model of prayer for His followers.

Jesus taught much on prayer. He knew full well that prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air. The Lord gave some examples of posture in prayer, but he also stressed the attitude of the heart of the one praying. An example is given in Luke 13:10. Our Lord gave us the prerequisites for effective prayer. The one who prays must be loving, humble, and willing to forgive the one who has transgressed against him. Unless there is love in the heart and willingness to humble ourselves to forgive our brother or sister, the Lord

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will not hear nor forgive the transgressions we have committed against Him (Matt. 18:35).

It certainly should humble each one of His children when they see Christ's humility as revealed in Phil. 2:8. It is well for us to be observant as we go through life, yet not critical.

As I reminisce on the past sixty years, I see the transition in the Mennonite Church to Sunday school, evangelistic meetings, new types of singing, prayer meetings, educational developments. In those days there were many who did transgress against the wishes of others. Even today man makes errors. But when men are willing to confess their errors God forgives and makes the vilest sinner clean.

The Mennonite Church has had a great loss, and the Lord was not always honored in those experiences, because some were not willing to humble themselves before the church as she moved forward through Christ, the author and finisher of our faith. How our dear church would prosper and the blessing of the Lord be upon her if each would live for the other and all live for God.

Since our Lord so freely forgives our trespasses, why do we often hesitate to forgive and extend the hand of fellowship to the brethren? My concern for the Mennonite Church is that we live close to the Word of God, have the love of Christ in our hearts and lives, and humility to forgive others, that we may have the fulness of the Spirit.

Let us remember how the apostolic church forgave and loved those who failed in the way. Could any Mennonite Conference today use a man to preach the Conference sermon so soon after repentance as in the case of Peter? Or consider the apostle John who asked Jesus to destroy the Samaritans and was then asked by the Jerusalem church to preach to the Samaritans. Let us as a church hold on to God in sincere prayer that we may recapture the apostolic passion for lost souls and for the unity of the body of Christ.

Henry B. Graybill (Gospel Herald)

A Letter from Home

Vineland, Ont. — Everyone likes to receive letters and our people at the Bethesda Home are no exception. The arrival of a long-awaited letter from home can be the means of an immensely improved outlook on life—it promotes the feeling that someone does still care and what a difference that makes!

Letters need not be long to be effective. I am at the moment reminded of a short letter received just the other day by one of our people, a girl who has never been able to master the art of reading and writing. The letter did not ex-

tend to a dozen sentences, it was very short.

Clutching the letter tightly in her hand, the girl made the rounds through the hospital, informing anyone who would listen of her good fortune in receiving a letter from home. To me she said, "They are working in the garden at home" (in Manitoba). "Impossible," I said. Since we are far from doing any such thing in Ontario, how could they in Manitoba? So I asked permission to read the letter.

"We are having lovely weather here at present. The rabbits' fur is changing to grey—a sure sign of spring." Just where the young girl got the idea of working in the garden, I don't know. There was more to the letter, so I continued.

"The two older children are busy going to school. Shirley, the youngest, is learning to talk and to walk. She crawls all over the place, and she tastes everything she finds."

Well, the thought of little Shirley tasting everything was so overwhelmingly funny that quite some time was spent in rejoicing over that fact. We pictured a little girl, fingers in her mouth, tasting an unknown object, and the thought gave us a great deal of pleasure.

I folded the letter, put it into the envelope and handed it back to the recipient. As she walked away, I heard her repeat happily, "she tastes everything."

That short letter made a number of people happy that day.

Martha Janzen

Times of Refreshing

Lena, Man. — The Lord has richly blessed us in the new year. We have had several guest speakers in our midst. Rev. and Mrs. Abe Neufeld, missionaries to Austria, were with us on January 17. We were brought to the realization of the great need over there, and were urged to pray for that country. On January 24 we were privileged to have Rev. H. P. Harder as guest speaker for the centennial celebration. He also did house visitation the following week.

On February 14, we had a youth rally. Rev. J. J. Neufeld from Winnipeg was our guest speaker. In the morning his message was based on the theme, "What Does the Church Expect from Its Young People?" He pointed out that first of all we must have a personal experience of salvation. Then we must of necessity grow spiritually and be a living testimony in our surroundings. We must keep ourselves pure and spotless in the world. Finally, the Bible is the standard for our life, and in it we have a call to brotherly love.

The theme of the afternoon message was the reverse of the theme in the morning—"What Do the Young People Expect of the Church?" First Rev. Neufeld emphasized the harmonious relationship that should exist between the

young people and the older members of the congregation. Love, recognition, spiritual aid, counselling, and admonition are some of the things that young people expect from their church. Finally, the older members should be an example in their walk.

The young people served with music and several talks. During the noon hour the ladies served a delicious dinner which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Mary Poetker

New M. B. Church Dedicated

Denver, Colo. — Dedication services for the newly completed Garden Park Mennonite Brethren church here have been announced for Sunday, March 13.

The spacious new building, featuring modern architecture and large glass areas, is located at South Alcott and Mexico Streets in the Garden Park area, a quite recently developed area in southwest Denver. The building was under construction for several years.

Speakers at the morning worship service on the dedication day are to be Rev. J. J. Gerbrandt of Oklahoma, who was instrumental in organizing the new congregation here, and Rev. G. Warkentin of Jose.

In the afternoon the dedicatory message will be given by Dr. Lando Hiebert of Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans. Rev. Harold Schroeder, the pastor, will lead in the dedicatory prayer.

At the evening service the church choir will present a cantata, "Hallelujah, What a Saviour."

A Profitable Visit

Carman, Man. — The local congregation enjoyed a visit from a group of young people from Horn-dean on Sunday evening, February 21. They presented a program under the chairmanship of Mr. J. Neufeld, who opened the service with Scripture reading and prayer.

The theme was, "The Believer's Citizenship in Heaven" (Phil. 3:20-21).

The group rendered several numbers in song as a choir under the direction of Mr. Voth. A song by a ladies' trio and an instrumental number were other musical selections on the program. The children were favored with a story told by Mrs. Voth and Miss Cleo Heinrichs recited the poem, "Looking Upward."

Rev. P. W. Martens gave the message, pointing out that as Christians we know we are citizens of heaven because our names are written there (Luke 10:20) and because the Holy Spirit "bears witness with our spirit" (Romans 8:14-16). As heavenly citizens we "set our affections" on things above (Col. 3:2) Living obediently to the Word of

God, the world also will recognize us as heavenly citizens by our speech, behavior and our fruits. Rev. Martens closed his message with the challenge to the unsaved to become members of the family and kingdom of God.

The local pastor, Rev. A. Quiring, who had returned the day before from a stay in Winkler Hospital, was present for the occasion and closed the service with prayer.

The ladies of the church took pleasure in serving lunch to the visitors following the service.

Mabel Friesen

God's Abundant Blessings

Pastor Welcomed

Strawberry Hill, B.C. — The local church welcomed Rev. N. Willms as its part-time pastor on February 14. Rev. Willems had been serving this church for a number of Sundays by invitation, but only recently consented to the present arrangement. Rev. Willems has been teaching at the Clearbrook Bible Institute, where he will continue to work during the week. Rev. A. A. Wiebe will continue to serve the church as leader. We have already been blessed by this arrangement and trust that the Lord will guide our group in such a way that a full-time pastor can be employed.

Missionary Challenge Presented

On January 31, Rev. John Reimer presented a heart-searching challenge on the activities of the West Coast Children's Mission in our province. The pictures and related commentary enabled us to visualize the activities in every community where this organization has been active. We were encouraged to continue to support this work with our finances and our prayers.

God Working In Our Midst

Kelowna, B.C. — The Lord has richly used one week of evangelistic meetings to cleanse the church.

In preparations for the week His work began. In prayer meetings He spoke to those on their knees, "What about your sins?" and many got right with God and with others. The moving of the Spirit of God was very real as everyone wept over his or her own sins. This spirit of repentance was evident on several occasions.

Invitation cards were distributed from house to house and posters were hung up in the store windows. One brother left invitation cards with the milk he was delivering from house to house.

During the week it was very evident that God was using our Brother Henry H. Epp to speak to us. The object lessons were most interesting and the messages heart-searching.

G. G. Fast

Visit by Clearbrook Bible Institute

Strawberry Hill, B.C. — A church filled to capacity greeted the students and staff of the Clearbrook Bible School when they visited our congregation on February 21. The school choir, consisting of approximately 70 voices, sang exceptionally well under the able direction of Mr. H. P. Neufeldt. A drama entitled "God Wants You," under the able direction of Rev. John Epp, stirred all our hearts into asking ourselves whether or not we were in the centre of God's will. The emphasis was placed particularly upon the importance of going to Bible school.

The message by Rev. John Epp was based on the life of Daniel. The emphasis on the necessity of being grounded in the Word of God further touched our hearts. After the chairman, Rev. N. Willems, had closed the service, our leader, Rev. A. A. Wiebe, invited the visitors and young people to a very enjoyable lunch.

We trust that this meeting may have been a lasting blessing to all of us and may have been an incentive to our young people to seek firm grounding in the Word of God.

Lectures on Pastoral Counseling

Elkhart, Ind. — Dr. Wayne E. Oates, nationally known lecturer in pastoral counseling, presented the 1960 Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries lectures on February 29 and March 1. The series included four lectures on the general topic, "Pastoral Counseling and Christian Experience."

Dr. Oates is Professor of Psychology of Religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., from which institution he received the Th.D. degree. He is the author of "The Bible in Pastoral Care," "Anxiety in Christian Experience," "Religious Factors in Mental Illness," "The Revelation of God in Human Suffering" and other books.

The lectures interpreted pastoral counseling in terms of four aspects: "In the Free Church Tradition," "Spiritual Conversation," "Self-Encounter," and "The Holy Spirit."

Tabor Graduate Heads Drug Firm

New York, N.Y. — A native of the Hillsboro, Kans., community and graduate of Tabor College there is now the chief executive officer of Sterling Drug, Inc., large pharmaceutical house here.

He is Dr. J. Marc Hiebert, 55, believed to be one of the few former medical doctors heading a large US corporation. Dr. Hiebert joined the firm in 1934 as clinical researcher, and advanced step by step until he was named president in

1955. Recently, following the death of James Hill, Jr., who had headed the firm for years as board chairman and chief executive officer, Hiebert was named board chairman. He also continues as president. The firm does a \$200,000,000 business annually.

Dr. Hiebert's father was Rev. J. K. Hiebert, one of the founders of Tabor College. A sister, Mrs. A. R. Ebel, resides in Hillsboro.

Alberta Legislature

Edmonton, Alta. The speech from the Throne promised new laws governing landholdings of Alberta's 55 Hutterite colonies.

Other highlights of the governor's speech:

Legislative approval will be sought for expenditures of up to \$6,000,000 to cover relief payments to farmers whose crops were snowed under last fall.

An expansion of farm services is planned. Veterinary services will be expanded, more farm service boards will be set up, and more money will be requested under the Farm Purchase Credit Act. There will be a program to increase development of community pastures "along newly established lines." The irrigation planning board will study questions concerning future irrigation development.

Another major highway construction program will be launched, and there will be more emphasis this year on approach roads linking towns, villages and local roads to main thoroughfares.

The School Act and the Students' Assistance Act will be amended and increased appropriations will be sought for school grants.

A new Dental Auxiliaries Act will be introduced to permit the retaining of staff for mobile dental clinics which will be designed to serve rural Alberta. The Health Unit Act will be amended, and the House will be asked for a substantial increase in funds for hospital insurance, air pollution studies, expansion of laboratory and x-ray school facilities.

This year will involve the giving away of around \$10,000,000 in street paving and recreational grants to towns, villages and hamlets.

Those are some of the highlights of the government's proposed program.

Dedication of the New Radio Studio of the Gospel Light Hour

Winnipeg, Man. — A greatly impressive program was presented by the brethren and sisters of the Gospel Light Hour in the Elmwood M. B. church, on Sunday, February 28, 1960.

Many friends viewed the newly-erected building at 188 Kelvin Street, which is situated not even a block away from the Christian Press. The prayer of dedication was

offered by the three brethren, David Ewert, J. P. Neufeld, and John M. Schmidt. This part of the service was put on tape and again presented in the Elmwood M. B. church from where this as well as the rest of the program was presented over radio station CFAM.

Rev. J. H. Quiring, pastor of the Winkler M. B. Church, was the main speaker. The Gospel Light Hour renders radio programs in four languages, namely, English, High German, Low German and Russian. Each of these four groups had an item on the highly interesting program.

Many people had come to attend the dedication service. It is especially worthy of note that the people behind the iron curtain can be reached with the gospel by means of the radio ministry of the Gospel Light Hour.

Mr. Dennis Barkman, director of CFAM, brought greetings to the Gospel Light Hour from the staff of the radio station which he represents.

During the dedication service the presence of God was sensed. To Him be glory and praise for His abundant blessings!

Special Bible Study

Abbotsford, B.C. — Five services were conducted on February 19, 20 and 21. Rev. Wm. I. Neufeld, pastor of the South Abbotsford M. B. Church was the speaker. He had a special Bible study with us based on the book of Philippians.

We also had the pleasure of having the M. B. Bible Institute of Clearbrook with us on February 28. A number of songs were presented by the choir and by a group of singers. Rev. John B. Epp and Mr. John Klassen gave brief reports about the school and Rev. Nick Willems gave an inspiring message. A lunch was served in the basement which the young people of our local church had prepared.

D. Ruth Schmidt

Christian Youth in Japan

The immediate response of Christian youth in Japan to last fall's typhoon disaster in Nakoya is described in a report from the Rev. George Nishido, secretary of the Youth Commission of the United Church of Christ in Japan (Kyodan). "The typhoon casualties were the worst in the history of Japan," he reports, "but the number of Christian students who voluntarily rushed to the scene, motivated purely by their love of their fellow men, was also the 'Most' in our Christian history in Japan." Within a few days after the disaster, 22 work camps were set up in churches in the area. When they disbanded in November, almost 500 young people had put in more than 3,000 work days in relief and reconstruction service. They included students from Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and

Kobe, who arrived with rucksacks on their backs and carrying their own picks and shovels. "Yet we never sent out a single letter or made any special appeal," reports Mr. Nishido. He also reported that this sacrificial service has opened the doors of the strongest Buddhist sects.

A "Thank You" From Neuwied

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rooms on each end of the stage for Sunday school classes and dressing rooms. To date the task is almost completed due to the commendable work of the Pax boys and the local brethren. Approximately 1000 man-hours of labor have already gone into the project—all voluntary labor. Thank God for the Pax testimony here in Neuwied and all over Europe. Two fellows have left, but the others will remain for two more weeks and with their help we hope to finish painting the remaining two-thirds of the "Gemeindehaus."

Martha and Kate Isaac from Winnipeg, here in voluntary service, have held out under the strain of long hours, cooking, cleaning, washing, ironing, mending and keeping all of us in good spirits. Frieda Fast assisted them for three weeks. All the spiritual services (10 each week) went on without interruption. We praise the Lord for His wonderful help during these weeks. Very disheartening experiences in one family in the church and the lack of funds for the entire project have kept us on our knees before the Lord continuously. Our building fund account is far overdrawn, but the church decided to finish now, since the labor is available, and trust the Lord for the balance. The congregation has already made sacrificial extra donations these last weeks, which humbles us deeply. We know God will supply all our needs.

On January 31, Martha and I assisted in an anniversary and missionary service in Neustadt. On February 7 the Pax men's chorus of 17 members was with us. Clarence Hiebert brought the message. This week evangelistic services are being held in our small sanctuary, sponsored mainly by our congregation. I am to go to Austria this month to assist with the work there. Thus we labor on by the grace of God and your intercessory prayer. God is good. He supplies health, open doors for service, and a host of prayer-warriors.

Your love, prayers and gifts merit individual letters of recognition, but we ask your pardon for responding in this way. Time simply is so short. God bless you all and reward you. Keep on praying.

Martha and J. W. Vogt
Mennoniten-Brüdergemeinde,
Neuwied/Rhein, Wiedbach-
strasse 11, Germany.



Feeding Program In Hong Kong

Hong Kong (MCC) — Norman Wingert's report of material aid distribution in Hong Kong indicates that about one-third of the total material aid distributions from August to February have been through Kwong Wah Hospital channels. Food and clothing distribution for mothers, are continuing—food, however, in being decreased, clothing has increased. The feeding program for the Kwong Wah's entire patient population has been intensified considerably during the last few weeks.

With the launching of the enlarged feeding program, MCC service and witness at Kwong Wah has been doubled, wrote Wingert. "Several Christian doctors, furthermore, have recently been added to the Kwong Wah staff, one of them as Assistant Superintendent. There is a definite growing Christian witness in this distinctly Buddhist institution. Some doctors who have held themselves aloof from our activities are becoming more friendly and asking us many questions."

Hospital Feeding Program

"We are using a small garden house as a kitchen for cooking rice for about 300 each day. At first we served the meat-rice meals only three times a week. Other days the garden was used for sorting soiled linen. When it was suggested that we have daily feedings, hospital authorities volunteered to take their linen-sorting elsewhere and give MCC the exclusive use of the garden and garden house.

"We have one large stove that cooks 300 meals at one time. Two more stoves are being installed so that soon meals will be up to 500 per day. Canadian pork will be ar-

Share It

If you have received a blessing,
It is not for you alone,
But for all your friends and neighbors:
Do not claim it as your own.

Never hoard it, never hoard it;
It will shrink and die, you know.
Do not hide it, but divide it;
Blessings shared will grow and grow.

Find the sorrowful and needy;
Share with them your happy song.
You will find your joy increasing
As you pass the joy along.

As the water of a river
Waters forest, field, and lawn,
So a blessing lives forever
If you always pass it on.
Lorie C. Gooding

iving just in time for the implementation of our feeding boost.

"With Kwong Wah's huge building program in full swing (will be completed in 1962 and will then be the largest hospital in the Far East), old buildings bordering the hospital garden will soon be emptied and there have been hints that one of these buildings will be available for MCC use. Meanwhile, we are permitted to use one of the empty old buildings as a godown (warehouse) for food products.

"In all of our activities at this hospital, MCC is not supplanting any of the hospital's services. Inpatients get their meals from the hospital. Out-patients do not, and it is to them we are serving the hot meals. There are up to 1,000 out-patients every day; we distribute tickets to about 200 of them.

Feeding Dismissed Patients

"In order to help eliminate the overcrowded condition in the wards, the hospital superintendent has recently ordered that the tuberculosis patients who are not seriously ill vacate their beds in favor of the more chronic cases. A group of men patients who had no home to go to revolted. The leader wrote a letter of complaint and threatened that if they were not permitted to stay he would send it to the newspapers and commit suicide, laying all the blame on the hospital authorities."

Mrs. Wingert presented the group of men with clothing and food just before their dismissal. "They have all been taken care of. Four have been sent to Sunshine Island. Two others, including the belligerent leader, were sent to a sanitorium and we are paying their fees from our designated Medical Fund. A dozen others are receiving our free meals; they help with the feedings and at night sleep on the garden benches. Several have their own jobs. Nearly half of them have become regular church attendants."

Other Projects

"The Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate feeding project has begun. And, in addition, we have been thinking of a third feeding project, that of feeding pupils in schools in refugee and poor areas. As yet no definite moves have been made. This is a phase of our feeding program that especially interests the Migration and Refugee Unit Office. Also, MCC has been offered a yacht to help feed fishermen. Food is greatly needed for the fishermen, especially the newly-arrived refugees from Red China just near the border. By using a yacht we could have a hot meal service to these unfortunate people."

MCC NEWS BRIEFS

A fire in the squatter hut area of Hong Kong has augmented the already desperate refugee situation there. "Two thousand and five hundred were made homeless and four children were burned to death. This is the biggest squatter fire

since we've been here," wrote Norman Wingert. "I went out the morning following the fire to consult with welfare officials. They lacked 500 blankets out of the 1,500 needed and because an Akron shipment had arrived just last week we were able to supply them immediately."

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Susan Hiebert (Chortitz, Man.) has arrived in Belize, British Honduras. As a nurse Miss Hiebert is to serve two years with the Mennonite colonies helping develop a clinic at Orange Walk. Also in British Honduras for several weeks is Adam Martin. Martin, a Mennonite business man from Maugansville, Md., is helping the Mennonite colonists with economic development problems. He will visit the colonies occasionally to assist them in receiving colony credit, in planning for a trading center at Belize and also helping with the establishment of the Orange Walk clinic.

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Seven medical doctors are presently serving in six Mennonite Central Committee service areas: Dr. John Bender (Snowhill, Md.) in Haiti, Dr. John Dick (Steinbach, Man) in Vietnam. Two in Indonesia are Dr. Herbert Friesen (Hillsboro, Kans.) in Java, Dr. Clarence Rutt (New Holland, Pa.) in Halmahera. Dr. John Schmidt (Mountain Lake, Minn.) is in Paraguay and Dr. James Steiner (Akron, Ohio) in Thailand. In 1960 replacements will be sent to Paraguay and Java; additions to present staff or for new medical efforts may be sent to Timor, Indonesia, and Haiti.

Varied Reflections On Indonesia

By Herbert Friesen, M.D.
(MCC Java, Indonesia)

In our medical work—being pushed and thronged by people—how can anyone coming to the clinic know that we are different from any other clinic? Christian doctors, nurses and workers are considered loving and kind. Love and kindness, however, is severely tested when 200-300 people come pressing for help. How can we complete a clinic responsibility, if extra time must be used for the message which we consider so all-important?

The Moslem-Christian relationship continues to be a complex one. In Java about 90 per cent are Moslem and only a very small per cent are Christian. Yet we sometimes consider ourselves even more outnumbered than we really are. The real devoted, practising Moslems are not nearly as numerous as the estimates indicate. Any attempt by Christians at proselytizing, however, is immediately interpreted as treading on the Moslem's freedom.

One never ceases to be fascinated by the orient. The more one studies and observes, the more one realizes

the gap that exists between our cultures. And in spite of all efforts to shut out "crazy cultures," as recently proclaimed by the president of this land, there is a move toward Westernization and toward some of the vanity of Americanization.

A year ago Indonesia's economic situation was reasonably good, but in recent months it has begun bordering on the precarious. A decree by the government forbids people with foreign citizenships to operate shops in rural villages. This involves primarily the Chinese, many of whom still retain Chinese citizenship. Motivation for this is the hope that an equal distribution of wealth will ensue.

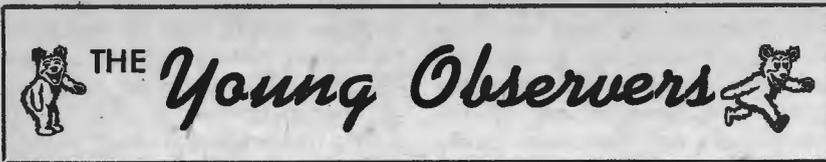
Relief clothing shipments to Indonesia, which only six months ago seemed hardly necessary, will have to be resumed. In some places the food supply will hold because of the people's hand-to-mouth existence; in areas of poor production, however, we are anticipating greater need. In the past week we distributed about three tons of dry corn. Particularly during the rainy season, especially in December and January, there are many who live on a bare, or below, subsistence level. The cessation of milk shipments was a bitter blow and is causing us some anxiety as our present stock begins to run out. Even with Indonesian government and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund milk distribution programs, milk is very difficult to obtain.

Perhaps we worry about these issues more than the people themselves. These easy-going people have learned to live from day to day in an enviable simplicity. They have developed a remarkable "this is life" attitude. Though a bit fatalistic to us, it has merits.

After being abroad for a time, I wonder how we can remain so unaware of the rest of the world while in our comfortable stations at home. It should be a vital concern to us, especially as Christians, as well as Americans or whatever nationality, that we glorify God by performing our duty for these needy people.

Deaths in Plane Crashes

Deaths in plane crashes around the world in a three-week period added up to more than 160. The crash of a Super-Constellation at Kingston, Jamaica, on January 21, which killed 37 persons, was the fourth fatal airline accident of 1960 and brought the toll for the first three weeks of this year to 163. Earlier, 41 persons were killed in a Scandinavian Airlines passenger plane crash at Ankara, Turkey; 50 persons were killed in the crash of a Capital Airlines plane crash in Virginia; and 34 lost their lives in a National Airlines plane crash near Bolivia, N.C.



Let's Visit a Minute

Hi, Boys and Girls,

Once again, a greeting to you! How are you all? Why don't you write and let us know? We are often much concerned about you.

Say, young friends, did you ever hear the expression, "He doesn't act like a Christian"? What about this? Listen, I want to share with you something I noticed this morning.

I have a pretty flower growing on my east window, and many a morning this plant was such a delight to me. It looked so fresh and green and luscious! Notice, I said it *was* such a delight to me, for this morning it was not a delight at all. I went to water it as usual, but it did not look right to me. It looked straggly, greyish and almost brittle. I touched it and, behold, the whole plant came up in my hand! Well, I said to myself, what has happened here? I knew perfectly well what had happened. Some little hand had touched it with just a bit too much of a pull. It was no longer implanted, growing strong and fresh!

Suddenly I forgot my flower and into my mind flashed faces of boys and girls who once were such joy to many of us as they grew strong for the Lord God. But we had to say with deep sorrow in our hearts, "They don't act like Christians any more!" Oh, can you understand? Can you see what I want to say? I lost the flower because it was uprooted. Boys and girls are lost to God because they do not stay close to Him. Oh friends at school and at home, don't let anything pull you away! Stay close to God. Stay "in Him" and you will not grow straggly, greyish and brittle with sin. God help you to be true.

'Bye for now. Love, Aunt Anne

Little Frank

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Miss Wood was much surprised, as she had no idea that he had heard anything. She only answered, "I must not tell you, dear. I have promised your father and mother that I would not speak to you about Jesus, and I must not break my word to them. You must ask them, if you wish to know, and then if they give me permission I shall be pleased to tell you about the Lord Jesus, and to let you sing the hymns with the others."

So when Frank went home that day he told his parents that instead of playing with his toys he had often listened outside the door of the room where Miss Wood was telling the children about Jesus, and how he had heard them singing hymns about Jesus. "I would like to hear about Jesus too, father, and to sing the hymns with the others. Do let Miss Wood tell me about Jesus. She will, if you say so."

His father and mother were very sorry that he had heard anything, and said to each other, "We have been foolish and made a great mistake. Keeping things secret has only made him curious, and anxious to know. The only thing now is to let him go, then he will soon get used to it, and not care about it."

Thus God's purpose of blessing for dear Frank was brought about, and Miss Wood had the joy of telling him about God and His wonderful love

to poor sinners. Eagerly he listened to every word, and his thirsting soul drank in the precious message of grace and love. "The entrance of thy Word giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps. 119:130). He heard for the first time how God had loved him, and that because he was a sinful child, and He a holy God, He had sent His beloved Son to die upon the cross, that by the death of Jesus Christ he might be saved eternally, and all his sins be forgiven and washed away in the precious blood of Christ (I Peter 1:18,19).

How he enjoyed the hymns which he soon learnt and was able to sing with the other children! They also brought the same sweet message of a precious Saviour and of His great love for the little ones; of the bright home where He was even now living, thinking of them, and watching over them, and how presently He was coming to take them to live with Him and God His Father up there, if they put their trust in Him and in His work for them upon the cross.

Soon Frank's little, longing, empty heart was filled and satisfied with the love of Christ, and he had the joy which only those can know who, through simple faith in Jesus and His finished work, have all their sins forgiven. Thus the Good Shepherd, who had died for him, had now found His little lost lamb,

and was saying, "Rejoice with Me, for I have found My sheep which was lost" (Luke 15:6).

I would say here that if any dear child who may read this narrative is longing to know that his sins are forgiven, the Good Shepherd is seeking you, wanting to save you, and if you will only put your simple trust in Him, believing that He died upon the cross, bearing all the punishment for your sins there, God tells you that you are saved. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31; 13:38,39).

Some time after this Frank was taken very ill, and soon it became apparent that the Good Shepherd who had saved him was going to claim His little lamb. As he lay on his little bed, his parents sat watching beside him, heart-broken to know that soon they must part with their one great treasure. Presently the little fellow turned to his father, and in his feeble voice said, "Father, do you love me?"

Surprised at such a question, his father answered, "My boy, how can you ask me such a thing? You know you are the pride and joy of my heart."

"Mother," said the dying child, "do you love me?"

"My darling," she said, "you know that I do, and that you are everything to me."

She then broke out into uncontrollable grief.

"If you really loved me," said the dying child, "how was it that you never told me about God and Jesus Christ, and that you did not want me to know that Jesus died for me? I do not know how you could have really loved me and yet not wanted me to know about Jesus."

His poor parents were quite broken down and wept bitterly. Though in great weakness, the dear child then pointed them to the blessed Lord Jesus, who had sought and found him, and who, despite their long rejection, was able and willing to save them. "And Jesus saith unto them, yea: have ye never read, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings, thou hast perfected praise?" (Matt. 21:16) Very soon after the Lord Jesus took him home.

Dear children, you will be glad to hear that the words of their little child were used to the blessing of both parents, and they too learned to put their simple faith in Jesus and His finished work, and were saved. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that who soever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

Does not this story of Frank show us how God works out His own purposes of blessing, however difficult it may appear, and how He honours those who put their trust in Him, and leave Him to open the way as He chooses?

Evangelist Krupka in Canada Eight Months

Who is Mr. Krupka?

Evangelist Ernst Krupka of Reutlingen, Württemberg, Germany, is the son-in-law of the late Pastor Modersohn of Germany. He and his wife had 8 children of whom two died at an early age.

As an evangelist in Germany, Mr. Krupka started in 1925 with the German Tent Mission, which works with all churches. The Mission is an independent organization while he is a member of the German Evangelical Church and belongs to the German Fellowship, a part of the large Gnadauer Conference.

This conference is approximately ten times as large as all the Mennonite Conferences in Canada. This movement developed in the course of some 200 years through evangelism and the conversion of hundreds of thousands who organized as "Fellowships" rather than churches. The Fellowships are independent of the State Church of Germany and educate their ministers in their own seminaries.

Mr. Krupka departed from Germany on July 5 and arrived in Canada July 17.

Mr. Krupka's Work in Canada

Mr. Krupka has visited many churches and communities in Canada: Winnipeg, Whitewater, Winkler, Grunthal, Altona, Man.; Calgary, Alta.; Saskatoon, Hague, Waldheim, Langham, Rosthern, Sask.; Vineland, Port Rowan, Waterloo, Niagara, Leamington, St. Catharines and Port Weller, Ont.; Banff, Alta.; Kelowna, Black Creek, Abbotsford, Greendale, Vancouver, B.C. On February 14 Mr. Krupka returned to Germany.

Mr. Krupka's Impressions of Canada

Mr. Krupka's impressions of Canada are varied. Commercial and religious differences between this country and Germany are apparent, although less extensive than, for example, between Canada and South America. Here as well as in Germany the high living standard threatens the spiritual life. In both lands the emphasis on higher education may or may not be for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Canada is more pious than Germany. The number of churches is proportional to the population, but church visitation is higher in Canada. On the other hand, large numbers of children grow up in Canada without religious training. Many people in Canada could be referred to as heathen. All German schools, public, high and vocational, include religion in the curriculum. Each child enjoys a number of years of religious training.

It came to Mr. Krupka's attention that the Mennonites do much for their young people, educating them

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Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(11th Installment)

"I'm sorry. I wish there were something I could do to help."

"You do—you've helped wonderfully. I don't know how Kit and I could have managed at all without you. You've done everything—from teaching me how to prime a pump to providing Sherry to help in our loneliness. I'm not usually despondent, but when I think of Mother down there alone, with Dad lying so helpless and unknowing, it—it gets me down."

"I know. Would it help to know I'm praying with you?"

She looked up at him in surprise. They had stopped at the entrance to the lane so that Virginia might get the mail from the box, and Steve had not started the car again. Perhaps he felt that he did not want to bring this conversation, his first with Virginia alone, to an end. It was definitely not the kind of conversation that could be carried on in the presence of Kit and Sherry. Virginia made answer now in a voice that had more emotion in it than she cared to display.

"Would it help? Indeed it would! But why should you? I never had a friend who did that for me."

"Let me be your first prayer partner, then. Aunt Molly taught me that there is great blessing in praying for each other."

"You're wonderfully kind. I'd like to meet your Aunt Molly."

"You will in a day or two. She's away now. That boy who delivers your milk is the son of her neighbor who is caring for her place while she is gone. But she'll be back soon, and will appear at your back door with an inquiry as to whether she can be of help to you. She was a friend and neighbor of your grandparents, and will feel it a privilege to be neighborly to you."

He turned the car into the lane and waved at Kit who was watching them from the window. As they drew up to the porch Virginia spoke earnestly.

"I have much for which to thank you. Not the least of these things is Sherry. She isn't difficult—often, anyway—when you aren't here. I think she likes to tease you. She's fine for Kit, and we both love her. Please believe that we want her and don't worry any more. Something tells me she's going to be a real blessing to the Martins."

This prediction proved true. She was more adept than Virginia at housekeeping. She knew the mysterious ways of coal fires and pumps. She professed to like dishwashing, which statement Kit doubted, but, most important, she

did more for Kit's morale than anyone else had been able to do. She liked to play games and work on the scrapbooks, thus enabling Virginia to escape from the house in those hours when frustration and disappointment swept over her like a flood.

After the first excitement of moving and getting settled was over, those black moods were more frequent than she cared to let anyone know. Each day seemed like the one before it, with nothing accomplished except the round of household tasks. If she had possessed a talent for writing or drawing, she could have filled many dull hours and perhaps produced something that would, in a small measure, satisfy her yearning to contribute to the betterment of the world, something that would keep her name alive, but she had no such talent. She could not even sketch the old tree by the creek. As for writing, even her letters were hard labor. The only thing she liked to do, the only thing she could do well, was to teach. And that was denied her. The thought of this loss brought the realization of all that it entailed, and despair engulfed her.

It was at such times as this that she went for long walks alone. Usually it was a letter that started the train of thought that sent her forth thus. Jim's letters were newsy and frank, and when he met Howard Willis with Virginia's former associate in the English department he not only mentioned it but rejoiced over it. Jim had always termed Howard Willis a 'foul ball.' Letters from the other teachers confirmed this news, though of course they did not show Jim's elation over it.

"Better quit rustivating and come home to guard your property," wrote one of them. Virginia winced at that, though her lip curled a bit in scorn. She didn't want property that she had to guard. But, oh, how she did want Howard Willis not to be that kind of man!

The second Sunday that they were in the farmhouse, Sherry suggested that, if Virginia wanted to go to church, she would be glad to care for Kit.

"Oh, I'd like to. When Kit exchanges that crutch for a cane, I hope I can plan some way to get her there. It will be good to be back in church. But I don't want to be selfish. Maybe you'd like to go."

"Don't make me laugh. I love church like Kit loves her cod-liver oil. No, you go, and let me feel virtuous for staying with Kit."

She spoke bitterly, and Virginia

was troubled by her attitude, but one didn't question Sherry on her whims and opinions so she said merely, "I think I'll go in time for Sunday school. It will seem more like a real Sunday if I do that. If there are any papers given out, I'll bring you one, Kitty."

The little brick church would not have housed one department of the Sunday school back home. The children pouring into the basement doors told her that the younger classes met down there. She went past them into the auditorium where all those of high school age and older were meeting. As she spied a group of girls in one corner she found herself hoping that their teacher would be absent today and that she would be asked to teach them. But a young woman approaching them was greeted so enthusiastically that hope faded. In another corner Steve Barrett sat with a half-dozen boys. He gave her a smile of welcome which sent a warm glow through her heart. She wasn't entirely a stranger!

As she waited for the opening exercises to start she looked about her at the rows of seats curved in a semicircle facing the pulpit, at the short straight benches at the side of the piano—they were for the choir, she presumed, but were now occupied by the men's class—and at the stained-glass windows at either side. She remembered those windows. She looked across at the seat, second from the front on the side by the bapistry, where Grandpa had always sat. She and Allie May would be on one side of him and Jim on the other. Grandpa was wise enough in the ways of his youngsters to keep Jim and Allie May separated during church services. She and Allie May used to gaze at the windows and thrill at the colors when the sun shone through them. She noticed something now that she had not remembered. On the window which depicted the sower was an inscription, "To the memory of Joseph Henry Martin." Grandpa must have given that window, for Joseph Henry Martin was Dad's father, Grandpa's only son, who had died before Dad and Uncle Fred could remember. She had never thought of him, but now it seemed pathetic to her that he had lived and died and that even his sons could not remember him. Only a stained-glass window—a cheap stained-glass window—remained to remind the world of his existence. That was what life was like. Unless a person could leave behind some notable achievement he might well have never been born. The prospects were that Virginia Martin would join those whose generation bore no imprint of their work or character.

Virginia Martin also lived, she thought wryly.

She was aroused from her reverie by Steve's voice at her side. He asked anxiously, "You can play the

piano, can't you, Virginia? Our regular pianist is ill, and her substitute cut her hand badly this morning. We haven't anyone else who can play at all."

She gave him a smile of happiness. "Indeed I can. I have been sitting here feeling sorry for myself, and the touch of a piano would be good medicine for me." This would be even better than teaching a class.

When the song service was ended and the group was breaking up into classes, Steve brought a kind-faced man to her and introduced him as the pastor, Mr. Davenport. The minister shook her hand warmly, saying with a note of apology in his voice, "Miss Martin, I conduct my own choir and I can tell that you're a capable pianist. We're in a bad spot this morning, as Steve has probably told you. Will you help us?"

"Gladly, if it isn't too difficult. I haven't practiced for weeks. I am substitute organist for my home church and I may be familiar with your selections."

"They aren't hard. Our choir is small and the voices not well trained. But we manage to make a joyful noise to the Lord."

Virginia was familiar with the score of the anthem, and found it easy to follow Mr. Davenport's direction. She thought she had never enjoyed an anthem so thoroughly. What the choir lacked in training it made up in spirit. The alto was a bit too strong for the sweet but thin soprano of the two young girls, and Steve's bass was not of the best quality, but when Mr. Davenport himself sang the tenor solo, Virginia drew a breath of delight. Here was a real voice!

When the choir came down in preparation for the sermon, Steve saw to it that she sat by him. She was glad, for this gave her a feeling of belonging, and helped to beat back the homesickness that had been threatening her.

Driving her home after the close of the service, Steve asked hesitantly, almost as if he feared her answer, "How did you like us? I hope we didn't appear too uncouth."

"Of course you didn't. I liked every minute of it."

"Even having to play at a minute's notice?"

"That most of all. I've been homesick for my piano. That old organ of Grandpa's may have been a fine instrument in its day, but it has long passed that day."

He laughed, then said admiringly, "You can really play, and I don't mean maybe! Mr. Davenport gave us a pretty good sermon, too, didn't he? At least it seemed so to me." He added this last rather hesitantly, as if he feared that she, with her city-bred standards, might not rate Mr. Davenport and his sermon as highly as he did.

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With Billy Graham in Africa

By Tom McMahan, Religious Editor

Jose, Nigeria. — Statistics can never tell the whole story of this campaign, but the fact that 300,000 people attended the meetings in eight cities of Liberia, Ghana and Nigeria is indicative of the interest shown. Christian leaders were convinced that a genuine work of grace was wrought in the hearts of the 15,000 who responded to the invitations of the evangelists.

In almost every place an associate evangelist had preached for a full week before Billy Graham arrived for one or two services. There was marked blessing in these preparatory meetings.

There was a deliberate effort to prevent unthinking mass responses to the invitations. In many services the people were asked to raise their hands if they wanted to repent and trust Christ for the first time. Then they were urged quietly to remain after the others had gone. Mr. Graham sometimes thought the show of hands too general and asked that all be lowered while he repeated, emphatically, that only those should lift them who had never before turned from their idols to serve the living God. The meetings were unusually quiet and emotional displays were discouraged. On one occasion when an old African woman came up shouting and praying at the close of a meeting for missionaries and pastors, Mr. Graham called for prayer and she quieted down.

In several cities Mr. Graham addressed special meetings for Christian workers and nearly all who attended raised their hands in token of a rededication to Christ and a forsaking of all sin that might be hindering the outflow of spiritual power. The evangelist spoke on the need for faithful, loving service flowing from an acceptance, by faith, of the fulness of the Holy Spirit and preceded by the clearing away of all known sin.

Many little incidents pointed up a widespread spiritual hunger among the people, and a number of thrilling missionary stories came to light.

One young man had traveled 500 miles to ask Graham team members how to train to be an evangelist. He was directed to a nearby pastor's school.

At a leprosarium a missionary suggested that the patients might like to make a contribution of, say, five pounds for the local expenses of the Graham meetings. A leper stood up and said: "Five pounds? That is too little a gift; let's give ten pounds" (\$28 American). The gift, one of the first received in that area, was ten pounds. At another leprosarium a collection was taken up by the lepers and an envelope containing two one-pound notes was presented to Billy Gra-

ham when he visited the place.

Associate evangelist Roy Gustafson traveled 150 miles into the bush in Liberia with friends to visit a leprosarium. He was told that the resident missionary, a single woman, is the only European on the compound with 450 lepers. There he met a man who had crawled for ten days on his hands and knees dragging his gods along with him to get to the place of help. A few months later he became a Christian and burned his idols the same day.

Several Moslems turned to Christ at the Graham meetings. One youth said he was sure his father would be very angry when he learned of his becoming a Christian, but the next night he came back to the service bringing his father with him. Another Moslem, a Lagos goldsmith, came to a meeting with a friend. He said he decided during the sermon to leave Islam and accept Christ, although he knew that many of his friends would desert him. He added that he would not rest until his wife and other relatives are converted to Christ.

The missionary who drove Mr. Graham to a service told how a group of young Moslem toughs once threatened the little band of Christians with cutlasses, whereupon their leader made a moving appeal to the tormentors, something after this fashion:

"Young men, over yonder are crops which we have gathered; you may burn them if you wish. There are our homes; you may tear them down if you will. And you may take our lives if you must, but you must know one thing: You cannot take our Christ from us." The armed men were not pleased with such an answer and went away. The man who defied them in the name of his Lord met Billy Graham and talked with him several minutes. "I tell you, these people will have mansions in heaven," Mr. Graham murmured as he walked toward the little village on the rocks where some of these Christians live. "Some of us are getting much of our reward down here," he said.

Jose, Nigeria, is also a great missionary center where one can find many stories of heroic and sacrificial service among the pagans and Moslems. One group of seven hundred people crowded into six railroad cars for the seventy mile trip from Kagora to hear Graham. Kagorans used to be feared as "tailed head hunters" who tied tails unto themselves and regarded collecting the heads of their enemies as the mark of manhood. The Chief of Kagora, a Christian since boyhood, now the leading Nigerian governmental figure, and owner of a new Pontiac, led the evening prayer at Graham's meeting. Many others,

some of them former pagan tribesmen, walked fifteen miles to the Jose meeting, retracing their steps at night on a path infested with snakes, scorpions and baboons.

Here are some reactions and appraisals of the Graham meetings and their possible impact on the long-range religious situation in West Africa:

Dr. A. D. Helser, general director, Sudan Interior Mission: "This has crystallized for all Christians what the missionaries have been teaching. Billy Graham is a lovely man of God and his sweet nature shows out in every word. We believe God is going to use his meetings in the university and on the race course (at Ibadan, Nigeria) to give an impetus to the whole work as it has in Australia and New Zealand, where our mission's supporters are redoubling their efforts because they have met the Lord in a new way. The true kind of nationalism has had a great lift in recognizing God as supreme and the fear of God as the road to peace and prosperity. Hosts of men who have come to these meetings as poor lost sinners have gone back to their homes to

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WEDDINGS

Klassen—Zook

Miss Mary Mae Zook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Zook of Belleville, Pa., USA, and Norman Klassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Klassen of Carman, Man., were married February 13, 1960, at 1:30 p.m. in the Mennonite church, Fairfield, Pa. The Rev. Lamont Woelk performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Klassen will be residing in Reedley, Calif., for two years, where they will be working in the Kings View Psychiatric Hospital directed by the Mennonite Central Committee of Akron, Pa.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Maria Penner

Funeral services for Mrs. Maria Penner, 68, of 16 Fairview Ave., who died Monday in St. Mary's Hospital, were conducted at the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren church Thursday at 3 p.m. Rev. William J. Schmidt, minister of the church, officiated and burial was in Woodland Cemetery.

Born in Russia, January 13, 1892, Mrs. Penner had lived in Kitchener for the past 33 years. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Tiessen, was a member of the Kitchener Mennonite Brethren Church and a member of its sewing circle. Her husband, Henry J. Penner, predeceased her in 1945.

Surviving are three sons, Victor H. of Toronto and Herbert H. and Rudy H. of Kitchener; three daugh-

ters, Mrs. Abram Goerz (Helen) of Clearbrook, B.C., Mrs. Henry Dick (Erica) of Shafter, Calif., and Mrs. Ray Carol (Anita) of Hicksville, Long Island; two brothers, Abram Tiessen of Kitchener and Henry Tiessen of St. Catharines; and two sisters Mrs. Margaret Heidebrecht of Red Deer, Alta., and Mrs. Tina Neufeld of Paraguay. Sixteen grandchildren also survive. She was also predeceased by two children in infancy and by one niece.

Dr. Joseph W. Schmidt's Home-Going

Omaha, Neb. — Dr. Joseph W. Schmidt, president of Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, left the scene of action through death on Saturday night, February 13, after almost five years of consecrated and active service as president. He was 38.

For the past several weeks Dr. Schmidt had headaches which became increasingly severe, culminating in what the doctor diagnosed as a large, deep-seated tumor of the brain. His condition became critical. Then he went into a coma from which he never recovered.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, February 16, at 10 a.m. at Grace Chapel on the Institute campus. A second service was held on Wednesday at the Zoar K. M. B. church near Inman, Kans., which was his boyhood home.

Dr. Schmidt's ministry was many-sided. As an able speaker he served in many Bible conferences, evangelistic services and youth meetings. Under his leadership Grace Bible Institute experienced a marked increase in enrollment, the construction and dedication of the new Grace Chapel, the liquidation of the school debt, the stabilization of the operating budget and initiation of a fund for a new men's dormitory.

Survivors include Mrs. Schmidt and five children, ages ranging from fourteen to four, his mother, Mrs. Sarah Schmidt of Omaha; and a sister, Mrs. Allan Wiebe, missionary in the Belgian Congo.

Evangelist Krupka

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in private high schools and Bible schools, which is not the case in Germany. But he was surprised that missionary zeal among Canadian Mennonites appeared less fervent than in Germany. For example, in his seven months in Canada, Mr. Krupka did not come into contact with any tract mission. Tract missions are very active in Germany, being carried out largely by youth. Evangelical Press has published over 14 million tracts. Approximately two million of these, on missionary themes, are distributed every Sunday. An entire book could be written on the subject, Mr. Krupka said.

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sisters very much appreciate this assistance.

Adopted a budget of \$61,500 for this conference year which includes appropriations for sending several new workers to South America, for the European Mennonite Bible School, for supporting several 1-W men in our conference mission program and for strengthening our conference 1-W service administration.

Accepted the offer of the K. M. B. Peace and Welfare Committee that 10 per cent of its funds be channelled into a project of mutual K. M. B. and M. B. interest and administration.

Decided to accept greater responsibilities for 1-W service in our conference as suggested by the 1-W program review and to do this by engaging Dwight Wiebe to lead in the development of conference 1-W and service projects.

Approved plan for 1-W service on our Belgiah Congo mission field.

Encouraged the office to continue exploring and making arrangements for 1-W service in our conference program.

Recommends that our people be cautious in their relations with Civil Defense which may violate our faith and encourage them to participate in Mennonite Disaster Service.

Discussed race relations and observed that in our attitudes we are much more involved in this problem than we realize.

Agreed that in the various MCC sections our conference be represented as follows: Material Aid Advisory Committee, M. A. Kroeker; Mennonite Aid Section, Raymond C. Schlichting; Peace Section, Wesley Prieb, Marion C. Kliewer, assistant; 1-W Coordinating Board, Marion W. Kliewer, interim; Voluntary Service Advisory Committee, Marion W. Kliewer; Mennonite Disaster Service Coordinating Committee, M. A. Kroeker; Kings View Hospital board, John C. Penner and Sam Wiens; Prairie View Hospital board, Franklyn L. Jost and Raymond C. Schlichting.

Concurred with the plan whereby MCC membership be enlarged, and agreed to recommend to our conference that the three representatives allocated to us be appointed.

Asked the Brethren M. A. Kroeker and Marion W. Kliewer to continue work in the Board office.

Frank Peters to South America

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Brother and Sister John Wall who have transferred to Bage, Brazil, where for the present they are in charge of the local Bible school. Later the Peters may be transferred to Bage, Brazil, to assist in the Bible school and church work there. The present address of the

Walls in Bage is Caixa Postal 197, Bage, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. The address of the Peters in Montevideo will be Pedro F. Berro 1114, Montevideo, Uruguay. Herewith the ministry of these folks is presented to the prayerful remembrance of the churches here in North America who send them out to help our churches in South America.

Just before leaving Winnipeg, Brother and Sister Peters were ordained to the ministry by the Elmwood Church on February 21.

The Peters have been serving for several years at Winnipegosis—a mission station of the Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Conference 250 miles northwest of Winnipeg. Brother Peters received his training at the Coaldale Bible School and the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, where he was granted the bachelor of theology degree. The mother of Brother Peters is Mrs. Katherine Peters of Coaldale. Sister Peters is the former Helene Thiessen whose mother is Mrs. Agnes Thiessen of Russia.

In Friesland colony, Paraguay, at Christmas time, ladies' groups baked cookies and prepared packages for their Paraguayan neighbors. After a Christmas message by Brother Aron Funk and the singing of several carols in the Spanish language, 400 packages were distributed to children, mothers and older folks. The group listened attentively to the Christmas message.

In Fernheim colony in Paraguay, the 31 piano pupils of Sister Henry C. Born were featured in a recital on January 1. Parents and friends of music attended.

"Bad Mothering" Cause Of Mental Illness

A British psychiatrist says that "bad mothering" is the main cause of mental illness. According to Dr. T. P. Rees of London, mental stability is built or ruined in the mother-child relationship. He points out that too many job-holding mothers are more interested in satisfying

some particular need in their own lives, or getting money for the thing they want, than with the more important task of giving their children emotional security. There is no such thing as equality of the sexes, says Dr. Rees, and mothers have a special gift for loving and caring for a child in a way that will either make or break him in the years ahead.

Fine Books on Variety of Subjects

Some of the finest writings on a variety of subjects have been written. They are interesting and helpful and greatly desired by many. If you buy some of the volumes listed below, read them for your own enjoyment and growth, and share the contents with others who need the Christian message. Purchase additional copies for friends and neighbors. Your church, too, can enlarge its influence by using them in its reading library or book corner. Here are the titles of the books and the names of the authors:

Each booklet 120-130 pages. Price: 39¢

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- By Ways Appointed — Briggs P. Dingman
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- Jessica — Hesba Stretton
- Beanie — Susan B. Consky
- Sap's Running — Margaret A. Epp
- Anita and the Driftwood House — Margaret A. Epp
- The Bully of Stony Lonesome — Charles S. Knight
- White Water on the Yukon — Bernard Palmer
- The Fighting Parson — Bernard Palmer
- Treasures for Sylvia — Dorothy C. Haskin
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- Calling Doctor Lundeen — Harriet Heine
- Forty-Eight Bernard Street — Mrs. S. R. Graham Clark
- Joy Sparton of Parsonage Hill — Ruth I. Johnson
- Nobody Loves Me — Mrs. O. F. Walton
- A Peep Behind the Scenes — Mrs. O. F. Walton
- Up Parky Ridge — Gladys Vogel
- Christie's Old Organ — Mrs. O. F. Walton
- Little King Davie — Nellie Hellis
- Aurie's Wooden Leg — Lionel A. Hunt
- The Coach at West Mackenzie — Henry W. Coray
- The Sign of the Tumbling — Margaret A. Epp
- The Crew of the Dolphin — Hesba Stretton
- Stars for Sylvia — Dorothy C. Haskin
- Phil Tyler's Opportunity — F. E. Burnham
- Felicia Cartwright and the Case of the Missing Sideboard — Bernard Palmer
- "Probable Sons" — Amy Le Fenare
- By Wagon Trail to Oregon — A. J. Buelmann
- In His Hands — Harriet Heine
- Chipper Picks a Family — Wanda Schickling
- Molly Ann's Message — Edith M. Gunderson
- Lost in the Big Timber — M. A. Jones
- Vicki Arthur — Margaret A. Epp
- The Red Bicycle — M. A. Jones
- Whiter Than Snow and Little Dot — Mrs. O. F. Walton
- Felicia Cartwright and the Case of the Green Medallion — Bernard Palmer
- Andy's Orange House — Rita Puttcamp
- Burton Street Folks — Anna Potter Wright
- Saved at Sea — Mrs. O. F. Walton
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Billy Graham in Africa

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surprise their families with the fact that the old man is dead and they are new creatures in Christ."

The Rev. Walter R. G. Willett, Enugu, Nigeria, secretary of the Church Missionary Society Niger Mission: "The meetings in Enugu far exceeded our expectations. Perhaps we had too little faith. Our long range hope is for increased fervour for evangelism throughout the whole of the country. We have never had crowds come forward like this (in answer to the invitation). This crowd is absolutely terrific. And the majority of them are young people whose average age is 30. We feel there is a movement of the Spirit of God in the hearts of Nigeria's young people these days. All of this has created a wonderful opportunity for the church."

Dr. I. N. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of Southern Baptist Mission in Nigeria: "Against a difficult background and inadequate preparation the response to Billy's messages has been remarkably encouraging. This is drawing the evangelical forces closer together. In no other single event has there been such close cooperation."

Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia. — (Billy Graham as told to Tom McMahan) Last week I preached my first sermon in central Africa. It was a new experience.

Looking back on our West African tour I felt very much as the Queen of Sheba must have felt when she viewed the magnificence of Solomon's court and exclaimed, "Half was not told me." None of the many books and articles I have read about Africa prepared me adequately for the sights, sounds and feelings that crowded in upon me and the members of the team during the past five weeks.

As we arrived in Victoria Falls we got an eyeful of everything an American boy associates with Africa—the wild game. Cliff Barrows and I fairly shouted as we flew over great herds of elephants, zebras, antelopes and buffalo.

It would be hard to describe my feelings as I stood at the foot of Livingstone's statue at the edge of the falls and thought back on the lonely marches and tremendous hardships he endured in order to open up this dark continent and pave the way for coming Christian civilization. I am unworthy to polish the shoes of missionary heroes like Livingstone, Mary Slessor and Calabar. I am deeply moved and grateful for the privilege of reaping where they have sown. The most lasting memories of our West African

tour, I am sure, will be the people themselves and the heroic missionaries who are working to bring healing to the body and soul, as well as enlightenment generally.

The response to the Gospel in West Africa amazed and humbled us. The crowds were quiet and reverent. There was actually less emotional display than we have seen in some American and European cities.

In most places we did not invite people to come forward to accept Christ. Instead we asked those wanting to break with their sins and enthrone Christ to remain after the crowds had dispersed. Actually we urged them not to stay unless they were doing it for the first time. Under these conditions hundreds gathered around the platforms in great race courses and stadiums. My message was the same that has been blessed of God around the world—Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I tried to preach with the authority inherent in the Bible and with utter simplicity. The Gospel was accepted by hundreds of keen students, many brilliant Europeans, and thousands of common people who were very much like these who "heard Jesus gladly."

Salisbury, S. Rhodesia. — Fifteen thousand persons gathered in the stadium in the heart of this large African township. A few hundred yards way stands one of the world's largest copper smelting plants.

The major meetings in three Rhodesian cities and the smaller services in several other centers attracted a total attendance of nearly 110,000. More than six thousand came forward to register as Christian inquirers. Percentage-wise, the response to the invitation was higher than that experienced in East Africa. About two-thirds of the Rhodesian inquirers were Europeans.

The sight of Africans and Europeans sitting side by side in great religious rallies and coming forward together as inquirers was a brand new phenomenon in this newly rich land which is officially committed to racial co-operation and partnership.

In Salisbury, the federal capital, it drizzled occasionally during the meeting. A few hundred people took shelter in counselling tents but most of the fifteen thousand present kept their open air seats.

Several hundred people traveled a thousand miles or more from South Africa to attend the meetings. Graham said he hopes to make an extended tour of South Africa about two years hence to conduct major campaigns in the principal cities, provided multi-racial meetings can be arranged.

While Graham was resting a few days in Victoria Falls, he came near to being dumped into the Zambesi River. He was riding in a replica of the rig in which David Living-

stone had been carried by four Africans during his last journey. One of the poles broke as the procession, manned by a movie-making crew, proceeded along the river.

Advancing in the Congo

Greatest advances have been achieved under difficulties and trials. The church's foundation through history has been sprinkled with the blood of the martyrs.

The positive forces are united under pressure and hardships. The disciple is challenged to look at his Master as he is led into unknown territories.

In the changing of events and fleeting time in a land of an awakening nation, God has entrusted our conference with a never-changing message to a changing people. To be more effective to accomplish this task, we need to study methods and ways to present it the proper way and at the right time in order to have an effective ministry and accomplish our task.

The brethren Arnold Prieb, Irvin Friesen, Vernon Vogt, Ernest Dyck, William Baerg and Jean Kioma (native representative) left as a study group to study what has been done at other places and other missions. They are seeking the most effective and practical way to pass through this disturbed period and finally give over the work of missions to our African brethren.

The group will visit a number of mission stations and finally attend the Congo Protestant Council meeting at Kumbya, Ruanda. It will take a few weeks of travelling and a week of conference.

Will you please pray for protection in this difficult time and also that blessings would result from such a study so we would be more effective in the task before us.

William G. Baerg

US Church Attendance

Church attendance in the US, after an all-time high in 1958, is now leveling off according to a recent Gallup Poll. An estimated 49,000,000 adults attended church and synagogue services during a typical week of 1959—or 47 per cent of the adult civilian population (excluding those living in institutions). "By way of comparison, during an average week in 1958, 49 per cent of the population—or an estimated 50,500,000 adults attended church," the report, issued by the American Institute of Public Opinion, said.

Surveys of representative samples of the adult civilian population were made during selected weeks in the months of March, July and December, 1959. The survey attempted to measure only the average number of adults attending worship during the sample weeks. A special survey of attendance during Easter Week of 1959 found that 61,200,000 adults went to church or synagogues. This was 59 per cent of the

adult population. In 1940, a slightly more than one-third of the adult population went to worship regularly. By 1955, the number had risen to 49 per cent. It hit 49 per cent again in 1958 when 50,500,000—the highest number on record—went at least once a week.

The American Institute of Public Opinion, headed by Dr. George Gallup, is the only organization making a nation-wide check on worship attendance. On a national basis, worship attendance is promoted among the general public by the Religion In American Life Program, which in 1959 obtained \$8,000,000 worth of contributed time and space for advertisements in the major media urging all Americans to "Worship Together This Week."

The following table gives Gallup Poll worship attendance figures since 1940:

| | US Adults Attending Church | |
|------|----------------------------|------------|
| | Regularly | Total |
| 1940 | 37 | 29,300,000 |
| 1950 | 39 | 37,400,000 |
| 1954 | 46 | 47,000,000 |
| 1955 | 49 | 49,600,000 |
| 1956 | 46 | 47,500,000 |
| 1957 | 47 | 48,500,000 |
| 1958 | 49 | 50,500,000 |
| 1959 | 47 | 49,000,000 |

Previous polls have revealed that more women attended worship than men, that attendance is highest in the Midwest compared with the East, South and Far West; and that those aged 30 to 49 attend more regularly than those in other age groups.

Postgraduate Study in Jerusalem

Ten Christian students of US theological seminaries and universities concluded four months of post-collegiate study in Jerusalem with a final lecture on Church History. It was the end of the first term of the Israel American Institute, a unique feature of which has been the teaching of Church History by a Jewish scholar, Dr. Chaim Vardi, Counsellor for Christian Affairs in the Ministry for Religious Affairs. The course included aspects scarcely touched upon in Church History classes in the US, such as traditions of Holy Places in Palestine; the development and ideals of the Byzantine civilization; the impact of Moslem rule of the Middle East on the Christian community; the influence of the Crusades, Turkish rule, and the impact of Protestant influences on the Holy Land.

Churches in Spain

Two more churches were admitted to the Federation of Independent Evangelical Churches of Spain at its October meeting in Tarragona. The group, organized three years ago with nine churches, now has 27. It voted to affiliate itself with the International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches.

An upright man can never be a downright failure.

* * *

Faith is not believing that God can; it is believing that He will.

Small Private Colleges

Much has been written and said about whether or not the day of the small private college—particularly the church college—is about over. Judging from the financial struggles that such schools are experiencing, it might seem that this is the case.

But there are also other signs which indicate that private church colleges are not dying out but are emerging into a new day of greater prestige and usefulness. More and more educators and government leaders are beginning to see that the small church college dare not be left to die—nor dare it be tampered with too much—if the best of our national and spiritual heritage is to be preserved. One could cite numerous "straws in the wind" pointing in favor of the private, church-supported college.

In Kansas, for example, the state Foundation for Private Colleges reports that 38 per cent of the increase in four-year college enrollment was in private colleges. High school graduates seem to have a preference for small colleges and the percentage of increase may be even greater in the years ahead. The Foundation points out that "if any trend can be noted, it is that the private colleges are receiving 18 per cent more of the increase than their traditional proportion."

The thing that makes private church colleges particularly indispensable is that they exist not only to educate, but to educate for a purpose. They were born out of a distinctive faith and conviction, for which the supporting constituency was willing to work and sacrifice. Once this motivating force in a private church school is weakened through state or municipal control, the service which such school can render to a community is diminished rather than increased.

It is high time that denominations—including the various Mennonite conferences—get a new appreciation of the great treasure they have in their own private schools and colleges. Where there is genuine understanding and appreciation, control over such schools will not be thoughtlessly relinquished but will instead be undergirded with more adequate support. (Conference schools can at the same time do much to strengthen one another through greater cooperation.)

The recognition accorded private Christian colleges for their excellent scholarship record is most heartening. The old idea that emphasis upon spiritual values means a second-rate education is by now pretty well exploded. Even the state and the general public is beginning to see that Christian education is education with a plus—a plus that is extremely important, not only to the church operating

the school, but for the nation as a whole.

We should pray, work and give to keep it that way!

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New Senior High School At Coaldale

Coaldale, Alta. — Construction of a new Senior High School for Coaldale is scheduled to start April 1. The new building will have 10 classrooms, two industrial art shops, two home economics rooms, a library-study room, commercial room, laboratory, audio visual aids room, a large auditorium and several other rooms and offices. About \$11.27 is to be spent on every square foot of its space. The cost of construction will be about \$438,000.00.

Government Grants For Private Schools?

Winkler, Man. — A majority of the 44 teachers of the Stanley Inspectorial division meeting in workshop sessions in Winkler Saturday agreed that private schools should not receive government grants, but at the same time suggested that a formula for aid to private schools be drawn up. No formula was, however, suggested. It was agreed that pupils in a private school should receive free textbooks, but that the schools receiving them should also be compelled to use authorized texts in order to qualify for the grants.

Teachers based their opposition to government grants to private schools on the following:

- Private schools are no longer private, once they accept public assistance.
- Private schools should be able to establish anywhere—the Royal Commission recommends allowing them to operate only where they would not hinder or undermine a public school.
- Aid to private schools would foster fragmentation, perhaps bringing on a marked increase in the number of private schools, and causing feelings of superiority among children attending them.

It was agreed that teachers' salary grants should not be paid to private schools.

The teachers did not feel that private schools were drawing their enrollment because public schools were not adequate. The failure of the home in training the child was considered a more important reason.

Teachers believed the public school could meet the demand for religious teaching in the school.

In discussing the curriculum, teachers agreed that phonics were necessary, but that sighted word methods of teaching reading also had their place.

It was also felt that teaching a second language should be started

in the primary grades, and that since the department of education has provision for teaching religion for one-half hour a day; this should be utilized.

They agreed it was wrong to invalidate a teacher's certificate once it is given. Raising of standards should be done at the Teacher's College and not by invalidating certificates.

Bethel College

Bethel College heads the list of Kansas colleges with respect to foreign student enrollment according to a survey by the Extension Division of Kansas State University. The survey lists Bethel with 40 out of 533 students coming from 10 foreign countries, which is seven and one-half per cent of the foreign student population. This compares with six per cent at Friends Bible College at Haveland and five per cent at the Coffeyville Junior college. The University of Wichita with 49, Kansas State University with 204 and Kansas University with 215 foreign students have a much lower percentage because total enrollments are larger.

Actually the number of foreign students at Bethel has increased since the survey was taken with additional enrollments from additional countries. Recent announcements added a student from Uganda and one from Egypt. One from the Netherlands is currently enrolling. A current tabulation shows 15 countries sending 43 students, the largest number (26) from Canada.

Elim Bible School Missionary Conference

Altona, Man. — All sessions of the annual Elim Bible School mission conference held in the Altona Bergthaler Mennonite church, from Friday, February 19 through to February 21, were well attended.

The conference opened with a devotional period conducted by George A. Braun, a member of the school faculty.

Guest speakers included Glen Habegger, working with the migrant people at Eloy in southern Arizona; Miss Anne Quiring, serving as missionary in the Belgian Congo, Africa; Rev. John Froese of the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Conference Church of Altona; Rev. John Friesen, pastor of the General Conference mission in Grande Prairie, Alta.; the Rev. William H. Davies, representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kehler, serving as missionaries at Matheson Island, Man., and the Rev. Henry Poettcker, president of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College in Winnipeg.

Saturday morning the service was in the form of a panel discussion with dissertation based on the

theme "Prepare for the Lord's Service." Members of the panel were Miss Anne Quiring, Glen Habegger, Rev. W. H. Davies, Larry Kehler and Rev. H. J. Gerbrandt. Miss Margaret Neudorf, a student, was the questioner.

All speakers served with challenging messages at each of the sessions. Sunday evening, however, was the highlight of the conference with the Rev. H. Poettcker bringing the dedication sermon.

Students of the Elim Bible school contributed to each of the services with the exception of Sunday evening, when a mixed double quartet from the Ebenezer group from Gna-denthal served with two songs.

Grace Bible Institute

Omaha, Neb. — A special meeting with the executive members of the Board of Directors was called on Thursday and Friday. The discussion centered primarily on filling the vacant office of the president due to the sudden death of Dr. Joseph W. Smith.

Daniel J. Unruh, president of the Board of Directors, presented Donald Tschetter to the students on Friday morning as newly appointed Dean of Education. His duties in this office will begin June 1.

Elaine Madsen, Dean of Women, submitted to surgery at Saint Joseph Hospital on Monday morning, February 22. A tumor on the left larynx was removed.

Hesston College

Hesston, Kans. — On February 9 and 10 Milo Kauffman conducted chapel services. He spoke to the students on the need for consecrated, well-trained pastors and pastors' wives in the church congregations scattered throughout the conference districts.

From February 15 to 20, the Annual Winter Bible Conference and Ministers' Week were in progress on the campus. Approximately forty ministers and their wives were present. Each morning in chapel and each evening, Harold Bauman, pastor to students at Goshen College, spoke in special services. Other guest conference speakers were Phebe Yoder, missionary from Tanganyika; Henry A. Fast, professor of Bible and Christian Education at Bethel College; Walter Drudge, psychiatric social worker at Prairie View Hospital; and Clayton Diener, M.D., Haven, Kans.

Conquest Youth Rally

The monthly Conquest Youth Rally took place in the Vancouver M. B. church on Saturday, February 20. The Crusaders quartet provided special music. Rev. Henry Unrau spoke on the following three important desires of youth: Desire for a Saviour, desire to be of service, desire for a life's partner.

Invitation

to all Mennonite Churches
in Saskatchewan

The representatives of the Mennonite Provincial Relief Organization had a conference on November 4, 1959. Here the committee of the said organization was asked to undertake certain steps toward the construction of a mental institution and to call for another conference of representatives as soon as a need for it arose. This then is our call for such a meeting.

This conference is to convene in the Mennonite Brethren church, 33rd St., Ave. C, North, Saskatoon,

Sask., on March 18 at 10:30 a.m. Each church is entitled to have one delegate for every 25 members. We are, however, also extending a heart-felt invitation to others who are likewise interested in this cause.

Rev. John D. Friesen, pastor of the Evangelical Mennonite Mission Church, will serve with a message.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov. 19:17).

Greetings to the churches with the words, "The things which were sent from you, (are) an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God" (Phil. 4:18).

On behalf of the committee,
Isaac H. Block, chairman
A. K. Klassen, secretary

Annual Missionary Conference

of the
Coaldale Bible School

Coaldale, Alta. — We heartily invite all friends of the Bible school

and of Missions to attend our annual Missionary Conference which will take place March 13, 14 and 15. The Brethren A. J. Neufeld, missionary to Austria and David Nightingale from Quito, Ecuador, will serve as main speakers for the Conference. There will be three services each day, beginning 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. All services will be held in the Coaldale M. B. church, unless otherwise announced at the time of the conference. Please come and share in the blessings that the Lord has in store for us.

On behalf of the teachers,
A. J. Konrad

Six-Hour Ocean Hops Now Commonplace

A trip across the Atlantic Ocean used to be a six to ten-day voyage. Now it's hardly more than a hop. A Pan-American Boeing 707 intercontinental jet recently set a new Paris-to-Boston speed record of six hours and 38 minutes. The Boston-to-Paris record by a 707 jet passenger liner is five hours and 55 minutes. Over the Pacific, similar planes have been covering the distance between Tokyo and Honolulu in five hours and 45 minutes.

MCC Summer Service At Lake Bellwood

The Mennonite Central Committee office is inviting young people from the MCC related constituencies to apply for a term of service this summer. Summer Service provides service opportunities in areas of need on a paying and non-paying basis.

One of the new units in our Summer Service program is the camp for mentally retarded children on Lake Bellwood near Fergus, Ont. MCC needs five volunteers to serve with this camp. A laundress and dishwasher, a first cook, a second cook, a kitchen assistant and a maintenance man are urgently required. A salary of \$170.00 per month is paid to volunteers. The term of service is July 18 to September 2.

Volunteers interested in assisting in a research camp ministering to mentally retarded children should apply immediately to the Mennonite Central Committee, 10 Union St. East, Waterloo, Ont.

Some people pray to be delivered from temptation and then deliberately run into it.

WEDDINGS

Letkemann—Schroeder

Miss Erna Schroeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schroeder, Arnold, B.C., and Mr. Peter Letkemann, also from B.C., were married in the Arnold M. B. church on February 27, 1960.

Rev. Gustav Ratzlaff officiated.

Doerksen—Wiebe

Miss Mary Wiebe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wiebe, Arnold, B.C., and Mr. Peter Doerksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Doerksen, also from B.C., were married in the Arnold M. B. church on February 14, 1960. Rev. C. D. Toews officiated. The young couple made a wedding trip to California.

ON THE HORIZON

March 19. — The Conquest Youth Rally to be held in the Frasersview M. B. church at 8 p.m.

March 25 and 26. — The drama, "The Carpenter" will be presented by the students of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in the large new auditorium, 172 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg 5, Man., at 7:30 p.m.

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

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