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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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Our M. B. Bible Schools

In the history of the Mennonite Brethren brotherhood, it has been evident in the past that its spiritual well-being and prosperity and also its witness to those around us was in direct proportion to the spiritual leadership available and active at the time.

At the time of the founding of the Mennonite Brethren Church, this leadership was centred in the hands of a relatively small group of individuals, who realized the task given them by our Lord and Master to awaken and to strengthen that which was about to perish. Their task was given practical expression in teaching those truths that God had entrusted to them as a special burden, from the pulpit, at weekly Bible study groups, at prayer meetings and at casual get-togethers through Scripture readings and witnessing to the saving grace of Christ in their lives. Their abilities were often limited and their audiences small. However, they made up for these by their sincerity and unbounded zeal.

In time these efforts, accompanied by God's blessings in a special way, resulted in a harvest of souls and great gain individually and collectively as marked by the rapid growth of our churches. And yet we might have failed in the long run if God had not shown us that our efforts did not keep pace with the needs of the harvest fields in our churches and amongst those living around us. We tended to become more and more materialistic, complacent and correspondingly less spiritually-minded. So it came to pass that when our first Bible schools came to life, they came about as an effort of a few dedicated spiritual brethren to whom God had shown the field anew, ripe for the harvest and the laborers few. These brethren built well!

Bible schools came into being spontaneously. God laid His hand upon our earthly riches and either withheld them from us or took them away completely, thus directing us and all our energies to the need for spiritual gain and advancement in the rank and file of our churches. This fire, if we may call it so, was carefully nurtured while being car-



Thousands of Moroccans live like this. The house doesn't have a number, the door is open (or completely missing). If the children are too hot in the sun they join their parents in the wretched huts, in front of which they are standing here. Not an enjoyable vacation camp but permanent home of a Moroccan family.

SOS - MOROCCO

By Peter Dyck (MCC European Director)

One message universally understood, in spite of the confusion of tongues, is the international distress signal SOS, "Save Our Souls" or "Save Our Ship." All the world heard the SOS call from Morocco recently and many willing hands have volunteered to rescue what could still be rescued at Agadir.

The need in Morocco is 4-fold: 1) Morocco is an underdeveloped country and needs development help; 2) 105,000 Algerian refugees need assistance; 3) 10,000 Moroccan victims of oil poisoning need help;

and in our homes. We are indebted to our Bible schools for thus meeting the great need in our churches across the land. Leadership and guidance were thus provided at a time when there was a great need for it everywhere. To the Bible schools belongs the credit and our thanks for preparing and training workers for such a service. This we should never forget. The Bible schools built well.

It is generally accepted as an axiom that the course of events in any activity or movement has its ups and downs. Are we now to conclude in the light of recent trends, that the Bible schools have had their "ups" and have now come to their "downs"? Or should we rather say that we, the churches, have

4) needs arising out of the earthquake at Agadir should be met.

As an underdeveloped country, Morocco is not only poor in money and goods, but poor also in what Americans call "know-how." There is a scarcity of skilled laborers, of technicians and experts in almost every field. More than one-half of the children of Morocco never go to school because there is a shortage of teachers, schools and books. One of the most surprising sights of Morocco is the contrast between the old and the new—Morocco is made

up of both Middle Age and 20th century influences and appearances. These two contrasting worlds are often only a few hundred yards apart. Some of the country's larger cities such as Rabat and Casablanca boast modern buildings, beautiful streets and the latest American automobiles, but alongside these are shanty towns, poverty, and the donkey as the only means of transportation.

There are more than 105,000 Algerian refugees in Morocco. The experiences as told by one of these men are typical. "I was sitting at the table with my family eating lunch," he said. "When I looked up I saw through the window that they were coming for me. There was no time to consider or discuss what to do. Quickly I kissed my family farewell and darted out the back door. The picture of my family around the table the way I saw them when I left is the last I know about them." The 12-year-old boy, with many other lads, is living among these strange men, separated from his own family, also knowing that there is no return for him to his loved ones and native Algeria until the war there ends.

Added to the general need of an underdeveloped country, and the burden of the refugee problem, is the need to do something for the more than 10,000 oil victims. Some months ago an American air base in Morocco sold Moroccan dealers lubricating oil. Because the Moroccans

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EDITORIAL

Dedication Address — MBCI Auditorium, Winnipeg

By Rev. Frank C. Peters

(Continuation from last week)

II. Our Philosophy of Recreation.

A. We believe that the body is to serve the mind and not the mind become a slave of the body.

There is an order in God's universe that the lower serves the higher. Man uses animals; they were made for him and not he for them. We know that a sound mind requires an equally sound body, since body and mind are always interacting.

This would mean that recreation is never an end in itself, it must remain a means to an end. It must enable us to do the "greater things" better because we have been refreshed in body. We could justifiably, I believe, expect the grades of our students to go up somewhat because of the added facilities. Should the grades go down, then our efforts here have not really achieved their higher purpose.

Quarles once said: "Make thy recreation servant to thy business, lest thou become a slave to thy recreation."

Years ago, when the depression was upon us, I noticed many men engaged in "relief" work. Many were engaged in cutting weeds and grass along the roadside. It seemed to me, they were forever whetting their scythes and only seldom did one observe vigorous scything. The whetting seemingly led to nothing in particular. Recreation is intended for the mind as whetting is for the scythe, to sharpen the edge of it, which otherwise would grow dull and blunt. He who spends his whole time in recreation is ever whetting and never mowing.

B. We believe that each activity must be evaluated by what it replaces.

We must keep our life in balance. Many things are not wrong in themselves but become harmful when taken in excess. The most beneficial drugs are wholesome only in proper doses. An overdose may be fatal.

Recreation must also be kept in proper control. Some people have too little of recreation. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. This is also true of Jack's father.

I could not but notice the relative size of the two buildings which stand side by side on the campus. The one symbolizes instruction and the other recreation. I trust that the relative size of the two buildings is not prophetic of the relative importance of instruction and recreation in the lives of our students.

C. We believe that recreation must be in keeping with our Christian witness.

It must not harm body or soul. Whenever recreation does harm our soul, it would be well that we heed our Lord's advice and "cut it off" or "pluck it out."

Our leaders in the field of recreation should be very sensitive in this area. We have built this gymnasium for the betterment of our youth and not for their harm.

We must not violate basic principles by which Christians are to live. Our lives belong to God and we are to invest our lives wisely in terms of eternal values. I would hope, and I believe parents stand with me in this, that this building would never become a stepping stone by which young people are led into professional athletics. We feel that the lives of our children must be invested in weightier pursuits.

III. Our Philosophy of Dedication.

A. We believe that our dedication to Christ breaks down the strict dichotomy of secular and sacred.

We do not only dedicate churches to Christ, but also a gymnasium. "If Christ is not Lord of all, He is not Lord at all." There is a truth in this maxim. We dare not departmentalize our lives. Christ is to be reflected in all of our activities. This does not mean that certain places are not more appropriate for communion with Christ, nor does it mean that we should make a basketball game an exercise of worship. However, our activities here are still under judgment of the central purpose of our lives, to glorify Christ. We would want our children to really enjoy themselves here and still know that "for all these things God will bring thee into judgment."

B. We believe that our dedication to Christ should allow Him access to every aspect of our life.

Life is really a totality, a unit. Christ would permeate

our entire life with His Spirit and christianize every phase of it. To this end we dedicate ourselves to Him completely.

As a Church, we pray that nothing will be done or said in this building which would in any way grieve our Lord and Saviour. Truly we are not our own, we are His and it is our deepest desire of heart to glorify Him in our body.

DEVOTIONAL

Drinking the Cup of Suffering

By Mrs. Linda Fast

(Secretary to Rev. J. B. Toews)

"O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt."

It seems to me that Satan and all his demons were camped around this sacred spot at this moment engaged in the battle of the ages. Christ in His humanity was facing hell itself, knowing that with the carrying out of His commission He would drink the cup of sin to the last drop while taking upon Himself the guilt of the whole world. Here, where the plan of redemption was to be culminated, the final thrust was being made by all of hell itself to defeat that purpose for which our Redeemer had come into this world.

Almost it seemed as if it was too much for Him to bear when He cried out, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." But He gathers the last remaining strength and continues, "Nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt."

What if Christ had thought, "This is too much. I cannot go through

with it." What if He had not trusted His heavenly Father to see Him through? No. His highest aim, His supreme desire was to do the Father's will.

How often have we been tempted to say, "Lord, this which you have asked of me is more than I can bear. I cannot do it." We have possibly uttered the same prayer as our Lord, "If it be possible, let this cup pass from me." But perhaps we have not continued as our Saviour did, "nevertheless, not my will but thine be done." Perhaps our Lord has seen fit to also let us drink a cup of testing to the last drop—even as with the apostle Paul, who so earnestly prayed, "Lord, if it be possible, let this cup be taken from me." Only as we can pray with our Lord, "Nevertheless, not my will but thine be done" will we be able to pass through our hour in Gethsemane, whatever it may be. And as Christ came forth the victor from Gethsemane and the grave, so also He has won this victory for us so that we can come forth victors through Him Who has overcome sin and death.

Sunday School Rally and Conference

Woodrow, Sask. — The weekend of March 4 to 6 was indeed a time of rich blessing and fellowship in the Woodrow M. B. church during the Sunday School Rally and Conference. Miss Nettie Kroeker, Winnipeg, ministered to the Sunday school staff and congregation, taking as her theme, "Realizing Biblical Aims in Christian Education."

Miss Kroeker had as her basic text II Tim. 3:16,17. She brought out the importance of having Biblical aims not only in the presentation of a lesson but also as the basic motive in all teaching. All-important is the salvation of the student and strengthening him in Christian character and service. By means of the Word and the fellowship of the saints his relationship to God is improved.

Saturday afternoon Miss Kroeker very ably set forth the basic requirements for thorough teaching. Besides systematic study of the lesson, the teacher must prepare her own heart and acquire a thorough knowledge of Bible doctrine and the Word of the Lord. Only then can the lesson be put across to the student.

The day was climaxed by a well-

planned turkey banquet, at which the Sunday school staff and their life's partners were present. In her afternoon message Miss Kroeker dealt with the very important topic, "A Right Teacher-Pupil Relationship."

Our Sunday school superintendent, Brother Rueben Engel, had

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aptly named this Sunday "Friendship Sunday." All regular members were to invite a friend not regularly attending a Sunday school, and as a result our year's record was broken. Miss Kroeker took charge of the service and used the Primaries as a model class. She held students and congregation spellbound by very vividly portraying God's truths. Also during the ser-

vice, the Sunday school staff choir, under the capable direction of our pastor, Rev. Wally Gripp, presented two messages in song.

The rally was brought to close Sunday evening with Miss Kroeker's final message on the subject, "Cooperation of Home and Sunday School in Christian Education."

M. Wilson

Sorrow and Joy at Foam Lake

Foam Lake, Sask. — A service in memory of Mr. Henry Henke was observed in the M. B. church, Foam Lake, Sask., on March 20. Mr. Henke went to be with the Lord on March 20, 1959. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Kehler, read John 14:1-6 as his text. He commented that life is like a flower, first the bud, then full bloom, then fading and death. But our text gives joy in sorrow. "Let not your heart be troubled" in spite of circumstances. Believe in God and overcome the trials and testings of life. Trust in Jesus, Who came to bear our burdens. Encouragement and a promise is given in verses 2 and 3. A mansion is prepared for us and Jesus will come again to receive us. Are we ready, waiting, anxious and longing to go? Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, and He also gives us peace and security.

A poem, "Until Then," was read by Nettie Petkau and songs by the choir and congregation included "One Day," "The Last Mile of the Way," "The Sweet Bye and Bye," and "It Is Wonderful." A spray of flowers from the family was later placed on the resting place of the departed one.

It was a privilege to have Mr. Wm. Friesen of Japan Evangelical Mission in our midst recently for two services. Brother Friesen and family are on furlough after six years in Japan, where Brother Friesen was doing radio work. He comes from Waldheim, Sask., and his family is at present in Three Hills, Alberta.

His first visit here was Sunday afternoon, March 20. He spoke at the regular Christian Endeavor program on the theme "God's Call to Service," reading Matt. 4:18-22. He stated that the call comes to busy people such as Peter and Andrew, and also to those with handicaps as Moses and Jeremiah. It may come unexpectedly as it did to these fishermen. Again it comes to those who wait upon God as Elijah did. It usually comes in a still small voice, so quietly that we don't always recognize it and wait for something more spectacular.

Are we certain that we are in the place where God wants us to be? There is no greater privilege than to be God's missionary. God has called us to be fishers of men, to testify of His goodness, to go to love.

Brother Friesen returned on

Monday evening for a service consisting mainly of slides on Japan and appropriate comments about them. He told of the difficulty of learning the Japanese language, which consists of 1850 characters in the alphabet. Eighty per cent of Japan is mountainous and uninhabitable. We can readily see why the remaining 20 per cent is so heavily populated: 3000 per square mile. This leaves little room for farming. The country around Hiroshima and Nagasaki is competely rebuilt. Typhoons and floods connected with loss of life the common. Snowfall is heavy in some areas, causing roofs to cave in.

The beautiful temples and statues of Shintoism are everywhere. Only one-half per cent of the population is Christian. The radio is very effective in reaching the people. Programs are taped and recorded by native pastors and follow-up work done by mail. New converts are being trained in a Bible school. The Christian literature ministry is very valuable. Tent evangelism is popular. Japan is civilized and educated, but far from evangelized. We must pray, give and go as God directs.

Brother Friesen requested prayer for his oldest daughter, who will likely need an operation. The results will decide whether the Friesens will return to Japan or not. No doubt God will direct as He sees fit.

Mrs. A. Dell

Visitors Bring Blessings

Swift Current, Sask. — The Annual Missionary Conference was held in January, at which Rev. Abe Neufeld represented Europe, Sister Mary Toews, Africa and Sister Gladys Klassen, India. They implanted in our hearts and minds the need that is still existing in the different fields of service.

February 1, 1960, was set aside as "Visitors' Day," when the citizens of Swift Current were given an invitation to see our new church building. A supper was served, after which the church was viewed.

On March 6, the Bethany Bible Institute choir, under the direction of Brother Jacob Schroeder, was serving in word and song. Brother Heidebrecht conducted the service and Rev. J. H. Epp, principal of the school, ministered with the Word of God.

The following Sunday, the Swift

Current Bible School was in our midst. Br. Letkeman was in charge of the music and Rev. Zacharias conducted the service and he was also the speaker for the evening.

March was again the month in which our local district ministers visited the churches in the Southern District. Rev. Nick Janz, Rev. H. F. Klassen, and Brother Henry Voth were the speakers in our church. The lectures and sermons dealt with timely subjects and were enjoyed by all who were able to attend.

The choir is presently practicing for the coming Easter season. Bro. Henry Voth is conducting the choir for this occasion. He has chosen a cantata and several selections from the Messiah.

Alvina Schroeder

Hepburn Choir Visits Brotherfield

Hepburn, Sask. — Despite blustery weather, our choir went to the Brotherfield M. B. church on the evening of March 13 to present a program. This was an event for which we had planned and waited for some time.

Featured on the program were songs by the choir, which is directed by Brother Herman Berg; trios and instrumental music were also rendered. Rev. Jacob Bergen presented the message on the topic, "Redeeming the Time." He challenged us with the importance of using our time wisely by accepting Christ, studying the Bible, learning to know Christ and doing God's will in our daily life.

The wintry weather was forgotten in the presence of the fellowship around God's Word. A lunch served by the Brotherfield Church provide an opportunity for further blessings and fellowship for the young people of our two churches.

Phyllis Siemens

A Week of Refreshing

Horndean, Man. — The past week, March 20 to 27 inclusive, has been a week of refreshing and blessing in the Gospel Light Mission at Horndean. Throughout all the services the chapel was well filled. Local talent provided appropriate numbers in song for the evening services. Rev. John M. Schmidt, director of the Gospel Light radio broadcasts, was the evangelist.

Brother Schmidt directed his evening messages particularly to the unsaved and to the backsliders. However, during the afternoons, Deeper Life studies were conducted when Brother Schmidt led a series of discussions on The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Christian.

There were special items for the children, and they turned out in good numbers. On Friday night a part of the evening was devoted to personal testimonies. The Lord has done a great work among His people here, and there was great rejoicing among the people of God.

Cleopatra Heinrichs

Mennonite Brethren Bible School of Ontario

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4: 5,6).

The student body of the Mennonite Brethren Bible School is again visiting the Mennonite Brethren churches of Ontario this spring. Thus far, the group has been to the Virgil, Vineland and St. Catharines churches.

The school choir is under the direction of Mr. Henry Esau, instructor, with Elsie Dyck at the piano. The program usually consists of a number of songs by the whole choir, several songs by the male octet and the ladies' double trio. We also have a story for the children by one of the second year students. One of the students gives a personal testimony, telling how he was led by the Lord to come to Bible school. One of the teachers, Mr. W. Kornelson, the principal, or Mr. Walter Wiebe, gives the message from God's Word.

We as students always look forward to going to the various churches to give a program. It is our desire that, as other young people see what is being done in Bible school, those, whom the Lord is calling, might be found willing to attend Bible school, too. We have received many rich blessings as we dug deep into God's Word and found the truths that He has in store for us. We are grateful for the privilege of studying the Word in this manner and it is our prayer that the time spent here would be a time of preparation for future service for the Lord.

We would like to thank the churches for the warm reception they have given us and ask them to continue to remember the Bible school in prayer.

Clara Kroeker



Easter is around the corner!

Farewell for the H. H. Janzens

Winnipeg, Man. — The South End M. B. Church had a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Janzen on Monday night, March 22. First they went to Ontario to visit with their three married children and from there they intend to leave for Europe via New York.

In a way it was a surprise for the Janzen family, since arrangements for this gathering were made only a few days before by the Männerverein. After a brief introduction by

Brother J. A. Kroeker, Rev. Janzen expressed their gratitude for the benign attention and love given them. He admonished us to grow in grace and brotherly love (Acts 20: 22) and to adhere to it under all circumstances.

Although they had little rest during their furlough, they felt quite well and were happy to go back to Europe to preach the gospel to those whom they would reach. We once more felt their deep-rooted urge and compulsion to go out and serve our Lord and Master.

After lunch a number of brethren incited the Janzens to work courageously, for God is the Almighty One. He is our help and strength, and His grace is sufficient, for all of us.

Brother J. P. Neufeld closed the evening by reading Col. 1:2-3, committing Rev. and Mrs. Janzen, their son Arthur (who is accompanying them to Europe), and their whole family unto God's peace and grace, assuring them that we at home shall continue to pray for them as they carry on the work of the Lord in Europe.

H. Wiebe

Saskatchewan Churches Approve Bethany Building Project

On March 19, some 51 delegates representing the M. B. Churches of Saskatchewan voted in favor of launching out on Bethany Bible Institute's \$100,000.00 expansion program this spring. This body comprises the Governing Council of Bethany of which Brother Sam Willems is the chairman. Brother Willems reported that the general response of the churches toward this project had been most enthusiastic. In February Bro. Willems personally visited most of the churches and by means of an illustrated talk presented Bethany's need to them. He then together with the local representatives contacted the individual members for donations and pledges. The result is that to date \$82,302.00 has been received in cash and pledges with a number of areas still not canvassed.

It was felt by the council that God had definitely answered prayers and that the goal of \$100,000.00 would easily be attained. In view of this, plans were adopted to begin building as soon as possible. Plans call for a one-story brick building housing five classrooms, library, chapel, offices, kitchen and dining hall covering 14,400 square feet of floor space.

We at Bethany are grateful for the whole-hearted response of our people to the cause of the ministry of the Word to our young people at Bible school. We anticipate a very active summer and as our present school year draws to a close we are already looking forward to a renewed interest in Bible school on the part of many young people for the coming year. C. Braun

A Small Group Experiences Blessings

Sperling, Man. — The Sperling M. B. Church is a very insignificant part of the M. B. Conference, when looked at with mortal eyes. We are just fourteen members of whom at present only eight live within a radius of twelve miles, plus nine children of various ages. However, we gather every Sunday around the Word of God for Sunday school and sermon and with the Lord's evidenced blessing on the participants.

We gather in two groups for Sunday school: adults and children. Of the children's class three of the young people have confessed having accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour.

This year Rev. H. H. Redekop, Jacob P. Epp and G. D. Pries have visited us. We covet the constraining love of Christ in our brethren to come and minister to us.

A Shower for Mrs. A. Neufeld

Steinbach, Man. — The ladies of the Steinbach M. B. Church held a shower for Mrs. Abe Neufeld on Thursday, March 24. About 60 ladies were present. Mrs. Neufeld testified to God's leading particularly regarding their son, Garry. It was a real test of faith when Garry had to be treated for cancer upon their arrival in Canada in the spring of 1959. Since that time the Neufelds have lived in Steinbach and experienced God's grace and power in Garry's recovery. Eager to be back where God has called them, they plan to leave for Berne, Switzerland, near the end of May.

Mr. Neufeld has accepted the challenge of doing evangelistic work in Germany and Austria. We are grateful to God for the spiritual stimulus that this family has been to Steinbach. When they solicit our continued prayers, let us be faithful in this work!

Henry Toews.

God Blesses in Various Ways

Kitchener, Ont. — "Bibelbesprechung" was held on the second weekend of March. Matthew chapter 24 was discussed. It was a time of rich blessing for us as well as for our visitors from other churches.

The male choir, under the direction of Mr. David Wiens, presented a program on March 20. The theme was "Jesus Christ, the Son of Man and the Eternal Son of God." It was very well done and enjoyed by all. Especially striking were the selections telling of Christ's birth (Christmas songs) and those relating to His death and resurrection (Easter songs).

The offering of the above evening went toward furnishing the needs of the Henry Duecks, who are going to South America to serve our people there under the auspices of the Board of Public Welfare.

The William Schmidts had a party for all the young people. They had to have it in the church, because the Kitchener M. B. Church has a large group of young people, who could not be accommodated in the parsonage.

The young people made a visit to the Hamilton Christian Fellowship Chapel and were in charge of the Sunday evening service. They have also paid visits to the United Mennonite church in Waterloo and the Stirling Avenue Mennonite church in Kitchener. Lest anyone think that only visits are on the program, I shall hasten to add that good Bible studies are held regularly and a series of missionary meetings are on the horizon.

Erica Jantzen

Evangelicals Film 'Big Picture' of World Missions

Two prominent evangelical leaders left the US last February on a two-year, round-the-world photographic expedition in a twin-engine private plane. On their return late in 1962, they plan to release at least seven films for use in churches and schools throughout the world. The spectacular project is being sponsored by Moody Institute of Science.

Dr. Irwin A. Moon and Dr. George E. Speake of MIS first embarked on a six-week swing through Mexico, which was to serve as a shake-down of equipment and technique. Following this there will be a much longer loop through South America. After a flight across the North Atlantic, they will visit Europe, Africa, the Orient, Australia, New Zealand and New Guinea. There is a possibility of returning via the Aleutians from Japan, depending on weather conditions at that time.

"While thrilling fragments of the missionary story have been told," says Dr. Moon, "the over-all, worldwide story of missions has never been shared with the American public. Inasmuch as 4,000 Moody alumni have gone to the foreign field to work under 200 mission boards in 95 countries, we feel a special responsibility to give a visual report on this big picture to make the folks at home really missionary-minded."

Dr. Moon, the originator of the famed Sermons from Science films and head of MIS, has traveled extensively in Europe, the Middle East, Central and South America. He has flown since the age of 19 and has had 1,000 hours of flying experience.

Dr. George E. Speake, well-known for his Sermons from Science demonstrations, has been with MIS for 12 years. He has had 23 years of flying experience, including 11 years of active service in the navy.

Material for seven films will be gathered, if original plans materialize. Besides the missionary film, a science film on flying and meteorology will be shot, as well as one on ancient civilizations.

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Bible Institute Opened in Colombia

By Mrs. Ernest Friesen

The day ended with a good tropical downpour, but we weren't discouraged. Most of the people had arrived for the last service on February 14 and the church was well filled. This was Bible institute day in which we also experienced a downpour of spiritual blessings. The theme of the day was: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalms 119:105).

Our guest speaker was Brother Burton Biddulph, president of the Inter-American Seminary in Medellin. He is serving his third term in Colombia. The morning message, "The Word of God in the Church," was a blessing to all who attended. The evening service was equally rich in blessing. The students presented a number in song and three of them gave their testimonies, telling how they were saved and how the Lord opened the way to attend the institute. The message of the evening, "The Word of God in the Believer," again touched our hearts. The entire day was a great blessing and prayers of thanksgiving were offered for our Bible institute just a few weeks in session.

The Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute of Cali began classes on January 18. Ten young men from our M. B. Churches in Colombia have enrolled. Four of these are from the Choco and six from the Valle. Because of lack of prepared dormitory space, we could not accept girls or even more men for this year. The school is well accommodated in the San Fernando property where our Mennonite Brethren Church is located. The addi-

tional building on the property serves as dormitory and dining hall for the present, and the classes meet in one of the Sunday school rooms.

Brother Wilmer Quiring is director of the institute. The greatest share of the teaching is done by him and Brother Ernest Friesen. Mrs. Quiring and Mrs. Friesen each teach one class and Miss Annie Dyck teaches a three-hour evening class in pedagogy in which 16 students are enrolled. This class includes students from the city who work during the day. The Lord has also provided national helpers for the school. A young couple, Brother and Sister Reinaldo Salinas from the Cali church, serve as houseparents and caretakers of the property. Sister Rita San Martin, member of the Cisneros Church, is the cook. We are thankful for these faithful and consecrated workers as they are a great help.

We have prayed for some time for God's leading in a training school for our workers. God has answered this prayer. Our gratefulness to Him cannot be expressed in words. The need for trained workers is increasing. We have several churches now without pastors, there are new fields that could be opened and there are schools without teachers.

You have had a part in providing this institute by your help in securing the property and standing by with your prayers. May you now continue in prayer remembering the students as well as the director and staff.

Prayer was offered by Brother E. W. Schmidt. The fifth grade students sang several selections. Ground was broken by Brethren Brucks, Isaac and Schmidt.

The biggest problem to date has been the transportation of materials. All of them except sand and rock have to be hauled from Kikwit 250 miles away. There have been several accidents, but in all incidents the losses have been covered by insurance, and no one has been

injured, for which we must thank God. Our biggest loss has been a four-ton British Ford Diesel used for 20,000 miles, which broke a ferry and was submerged in the river for 48 hours. It has been replaced by a Mercedes Benz Diesel.

If the money installments can be received regularly, we hope to complete all the buildings before Independence, which has been promised for June 30.

With Billy Graham in Africa

By Tom McMahan, Religion Editor

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. — American diplomats from all over Africa rolled out a red carpet as Billy Graham's "Safari for Souls" passed their way.

The V.I.P. treatment accorded the evangelist was particularly noticeable in this capital of a strategic country which is leaning slightly toward neutralism. High officials here said that the state department generally views Graham's overseas tour as one of America's best cultural exports. Graham's meetings reflect the religious side of American life, thus helping to counteract the charge that Uncle Sam is a money grabbing militarist, they indicated.

Last summer Ethiopia's emperor visited Moscow and accepted in principle a Russian offer to lend his country 400 million rubles and agreed to expanded cultural contacts. A few days ago Selassie approved a Russian offer to build a technical school in Ethiopia with a student capacity of a thousand as an outright gift. In addition, Russians have operated a hospital in Addis Ababa for several years.

Americans are quick to point out that the United States has given aid to Ethiopia far in excess of the prospective loan. Some Ethiopians counter with the observation that much American aid is in the form of surplus goods which had been dumped somewhere, and they feel their share of aid is small compared to their need, and point to the much larger grants going to Marxist Yugoslavia and Rightist Spain.

It should be noted that Americans serving here are doing an outstanding job of interpreting our country to the Ethiopians who are often on a shoestring budget. A strong case can be made for Christianity as a bulwark against the spread of Communism. Of course, anti-Communism is not the motivating reason for spreading the gospel, but it is a frequent by-product.

For example, consider the case of an Ethiopian Christian layman who strongly supported Graham's meetings. This man owns two houses and rents one of them. The Russians offered him nearly a thousand dollars a year more than he was getting if he would rent his house to them. He refused because he did not

want to help the Reds in any way.

Some Ethiopian government leaders opposed the Emperor's decision to accept the big Russian loan and there is some question as to whether it will be implemented. If it is, a small flood of Russian technicians will pour into the country.

If the Reds can get a firm grip on Ethiopia as they have in East Africa, they can launch their psychological "pincers movement" on sub-Sahara with its fabulous store of raw materials. Ethiopia is particularly vulnerable because of her underdeveloped economy and her appalling illiteracy rate. Emperor Selassie is trying desperately to educate his people, but his resources are limited. "We never knew the benefits of colonial domination," remarked one Ethiopian with a touch of sarcastic bitterness.

During his visit Graham called for a renewed zeal in evangelizing the Ethiopian people, both by Africans and reinforced missionary forces. He also urged massive increases in other key programs of missions such as education and medical care.

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King David Hotel, Jerusalem, Israel. — "I don't believe it. I just don't believe it" This was the whispered exclamation of a German professor as he watched nearly ten thousand people crowd under a huge tent in Cairo to hear the last sermon of Billy Graham's African tour.

Graham's visit to Egypt was planned as a postscript to the "Safari for Souls" which took him through eleven other African countries in eight weeks. As it turned out, the closing meeting capped the climax of the entire campaign.

Veteran newsmen were amazed to learn that the Egyptian government had given permission to hold the tent meeting, which was the first of its kind in the memory of the living. Although it was held on mission property, the service attracted a large number of Moslems.

People jammed the aisles and stood in the tightest formations the Graham team members have ever seen. Two ambassadors had to stand up during the service. A third high diplomatic official sat on the crowded platform. Four days later

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Kajiji Medical Centre Progressing

By Arthur Wiebe

At Kajiji in the Belgian Congo, construction of the facilities for the large medical center in the southern part of our mission field is going ahead. Another cause for gratitude to the Lord is that the second 45 per cent of the funds to complete the buildings now under construction have been received from the state.

Buildings now under construction include an administration building with surgery, sterilization, X-ray and office facilities, half of a 60-bed hospital ward and a water system. Late in February the administration building was nearing completion and the walls of the ward were approximately six feet high. The second part includes six Congolese nurses' homes with individual cook houses, a kitchen and laundry for the hospital, sanitary installations and a house for the diesel electricity generator to be supplied by the state. The total cost of the present building project exceeds \$66,000, and another \$50,000

worth of equipment and instruments are to be furnished upon completion of the buildings.

All the funds for this medical center are provided by the Belgian government from a source known as Funds for Native Welfare. This project is probably the largest single building project in our conference missionary endeavor.

The first part of the project was completed in 1955 by Brother William Goertzen. That was a \$15,000 maternity and mother's waiting ward.

Completion of the total medical center has been delayed by various difficulties and negotiations. Last fall it was possible to resume work following the grant of funds to the mission by the state on September 20. On November 1, 1959, a groundbreaking service was held. Brother Henry Brucks reviewed the legal difficulties and negotiations of the project which began in 1953. Pastor Isaac gave a short devotional.

THE Young Observers

Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls,

Spring's in the air and are we glad for it! Yes, the crows are back, and some of you will notice that the pussy willows are just about ready to break through! How wonderful it will be to see all the world coming to new life again! I wonder who will be the first to find a crocus this spring? Perhaps it will be YOU. If it is, will you do something for me? Pick a crocus—flower, leaf, stem, root, and all—and press it gently between several sheets of newspaper for some two weeks, and then send it to me. I will be delighted to get your pressed crocus, to be sure!

Last week we had a happy surprise at the office. Bertha Reimer from St. Anne, Man., wrote us a lovely letter to tell us how much she had enjoyed the story of "Little Frank." Thank you, Bertha, for your kind letter. We certainly enjoyed with you the story of Frank, who gave God a chance to use his short life. God was good to Frank to let him hear the news of salvation in Christ before his time came to die, and even to have a chance to win his mommy and daddy to the Lord! God just proved again that He can do anything but fail, isn't that right, Bertha. I will gladly send you the picture you asked for and hope that next time you write, Bertha, you will also put in a picture of yourself. What do you say to that? I would be proud to get letters with pictures of the boys and girls who enjoy reading the *Mennonite Observer* stories!

I want to leave a thought with you, boys and girls. In a slave market in the United States a man saw a smart young colored boy up for sale.

"I'll buy you if you'll be honest," said the man.

"I'll be honest whether you buy me or not," replied the boy. What a great answer! What will you be?

Love, Aunt Anne

Saying You Are Sorry

Elsie Smith was so very excited. Her little cousin, Walter Gray, was visiting with her, and Walter was such fun. He knew so many new and wonderful games to play, and he could keep one laughing with the funny things he said.

"Elsie, dear," Mother called. "Do be careful playing so close to the table, or you will bump it and break some of my plants."

"All right," Elsie called, hardly listening to what her mother said. A minute later she had completely forgotten Mother's warning.

"Let's play dog and cat," Walter suggested. "You be the cat and run away. I'll be the dog and follow you," and off they went making so much noise that poor Father's head began to ache.

"Please, you children, do be quiet," he called. But they were barking and mewing and laughing until they did not hear him.

Away Elsie ran and jumped up on the sofa. Walter was right behind her. Elsie jumped from the sofa onto a chair, leaving footprints all over it. Walter was right behind her barking furiously. Elsie jumped from the chair and stumbled over the carpet. She fell into a heap and rolled against the table.

"Watch out," Walter cried, but

he was too late. One of Mother's flower pots crashed to the floor and the plant broke off.

"Let's go outside and play ball," Walter suggested quick as a flash.

"After I tell Mother about the plant," Elsie said picking it up.

"Won't she spank you?" he asked. "Maybe. But I have to tell her anyway."

"Why?" the little boy asked in surprise.

"Because Jesus would be hurt if I didn't." So she walked slowly into the room where Father and Mother were sitting.

"Mother," she said in a small, tearful voice, holding the broken plant, "I bumped the table and broke this plant."

Mother looked distressed. "Oh, Elsie, why didn't you listen to me?" she said. "I spent days working with that plant so it would grow big and bloom. Now you have ruined it."

"I'm sorry, Mother dear, just so very sorry," little Elsie said, kissing her mother.

"And my poor head is aching because you youngsters made so much noise," Father told her.

"I'm so sorry," Elsie said again, and kissed him.

"Coming out in the yard to play

now?" Walter asked when Elsie returned to the living room and had assured him that she had received no spanking.

"In a few minutes," she told him, and ran to the medicine chest for medicine to make her father's head stop aching.

"What did you do that for?" Walter asked.

"So he will know I am sorry I made so much noise," she explained and she brushed the footprints off the chair and straightened the carpet.

"Did your mother tell you to do all that?" Walter asked.

"No," Elsie told him. "I just do it so Mother will know that I'm sorry for being naughty." Then, when she was all finished, she knelt and asked Jesus to make her a better girl.

"Now I am ready to play," she said.

Walter hesitated. "I made just as much noise and mess as you did," he said, "and I'm sorry, too—only I didn't know how to say I was."

"Father and Mother will be very happy if you tell them you are sorry," Elsie said.

"Will Jesus be happy, too?"

"Yes. And He will be very unhappy if you don't."

"Then I will," and off he ran to say that he was sorry.

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A Child's Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray Thee, Lord, the souls to keep
Of other children, far away,
Who have no homes in which to
stay,
Nor know where is their daily
bread,
Nor where at night to lay their
head,
But wander through a broken land
Alone and helpless—
Take their hand!

The Snake and the Frog

We were walking on the hills one day when we saw a snake about two feet long, gliding across our path. In its mouth was a small frog. The head of the frog and its two front legs were outside the mouth of the snake, but more than half of the frog was in its mouth.

The poor frog was terribly frightened. It felt that in a few moments it would die. It had absolutely no power. It had no hope at all unless someone, who was stronger than the snake, should come and save it. As we passed by, the frog called out, "Squeak, squeak!" as if to say, "Save me, save me!"

How much we are like that little frog! It had got into the hold of a dreadful enemy, and could not free itself. Unless a deliverer came, it would have to die. And you and I, dear children, have also a dreadful



Just like the flowers are delighted to be in the rays of the sun, so the children of God rejoice in the sunshine of God's love.

enemy, Satan. Long ago in the garden of Eden, he caused Adam and Eve to sin, and death came by sin. Yes, we have all sinned, and "the wages of sin is death." What we need is a deliverer. We cannot save ourselves, any more than the little frog could. If you and I are to be saved, it must be by One Who is stronger than Satan. The frog seemed to realize its hopeless position and called on us to save it. Are you like the frog in this? Do you feel your need of a Saviour?

Well, the frog was saved, for we took a stick and struck the snake, making it drop the frog, which quickly hopped away, happy to be free. We chased the snake as it tried to escape and killed it.

Now is there a Saviour to Whom you may call, "Save me save me!"? Is there one to be found in all the universe stronger than Satan? Yes, thank God, there is a Saviour, One Who is able and One Who is willing to save you from the power of Satan. God has sent His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die for us and save us. He not only pitied us, but He loved us.

"God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). Yes, on the cross the Lord Jesus Christ broke the power of Satan, and set everyone free who believes in Him.

Do you understand how the little frog is a picture of you? Have you ever cried, "Save me, save me!"? If you do, God says, "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13.

Gentle Words and Tender

Little acts of kindness
Christian love display,
Make home bright and happy
Through the busy day.

Gentle words and tender—
Like soft drops of rain
Making spring-time blossom—
Take away sharp pain.

Children, in your trials
Patient be and meek,
Check the rise of anger,
Help from Jesus seek.

Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(15th Installment)

"Well, if she doesn't want to be found, I'm on her side," said Sherry. "She's probably an unpleasant brat who doesn't deserve any sympathy, but I admire her spunk. I hope you never find her!"

"You're cross!" said Kit. "Why do you always act so bad when Steve is here? I don't know anything about Allie May, but if Daddy wants to find her, I hope he does."

Aunt Molly, who had been sewing on the Irish-chain quilt, looked up as if disturbed by the turn the conversation had taken.

"She will be found I'm sure. I've asked the Father for that every day since she left, and He will answer. The money will be found, too. That's why she don't want to come back. She was bad hurt over that. Even as a little girl she took things hard. An' to lose her father an' be separated from her grandpa bothered her terrible. The Ormands was all so cut up over it that they'd teach her to feel that way, too. But God has give me confidence, and it'll come out right in His time."

Sherry's belligerence seemed to fade at these earnestly-spoken words, and Virginia drew a breath of relief. There were times when Sherry's strong opinions and Kit's quick reactions rasped on her nerves, already worn thin by the weeks of strain she had undergone. She hoped some more pleasant topic of conversation would arise, but before anyone had a chance to change the subject, Kit spoke eagerly.

"Oh, Aunt Molly, do you know about it? What money will be found? And why did Allie May feel so bad she won't come back?"

Aunt Molly glanced inquiringly at Steve as if she feared his disapproval, but he smiled encouragingly at her.

"Go on," he said. "It can't do any harm. The Kitten has as much right to know as anyone else. You don't mind if she tells about it, do you?" He looked inquiringly at Virginia, who promptly gave her assent.

"Yes, I do know as much about it as any livin' person," began Aunt Molly. "I was born and raised right in this valley and I knowed your folks all my life. I was right here when all the trouble started, and I done all I could to patch it up. But it wasn't any use, and then your grandpa died and nobody could find Alice and Allie May, and all I could do was to pray. I've been doin' that ever since. And some day I'll look up and see 'em comin' down the lane like they used to. That's the confidence I have."

"Tell about it. Tell all about it," urged Kit. "I don't know anything about any of the folks who used to

live here, except stingy little dabs that Ginny and Jim let come my way once in a while. I was born too late! Go on and tell, please!"

Aunt Molly needed no urging, for the matter lay so close to her heart that she was eager to discuss it. So she began her story, while she stitched industriously at the quilt blocks.

CHAPTER X

Well, I was born in that little house I still live in. I never lived anywheres else. As far back as I can remember, Joe Martin lived on this farm. His only child was just my age and was always in my classes at school. We went to the little frame building that Bart Savage uses for feed store now. They moved it up to his place when they built the new brick school that year Maw died. Joe Martin's son was about ten years old the Ormands bought the house up yonder on the hill. They had just one son, too—he was named Neil—and from the first day they met at school, Jodie and Neil was friends. The teacher called 'em Damon and Pythias, but I always thought of 'em as David and Jonathan. Well, we all growed up and the boys was sent away to school. Neil went to business college in Sparta. His father said a farmer needed to know something about business as much as a banker did. He met Sadie Pace there and married her later. She belonged to the Paces over by the Junction. Jodie wanted to go to Sparta with Neil, but Joe had set his heart on sendin' him to college. Jodie was the only child Joe and Lydy had raised out of four or five children—I forget just how many they was—and they was determined he should have every chance. He kep' sayin' he didn't want to go to college at that ol' city, but wanted to go to Sparta. But Joe was firm and said he'd like it after he got started. I don't think he ever did like it or done well with his books. All he wanted was to get back to the farm and his paw and maw and Neil Ormand. But he stuck to it 'cause he was a good boy. That last year in college he met a girl. Her first name was Sue. I've plum forgot the other one. Sherry woulda called her a glamour girl. Poor Jodie thought she was the prettiest and the sweetest girl in the world.

"They was married the day after he graduated an' he brought her back to the farm with him. They stayed about a month, as I recollect. Then she give him a choice between her and the farm. Joe and Lydy was plenty disappointed, but they didn't hold marriage light like folks do now an' they knowed he had to go with her. Neil Ormand married an' kept the farm after his

folks died. He and Sadie had a little girl named Alice. Joe Martin used to think the world of that little tyke. Guess he was lonesome for Jodie's babies. Jodie had two boys and once in a while he would bring 'em and stay at the farm for a few days. Sue never come at all. Jodie had a good job in the city, but he always looked kinda peaked and unhappy. So Joe Martin grew to lean more and more on Neil Ormand just like he was his son."

Aunt Molly stopped for a moment to thread her needle. Kit was listening in absorbed silence. Steve and Virginia had laid aside their books and were giving full attention to this story which held more interest for them than any romance or travelogue. Sherry had discovered a fascinating serial in her old magazines, and had withdrawn to the small table in the corner as if the chronicle of the Martin family bored her.

"I was helpin' Dorry James that winter an' we didn't have a telephone so I didn't know Jodie Martin was dead till Paw come over one day an' said he was gone and Joe and Lydy had the boys. Lee was four then an' Fred three—just Alice Ormand's age. Joe said they had come for a visit, but they never went back. Their mother married again, and the Martins was tickled as could be when she signed the boys over to Joe."

She stopped again, and Kit spoke impatiently. "But what about Allie May and the money? That's what you started to tell."

"I'll get there presently. I guess I do get to dwellin' too much on things that don't mean nothin' to you. But I'll hurry along. The children all growed up, and Lee married and moved to the city. He's your daddy now, Kit. Fred married Alice Ormand and they lived here with old Joe. Lydy was ailin' and Alice had to run the house. Lydy never had much heart left after Jodie died and fin'ly she took to bed. Can you remember her, Virginny?"

"Just a little. She lay in the big bed in the downstairs bedroom, and she would forget who I was."

"Yes, her mind failed toward the last. She was near eighty when she died, though. Fred and Alice had a little girl, Allie May, and she was the dearest treasure Joe Martin ever possessed. She was a lively youngun and the whole neighborhood was kept laughin' at her pranks. I guess we all get soft-hearted as we get older. Anyway, Joe Martin did. He loved all of his grandchildren, but his whole life seemed tied up in that child. They was together so much that she had his ways exactly, an' we used to say that Joe Martin would never die as long as that little girl lived. You remember her, don't you, Virginny? You an' your brother used to come out summers and the three of you were like wild Injuns."

"Yes, I remember her. I couldn't ever forget her. She meant more to me at that time than any other person in the world, I think."

"Do you really remember her, Ginny?" squealed Kit. "I didn't know that. What did she look like?"

"Like a cocker spaniel," laughed Virginia.

Sherry raised her head from her story and gazed at Virginia in scorn. "How silly! No one ever looked like a cocker spaniel!"

"Well, Allie May did," said Virginia, nettled at Sherry's attitude. "Jim noticed it first. She had big brown eyes and a mop of dark hair that was always falling over her face. I can see yet the toss she would give to throw it back. Aunt Alice wanted to cut it but Grandpa wouldn't let her. Yes, she looked just like that. I thought her the most beautiful person in the world!"

Aunt Molly bit off a thread, then spoke reminiscently. "I always had a feelin' that she wasn't a girl at all, but one of them pixie critters that hatched out of an acorn in the woods. She was—"

"A fawn, probably," interrupted Sherry. "I'm sure her ears were pointed."

"I don't know what you mean!" cried Kit. "But her ears must be burning now. I don't think it's nice to talk about her this way."

"It isn't," Virginia admitted. "Allie May was probably grown into a lovely woman. She was a charming child."

Kit looked soothed, but Sherry gave a wicked chuckle as she turned back to her reading.

"She's probably grown into a mastiff or a greyhound."

No one answered this sally and Aunt Molly continued. "I can remember her like it was yesterday. She and Old Joe was always together. She'd ride on the horse while he plowed or drive the team while he pitched hay. Neil Ormand was just as crazy about her and it's a wonder she wasn't ruind by all the attention she got."

"Guess she was about ten when the trouble come. Fred Martin had not been well all summer but help was hard to get and old Joe was gettin' pretty feeble, so Fred kept on goin'. He never had been real husky. Most of us thought he was a mite lazy. Didn't have half the get-up-and-go that his grandfather did. But that year he went hard to keep things going. One day he decided to walk over to Neil's to talk about sellin' a team of young horses. Thought he'd get a new car if he could get a good price for the team. Neil had always wanted them. Joe saw him go, from the garden where he was pickin' some beans for seed. About sundown he started to the house and there by the side of the shed was Fred, unconscious. They got him into the house, but he died that night without comin' to. He mumbled and talked some but it didn't make any sense and he didn't know any of us. I helped Alice and was here when he died. The doctor said his heart had been bad for a long time, but he hadn't told anybody but his brother Lee.

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Education for Christians

By John Isaak

In this day of increasing emphasis on higher education, it is important that we as Christians examine ourselves to see whether we are being swept along in the stream of intellectualism and materialism, or whether we really have a spiritual perspective in this matter. Of what value is education for a Christian?

Although God's will for our life is revealed primarily through His Word, where abiding principles are taught, God uses many other agencies. One of these is information. Facts about the areas, where witnesses are urgently needed, may often be "the finger of God" to point out the way. As we study the lives of past generations in history, we get a better idea as to what the future might hold for us, and we are better able to judge what phase of human drama we are suited for. In psychology we are given an opportunity to make a spirit-directed evaluation of our gifts and abilities and to decide for ourselves what situation we would fit into. An emotional attraction to a field of service may be deceiving and short-lived, but as we study facts, God is often able to guide into a fruitful field of service.

Higher education is also important for our young people in view of the need of our time. Although mingling mostly with rural people until a generation ago, a variety of vocations and professions taken up have completely changed the picture. When Christ commissioned us to preach the gospel to all the world, He undoubtedly referred primarily to the geographical world, but did He perhaps not also mean the various social areas, including the world of the artist, the musician and the intellectual, as well as that of the destitute, the sick and the aged? Yet it is impossible to reach these people without becoming acquainted with their way of thinking. Will a large segment of our society remain untouched by Christ's gospel simply because we are too lazy to put forth the necessary effort to penetrate their thought world?

The pursuit of higher education also brings with it many dangers, which we must recognize. One of these is the lack of a sense of direction. We keep on acquiring knowledge, but we don't clearly know what we hope to gain by it. I believe part of our trouble lies in the fact that we think of training as something in itself, a period of time, certain courses taken, a degree gained, qualifications that can be listed on paper, rather than as something that happened to us. The emphasis should rather be on the man trained. The training that has value is that which enters our human make-up, fashions our attitudes

and matures our thinking. Simply exposing oneself to knowledge, which makes no essential and lasting change in our lives, cannot be included in our training. We should be much more concerned about "what are my studies doing for me now?" than upon the benefit we hope to derive from them some day.

In answer to the request of the lawyer, Jesus stated the commandments in brief: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself!" Certainly our education should equip us for meet-

ing our social responsibilities. However, the greatest commandment should not be overlooked: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and soul and mind." If our education is not helping us to fulfill this supreme purpose of our life, we should stop to reconsider whether the price we are paying is justified.

Our ability to think clearly is one of the greatest gifts God has bestowed upon us. Are we developing and using it for His glory? May our training, including the money, time and effort invested in it, be put on the altar with life itself, so that the Lord may use it as He sees fit.

SOS — Morocco

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had bought this oil cheaply, they hoped to make a big profit on the deal, and though they knew it was not edible oil, deliberately mixed it with peanut and olive oil and sold it to the unsuspecting public. Soon thousands of people were afflicted with a strange kind of sickness resembling polio.

Those crippled people who could still hobble about made their way to doctors and hospitals; but apparently there is no medicine that can cure these patients. The only help is physical therapy and Morocco has few if any trained therapists. Special therapy installations are being

made in hospitals. It will be some time yet before the treatment program gets under way and a long time before some of these people will again be rehabilitated so that they can at least do some work and earn their own living again. Many of these people are becoming quite destitute because they have lost their job, sold their few possessions for food and medicine and have no one to help them. Morocco is not a welfare state and it is very doubtful if any of these people carried personal insurance.

The fourth area of need is that resulting from the earthquake at Agadir. One of our workers there has reported that everything that we hear over the radio and read

in the papers is true, and it is much worse. "If you haven't seen it, you cannot imagine it," he said. Some 12,000 people are dead and at least 25,000 homeless. In a matter of three seconds these victims have lost not only all their possessions but their loved ones and in many cases also their health. Tents are being set up around the city for the survivors, grouping them into camps of 2,500 people each and setting up probably ten such temporary camps or villages.

Long before the recent SOS call from Agadir, Mennonites and other Christians were in Morocco trying to help wherever possible. Young people from Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, America and Canada volunteered their services in January, 1958, to work in Morocco through EIRENE, an International Christian Service for Peace, sponsored jointly by MCC and BSC (Brethren Service Commission). The World Council of Churches is keenly interested in EIRENE, in its service projects and its stated purpose of rendering Christian service wherever needed and possible, especially in areas of tension.

Only a few hours after the earthquake had struck Agadir, a check for \$5,000 was handed to EIRENE for relief in Agadir, because our team was on the spot and ready to move into action at once. Another \$10,000 was received from WCC for the same purpose a few days later. MCC Akron wrote: "If we are going to assist in the emergency it would be through EIRENE personnel. We are ready to provide up to \$2,000 immediately if you so ask."

It is clear that the emergency need at Agadir could only be met by large-scale operation such as was provided by military and government personnel assistance, but it is also clear that these folk will return home just as soon as the emergency operations are completed. Agadir, which has been so much in the news lately, will soon probably be crowded out by other world events; Agadir will once more be merely a spot on the map, Morocco will remain an underdeveloped country about which one hears very little.

But the need in Morocco will continue. The oil victims will still be there, hobbling about with their paralyzed bodies; the children will still roam the streets without schools to attend and teachers to teach them; the victims of Agadir will still be there after the first phase of dramatic rescue work is completed. The task of rehabilitating them will still remain. The shanty towns will still be there. And EIRENE will be there too! Quietly, without fuss and without seeking publicity, these Christian young people from many countries and churches will be there living and working side by side with the Moroccans, trying with the help of Christ, to translate their faith into action, to be "doers of the word."



Slums in Morocco



A poor underdeveloped country, to many people only known for its leather made from sheep and goatskin.

"Allegiance to Bible" and New Meaning in Theology Noted

A former theological student in Germany during the rise of Hitler's Nazism, captured the attention of Baptist leaders, meeting in Washington, D.C., when he declared that "one of the most encouraging signs of today is the new allegiance to the Bible." And then, before the leaders had time to disagree, he declared that Baptists have more to gain in this new attitude than others. This thesis was advanced by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference, in his keynote address to the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee.

Dr. Woyke observed that the foundations of German national stability had been undermined by the prevailing liberalism that rejected the Bible as a revelation of God and made man the measure of all things. This attitude is now rapidly changing, Mr. Woyke said, and the new trend—in Germany and elsewhere in the world—is to turn from science, reason and experience as the approach to theology and to look to the Bible as the revealed Word of God.

Baptists have more to gain in this new attitude than others, Woyke believes. Roman Catholics, although there is a rising appreciation for the Bible among them, look to the church, the Pope, the hierarchy as their authority. Many Pro-

testant groups have their authoritarian creeds, but for Baptists the Bible is the sole authority for faith and practice.

As evidence of the widespread interest in the Bible Woyke cited the controversy and publicity on the occasion of the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Although not approving the adverse criticism of the RSV, Woyke said he was glad the discussion took place because it indicated the popular interest in the Bible. Other evidences of the new allegiance to the Bible pointed out by Woyke are the publicity given to the claim of the Knights of Columbus that the Bible is a Catholic book, and the movements in various parts of the world for Bible reading crusades.

Certain practical effects of this new attitude toward the Bible are evident, Woyke continued. Old themes are being resurrected and new meaning is being given to such expressions as the Word of God, revelation, faith, sin and love. Renewed emphasis is also being given to the ideas that there is such a thing as faith above reason, that man is an exceedingly sinful creature in the sight of God and that the atonement of Jesus Christ is essential for the redemption of sinful men.

Roblin's Budget With No Tax Boost

Premier Duff Roblin brought down a record revenue budget of \$98,395,000, which will not require any tax increase and will wind up with an estimated \$3,012,030 surplus for the 1960-1961 fiscal year.

The expected revenue is nearly \$9,000,000 more than that budgeted for last year, and is made up principally by increases from six sources:

* \$2,096,000 more under the tax-sharing arrangements with Ottawa, to total \$40,211,000.

* \$2,350,000 more from the Liquor control commission, to total \$14,505,000.

* \$860,000 more from gas and motor fuel tax, to total \$15,780,000.

* \$1,426,000 more from transfer of the previous year's tax stabilization revenue surplus, to total \$5,167,000.

* \$913,000 more from the Canada-Manitoba Unemployment Assistance agreement, to reach \$3,352,000.

* \$249,000 more from motor car licences, to total \$1,700,000.

The only notable decrease anticipated is in drivers' licences, where, due to being an off-year, collections should be down \$350,000 to total \$5,500,000.

The government's spending program, including both current spending and capital spending for strictly

government operations, amounts to \$127,700,000, compared with \$121,000,000 last year.

The biggest portion of provincial revenue continues to come from the federal government. The \$40,211,000 expected under the tax-sharing arrangements is a 23 per cent jump over 1958, when it was \$34,400,000. Indirect assistance from Ottawa through various cost-sharing agreements rose by an even greater percentage—from \$8,000,000 in 1958 to an expected \$26,000,000 for 1960.

Mr. Roblin said he would continue to press for "a just and proper allocation of revenues" through the tax-sharing arrangements, aiming at a minimum formula which would bring in another \$13,000,000 annually.

With the new record spending program, Mr. Roblin said Manitobans continue to be "in the fortunate position of living under one of the most moderate systems of provincial taxation in Canada." Next to oil-rich Alberta, Manitoba enjoys the lowest rate of provincial taxation in Canada.

The new \$98,395,000 revenue budget will take care of anticipated current spending of \$95,382,970, leaving a surplus of over \$3,000,000. Sharply increased spending has been approved for education (up \$6,590,000 to reach over \$32,000,000)

and health and welfare (up \$2,575,000 to reach \$23,500,000). Education accounts for over a third of the current spending for 1960-61.

Premier Roblin said the financing program is planned "in the fullest confidence that Manitobans will make the most of the potential of their province."

German Protestants To Honour Melanchthon

Protestants in the southern part of East Germany are planning a six-day commemorative program in the historic city of Wittenberg in April to mark the fourth centenary of the death of Philip Melanchthon. The program is to begin on the death anniversary, April 19, when a memorial service will be held in the Schlosskirche — Wittenberg's famous castle church — where the 16th century co-worker with Martin Luther is buried. That evening, there is to be a parish rally in the Stadtkirche where Melanchthon preached. On the following days, church history scholars from differ-

ent parts of Germany and other countries are to gather at Wittenberg for theological discussions on the present progress of Melanchthon research. Closing the six-day program at Wittenberg will be a big public rally at which an illustrated address on Melanchthon is to be given by Dr. Oskar Thulin, director of Wittenberg's Luther Hall, which houses an outstanding Reformation museum. (Melanchthon was the chief author of the Augsburg Confession and of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, classic expositions of Lutheran doctrine.)

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Janz Brothers Joined By Baptist Pastor

Lethbridge, Alta. — The Rev. Bernard Steen, pastor of the Bejhel Baptist Church in Lethbridge, will become a member of the Canadian staff of the Janz Brothers Gospel Organization. Rev. and Mrs. Steen and their sons, Trevor, aged 17, and Dwight, aged 13, will stay in Lethbridge, where Mrs. Steen will manage the store recently purchased from Herbert Janzen.

Rev. Steen says that his plans for the future are not completely finalized, but that among other things he will be an associate editor of the magazine "Crusade for Christ." This magazine is published by the Janz Brothers Association and has a monthly circulation of 60,000. He will conduct evangelistic campaigns in Canada and the United States in the interests of the association and has been asked to consider spending six weeks in Germany this fall.

The Janz Brothers Association conducts four weekly broadcasts over the powerful 500,000 watt Radio Luxembourg, situated in the pocket state of Luxembourg, near Germany. The fact that they receive 1,000 letters daily indicates that they have a listening audience of one hundred million people. The team conducts campaigns in major German cities.

Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Steen have purchased the complete stock and fixtures of the Jubilee Gospel Supply store located in Lethbridge. Mrs. Steen will manage the store in her efficient and courteous manner. The store specializes in Bibles, Christian books, plaques, sacred recordings, greeting cards, stationary and a complete line of supplies for Church and Sunday school. A German corner will be maintained in the store for the benefit of German speaking people.

Rogalsky and Ediger Take Part in Flying Missionary Program

Santa Cruz, Calif. — Two Santa Cruzans are among five former air force pilots now flying on a wing and a prayer helping to bring 20th century medicine to the disease-ridden African jungle.

Paul Rogalsky, 40, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Rogalsky, 211 Harrison St., is known as one of the "flying angels," members of SIM-AIR, the flying branch of the Sudan Interior Mission. Rogalsky is a former USAF pilot in Europe, and has been in Nigeria for six years. His wife and two children are with him. Rogalsky's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vester Dick, were in the area for three years while Dick was doing magazine photography work. They returned to Santa Cruz about a year and a half ago.

Also participating in the program is Robert Ediger, 32, who formerly operated Capitola market with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ediger, now of Felton.

The Flying Angels are all dedicated missionaries, flying over the steaming jungles and arid deserts of Africa providing speedy transport for missionary doctors to landlocked Africans as far afield as Ghana and Liberia. Each flight—whether mercy or routine—begins and ends with a prayer at their headquarters in Northern Nigeria. Their four Piper Comanche 180's are housed in a hanger atop a 4000-foot plateau.

Gideons Visit Hepburn

Hepburn, Sask. — The Dalmany camp of the Gideons presented a program in the M. B. church here on March 20. In the absence of our pastor, Dan Willems introduced the group to the congregation. Jacob Loewen led in the congregational singing, and directed the program. John Andres opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. A number of the brethren gave talks portraying the Gideons' work of distributing the Scriptures. John Schmidt spoke on "Why I Am a Gideon"; Arnold Warkentin on "Qualifications and Work of the Gideons"; John Andres on "Results of the Gideons' Work." The program included songs by a duet and trios.

The Gideons International in Canada, with less than 2,000 members has distributed over 600,000 copies of the Bible. The Gideons world membership is over 22,000.

Phyllis Siemens

Caesarea's Harbor To Be Explored

The ancient, sunken harbor of Caesarea developed by King Herod the Great and frequently mentioned in the New Testament is to be explored by deep sea divers. The American-Israel Society and the Princeton Theological Seminary announced during the weekend that they will jointly sponsor an expedition this spring to explore the coastal waters of Israel, with special emphasis on Caesarea.

There are such passages as these in the Acts of the Apostles: "But Philip was found at Azotus; and passing through he preached in all the cities, until he came unto Caesarea." "And on the next day we were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea." "And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And on the morrow they entered into Caesarea."

The city had fine palaces, a temple, a hippodrome and aqueducts. It still exists, but only as a town of about 700 population, 55 miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Caesarea harbor was even more renowned than the city itself. One early reporter said it was "free always from the waves of the sea." Scholars think that in 800 A.D. an earthquake sank the harbor and ruined its seawalls, although it was

used by the Crusaders when they invaded the Holy Land.

In recent years fishermen have pulled up amphorae—two-handled jugs once used for shipping wine and oil—2,500 years old. The sponsors hope that by diving 75 to 100 feet new clues may be uncovered on the sea routes used by the Phoenicians, by King Solomon's ships, by Roman and Greek galleys, and by ships used by the Crusaders.

Gretna Credit Union Prospers

Gretna, Man. — The financial statement of the credit union showed total assets of \$465,564.86. Members' shares in the organization totalled \$206,663.87 as of Dec. 31, 1959, and deposits \$186,042.03. Undivided earnings as of December 31, 1959, totalled \$10,462.79. Total receipts of the credit union during 1959 totalled \$2,261,568.16, bringing the total receipts since the credit union was established to \$8,280,036.60. During the year the credit union made 540 loans to members for a total of \$416,043.18.

Average share capital at December 31, 1959, stood at \$290.85 per member compared to \$253.46 in 1958. Average deposits per member were \$225.78 compared to \$272.43 at the corresponding date of 1958.

Average loan per member outstanding at December 31, 1959, was \$469.18 compared to \$418.00 a year earlier. Average amount of loans issued was \$770.45 compared to \$714.00 during the year previous.

Billy Graham in Africa

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Graham told a gathering of churchmen in Israel that the Cairo meeting was "the most spiritually potent and electric meeting I have ever seen." He said he never had seen such expectancy. "I was told later that the hand of God is moving in Egypt," he added.

Hundreds of Egyptians lifted their hands at the close of the service to indicate their acceptance of Christ as God and Savior, and most of them stayed after the meeting for further instruction in the Christian life.

Graham flew from Cairo to Jordan to begin a week's pilgrimage in the Holy Land. He said he was deeply moved as he walked where Jesus walked and saw the traditional sites of His death, resurrection and ascension.

An estimated fifteen hundred persons crowded into the beautiful German Lutheran church in Old Jerusalem to hear Graham. The sermon could be heard for a block around. A man, high in a Moslem minaret nearby, appeared to be listening. A person standing in the courtyard of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre could hear snatches of the message. A veteran observer said the audience represented at least a dozen nationalities.

At the close of the meeting, scores of hands were raised as a token

of surrender to Christ, and many remained after the meeting where the way of life was explained more fully.

Thursday afternoon Graham and his four associates crossed the "no-man's land" at the famous Mandelbaum Gate to begin a four-day visit to Israel. He was met by a barrage of flash bulbs as photographers snapped pictures. Two hours later the most largely attended press conference of his tour was held. Some said an unprecedented number of Israeli newsmen were present.

The evangelist was also met by a number of high government officials who warmly welcomed him and explained apologetically why sponsors of his visit were unable to get permission to use a public hall in Tel Aviv for a meeting.

A press comment indicated the Tel Aviv auditorium issue may become a cause for celebrity in Jewry with repercussions in America. Some are making the point that Israel is being put into a position of being less liberal-minded and less free than other Moslem lands like Egypt and northern Nigeria.

Embarrassed government leaders explained that Israel is still an infant nation with people from a hundred lands, many of whom have been cruelly persecuted by so-called Christians. Therefore, anything smelling of Christian missionary activity evokes unreasoning opposition.

Graham assured all concerned that he had come on the invitation of the Christian Council primarily to see the country and incidentally to speak to the Christian community. He said the visit did not represent a campaign like that in Africa. Efforts to get the auditorium in Tel Aviv were made by enthusiastic Christian leaders without his knowledge. The evangelist told newsmen he was not here to proselytize but, certainly would preach the gospel at the meetings which had been arranged in churches and in the YMCA forest at Nazareth.

While his method of inviting people to accept Christ may be different on the advice of local Christian leaders than it has been in most parts of Africa, Graham said he did intend to proclaim Christ and to urge men to follow Him.

At the press conference Graham gave his personal testimony about how Christ changed his life and gave him peace and joy. He said every man must face this alternative—"either Christ was the Son of God, able to forgive sin, or He was the greatest fraud in history."

"I am here to preach about what He has done for me and that is considerable, from my point of view," he added.

Graham declined comment on specific Middle East problems. He did tell newsmen on both sides of the border that Christian principles of forgiveness and love would make possible hopeful conference sessions and said he would continue to pray for peace in Jerusalem.

Our M. B. Bible Schools

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failed to stimulate our members to provide greater numbers of dedicated young people prepared to get ready and toil in the harvest fields? Have we forsaken the Bible schools or have we been stressing lesser values at the expense of better ones? Our future and security lies not in stressing those aims, accomplishments and the success in business, intellectualism, material prosperity and advanced learning, but in building with the spirit and zeal of our founders upon the foundation which the laid down over one hundred years ago. This foundation was spiritual and has endured to the present day. Let us not weaken or undermine it, but rather strengthen it. It behooves us all to support our Bible schools, who have served us so well along these lines. There is a greater need than ever today for spiritually trained and dedicated workers in our homes, churches and conference endeavors, and in our individual vocations, whatever they may be. Our Lord and Master said: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest" (John 4: 35). This is written for all time. Let us use and support our Bible schools to help us fill this need.

The above has been written at the request of the Executive of the Educational Committee of the Canadian Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Church. To give you the spirit, the aims, and the atmosphere of our five existing Bible schools as they continue in their task, we now give you some testimonies of recent graduates of these Mennonite Brethren Bible schools.

Ontario Bible School Testimony

By Gary Enns (student)

"With my lips I declare all the ordinances of thy mouth. In the way of thy testimonies I delight as much as in all riches" (Psalm 119: 13,14). This is also my testimony to the Lord, which I was not able to give before I came to Bible school.

The Lord has been really good to me in my life. He gave me Christian parents who love the Lord. He saved me from sin and darkness through His mercy and loving kindness, and He has given me life. Then He gave me joy to go to Bible school. It took me years before I said, "Yes, Lord, I will be obedient and go to Bible school." I did not know what riches were in store for me.

Here in Bible school I could sit at the Master's feet every day. I could bathe my soul in the Word of God. The Lord Jesus became a reality to me. I learned to appreciate the great doctrines of God, Christ, and the church. I became smaller and Christ greater.

My feelings are expressed in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man

of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts!" (Isa. 64:4)

In Bible school I am learning to appreciate our Mennonite heritage. It has given me confidence that we as Mennonite Brethren Church have a place in this world and a mission to fulfill for our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Winkler Bible School Testimony

By Henry Dueck (student)

My words cannot express the change that the Lord has wrought in my life while I have been in attendance at Bible school. By yielding myself to God as a result of studying His Word, I have experienced the true joy of salvation.

Several years ago I realized that it was necessary to become a child of God to be happy and successful. Most of my energy, however, was spent in things which the world would consider necessary for happiness and success. Before attending Bible school I regarded my salvation as a necessary insurance policy which guaranteed heaven at death. As an insurance policy it had to be kept paid up. Reading God's Word, prayer, and witnessing for Christ—all this I realized was necessary to keep my policy in force, but I was of the opinion that many other things would be more enjoyable.

I can say that old things have become new in Bible school. Living and working for Christ has become my primary aim and desire. I came to Bible school to obtain knowledge. I wanted to be able to "give an answer to every man who asked me for a reason of the hope that is in me." Not only did I receive knowledge, but I also learned how to put it to use.

I received training and experience through daily chapel services, students' prayer meetings, missionary conferences, deputation work and various social activities. God's Word has become more precious and plain to me by having fellowship with other Christians in song, word, and prayer.

"Thy word have I hid in mine heart that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). This has also been my experience. God's Word has been a source of strength to me against trials and temptations. The study of the Word has given me a new zeal for the Lord's work. Bible school has brought about a rededication to my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Hepburn Bible Institute Testimony

By Lorenz Wiebe (student)

The first clear focal point in my memory is that of my conversion at the age of five. For years I followed Christ afar off, until at the age of fifteen I was able to yield myself completely and present myself as a baptismal candidate. Never did I

have to face a struggle as to whether or not I should come to Bible school. It had long been my conviction that God wanted me in His service, and so Bible school was the first step in that direction.

It was here at Bethany that God drew especially near to me. His claim upon my life became even more certain than before. It was a real joy to know that one was in the Lord's will. I found little trouble adjusting to the School and its environment. Spiritual adjustments, however, were much more difficult. Things in my life did need correction and the Holy Spirit proved faithful in His work. That which I have learned in the classes will prove invaluable to me all through life. Christian fellowship with students has become dear to me. Bethany has meant much to me in my prayer life. Practical service, though it did not always seem easy, is something money cannot buy. Truly, the efforts of the School and those who support it have not been in vain. My three years at Bethany have been the best years of my life.

I am grateful that God permitted me to come to Bethany. As I leave I cannot help but take Bethany with me. It has become part of me and will remain so until I die. The goal of my path from Bethany is to come closer to Christ and to become more like Him. With His Word and Spirit within me, no obstacle is too great. The sincere aim of my life is to be a faithful steward of time, talent and money, ready always to give an account of myself.

Coaldale Bible School Testimony

By George Dirks (student)

The conviction that I should attend Bible school grew out of a prolonged inner struggle. In fact, it was one of the greatest and most significant struggles of my entire life. It was a place from which my life could have advanced in an entirely different direction. I was confronted by three competing alternatives: university, college or Bible school. At times the intensity of the conflict was perplexing. However, I looked to God for guidance and clarity. At the height of this quest to discover the will of God I received a timely word of advice from one of the College instructors, who was then ministering to our church at Namaka. I will never regret having followed that word of wise counsel. He suggested that it would be wise to attend a Bible school before proceeding to college or university.

I regard my Bible school training as a vital contributing factor to my spiritual life. The concentrated and practical study of God's Word made special demands upon my ethical life. It was here that I recognized my great need for a permeating and abiding holiness. I battled with pride, worldly passion, jealousy and unseemly speech, but I can say with Paul that we are more than con-

querors through the One who loved us. So this time of study was a time of training in godliness (I Tim. 4: 7). But you may ask, "How does this relate to the training of workers for the kingdom of God?" The answer is simple. "If anyone purifies himself from what is ignoble, then he will be a vessel for noble use, consecrated and useful to the master of the house, ready for any good work" (II Tim. 2:21). I am most grateful for this emphasis.

Does the fact that the Bible school idea is losing out indicate a fading interest in spiritual realities? Surely it is a vital part of our Conference. E. M. Bounds reminds us that "a theological school to enlarge and cultivate the heart is the golden desideratum of the Gospel." Indeed, time spent in the study and application of eternal verities is not time ill spent.

Clearbrook Bible Institute Testimony

By Clara Thiessen (student)

My Bible school experience has proved to be a rich blessing for me. By giving heed to the Lord's admonition to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33), I was richly rewarded in attending to my spiritual needs before continuing with other pursuits.

Already as a junior in high school I longed to attend a Bible school in order to major in the study of the Word. This desire has been fulfilled.

The tremendous scope of God's plan of salvation has especially impressed me. When I recognize its completeness in every aspect I stand and marvel at the riches of His grace.

In studying about prayer, I realized what tremendous potentialities are placed at my disposal. Certainly it is true that one learns to pray in Bible school. Being taught concern for the needs of others and realizing one's own need, we have been able to put theory into practice in our prayer meetings and other fellowship hours. We have learned to intercede for those about us, who are in need of spiritual help.

In the many activities which I was able to pursue here, I have repeatedly experienced the Lord's blessing and guidance and learned, in a measure, to trust Him for various needs which I was unable to meet in my own strength. Although the practical work which we did was an expression of what we learned in class, I am certain that it will take me a lifetime, with God's help, to put into practice what I have learned in the classes or by example from dedicated instructors.

Bible school has helped me to establish my faith in Christ my Redeemer. It has deepened my love for Him, and given me a desire to serve Him. As I leave this institute, I desire to hold high the banner of Christ, showing to all in an unashamed manner, the wonders of His grace and power.

Students of the

M. B. Bible College

will present the drama "Steadfast in Hope" in the M. B. Collegiate Institute auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., on April 9 at 7:30 p.m. This is a story of the triumph of Christendom during the days of the Roman persecution.

A collection will be taken at the door.

Commencement Exercises of the Bethany Bible Institute, April 10-13.

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ON THE HORIZON

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

April 19-22. — Canadian M. B. Conductors' Conference to be held at the M. B. Bible College, 77 Kelvin St., Winnipeg 5, Man.

April 22—24. — Canadian M. B. Sunday School Convention in the North Kildonan M. B. church, Winnipeg.

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PROGRAM

of the All-Mennonite Peace Conference to be held at Winkler and North Kildonan April 8-10.

Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

(Winkler Bergthaler church)

1. A word of welcome by the local pastor, Bishop J. M. Pauls.
2. Invocation and announcements. Br. D. D. Klassen.
3. Special music. Winkler group.
4. "The Biblical Bases of Our Peace Position." Dr. Frank C. Peters.
5. Special music. Winkler group.
6. "Identifying Biblical Nonresistance." Dr. Erland Waltner.
7. Special music. Winkler group.
8. Offering.
9. Closing prayer.

Saturday, April 9, 2:30 p.m.

(Winkler Bergthaler church)

1. Invocation. Rev. J. A. Toews.
2. Special music. Winkler group.
3. "The Basis of Co-operation Among Peace Churches." F. C. Peters.
4. Special music. Winkler group.
5. "But What Things Are Ceasar's?" Dr. Erland Waltner.
6. Special music. Winkler group.
7. Closing prayer.

Saturday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.

(Winkler Bergthaler church)

1. Invocation. Br. John H. Goossen.
2. Special music. Winkler group.
3. Answering questions by the brethren Peters and Waltner.
4. "How Do People Evade the Issues of the Sermon on the Mount?" Dr. Frank C. Peters.
5. Special music. Winkler group.
6. "The Sword and the Cross." Dr. Erland Waltner.
7. Special music. Winkler group.
8. Offering.
9. Closing prayer.

Sunday, April 10, 2:30 p.m.

(North Kildonan M. B. church)

1. A word of welcome by the pastor.
2. Invocation and announcements. Bro. J. Wall.
3. Special music. College group.
4. "God's Love and Our Peace." Dr. Erland Waltner.
5. Special music. College group.
6. "The Personal Aspect of the Peace Teaching." Dr. Frank C. Peters.
7. Special music. College group.
8. Offering.
9. Closing prayer.

Sunday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

(North Kildonan M. B. church)

1. Invocation. Dr. David Schroeder.
2. Special music. College group.
3. Answering questions by the brethren Waltner and Peters.
4. "How Do People Evade the Issues of the Sermon on the Mount?" Dr. Frank C. Peters.
5. Special music. College group.
6. "The Sword and the Cross." Dr. Erland Waltner.
7. Special music. College group.
8. Offering.
9. Closing prayer.

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