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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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M. B. Station in Portage la Prairie



Group singing at Old Folks Home.

Some residents of Old Folks Home.

Portage la Prairie, Man. — How wonderful it is to witness of the power of God's love. That is what we experience in Portage la Prairie.

It is just a year now that the Manitoba M. B. Conference decided to begin a work in this city of some 12,000 people. Prayer meetings had already been held every two weeks by local believers, when Rev. John Quiring arrived in September.

From the beginning, the Lord's

leading hand was felt. A large, suitable hall was available to us for Sunday school, and Sunday morning and evening worship services. With much prayer and with trusting hearts, we began a door to door canvassing program in which we covered the eastern part of the city. God answered our prayers and gave us 32 pupils. This number has increased and we now have over 60 enrolled in our Sunday school.

Canvassing has temporarily

ceased because we have small Sunday school rooms and are in need of more teachers. However, we thank the Lord for these whom He has entrusted to our care, and with His help we wish to teach them to love and worship our Creator and Redeemer.

The Lord has truly opened doors in this city, where so many are indifferent to the gospel. Rev. Quiring visits weekly the sick at the local hospital and once a month a group from our church serves the old folks at the Holiday Retreat with song and Word. Under the auspices of the Ministerial Association, our pastor serves every thirteenth week on the daily morning devotions program of the local radio station, CFRY. An active Ladies' Fellowship Club also has access to visit the old folk once a month. This group has 10 members and meets every three weeks.

The whole group, which consists mainly of young people, is looking forward with prayer to having its own church building. Please pray for this group and especially for more Sunday school workers, that we may be effective witnesses for Christ.

J. C. Klassen

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Baptismal Service at Clearbrook, BC.

Twenty believers were baptized upon the confession of their faith in the Lord and the redemptive work of Christ their Savior, and accepted as members in the Clearbrook M.B. Church.

Rev. John Unger presented an appropriate message and Rev. A. Konrad performed the act of baptism in the baptistry of the church. In the evening the new members participated in the blessing of the Lord's Supper.



BAPTISM AT CLEARBROOK was held on Sunday afternoon on May 1. Baptismal Candidates are: Left to right — top row: Alfred Thiessen, Henry Rempel, Henry Suderman, Jake Suderman, Wilbert Driediger. — Middle row: Ingrid Sawatzky, Agnes Heidebrecht, Dorothy Willms, Irmie Funk, Betty Thiessen, Esther Franz. — Front row: Katie Siemens, Mary Anne Friesen, Margaret Friesen, Elaine Redekop, Janet Peters. — Not Pictured are: Mr. and Mrs. Gasner and their mother, and Mrs. J. Dyck.

Study Abroad

It is becoming increasingly popular to study abroad. Many in fact feel that unless they have been abroad to study they have missed something somewhere along the line. This is not the case. Viewed academically we would have to say that most students who do not stay more than a year receive very little additional knowledge in their field of study. This is due to the difference that exists in approach to education in Europe and here.

To some students the European approach to university education is like a breath of fresh air; for once they can breath deeply and satisfy their own craving for more knowledge. This is the student who, in America, has felt that he has been held back by many and long assignments that were never too challenging but consumed an endless amount of time; the student who felt that term papers and reading reports were standing in the way of his education; the student who had to mark time while others who were slow in learning tried to catch up to that which he could master in a much shorter period of time. Now he finds that he can set his own pace, he is not hindered by carefully planned assignments of so and so much reading and work each week, he need not study in order to write an exam at the end of the

series of class lectures, for they are not meant to gauge his knowledge but to help him in his search for and acquisition of knowledge. He is not even asked to report to every lecture or to give an account for every class lecture that he missed; he is not asked to take a course that he already knows backwards and forwards just because it is prescribed and everyone must take it. The only requirement is that at some time he write a paper of some

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Dr. David Schroeder
Instructor at CMBC, Winnipeg.

EDITORIAL

Our Christian Heritage

On Sunday, May 22, the Centennial will be observed by the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Manitoba. We shall then pause to give thanks to God Almighty for His blessings at the time of the inception as well as during the 100 years of growth. We shall also pay tribute to the 18 brethren, who because of their implicit obedience to the Word of God and their conscience could be instrumental in founding the Mennonite Brethren Church in the year 1860.

The heart of the struggle for the life of the young church was not along theological lines. In theory the Mennonite faith was sound in creed and teaching. It was a question of ethical purity in the church that forced the brethren to form the Mennonite Brethren Church. In this struggle they soon learned that the real force against them did not come from the church, but from the "Mennonite state," the "Gebietsamt."

Looking at the beginning from our vantage point, we cannot help but see in this the good hand of God, Who used this occasion to bring once more to the whole Mennonite community in Russia the concept of separation of church and state. The Bible once more was to be the sole authority in the church of Jesus Christ.

It can also be said of the inception of the Mennonite Brethren Church that "all things work together for good to them that love God . . ." Someone has put it thus: "Awakened by the Lutheran, Pfarrer Wuest, organized by a Baptist, examined by the Mennonite Church, pressed by the legal arm of the state ("Gebietsamt"), but nurtured by an implicit faith through Bible study, the Mennonite Brethren Church came to be one with early Anabaptist and Menno Simon's views."

Out of the struggle for survival some profound Christian virtues came to light. They could only be seen under the fire of persecution and difficulties. We cherish them and sometimes claim them for ourselves, though not always rightfully. Let us briefly look at some of them.

1. The Bible was the absolute authority in the church. This was the only source of authority for the brethren against state and church. In matters of salvation their Bible knowledge was experiential, and therefore dynamic. They could cite the written Word for elucidation, but often confused their opponents by their convictions.

2. Discipleship was a direct result of salvation. To be a Christian meant to follow Christ and His Word to the very degree of one's understanding. This implied separation from the world. It began by being separated to God and as a result they were separated from the world.

3. A strong sense of missions was the badge of brotherhood. This made the early believers superior in the realm of faith. They spoke with conviction and passion, to some for salvation and to others an offense—but all must be invited to take issue with God's "Whosoever." In the matter of inviting people to accept salvation, they were conscious ambassadors of Christ.

4. It was inevitable that the polity of the church should also be touched by this new dynamic life. The principle of Scripture that one cannot take new wine and put it into old wineskins proved to be right also in this case. Baptism was right, if it was biblical. This applied to other areas as well.

After a hundred years, we, the children of this church, look back and in our limited capacity evaluate her development. The principles seemed sound and they have remained. Such as were not sound fell by the wayside. What are our principles after 100 years? This church brought to her children a rich heritage which each generation must acquire as did our fathers, though not necessarily under similar circumstances. May we not ask then: Has our rugged "individualism" become unbridled in some respects? Are we separated because we are dedicated to God? Have we taken to isolationism from God's children instead of healthy separation from the world? Do we still bear the zeal of missions for our neighbors, or are we only foreign missionaries? Is our church polity still a means of building the kingdom of God, or have our practices become shrines to us?

In conclusion, let us suggest that we must refrain from boasting. If we know the grace of God, we will be humble. Let us be reminded of Joshua after he had brought his people into the Promised Land and it was their possession. He pointed to the peril of forgetting the true God. To keep on living in the spirit of the early fathers, we will have to re-examine ourselves

again and again. We will have to be as bold as Joshua and dare to say, "Choose ye this day," and mean it. We will have to stop and renew our covenant for our own sake, for our household's sake, but also for the sake of all the people. We must join in the words of Joshua: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!"

Our fathers have not paved the way for us; they have proven to us that God is on the side of those who dare to venture out for Him. He will honor those that obey Him. Now it is for us, the children of this generation, to walk the way of the cross, the way of discipleship, and do the work of a missionary. Then the Master in some future day might say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Rev. I. W. Redekopp (Guest Editorial)

DEVOTIONAL

Keep Your Heart Right

By Albert Regehr

The wise Solomon tells us to keep our hearts with all diligence, for from it flow the springs of life.

The physical life depends on the heart beat. It gives the body its life. Similarly the heart in the spiritual realm is the essence of the spiritual life. Let's take a quick glance at the relationship of the heart of man toward God.

The Psalmist tells us that God knows the heart. The Prophet Jeremiah is convinced that God sees the heart. We know that nothing can be hidden from God and yet we find born again believers trying to hide their sinful deeds. God knows the desires and intentions of the heart at the time when the thought is born. But God can create within us a clean heart, and put a new spirit within us.

This heart given to us by God should also be given back to Him. He pleads with us, "My son, give me your heart." In Eph. 5 we find an example of the right attitude in giving your heart. The obedience of servant to his master should not be with mixed motives or for subtle ends, but with singleness of heart.

God wants our service to be done with all our heart, unreservedly. Christ tells us in the Sermon on the Mount, "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

To what extent do we trust our Lord? Solomon tells us again, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight." It is easy to trust the Lord as long as we can understand or see the way. It is more difficult to trust when our mind is stunned and our eyes dimmed. Many saints have put God to the test with their faith and trusted in His dealings.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. That will be a blessed moment when we shall see our Saviour face to face. But we must first pass the test of purity. How pure is our heart, our thoughts, our words, our actions? We have a wonderful goal to attain. May God give us grace to strive with all our hearts to become purer and more like Jesus.

The Old Testament tells us that the children of Israel drew nigh to God by means of sacrifices of animals and fruits of the harvest. It was only then that God would reveal His presence. Many sacrifices could have been offered without changing the attitude of the heart. The Psalmist David tells us in Psalm 51, "Thou hast no delight in sacrifice; were I to give a burnt offering thou wouldst not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart Thou wilt not despise." Only a heart in such a condition can be cleansed, and cleansing is a daily necessity.

Finally, let us follow the admonition that the apostle Paul gives to the Thessalonians: "May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ."

Disruption in Oriental Churches

In Korea, where exist some of the largest and strongest Christian churches in the Orient, repeated denominational and church splits have brought about a situation which is extremely involved and confused. Much of the controversy centers around membership in the World Council of Churches.

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A Letter from the Belgian Congo

Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings with Gal. 4:19: "My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you." This verse expresses the experiences of the Congo missionaries and national church leaders today. The national upheaval and uncertainties have their effects on the spiritual work. Christians are being tempted to become involved in political movements which could become a snare to their spiritual life. Political parties are many and some have come under the influence of Communism. False cults as Kibanguism (a form of spirit worship) are winning many adherents from professing Christians, especially the carnal ones. Therefore, we exhort you to travail in prayer together with us that a church might be born in which Christ will be first and foremost.

Since our last letter of October 20, many changes have taken place in Congo. The Congolese have received Belgium's assurance of independence by June 30. Independence and what it will bring have been the topic on the lips of people for the past months. So far it has brought division, upheaval and bloodshed between various tribes and political parties. Will stability and security be established after a Congolese government assumes power on June 30? Because of the inexperience and immaturity of our Congolese leaders, many are concerned about the future.

The drastic changes in the political life of the nation also call for changes in the mission and church work of the Congo. The Congolese need to take over greater responsibility in the church and evangelistic work. A conference has been scheduled by our mission for the month of May, where our Congolese church leaders together with the missionaries and representatives from our Home Board will seek to find a workable plan for the church and mission in this land. Pray with us that the decisions reached during this conference might further the cause of Christ in the Congo.

Some of the highlights since our last letters have been the following:

— The arrival of our daughter, Ruth Lorene, on November 25. We praise the Lord for a healthy baby girl who is the joy and pride of the family.

— A study trip to various parts of the Congo together with four other missionary brethren and one national during the month of February. We travelled about 4000 miles and visited 18 different mission societies. We praised the Lord for the work evangelical missions have done in the Congo in the past. The people of this land have had ample opportunity to hear and accept the gospel. The purpose of the trip was to gain information from

other societies as to methods employed in their integration programs.

— A series of evangelistic meetings were held from April 25 to May 1. Brother and Sister Arnold Prieb from Kafumba were our guest speakers. The Word of God spoke and many came for counselling. Especially was this true of the school children. We praise God for those Christians who straightened out their lives and for those children who accepted Christ as their Saviour.

Another six weeks and we will again be closing our teacher training and primary schools for this year. Pray that workers might go forth who will serve the Lord among their own people in an independent Congo.

Yours in His service,
Ernest and Lydia Dyck,
Norman, Stanley and Ruth.

Mother's Day Service at Arnold

Arnold, B.C. — All persons attending the service in the Arnold M. B. church on May 8 received red or white carnations. Alvin Siemens led in the invocation. The young people's choir, conducted by Mr. C. Wiens, sang appropriate songs. Susan Wiebe and Hildegard Penner recited poems dedicated to the mothers. Rev. Isaac Toews from Clearbrook gave a timely message, "How to Honor Mother."

The highlight of the service was the presentation of a potted plant to the mother having the most children. Mrs. George Hooge of Arnold received the plant. An offering was taken for a Bible school in India. Pastor Rev. Gustav Ratzlaff closed the meeting.

D. Ruth Schmidt

Brazil

Brother H. K. Warkentin, member of the Board of Foreign Missions who recently spent some time on our Brazil mission field, is now in the process of preparing a film depicting this work. The sound film covers the work of the orphanage, the schools and the growing work of the church including its extension evangelism. It is encouraging to see how signally the Lord has prospered this work to His glory during the past ten years. From a small beginning it has grown into a missionary effort of wide scope. It is especially encouraging that small groups of believers are being formed in various towns in Parana state as a result of the extension work by members of the church and mission staff. The great need at present is trained Christian workers coming from the ranks of the Brazilian believers into whose care the serving of churches and the evangelization of their own people can be placed. Much prayer is needed on behalf of this ministry.

Brother and Sister Walter Pastre, who have been accepted by the Board for service in Brazil, write from Costa Rica that they have done all the packing and are only waiting for the necessary papers from Brazil to enter. They are also now studying the Portuguese language which comes easy to them because both of them are well versed in the Spanish.

Paraguay

Missionary G. B. Giesbrecht has been elected by the Paraguay Mennonite Brethren Church to serve as delegate to the Centennial Conference in Reedley, Calif., this fall. Since Missionary Giesbrecht has served the M. B. Mission in Paraguay for many years, he will likewise also do deputation work in the churches here in North America on behalf of Foreign Missions. So he will be able to attend the Canadian Conference convening in the early part of July. Brother Giesbrecht will reach Hillsboro some time during the month of June. After a brief visit with his children, George Giesbrechts now attending Tabor College, Brother Giesbrecht will proceed to the Canadian Conference to be held in Virgil, Ont. This will give him an opportunity to begin the deputation work in the Canadian Conference about the middle of July.

Visited by God's Servants

Laird, Sask. — Looking back on the past few weeks, we of the M. B. Church say with the Psalmist, "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised," for the numerous blessings He showered upon us.

The week of revival meetings proved a blessing to all in attendance. We realized again that we ourselves must be willing to pay the price of revival. Furthermore, we need not expect it to begin with our neighbor, but within our own hearts. We were thankful to all who attended and are sure no one regretted coming. During the afternoons, Rev. Art Martens made house visitations, which also were a real inspiration. Would to God that we, who call ourselves Christians, would constantly live up to God's standards.

We were also privileged to have in our midst Rev. and Mrs. Nick Janz and daughter Viola. The Janzes, who now reside at Herbert, Sask., formerly served our congregation. Rev. Janz spoke a word of encouragement to the older folk as well as a message for the young people. Viola, who is a candidate for the India mission field, then gave her testimony of the Lord's definite leading in her life. Our prayer for her is that the joy of the Lord may be her strength as she continues to labour at home and abroad. She expects to sail in July.

The Mother's Day morning message was brought by Rev. J. H. Epp of Hepburn. The theme for the Christian Endeavour was, "The

Value of a God-fearing Mother." Rev. Paul Wiebe of Waldheim brought the message. Although this value cannot be termed in dollars and cents, yet Solomon says in Proverbs 31:10 that her praise is far above rubies. Furthermore, it is an eternal value. Do we, who still have a mother, show her the love that is due her?

Linda Dyck

Fiftieth Anniversary of Hepburn M. B. Church

Hepburn, Sask. — During the last few months a special committee has been preparing for the fiftieth anniversary celebration of the founding of the local M. B. Church. Re-discovering facts and photographs has been the pleasant and rewarding task of the committee members. The two-fold purpose of this work is to provide material for the jubilee celebrations and also for a book depicting the founding and development of our church.

Enquiries about or orders for this book should be addressed to Mrs. T. J. Voth, Hepburn, Sask.

This book should be of special interest to all the original members of the church and their children who have moved to other provinces and the United States. All the important happenings such as ordinations, baptisms, funerals and weddings will be included in the book.

We are looking forward to a time of blessing and fellowship with friends at this 50th jubilee celebration. The actual date will be announced in the near future.

Phyllis Siemens

Child Dedication Service

Hepburn, Sask. — To climax our Mother's Day celebration at Hepburn we were invited to attend the Child Dedication Service in the evening. In spite of the rain four couples dedicated their children. Many people, who would have liked to have been there, stayed at home.

The congregation sang "When Mothers of Salem Their Children Brought to Jesus." Rev. J. Bergen, our pastor, quoted the Scripture verse, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God." The minister read the charge to the parents, who responded, "We do." The dedication prayer was said by the pastor. Then the applicants' children were presented with cards. Opportunity for prayer was given to the parents.

The message was based on I Sam. 24:28: "For this child I prayed . . . therefore also I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the Lord." Lending our children to the Lord is important. We parents wish to keep our children for ourselves. We should be willing, if God calls, to help send them to distant places of the earth to spread the gospel. As a closing hymn we sang "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us."

Mrs. Frieda Klassen

All-Mennonite Conference Regarding Private Schools in Manitoba

Approximately 300 representatives of various Mennonite churches of Manitoba were assembled in the auditorium of the MBCI, Winnipeg, on May 14, 1960, between 2 and 5 o'clock. Since the Royal Commission had recently examined the educational system in Manitoba and had recommended that private schools receive financial aid from the province, the representatives deemed it necessary to clarify the relation of Mennonite private schools to the Manitoba educational system as a whole.

It was the concern of the assembled group to find a common basis of agreement on the question of private Mennonite schools. A document had been prepared by some of the representatives, which if rat-

ified, should be presented to the government.

Rev. G. J. Lohrenz, Winnipeg, was elected chairman. Rev. Archie Penner, Steinbach, gave a report about the work and recommendation of the Royal Commission. Rev. D. D. Klassen, Homewood, discussed the theme, "The Significance of Private School to Our Churches," and Rev. Ben Reimer, Steinbach, spoke on the subject, "The Present Situation of Our Private Schools."

Many points for and against accepting government grants and other financial help were presented, but no definite conclusion was reached. It was decided, however, to have another meeting in which this matter shall be considered and probably brought to a satisfactory decision.

The First M. B. Wedding in Edmonton

The Edmonton Forest Heights Community Hall was the scene of the first M. B. wedding in Edmonton. It was an evening wedding on April 27, in which Miss Myrna Doreen Sawatzky and Mr. Frank Zoeteman were united in holy matrimony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard W. Sawatzky of Edmonton.

Pink roses, fern and white wedding bells decorated the hall. The bride wore a white, semi-veiled dress and carried a bouquet of roses. The couple's only attendants were Miss Esther Ratzlaff of Crooked Creek and Mr. Waldo Sawatzky, the bride's brother.

The couple came to the altar to the tune of "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and Rev. E. McCarthy of the Richmond Park Alliance Church in Edmonton offic-

iated in the double-ring ceremony. Rev. E. McCarthy also presented the wedding sermonette in which he made these comparisons: Just as the bride leaves all men for one, and the groom all ladies for one, so must the Christian leave all for Christ; just as the bride puts complete trust in the groom and vice versa, so must the Christian put full trust in the Lord; just as the bride and groom accept each other publicly, so must the sinner come and receive Christ publicly; as the groom will take his wife to his home, so Christ will take His bride or people to His home on high.

After a short program the reception was held in the hall and everyone present at the wedding was invited. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zoeteman will reside in Edmonton. May the Lord bless them.

Glenbush News

On May 7 it was our privilege to have the M. B. Bible College choir in our midst with Rev. D. Ewert as speaker.

The Meadow Lake young people, along with Mr. and Mrs. Arno Fast, presented a drama in the M. B. church here. The drama was entitled "Thou That Judgest." It was presented well and was a blessing to us.

Henry Bargaen.

Haydn's Schoepfung Presented

The Altona Community Choir presented "Die Schöpfung" by Franz Joseph Haydn in the M.B. Collegiate auditorium on May 14, under the able direction of Mr. Ben Horsch. Soloists were: Mrs. Helen Neufeld and Mrs. Anita Kroeker, sopranos; Mr. Victor Martens, tenor, and Mr. David Falk, bass. Mrs. Leonora Pauls was the pianist.

The very impressive singing was accompanied by members of the Winnipeg and Mennonite Symphony Orchestras which have equally well played their part as this oratorium was presented.

The large attentive audience gave expression to its gratefulness for the splendid rendition and many individuals thanked the singers and musicians personally for their successful service.

Rockefeller Dies

Tucson, Arizona (AP) — John D. Rockefeller Jr., who poured millions of dollars into a world-wide program of philanthropy died in a Tucson hospital May 11 at the age of 86.

No estimate of Rockefeller's personal fortune was available but his great wealth was evident in known gifts totalling more than \$350,000,000.

In this, as his business career, Rockefeller followed the footsteps of his father, who built the family fortune through the Standard Oil Company. His father gave away

more than \$530,000,000 before his death in 1937.

These figures do not include interest on endowments financing such organizations as the Rockefeller Foundation, General Education Board and Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

Rockefeller Jr. made a gift of the \$8,500,000 site for a home for the United Nations that brought the world organization to New York.

News from Here and There

Dr. Geo. Froese and his family arrived in Winnipeg on May 10. They are now on furlough from their missionary work in India.

Brother Richard Schroeder and his wife Anna observed their silver wedding in the Southend M. B. church, Winnipeg, on May 14. Their aged Father Schroeder, 80, Rev. Herman Dueck, and Rev. J. P. Neufeld served with messages. Their two sons, Hartmut and Siegfried, together with many relatives and friends joined the Schroeders in their worship of thanks to God for His grace and love and leading.

A degree of bachelor of divinity was conferred upon Rev. Henry H. Redekop at the convocation of the United College, held in the Westworth United Church, Winnipeg.

Hundreds of Belgian families are making hurried arrangements to leave the Belgian Congo, as violence and disorders mount on the eve of the colony's independence at the end of June. Many of the estimated 80,000 Belgian residents are staying because of currency restrictions. Prior to the restrictions, capital had flown out of the country at a rate of 1,000,000,000 francs (about \$20,000,000) a month, draining the banks to a danger level.

"Personal Witnessing" was the theme of the two-day youth rally which convened in the Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite church recently.

Dr. F. C. Peters, of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College in Winnipeg, was the guest speaker at all five sessions. Topics for his addresses were "Chosen to Serve," "The Witness of a Disciple," "Jesus as a Soul Winner," "Stewardship of the Whole Person" and "The Call to Discipleship."

The rally sponsored by the Manitoba Mennonite Youth Organization was well attended by young people from various districts in the community.

London (CP) — For the time being, Princess Margaret will be known as Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret, Mrs. Armstrong-Jones. Her husband will be plain Mr. Armstrong-Jones.

Pictures from M.B. Station at Portage la Prairie (Continued from page 1-4)



Upper: Sunday School teacher's meeting. — Central: Part of our Sunday School assembly. — Lower: Ladies' Fellowship, Club.

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS

Europe

A conference of our church members and workers in Europe is to be held June 4 to 6. Planned primarily as a Bible conference, the meeting will have the theme: "The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit." A business session is scheduled for June 6.

Our church in Neuwied, Germany, had its first regular worship service in its newly-remodeled hall on Easter Sunday. After three years of services in the small hall, Brother J. W. Vogt reports, the congregation has now come to the place where it wanted to be for its worship services. The Neuwied congregation was happy to welcome the H. H. Janzens on April 24. Brother Janzen preached in the morning and evening services. In an afternoon service a brother and sister were baptized. They are children of a Sister Loewen, member of the Neuwied Church. Living near the Holland border, Peter and Anni Loewen were saved recently and requested baptism. On April 29 Brother Loewen left for Canada on the same ship with India missionary family G. J. Froeses. The Froeses stopped in Neuwied enroute to Canada on furlough, and reported on the work in India.

Brother and Sister H. H. Janzen, accompanied by their son Arthur, have settled in Basel, Switzerland, again after a several-month furlough in the homeland and report that much work awaits them upon return to Europe. Their ocean trip was pleasant. A search was made among the ship's 1,200 passengers for a person to conduct services on Good Friday and Easter, and Brother Janzen consented. He preached on both days and conducted morning devotions the following two days.

Colombia

Brother Vernon Reimer reports from Istmina in the Colombian Choco that church workers and missionaries were looking forward to the yearly pastors' conference at Medellin May 9 to 20. From 300 to 400 pastors and workers were expected to attend. Speakers were to include Bob Pierce, Paul Rees, Richard Halverson and Kyung Chik Han of Korea. Following the pastors' conference, Jose Andrade of The Voice of the Andes, Quito, Ecuador, is to conduct evangelistic services in the Istmina church from May 21 to 25. Let us pray that God's children may be revived through these services and that many may be won into His kingdom.

Brother Reimer also reports on the opening in March of the bookstore in Istmina known as El Faro (The Lighthouse). Centrally situated in Istmina and being the only one in this whole area, it is pro-

gressively extending its ministry. There is much illiteracy and the people are poor; nevertheless there is a hunger for reading—and most of them have lots of idle time for it! Nemesio Diaz, baptized this January, has been hired as salesman, and though sales may be slow at times, witnessing and distributing of tracts have been a good business. Praise God for El Faro. Pray that the entrance of His Word which giveth light shine in many darkened hearts so that it may become a light unto their path.

Belgian Congo

The Administrative Committee of our Belgian Congo missionary staff assembled at Kafumba for an important meeting from April 14 to 16. The major purpose of the meeting was to formulate a basic pattern to govern the future relationship of the Mennonite Brethren Church of the Congo to the missionary assignment of our brotherhood. A committee consisting of three national brethren and three missionaries was appointed to work out a new constitutional basis for the continuance of the work after independence on June 30. These brethren are Timothy, Isaak, Eli Bulamatadi, Henry Derksen, Irvin L. Friesen and Arnold Prieb. A finance committee was charged with the responsibility of preparing a workable, cooperative arrangement between the national church and the mission for this aspect of the work.

A conference of delegates representing the national church and the mission in the Congo was to meet from May 14 to 18 to consider future plans for the work. An urgent request came from our Congo field that some representation from the homeland come to the field for this important meeting. The missionary staff of the Congo field requested assistance from the home office in the charting of the church-building program. In response, the Board of Foreign Missions asked the Brethren J. B. Toews and John C. Ratzlaff to travel to the Belgian Congo at this time to offer such assistance in the form of consultation and planning together with the national church.

Brethren Toews and Ratzlaff left Hillsboro on May 9 and were scheduled to arrive in Leopoldville on May 12. Plans are that the brethren will devote several weeks to this work in the Congo with the missionary staff and national church. Let us pray for a full understanding of the Lord's leading so His church may be established and go to increasing fruitfulness. If travelling arrangements can be coordinated, the brethren will stop in Europe on the return trip to participate in a meeting of the workers of that field in Neuwied, Germany, on June 6.

The Congo field Bible school at Kafumba was to close its current term with graduation exercises on May 8. Let us pray that the grad-

India

That the Sisters Rosella Toews, Lustre, Montana, and Katie Siemens, Gem Alta., reached the homeland safely from India on April 23 is a matter of gratitude to our Lord. Sister Toews is coming home for furlough after serving two terms in India whereas Sister Siemens is coming after having served her first term.

Sister Edna Gerdes, Delft, Minn., arrived home from India for furlough on April 15. Because of health reasons, Sister Gerdes has come home about a year ahead of schedule for the necessary physical recovery. It is our prayer that the Lord will grant all of these sisters a very profitable furlough spirit-

ually and bodily and equip them for greater service in the future.

Sister Edna Gerdes was bade farewell and thanked for her services on April 6 by the teaching staff, church and field of Wanaparthi, India. In typical Indian style, she was presented with a farewell address and appreciation printed in gold. Sister Gerdes served as principal of the Wanaparthi mission middle school.

Sister Anne L. Ediger and Brother and Sister Henry P. Poetker will be returning to India for a second term of service some time during the month of July, the Lord willing. Since the India field is short of staff at present, their return will be a great encouragement to the workers on the field and to the national church.



Sister Edna Gerdes, right front, with teachers and co-workers at Wanaparthi, India.

uates will give themselves fully to God's service and join the national staff of pastors, evangelists and other church workers.

Ecole Belle Vue missionary children's school in the Congo is to have its graduation exercises on May 18. To be graduated are four students from grade 12 and five from grade 8. The school's second semester enrollment included a ninth-grade daughter of a US government official stationed in Leopoldville. The school appreciated this recognition.

Brother and Sister John B. Kliever are to return to the States this summer from Belgium. Sister Kliever and sons plan to leave Belgium in June and Brother Kliever will stay on through most of July to finish his studies.

Also returning to the States this summer will be Donald, oldest son of Brother and Sister Roland Wiens in Japan. After graduation from high school in June, he will fly to the States and enroll in Tabor College this fall.

Brother E. W. Schmidt reports from Kajiji in the Belgian Congo that lions have recently molested the cattle which supplies milk and meat for missionary personnel at Kajiji and Ecole Belle Vue. Two cows and two heifers were killed. It was possible to salvage some of the meat from the heifers for Ecole Belle Vue.

Vernon J. Sprunger has been appointed executive secretary of the Congo Inland Mission according to a report in the Mennonite Weekly Review. He succeeds Harvey A. Driver, who has been secretary of CIM affairs for the past nine years. At the same time word has been received that Mrs. Driver died at the family home at Wauseon, Ohio, on May 4. Our mission in the Congo cooperates with CIM in two school programs.

Poland

Two mission executives were able to visit a number of Protestant congregations in Poland recently. Although Poland has the usual Communist restrictions upon the free exercise of one's religion, the visitors reported meeting a number of genuine believers who are standing firm in the faith, including a number of young people. Since there are no restrictions concerning Bible distribution, nearly one million Bibles, New Testaments, and Scripture portions have been disseminated in the past ten years through the Bible Society in Warsaw. Praise God for this encouraging news, and pray that Polish believers may not only stand fast in the midst of persecution but may also have a bold witness to the many who are still without a personal knowledge of Christ.



Let's Visit a Minute

Hello, Boys and Girls!

What a wonderful surprise we had on Monday morning! Our first cocoon had opened up, and can you guess what had come out? It was the loveliest, big Cecropia Moth. I was amazed to see such a beautiful creature hatch out of that plain, gray-colored, sleeping-bag of a cocoon!

For a few minutes this Cecropia stretched and stretched to get its wings into shape. They had been so shrivelled and puckered at first, but in no time they were straightened out to full size. How the soft orange and brown glistened in the sunlight! The wings looked transformed into the richest velvet. And again I marvelled what rare beauty could come from that creepy little caterpillar. This queenly moth did not look a bit like the worm that went to sleep last fall. It had been changed and wonderfully made new! Out of the old, yet strangely and wonderfully new!

While watching this new creature, my mind turned to young Frederick, a cripple, whom we had in our Sunday school. He could not enjoy any of the games, he could never play with the others because he was a cripple. Then, one day we had the lesson about our new home and how the Lord had promised to make even our bodies new for the new home up there. Frederick looked hard and suddenly said, "Will I not be a cripple up there?"

What would you have told him, boys and girls? I looked at him for a moment, for I knew full well how much he suffered being a cripple, and then I said quietly, "The Bible promises that God will make ALL THINGS NEW. Our body of suffering and sin will be no more, for all His own shall receive a body like unto the resurrected body of Christ. How will that suit you, Frederick?"

Frederick stared for a moment as if in deep thought and then a radiant smile lit up his face. "Oh," he exclaimed, "that will be wonderful!" With a new light in his eyes he looked at his crippled hands and feet and gently wriggled his body. "All things new!" he whispered, and I knew that young Frederick had understood the wonderful lesson God teaches us through the example of the worm, the cocoon, and the Cecropia Moth, that out of the old He can make ALL THINGS NEW!

Love, Aunt Anne

Billy and the Sheep

"Why, Billy!" exclaimed Mother, "You are all spattered with mud. How did it happen?"

Billy looked at his wet and muddy shoes. He was ashamed and hardly knew what to answer. But being an honest boy, he said,

"The other boys ran through that big mud puddle there by the gate, and so did I. I forgot about my clothes getting dirty. I am very

sorry. I didn't mean to be bad," pleaded Billy.

"No," agreed his mother, "perhaps not, but it turns out bad just the same."

The next morning Billy's father said, "Billy, I wish you would come with me to the sheep pasture and help me while I turn the sheep into that other lot."

Billy was very happy to go. He was not asked to help very often because he was not big enough to do many things. When they reached the gate between the two pastures, Billy's father said,

"Now, Billy, I will stay here by the gate to be ready to open it, and you go and drive the sheep over this way. You know which is the leader. Start him first and the rest will follow."

Billy obeyed, and soon the leader of the flock was bringing the others toward the gate. Billy was not far behind. Then Billy's father opened the gate and held a long stick about two feet from the ground. The

leader jumped over the stick. Then Billy saw his father take the stick away. Billy was disappointed. He wanted to see the rest of the sheep jump, too. But imagine his surprise when he saw the second sheep, and the third, and all the rest jump just as the leader had, even though there was no stick.

"Daddy," asked Billy, "why did all the other sheep jump when there was no stick?"

"Well, son," his father answered, "that is the nature of the sheep. He does everything the leader does without asking himself why he is doing it."

"But I should think he could see there was no reason to jump," said Billy.

"Did you see there was no reason for going through the mud last evening, Billy?"

Billy's face flushed. "I—I guess I was just as foolish as those sheep."

"That's fine, Billy," said his father. "Now you are a boy and not a sheep, so you should remember. The sheep will do the same thing tomorrow."

Billy was thinking hard. After a moment he said, "How would it be if I played leader and was careful not to do such things? Then those who followed me wouldn't do silly things."

And Billy knew by the loving squeeze his father gave him that he had said the thing that pleased him.

Lillian S. Norton

If Every Day

If every day I only try to do my part
Then God will lend me of His love
To fill my heart.

If every day I only try to do my best
And ask God's help. I know That He
Will do the rest.

If every day I only seek to find
God's grace,
Then I will find my God
In every place.

Teddy's Terrible Temper

Teddy was a happy little boy. He had everything to make him happy, too—a nice home, a lovely mother and father, and three of the dearest little sisters, besides a baby brother.

But often one thing spoiled Teddy's happiness. What do you think that was? It was something inside of Teddy himself—he had a dreadful temper. The temper used to show itself when Teddy could not have his own way.

Teddy's temper was so bad that if he wanted anything very much, and couldn't get it, he would lie on the floor and scream and kick. This upset his mother and made her feel sorry that she had such a naughty boy. You see, mother knew that if Teddy did not conquer his temper



now, when he grew to be a man there would be lots of other things he would not be able to conquer, and some day he might find himself in great trouble.

One day Mother read to Teddy the story of David and Goliath. You know that story, don't you? David was just a young lad, but he killed a great big giant, whom no one else was brave enough to tackle.

Teddy listened with big, round eyes. "My, I wish I had David's chance," he cried; "I'd have killed him, too."

Mother smiled sadly. "Why, Teddy, how can you say that, when every day you let your giant conquer you?"

Teddy looked at his mother. He didn't understand. Mother went on. "Your temper is your giant, son, and you let him conquer you and make you miserable almost every day. Besides, you let him make mom and dad miserable, too."

Teddy didn't say much. He felt rather ashamed, but he thought a lot about giants, and made up his mind to ask Jesus to help him conquer his.

The giant came that day. Teddy arrived home from school with a group of boys who waited outside while Teddy went to ask his mother if he might go out and play with them. Mother was sorry, but she said, "I can't let you go, son. I want you to run over to Mrs. Brown's with these eggs; her little girl is ill." Teddy's face flushed, and his blue eyes grew dark with anger. He was about to fling himself on the floor. Then he remembered about the giant. There was a fight in his heart, but Teddy won.

The flush left his face and, although a tear rolled down his cheek, he answered his mother cheerfully, "All right, mom; I'll just go and tell the boys." In a minute he was back, ready to do the errand. He looked at his mother. There were tears, lots of them, rolling down her cheeks. All sympathy, Teddy pressed close to her side. "Why, mom, whatever is the matter? Are you sick?"

Mother put an arm around his shoulder, and wiped away the tear as she answered, "No, Teddy, I'm just happy because my boy has killed his giant."

(From Salvation Army's publication, "The Young Soldier.")



Fruit For Tomorrow

FRANCENA H. ARNOLD

(22nd Installment)

"I wish I could help, but I know so little myself that I can tell you almost nothing. The whole affair probably started over some insignificant difference of opinion. You know how stubborn Sherry is, and Aunt is more than a little inclined to be dogmatic. Sherry may have aired some of her ideas on Christianity after she came home from college. I can't guess about the beginning of it. But it has grown in Sherry's mind until its size fills all her being. I don't believe she ever really thinks of anything else. She's consumed with anger against Don at present. Says he hasn't a vestige of backbone and is entirely under Aunt's thumb. There's too much of truth in that for me to argue with her, but I think the whole bunch of them would do anything to get her back, and if she'd give them a chance they might prove to her that they'd learned a lesson. But until Sherry takes a different attitude I wouldn't dare tell where she is. That would upset the apple cart!"

"Just leave her alone for awhile. Maybe we're making more progress with her than we can see."

Steve took Virginia's arm to guide her around the puddles which the day's warmth had left in the path. As they went along, Virginia pondered on how close she felt to this friend whom she had known only a few months. In that time he had grown into their lives so firmly that he seemed a friend of many years. She thought of the prayer circle in the parlor and of her own inadequate petition. To no one else would she have spoken of it, but with Steve's hand on her arm and his eyes on her face she found herself speaking with a freedom that surprised her.

"I wanted so much to show Sherry how much God means to us. I'm trying to live so that she will believe that there is something worthwhile in my faith. But I always get bothered when I try to say anything. My prayer was awful. I guess it's a good thing she didn't hear it."

"You were all right. I don't do so well myself when praying aloud. I pray in Sunday school often, but I'm afraid that I have a sort of form that gets to be rather lifeless. When I hear someone like Aunt Molly pray I realize that I'm only a beginner in the school of prayer."

"That's the way I feel. But I'm glad I've begun. Maybe the things that have happened this last year are the things that will help to advance me in that school."

They had reached the road and

Steve paused now with his hand on the car door.

"I try to realize how hard it must be for you. But it's a bit difficult for me to feel badly about it because it was through those same difficulties that I was allowed to meet you, so, to me, the silver lining sticks out all around the cloud."

As she went back to the house the early sunset was coloring the west and making the windows red with its reflection. The cheerful glow reminded her of the warmth and welcome within. Suddenly she knew that she loved this place. In spite of her parents' absence—perhaps because of these things—she was a bigger, stronger person than she had been six months before. This old house would always be remembered as the garden spot where her soul had made new growth.

"If I didn't want so badly to get back to teaching, and if there were just a few of the comforts of life here, I would like to stay. Maybe I could teach here. I probably won't have much of a job left at home. There's something so solid in a place like this. I feel more a part of it than I ever did of the big house in town."

"I hope we don't have to sell it. Yet it's foolish to keep it with no farmers in the family. I wish I were a man. I'd farm. Or I wish Allie May would turn up and want to keep the place. It seems to belong to her more than to us. But she said she wouldn't come back unless we found the money. If we could do that, we could put an ad in the paper and tell her so. Oh, I hope we can. It's at least worth trying."

CHAPTER XVI

Virginia broached her plan to Sherry at the earliest opportunity. That unpredictable young lady was immediately interested.

"I have never thought much of your efforts to dig Allie May out of hiding, but her letter shows that she'd like to come back if the money was found. So let's find it!"

"While we are shut in the house we can search it room by room. Uncle Fred might have come into the house and put the money away somewhere and then gone out again. I don't think they thought of that. It seems to me that they only spoke of hunting outside. We'll go over every inch of the house. Then when it's warmer we'll go over the barn and machine shed and even the chicken coops. We've got to find that money!"

Sherry's enthusiasm dimmed suddenly. "But if Neil Ormand never paid him that money, you won't find it."

"But he did pay him. I'm sure of

that. And I'm just as sure that Uncle Fred put it where he meant Grandpa to find it. He probably got sick on the way home and put the money away and then started out to tell Grandpa he was ill. Come on! Let's get busy."

Aunt Molly and Kurt and Kit were told of the scheme and all other projects were laid aside for this major undertaking. Even Kurt's term paper was forgotten.

They decided to search the parlor first. Every book was taken out of the book case and Aunt Molly patiently leafed through each. The drawers of the desk were opened and each paper unfolded and every box opened. This proved an interesting task, and time and again they forgot the object of their search in their interest in these varied papers and articles which told of the life of the man whose personality still seemed to permeate the place. Notebooks filled with figures giving weights of loads of grain, measurements of corncribs, prices of stock or crops. Rusty pens, stubs of pencils, a few old coins, a great claw from some animal, queer stones, an unusual knot formation from a tree, a polished buckeye, a pearl-handled knife.

"I used to long to go through these drawers," said Virginia. "I imagined that they held the most interesting things on earth."

"Well, they don't seem to hold any trace of five hundred dollars," said Sherry tapping the back of the case to be sure that it held no secret panels.

They took the pictures from the wall and removed them from their frames, even though they admitted that Fred Martin certainly had not hid the money in such an unlikely place.

"The only way to hunt for things is to look everywhere, even the places you know are impossible," said Kurt, pulling the small nails from a frame with his pocketknife. "This paper back of the picture here is dated about thirty years ago and—what's this?"

They crowded around while he unfolded a piece of paper and read, "Right to 18, left to 26, right to 5, left to 31."

"Sounds like the combination to a safe. Do you think there might be a safe hidden somewhere?"

"I don't think so," said Aunt Molly. "If they was, Joe Martin would of knowed it. One thing I'm sure of. He looked everywhere he knowed."

They tapped the bricks around the chimney, and took the tacks out of the carpet and looked under the edges.

"This seems pretty silly," said Virginia as she struggled with the rusty tacks. "Uncle Fred surely didn't have time to take up the carpet! But we said we'd look every place, so here goes!"

It took two days to complete that one room, but when they had fin-

ished they were convinced that the money was not in the parlor. They searched the dining room next and did it in one afternoon, for there was only one cupboard with dish shelves above and linen drawers below. In a teacup on the top shelf they discovered a handful of discolored nickels and pennies, apparently some special fund. But no bills.

"Let's take the lumber room next," said Kurt. "If we build a fire in the laundry stove, it will be warm enough, and I've been itching to dig into that room. I've only got two more days. I have to be back in the campus Saturday."

"I've been wanting to root in that junk pile ever since I came," put in Sherry. "I wouldn't be surprised if we found something that was buried there during the Civil War—the family plate or jewels that were hidden to keep them from the invading army."

"Considering the fact that the invading army didn't get near this place by a thousand miles or so, you must think my ancestor was pretty scary."

"Not scary, Kurt. Just cautious. Anyway, we might find something."

"I'll settle for five hundred dollars," said Virginia, as she began to prepare supper. "I'm not a bit interested in Civil War relics. I just want to find that money and convince Allie May that we want her. If she knew how hard we were working to be able to convince her, I'm sure she'd come home. Well, we'll start on the lumber room tomorrow and we'll have to work like beavers to finish in two days."

"I know one thing that would help," said Kurt returning from the lumber room where he had been looking over the next day's work. "It looks to me as if there are magazines from fifty years back piled in the corners. If we ever settle this estate we can pay court costs by calling in the junk man and selling the lot to him. I'd suggest that we haul them all out into the dining room where you girls can go through them at your leisure. I don't think there's one chance in ten million that Uncle Fred would hide money in an old magazine. But we're not overlooking even that ten-millionth chance. So what say I leave the magazines for you?"

"I agree, and we could move them out tonight so that we can get an early start tomorrow. We'll need to make good use of your manly strength; some of those boxes look heavy. I have an idea what's in them but we will find out."

The next morning Kurt built a roaring fire in the laundry stove and lit the two lanterns that hung on the wall.

"These little windows are too small to let in enough light, so we'll have to depend on these old fellows to brighten the corners where we are."

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Advisory Committee Reviews Material Aid Program

To review, evaluate and project overseas material assistance the Material Aid Advisory Committee, made up of representatives from MCC constituent groups, met in Chicago on May 5. In his report to the committee, Material Aid Administrator John Hostetler summarized program developments and presented statistical comparisons.

Program Developments

Europe and North Africa — The material aid program in Germany is being drastically reduced with Christmas bundles and Canadian pork the major items still being shipped. Supplies are sent from Vienna to countries behind the Iron Curtain. Vienna is the center for distribution both within Austria and to countries behind the Iron Curtain. In January parcels were sent to Bulgaria for the first time. Packages totaling over a ton were shipped in February: 56 to Poland, 6 to Hungary and 1 to Yugoslavia.

One hundred bales of clothing, including blankets, and 100 cartons of beef have been shipped to North Africa equally divided between Algeria and Morocco.

Middle East — Someone has reported that the most important news concerning the Middle Eastern refugees is that the problem does not change from one year to the next. This is the tenth consecutive year in which thousands will not be able to earn a living. Material assistance is provided for 65,000 refugees in the immediate area of Jericho, Jordan. Refugee mothers participate in assistance offered them by sewing layettes for their babies in the Jericho sewing center. For the benefit of undernourished non-refugee children, a feeding center is maintained where about 200 receive a hot meal daily consisting of rice stew or beans flavored with MCC beef.



Left: An MCC Christmas bundle distribution on the roof of a 7-story refugee resettlement house in Hong Kong. Under this one roof live more than 2,500 refugees from Red China. Right: MCC workers carry in the hot rice and meat for the hungry school children.

Asia — From August, 1959, through April, 1960, supplies valued at \$90,000 were distributed in Hong Kong. Refugees and other poor children have been reached through clothing distributions at schools and churches. Feeding projects serve over 100 daily meals with the goal to serve 1500 meals shortly; Canadian pork is used. Surplus food in Korea is distributed by serving hot meals of corn mush

and milk to 8,000 people each day at five stations. Material aid in Vietnam has been reduced 30 per cent. Light clothing and Christmas bundles are still requested for needy families. Negotiations are underway for small shipments to Indonesia. The conditions among the refugees around Calcutta, India, remain poor; MCC workers are planning to expand feeding projects for refugee students.



Picture on the left: We had one bale of Christmas bundles and so in order to use them to the best advantage we asked the County for their orphans. This is an orphan receiving his package. The lady in the background with the hat on is the local Lutheran pastor's wife, Mrs. Dr. Mohr, old friends of MCC. Picture on the right: Little boys with their packages.

MCC News Briefs

MMHS Awards Two \$1000 Stipends. — Mennonite Mental Health Services has announced the recipients of two \$1000 cash stipends: Robert L. Steiner, to complete his master's degree program in social work at the University of Michigan, and Melvin F. Funk, to complete his doctoral program in clinical psychology at the University of Illinois. Steiner and Funk are the first graduate students to receive MMHS stipends; both are planning to work in one of the Mennonite mental hospitals. The stipend program is to provide financial help for persons training for psychiatric social work, pastoral counseling, hospital chaplaincy, clinical psychology, psychiatric nursing, nursing education, or psychiatric residency for physicians.

Agape Verlag and European Mennonites Meet. — At a meeting April 11 and 12, at Bienenberg, Switzerland, European Mennonites and Agape Verlag discussed future publication needs in Europe. Agape

Verlag decided to explore the possibilities of publishing Sunday school materials in French in cooperation with someone else, to publish German Sunday school materials for the kindergarten level and to prepare a booklet for youth program aids.

Refugees Transferred. — Paxman Menno Hildebrand, Gretna, Man., has written from the MCC Hammersteinstrasse refugee home in Berlin that April has been an unusually busy month in the office. "The Senat (West Berlin government) informed us of a great change to take place in our home. On April 1, 18 mothers and children were withdrawn and moved into 'Wohnungsähnliche Unterkünfte' which are one-room apartments with public bathrooms. On the same afternoon 10 elderly ladies were transferred from the Flottenstrasse camp in Reinickendorf, Berlin, to our home. From April 1 to April 12 we have received 26 refugees of which 22 came from the Flottenstrasse camp and the other 4 from a tran-

sit camp in Tempelhof." **The Bulletin**, German affairs paper issued by the German Federal Govern-

ment, claims that 5000 refugees arrived in West Berlin during the Easter week.

Bloody Riots and Mass Demonstrations Upset Korea

By J. M. Klaassen (MCC Korea)

Political unrest, demonstrations and riots have taken the foreground in Korean news this month. Since the passing of the National Security Law on Dec. 24, 1958, the political situation has gradually deteriorated until the festering wounds broke into open riot in several major cities in April.

The disgruntled populace, mainly students of high schools and colleges, are protesting the present administration's high-handed dealings, particularly the "rigged" election of the president and vice-president on March 15 of this year. The large scale massacre in Seoul on the 19th necessitated withdrawal of civil law and the enforcement of "extraordinary martial law" in five major cities. While I am writing this the sound of police sirens and gunshots

(fired into the air, I hope) tell me that there is unrest again in Taegu.

I arrived in Seoul in the early morning of the 20th after an overnight trip from Pusan. The scene that met my eyes was somewhat unnerving. The usually crowded railway station was deserted except for the "pillboxes" manned by Korean soldiers armed with tommy guns and sub-machine guns.

When I reached the Severance Hospital I saw a crowd of people scanning the posted lists of dead and injured that were admitted to that hospital. Occasionally, a mother would burst out with loud sobs when she came across the name of her son who was listed among those who died. At the Intermission Guest House there was talk of nothing

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Study Abroad

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 kind in his field in order to show that he has attained a measure of competence in his own work. Thus in a period of some four years in Theology he might be asked to write a paper in New Testament, Old Testament, History, etc. so that he would have something to show that he has gained a measure of competence in each of these fields. Of course, in each field the requirements are different, in the sciences this would not apply. But in every instant the European student is left much more to his own resources and initiative in study as well as in the outlining of his program. The student plans his own course of studies in which the teachers are ready to help him with counsel if it is sought or needed. There is no required attendance at lecture courses. There are two types of courses. One consists of lectures in which no classwork is required and the teacher gives a summary of the materials in the field together with his own synthesis. The other type of course is the "seminar" in which the students each write a paper on a specified subject and read it before the class, with a discussion of the paper by the students and teachers. The students can take as many lecture courses as they want to but no more than 2 or 3 seminars at one time because of the amount of work involved in the paper. All this contributes to the fact that some students find the European system of study as a

breath of fresh air, or as a wide open country where for the first time they are let loose to study.

But I must also report of the other American student, for I mentioned that there are those who benefit very little from their year of study abroad. To some students the European system is so strange, that they are not able to find themselves in it by the time they leave for home. I have seen exchange students from Canadian and other universities, who became hopelessly confused and gave up every attempt to study. They had not learned to study on their own. They did not know how to set objectives for themselves, and if there were no assignments made in class there was also no study! For a time they would appear regularly at the lecture classes, but since they did work along with the course on their own, the lectures soon ceased to interest them and they sooner or later started missing classes, especially when they found that attendance was not necessarily required and that there would be no exam at the end of the course. In short, they had not learned to work in any other context but the one in which everything was prescribed and exams and requirements were the incentive to work. That such students still benefited from "study" abroad is beyond question, but they did not benefit academically. Soon the temptations proved too much for them. If they were exchange students they received a monthly allowance to cover expenses from the university. As soon as they had their cheque they were off to some place of interest. They often spent a whole month sightseeing, returning to their respective university in time to pick up the next month's cheque. They saw a great deal of Europe and this in itself was a great experience and should not be underrated. It is probably because of this that no attempt was made to "police" these things in a rigid way. But it does mean that many who have been in Europe now have the halo of having studied in Europe about them when actually there was very little "study" of an academic nature involved.

In evaluating the two systems one naturally asks the question: "Which is to be preferred?" One

would almost be tempted to answer, "Both." Each system has its good points and each has its shortcomings. The American system of prescribed courses and graded assignments gives much more help to the ones who find it difficult to study and need assistance in planning and encouragement in performance. It helps to educate the general masses to a greater extent but it retards the brilliant student who could strike out on his own. The European system caters to the brilliant stud-

ents. Many others would like to study, but do not receive the assistance they need and soon drop out. The result is that in America more people study beyond high school and college, while in Europe you have fewer students and the most brilliant are educated to a much greater degree of specialization. They have the "Spitzenmänner" in almost every field. What we need is a combination of the kind that would help us retain the merits of each system. David Schroeder

CENTENNIAL SERVICES

May 22, 1960

Winnipeg Civic Auditorium

"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

Morning Service — 10 a.m. (DST)

Chairman	Rev. Frank Friesen, Morden
Choir Leader	John Thiessen
General Singing	George Olfert
Introduction	Rev. J. P. Neufeld
Mass Choir: "Die Himmel rühmen die Ehre Gottes"	
Message (English)	Rev. J. H. Quiring
Mass Choir: "Lobe den Herrn"	
Offering and Announcements (Foreign Missions)	
Mass Choir: "The Fields Are White"	
Message (German)	Rev. G. W. Peters, Buhler, Kans.
Mass Choir: "Die Sach' ist Dein, Herr Jesu Christ"	
Closing Prayer	Rev. David Dyck, Newton Siding

Afternoon Service — 3 p.m. (DST)

Chairman	Rev. F. C. Peters
Choir Leader	Albert Loewen
General Singing	David Duerksen
Introduction	Rev. Wm. Falk
Mass Choir: "Wir haben ein festes prophetisches Wort"	
Message (German)	Rev. J. A. Toews
Mass Choir: "He Watching Over Israel"	
Greetings to the Congregation	
Offering (Home Missions)	
Mass Choir: "Gott unserer Väter"	
Message (English)	Rev. H. S. Bender, Goshen, Ind.
Solo: "Dank sei Dir"	Miss Adeline Willms
Closing Prayer	Rev. John Wiebe, Manitou

Evening Service — 7 p.m. (DST)

Chairman	Brother William Schroeder
Choir Leader	Peter Koslowsky
General Singing	Helmut Janzen
Introduction	Rev. A. A. Hyde, Kronsart
Mass Choir: "Hallelujah"	
"Lass Dein Feuer uns durchgehen"	
Message (German)	Rev. Herman Lenzmann
Solo	David Falk
Offering (Radio Work — Gospel Light Hour)	
MBBC A Cappella Choir: "Ich liebe Jesum"; "Praise Ye the Lord"	
Message (English)	Rev. Frank C. Peters
Gospel Light Hour Quartet	
Closing Remarks	Rev. G. D. Huebert

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Bloody Riots

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but riots, blood and death. Three doctors who were staying at the Guest House during the riot were called into service by the Severance Hospital and worked all night trying to assist the overworked staff to separate the dead and the injured, those who could be saved by emergency treatment and those who could not. By morning 22 young people had died in Severance alone.

From various people, many of whom were on-the-spot witnesses, I pieced together the following story:

The students of five major universities in Seoul had on the afternoon of the 19th converged on the palace of Syngman Rhee in a very orderly fashion. Upon arriving at the palace, they sat down on the street and sent five delegates to the police guard to ask their permission to see the president. They were refused. After much arguing, the police finally threw a tear gas grenade into the crowd of demonstrators. One student, thinking that it was an explosive grenade, threw himself on the weapon hoping to smother the explosion. A nervous policeman shot and killed him. This started off a riot that will go down in Korea's history as one of the bloodiest outside of actual warfare.

Once the police turned their guns on the students, bedlam broke loose. Students got hold of guns and turned them on the police, they commanded fire engines and private cars and trucks and used them in the battle against the hated police. Elsewhere throughout the nation, news of the riot in Seoul set off numerous others in Pusan, Kwangju, Taejon and Taegu. No one seems to know just how many people lost their lives. Some estimates run as high as 220. The injured are about ten times that number.

By nightfall martial law was ordered and Korea's army, the fourth largest in the world, came into play and soon restored order. It was a

strange sight to see tanks rumbling through the otherwise peaceful city of Seoul; it was also strange, for us who come from North America, to go to bed at night with the sound of machine gun fire just a few blocks away.

It seems the people will get their wish. President Syngman Rhee, who because of his "iron curtain of informants" never heard the true wishes or thinking of the people, has had his eyes opened. The entire cabinet and the vice-president elect have resigned. Rhee himself has offered to withdraw from the ruling liberal party. Will this satisfy the people? We do not know. Just yesterday, when the martial law was lifted, 300 university professors in Seoul demonstrated again and demanded the resignation of the president. In the meantime the Communists are licking their chops and are making offers of assistance to the anti-government demonstrations.

How does all this affect our work as MCC? Actually, so far it has not directly affected our work. We have been a little restricted in our travels, and the early curfew has given us longer evenings at home, but other than that we have remained immune to any disturbances. There is no reason for concern for our personal safety. The unrest, however, does bring us to a point where our personal convictions on war, peace, participation in political and social reforms will be put to a test.

Texas

At Los Ebanos, Texas, 11 adults and 14 young people and children made decisions for salvation and many Christians were revived as a result of Easter week evangelistic services, Brother Eugene Janzen reports.

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M. B. Church Board of General Welfare

Brethren H. C. Born and Hans Wiens, Bible school teachers in Paraguay, visited the Baptist seminary in Buenos Aires during Easter week to explore possibilities of students from Mennonite Brethren Churches studying in the school.

Brother Willy Janz has prepared study material in German on the history of the Hebrews for use in the Mennonite Brethren Bible schools in South America. This material is to be used in all of the Bible schools and is part of an effort to provide a uniform program of instruction. Brother Janz is now completing studies at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Fresno, California.

Officers of the Board met in Chicago May 5 to 7 in connection with MCC meetings they were attending. These brethren were Waldö D. Hiebert, chairman; C. J. Rempel, vice-chairman; M. A. Kroeker, secretary-treasurer, and C. A. DeFehr, treasurer for Canada. The brethren considered various questions and matters needing Board attention. MCC meetings included its Material Aid Advisory Committee and its Executive Committee. One day was devoted to a joint meeting of the MCC Executive Committee and secretaries of Mennonite mission boards.

Attending the Material Aid Advisory Committee were M. A. Kroeker, conference representative; C. A. DeFehr for the Canadian Mennonite Central Relief Committee, and Mrs. Chester Fast, representing the Mennonite Brethren Church women's groups in the United States. Mrs. Fast was invited by the Board of General Welfare office to attend, since each of the Mennonite conferences is entitled to a man and a woman representative on the MCC Material Aid Advisory Committee.

Brother M. A. Kroeker attended the convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Chicago the last week in April. As a representative of the Board, he was particularly eager to attend meetings of the NAE Commissions on World Relief and Social Action. Brother Kroeker was happy to learn more of the work of the World Relief Commission. NAE relief director Wendell L. Rockey expressed appreciation for the assistance of MCC to the NAE World Relief Commission.

The Social Action Commission meeting featured the presentation of papers on "The Christian and Armed Combat." The position of the Christian abstaining from armed combat was presented by Brother J. A. Toews, president of Mennonite Brethren Bible College. The other paper was by Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of Wheaton College. Unfortunately it was not possible for Dr. Edman to be there in person because he was un-

dergoing surgery on his eyes in a Boston hospital. In his absence his paper was presented by Dr. Gordon Jaeck, chairman of the Department of Sociology at Wheaton. For some time there has been a concern in Mennonite circles that our Biblical peace position be shared with evangelicals as it has been with other church groups, and this meeting provided an occasion for sharing this concern.

M. B. Bible College

President Conducts Revival in Baptist Church

President J. A. Toews conducted weekend revival services at the McDermot Baptist church May 6-8. The meetings were well attended, some souls were saved and others restored. The pastor of the church is Rev. H. Waltereit. The assistant pastor, Rev. H. Bushkowsky, will graduate from the Mennonite Brethren Bible College this spring.

Helmut Schroeders to Serve at Alexander

Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Schroeder of Abbotsford, B.C., have accepted an invitation to serve the Alexander Mennonite Brethren Church. Mr. Schroeder attended high school in Main Centre, Sask., and received his teacher training in B.C. He has attended Prairie Bible Institute. Before coming to College he taught for nine years in Indian schools of Northern B.C. He will graduate from the College with the Th.B. degree. Mrs. Schroeder is the former Nettie Lepp. They have two children. While serving in the Alexander Church, Mr. Schroeder will teach in the Brandon elementary schools.

Ben Klassens to Return to Africa

Word was received from the Mission Board that the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Klassen are to return to the Belgian Congo in July. Mr. Klassen, a graduate of Waterloo College, is completing requirements for the Th.B. degree at the College. He was active in educational work in Africa and was responsible for teacher training for the native schools. The Klassens are natives of Manitoba and will be returning for the second term. They have spent some time in Belgium in order to qualify for teaching in the Congo.

Instructor to Speak at Educators' Conference

Frank C. Peters will read a paper at the Christian Educators' Conference on "Problems of Accreditation in Canada." The Conference is sponsored by the Sudan Interior Mission, The Scripture Press, and the Canadian Bible College of Regina. The Educators' Conference meets in conjunction with the Regina Pastors' Conference planned for May 30 to June 3. Educators from the prairie provinces have been invited to this meeting. Speaking with Mr. Peters will be Dr. S. A. Witmer, Executive Director of the Accrediting Association of

Bible Colleges and Bible Institutes, and Rev. Paul Bartel, Professor of the Alliance Bible Seminary, Hong Kong. Mr. Peters has visited Canadian universities in the interests of the Commission on Liberal Arts appointed by the Canadian Area of the M. B. Conference.

Applications Arriving for Coming School Year

Applications for the coming school year are arriving from various points of the Canadian and American constituency. Many of the early applications are from married students requiring housing facilities. The ratio of returning students together with incoming appli-

cations indicate another good student body for the coming year.

Students Launch Organ Fund

The college student body presented President Toews with a cheque for \$500.00 for the organ fund. Permission was granted at the last Board meeting for the solicitation of funds to be used in the purchase of an electric organ for the college chapel. Since many of our churches are installing organs in their sanctuaries, it has been deemed advisable to offer special instruction in organ at the college. It is the hope of the Board and the college that the necessary funds will be solicited from interested friends of the College.

Stability for Christian High Schools

By Henry H. Dueck, Virgil Ont.

The nature of any organism is such that it requires opportunity to develop normally without undue external interference. This development can best be effected if there is a setting which will complement any desire to grow and also consolidate any gains already made. Internal as well as external factors affecting this growth contribute to a concept usually referred to as stability. Constantly at work are various other factors that influence stability either positively or negatively.

Stability has a variety of meanings for different people. For many it means maintaining an undefined feeling of attachment for processes or people held in high esteem. It may also include the connotation that the cultural heritage that has been achieved must be conserved; it is the protection of those phases of our inheritance that are of lasting value. Some people would define stability as the freedom from upsetting change within a system. This does not mean a denial of progress but rather a steady normal development. It favors a progressive development as opposed to a change in policy with every shift in the political wind; evolution of processes rather than revolution.

The term "stability" does not have quite the same meaning to the professional mind as it does to the public mind. There is no apparent contradiction, although the former defines it more clearly and goes beyond the common understanding of the term. More specifically it embodies the concept of providing an atmosphere to maintain a condition of equilibrium and constancy and thus preventing fluctuations of policy and practice which are not within the scope of planned developments. To achieve these ends various approaches need to be analyzed and areas affecting the day-to-day working relationships require definition.

1. Factors Complementing Stability

Before looking into the approaches, we must briefly look at several other complementary factors af-

fecting stability, i.e. adaptability and flexibility. Although at first it appears that they may be overlapping, in essence they are inter-related but quite different.

Since we are primarily interested in the setting which provides stability for Christian High Schools in this paper, we shall restrict our discussion to their unique situation. Needless to say, the same things apply to other institutions that operate as private schools throughout Canada and the USA.

For our purposes adaptability is the capacity of an institution to adapt itself to new needs, to newly recognized needs, or to the invention of new methods to meet old needs. It is the ability of an institution to do what was not specifically contemplated at the time the constitution was written, the organization of the school established, or the administrative machinery set into motion along a given path. This presupposes that there will be no conflict with the basic aims of the school. Adaptability is a property of an organism; it can modify its practices in agreement with new insights gained with a minimum of delay or it can be extremely slow in making such changes.

Let me be more specific. There are occasions for every school or institution when members of its faculty rub shoulders with cosmopolitan members of the teaching profession, or individuals vitally interested in education. Some of us tend to get into a rut and fail to recognize the wider scope of educational goals, methods and standards, as long as we are within the limited framework of our own community. There is a gradual unfettering, a shaking off of the provincialism that has made us think there is only one way of doing things. New levels of reality are opened up and a sincere Christian, loyal to his community, will not regard the old procedures as meaningless. Instead these new insights will be regarded as an evidence of the richness and complexity of life and the Christian will proceed to

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re-interpret his faith in terms that are compatible with and relevant to the new experiences. This re-interpretation is frequently understood by the uneducated as a subtle rejection of the old and poses a threat to them; it is merely an application of the old faith to new goals and practices.

When we speak of flexibility we have a more limited concept in mind. If adaptability deals specifically with additions to functions or with improved methods of carrying on old functions, then flexibility is limited to the framework of accepted practices. Flexibility has to do with adjustments within accepted practices to make them fit local conditions or individual needs better. Actually the flexible nature of a program may be an important adaptation to trends presently taking place. Flexibility is

more narrowly thought of in its application to administrative structure and procedure.

2. Approaches to Stability

The achievement of stability is more than just a statement of policy on the part of the school board. It will mean a planned inauguration of proposals which will result in attaining a higher level of achievement than was in evidence before.

The first factor to be considered is the time element. Whatever adaptation is made, it will always affect the school, the school board, the teaching staff, pupils, parents and ultimately the community. Time is the constant, our use of it is the variable. In all problems related to education, we must orientate ourselves on the basis of the growth cycle. In an Ontario secondary school, this would mean that any changes would have to take into account the entire cycle within any given subject from grades 9 to 13 inclusive. To consider the effects of a change in a grade 10 science textbook without due regard to its effects in all other grades would be short-sighted and could bring about serious repercussions. Any new approach would have to be introduced at the beginning of a cycle and carried through until the

participating students had completed the cycle. Since an adaptation is being made, there will be a temporary sacrifice to stability, but a smooth transition will strengthen the former structure.

Before any changes can be made, a set of criteria must be set up by which to assess the validity of any new proposal. It is difficult to compare old shoes with new shoes after they have been worn only a few times. There is always the task of maintaining a newly established policy until it has a chance to take root. For this purpose it is necessary to have a smooth working organization that can assess the old for what it is really worth and assure the new a fair hearing and a favourable period of trial. Sometimes people are lethargic and resist any change of the status quo which is falsely claimed to be stability. Upon closer examination a keen observer would soon discern that such a policy is not dynamic; instead of maintaining stability it is merely a slow death. Stability is dynamic; not static. Stability demands that we assess honestly the advantages of the old; that we do not allow our frame of reference to shift easily; that we seek to build a frame of reference which clearly includes the values of the old as well as the new.

Stability can also be approached by teaching it to our students. This is not thought of as part of a course, no more than honesty, character development or stick-to-it-iveness are listed on the syllabus of instruction. The school is a good medium for developing stable thought and action just as it seeks to teach tolerance and democratic action. If the next generation is to be better balanced in its judgment than the present generation, then the school will have to make a conscious effort to develop stable habits of thinking out all sorts of problems. Many opportunities occur where stable thought can go unrecognized and the development is left to chance associations. (To be continued in next issue)

Graduation Announcement

The graduation exercises of the Alberta Mennonite High School will take place on Sunday, May 29 in the Coaldale, M.B. Church at 7:30 p.m. Rev. G. W. Peters of Buhler, Kansas will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Loewen, principal.

ON THE HORIZON

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

May 29. — Mennonite Brethren Bible College Graduation exercises to be held in the auditorium of the M.B. Collegiate Institute, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg, at 7 p.m. Daylight Saving Time. Graduation speaker Rev. J. H. Epp, Hepburn, Sask.

May 29. — "Schulschluss" of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Daylight Saving Time) in the M.B.C.I. auditorium, 173 Talbot Ave., Winnipeg.

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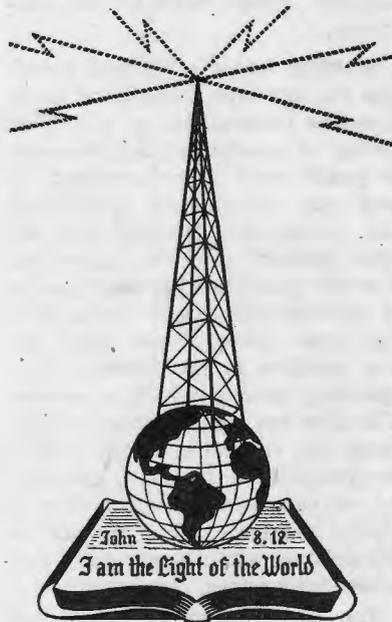
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