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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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Dr. A. H. Unruh —

End of Life's Journey

The Rev. Abram H. Unruh, well-known Bible expositor, teacher and minister of the gospel died in the Chilliwack hospital on Sunday, January 15, at 6:25 a.m. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 20 in Clearbrook.

Rev. Unruh was born at Timir Bulat, Crimea, South Russia, on April 5, 1876. His parents were Heinrich Unruh, elder (bishop) of the Mennonite Church and Elisabeth, nee Wall. His father died when Abram was five years of age and the oldest one of the ten children was fifteen. He was then taken to the home of his uncle Kornelius, who taught high school at Ohrloff, Taurien. Here he received his initial education.

At the age of 17 Mr. Unruh began to teach at Minlartschick, Crimea. Here he accepted Christ as his Savior in the year 1896, was baptized and received into the Mennonite Brethren Church. Shortly after this he began to preach God's Word.

In the year 1900 Rev. Unruh married Katherine Toews of Spat, Crimea. The Lord blessed their married life with eight children, three of whom predeceased their father.

In 1903 the Unruhs moved to Barvenkovo. Here Brother Unruh taught first in an elementary school and then in a business school (Kommerschule). One year later he was ordained for the min-

istry. In 1918 Rev. Unruh and his family felt led by the Lord to go back to the Crimea. Here Brother Unruh taught at the Karassan Central School (high school) for two years, after which he was asked to teach at the Tchongraw Bible School, which Rev. Johann G. Wiens had established there.

In December of 1924 the Unruh family came to Canada. Here they settled at Winkler, where Rev. Unruh founded the Pniel Bible School in 1925. Having been principal of the school for 19 years, the Lord used Rev. Unruh to establish a theological school, the present M.B. Bible College in Winnipeg. Here he served first as president and then as teacher for 16 years, till 1954.

Rev. Unruh was a well qualified teacher, minister, Bible expositor and writer.

As time went on Brother Unruh felt that his strength began to give way to weakness. In July of 1959 Rev. and Mrs. Unruh took residence with their youngest daughter Lydia (Mrs. Nick Friesen) in Chilliwack, B.C., where they stayed for 13 months. In August of 1960 they moved to Clearbrook, B.C.

It was especially trying for Rev. Unruh that he gradually lost his eye sight. This was due to his illness, diabetis. As a result of his total blindness it was impossible for

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Canadian M. B. Youth Activities

H. H. Dueck, Virgil, Ontario

There are times when we regard the total church program as a unified whole which beautifully blends its interrelated parts. At other occasions we wish to focus attention on a particular aspect of the program and thus gain a clearer insight into its accomplishments, responsibilities and failures before God.

Although youth work has been conducted extensively at the local church level in past years, it was not until 1944 that the Canadian Conference organized a Youth Committee. In the subsequent years, each of the provinces organized a

committee to co-ordinate the efforts of the local youth groups.

The task of the provincial and Canadian youth committees is considered to be that of a service agency that seeks to co-ordinate the efforts on the local level. It acts as a clearing house of ideas and materials; it collects pertinent data and information that can be used in reports to the Conference on trends among youth groups. The provincial committee sponsors and organizes mission projects as well as youth rallies and conferences.

In all provinces, the conscious

effort is made to emphasize the importance of youth work on the local church level. Moreover, it is constantly emphasized that youth must participate and be actively engaged in projects of its local youth group. Each local group has an adult sponsor elected by the church to guide and direct the young people, but Christian young people are called upon to form the local committees and take responsibilities upon themselves.

The provincial youth committees have from 3 to 5 members, all elected by the provincial Conference. They are responsible for the co-ordination of projects within their respective provinces. The Canadian Youth Committee, on the

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MCC Director Speaks

Rev. P. J. Dyck, MCC director for Europe and North Africa spoke to a large audience in the M.B.C.I. auditorium on Sunday, January 22. An informative report was given about the MCC work in the two mentioned areas.

Rev. Dyck began his service in Europe in 1941. Presently he directs the MCC work there with its many branches and in the many countries of Europe and North Africa.

From Winnipeg Mr. Dyck left for Saskatoon. Then he intended to

visit his aged mother at Laird, Saskatchewan for only one day and from there he expected to leave again for Europe.

Miss Jantzen Leaving for Paraguay



Miriam Jantzen, a member of the Waldheim Church in Saskatchewan, is a new missionary under appointment for service in Asuncion, Paraguay. She is scheduled to arrive in time for the opening of the new school term in March. She will be teaching in Asuncion Christian Academy, learning the Spanish

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Bible Institute Increase Across Canada

With a total enrollment of 332 students in the M. B. Bible schools across Canada, an increase of over 20% was realized over last year's attendance of 276 students. These and other challenging matters, were revealed in the annual meeting of the Bible school representatives with the Education Committee of the Canadian M. B. Conference. This meeting, which convened on Dec. 28 and 29, 1960, in the committee room of the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg, was chaired by the Rev. H. H. Voth, pastor of the Vineland M. B. Church and chairman of the Education Committee.

Representatives from all five Canadian M. B. Bible schools were present: Rev. Wilmer Kornelson, principal of the Kitchener Bible Institute; Mr. John Goossen, principal

of the Winkler Bible School; Rev. Jacob Epp, principal of the Hepburn Bible Institute; Rev. Ben Klassen, instructor at the Coaldale Bible School; and Rev. George Konrad, principal of the Clearbrook Bible Institute. Reports from these schools indicated that Hepburn has the largest attendance with 110 students. Most of the schools showed a substantial increase over last year's attendance. Coaldale's enrollment stood at over 300% above that of last year.

The final revision of the constitution for the Association of M. B. Bible Schools and Institutes was one of the major efforts of this conference. This association will exist for the purpose of promoting interest

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EDITORIAL

Thankful for Our Moral Heritage

At the end of the book of Judges, the writer in one sentence sums up the condition in Israel during the period between the judges and the anointing of Saul as king. He states tersely: "... every man did that which was right *in his own eyes*" (Italics ours). Our contact with but one segment of the Chicago society has helped us to see how true the biblical writer's comment is today. It has also made us humbly thankful for the fine moral heritage that we have.

We are thankful for our heritage of loyalty to marriage vows. When we gave our promise to be true to each other "until death do us part" we meant it because we loved each other. But we also intended to keep our promise because we had been taught that it was biblical and our church and community expected it of us. This heritage of loyalty to each other on the part of husband and wife had become part of our moral fibre. That this is not so in many communities even outside of Hollywood came home to us in jarring fashion when we heard that the mother of a member of our Post-Hi Club had been married five times and that a fellow-worker's mother had also been married five times. And these are not isolated cases, for one-third of the women applicants for employment at a large Bible institute are divorcees and have to be rejected on those grounds. Pacific Garden Mission's women's section is being asked to take an increasing number of women with children whose husbands have deserted them. Every Mennonite should be thankful for a heritage of family unity, even though some marriages may be far from ideal.

Consistent church attendance is another moral heritage for which we are thankful. It is true that habit plays a large part in this, but the Lord can use this habit to bring the Word to bear upon the life of the sinner. When the majority of the children and teenagers in a Sunday school or church come from homes where the parents are indifferent to church attendance, or even opposed to it, the problems are manifold. Thus as children grow up, irregularity in church attendance can lead to irresponsibility and away from the church and God. Again personal experience has made us deeply thankful for our heritage of regular church attendance.

Then we are also thankful for our heritage of honesty and truthfulness. Though some would say that our group has declined in this area, we are still thankful for the overall emphasis on honesty and truthfulness. There isn't a day that local newspapers in Chicago do not contain news of moral delinquency, ranging from loafing on the job as a city employee to a two-million-dollar embezzlement of bank funds by the bank president's daughter and the local church's strongest supporter. Election frauds on a wholesale scale, petty thievery on a grand scale in industrial, wholesale and retail establishments, false weights and measures in stores, all combine to tell a sorry story of moral degradation. This reaffirms the church's need to evangelize the community, but it also drives us to our knees in thankfulness for the moral heritage that we have received.

It is not that we consider our moral heritage an unblemished one. All of us can point to weaknesses in one or more areas, especially in respect of community evangelism, consideration for and adequate compensation of employees, care for juvenile delinquents and other social problems in the community. But that does not blind us to the ennobling aspects of our moral heritage. For these we are humbly thankful.

Guest Editorial by Mr. Leslie Stobbe, Chicago

DEVOTIONAL

"Proclaim Liberty to the Captives"

(Isaiah 61:1)

Rev. J. B. Toews, Hillsboro, Kansas

In the park across the street from the Conference Offices in Hillsboro stands a beautiful replica of America's Statue of Liberty erected by the French people between 1875 and 1884. Its original name was "Liberty Enlightening the World." The

dedication of the statue on October 28, 1886, marked the centennial of American independence.

The statue represents the figure of a woman with a torch in her uplifted right hand, dressed in flowing robes and standing among

broken chains. In her left hand she holds the law book inscribed the date July 4, 1776. In the midst of howling winds, tossing waves, and threatening tempests of the Atlantic Ocean, the statue stands firm on a concrete footing some 3,000 yards from the shore of Manhattan. Millions of people who have come to the shores of America from lands of persecution, enslavement and fear have greeted the Statue of Liberty as the symbol of redemption, liberation and freedom.

It is significant that this symbol of liberty, freedom and hope should stand in front of our mission headquarters. The message of this statue daily points to the prophetic vision of redemption as given to the ancient prophet in Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me... to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

This statue also symbolizes a call to our entire conference constituency, to every member of the Church and to all who claim the joy and privilege of salvation from the bondage of sin. The call is to express their gratitude for liberty from the enslavement of sin and Satan by extending the lifeline of the Gospel to the millions still in total darkness of superstition, fear and shame. You and I rejoice at the view of the Statue of Liberty. We live in a land of freedom. Our spirits have been liberated from condemnation and hopelessness. We live in the sunlight of light and life.

The Statue of Liberty calls you and me to accept the assignment and holy obligation of those who must be set free. "To proclaim liberty unto the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." What is my part? What is your part in this assignment?

Their yoke has now been broken God heard their earnest plea. To them the Lord has spoken, 'From sin I've set you free!' Therefore rejoice, ye Christians, and praise the Savior's Name For every soul He rescued, that 'out of bondage' came.

A Challenge for India

Hepburn, Sask. — The Hepburn Women's Auxiliary was host to other Women's auxiliary groups as Miss Emma Lepp, missionary to India, was our guest speaker. As the basis for her talk she used the words, "Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8), and "Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you saying, The Lord your God hath given you rest and hath given you this land" (Josh. 1:13). The faithful prayer of God's children accomplishes much in India.

In India most of the children's decisions are made by their mothers. They train their children to stop all work for the Mohammedan or Hindu hour of prayer. But when a mother is born again, many children are saved from the heathen worship.

Our prayers have won a caste widow, who, when looking through her son's belongings, found a tract, read it, and accepted the Saviour. Now she is the matron of a girl's school. A Mohammedan in hospital, who had heard the Christian messages day after day asked for permission to lead the worship service. He was also saved through the prayers of God's people.

A Hindu language teacher taught the missionaries his language by using the Bible as the textbook; he, too, was born again. Now he is a member of the Governing Council of our churches in India.

The heathen are naturally thankful. Their hearts are darkened, they are foolish and have foolish ways. They worship mice, rats, the sun, the moon, the stars and many other things. The medicines they use are injurious to both themselves and their children. The Lord saves even them from their life of sin and filth. Once they learn to know the Saviour, they have an objective in life and realize that something valuable can be done. Thus the Lord gives us the land for an inheritance as we continue to work and pray.

The doors to India are still open. Prime Minister Nehru was educated in England, where he learned about the work of missionaries with the result that he now approves of it. Therefore they can work unhindered. A change of government might change the situation, but at present the doors are still open. Much help is needed in India.

In conclusion, Miss Lepp said, "Your prayers are our encouragement, your prayers are our strength, your prayers are our protection."

Mrs. Joe W. Klassen

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CHURCH NEWS

Dr. A. H. Unruh, Chilliwack, B.C.



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him to read, and yet he has repeatedly presented inspiring messages during his stay in British Columbia. His last message in the Chilliwack M.B. church was on December 26, when he spoke on the theme, "We beheld His Glory."

When Rev. Unruh was to proclaim God's Word at Clearbrook on January 6, he had an insulin shock. He was taken to the Abbotsford hospital, but was transferred to the Chilliwack hospital on January 12. On Sunday, January 15 at 6:25 a.m. he died, the final cause of his death being bronchial pneumonia.

The children, who predeceased Rev. Unruh are: Elisabeth, who died at the age of two in 1904; Cornelius at four, in 1908; Victor at 30, in 1944, and Nick Friesen, son-in-law, at 25, in 1947.

Rev. Unruh is survived by his wife Katharina Unruh, two daughters, Käthe, Mrs. A. H. Redekop, St. Catharines, Ontario; Lydia, Mrs. Nick Friesen, Chilliwack, B.C.; and by three sons, Abram, India; John, Toronto, Ontario, and Henry, Rossland, B.C. A son Victor died in World War II. Rev. Unruh is also survived by 19 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, and by one sister, Mrs. Cornelius Baerg, Kitchener, Ontario.

Funeral services were held in the

Mennonite Educational Institute auditorium at Clearbrook, on Friday, January 20.

Three speakers served at the funeral. Rev. Isaak Tiessen of the Chilliwack M.B. Church spoke on "A Life Pleasing unto God" (Matt. 11:26). Such a life is a life under the cross, of fellowship, of service and of surrender to God.

Rev. Jacob Thiessen of Vancouver gave a message on "The Blessings of Tribulations" (Acts 14:22). Tribulations make manifest the spiritual condition, they purify us, they reveal to us our Preserver, Comforter, and Helper. Rev. Frank C. Peters, moderator of the Canadian M.B. Conference, presented a message on "The Glorified Consummation of a Successful Life" (Hebr. 13:7; Col. 4:7). He emphasized his love as a brother, his faithfulness as a servant and his activities as a worker.

A male choir of Rev. Unruh's former students sang, "In des Lebens schwersten Proben", and the Clearbrook M. B. Bible Institute choir served with another number, "Dann, ja dann wird mir alles klar."

Special telegram greetings were conveyed by the A. A. Unruhs of India and John Unruhs of Toronto.

Other greetings to the bereaved family were presented by Rev. Herman Voht in behalf of the Mennonite Brethren B.C. Conference; Rev. Bruno Enns of the General

Mennonite Conference; Rev. Dan Friesen of the M.B. General Conference (by telegram); Rev. Frank Friesen of the Winkler Bible School; Rev. B. B. Fast of the Elmwood M.B. Church, and Rev. F. C. Peters of the Manitoba and Canadian Conferences and the M.B. Bible College.

Those present of the children and grandchildren were, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Unruh, Rossland, B.C.; Mrs. A. H. Redekop (Käthe), St. Catharines; Mrs. Lydia Friesen, Chilliwack; Donald Unruh, Hillsboro; Joyce Redekop, Winnipeg; Mr. and Mrs. George Block, La Glace, Alberta, and the children of Mrs. Lydia Friesen.

Rev. Unruh is now with the Lord Whom he has served during the many years of his life. We are reminded of Christ's words, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living waters" (John 7:38) and also of the words written to the Hebrews, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God; whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation" (Hebrews 13:7).

A commemoration service was held in the Elmwood M.B. Church on January 21. At this occasion Rev. Henry Berg presented a message on the theme "Remember" (Hebr. 13:7-8. He pointed out that we were to remember the message, the life of faith, and the end of Brother Unruh's life on earth.

The second message was brought by Rev. D. K. Duerksen. Psalm 90:10-12 was his text. He called attention to the fact that Brother Unruh had been a good counsellor, Bible expositor and writer.

The Elmwood M.B. Church choir sang, "Schaff' in mir Gott ein reines Herz", "O, welch' ein lieblich Los", and "Das Leben gleicht dem Sommertag, ist licht und schattenreich."

Rev. B. B. Fast read the obituary, made appropriate concluding remarks and led in the closing word of prayer.

Annual Committee Meetings

Winnipeg, Man. — The annual Council of Boards of the Canadian Conference of Mennonites met here on January 10-13. The council consists of five boards responsible to the Conference for the various phases of the work.

They include the boards of Missions, Christian Service, Education and Publication, Finance, and the College Board. The executive of the Conference consists of the board chairman, the president, vice-president and the secretary of the Conference.

A shift in the executive was necessitated by the long illness of Rev. J. M. Pauls, who was re-elected moderator of the Conference last summer at Steinbach. G. G. Neufeld, Whitewater, Man., was designated chairman, and D. P. Neufeld,

chairman of the Board of Christian Service, was chosen vice-president by the executive. Henry H. Epp continues as secretary. Other board chairmen are: Missions, George Groening, Winnipeg; Education and Publication, David Schroeder, Winnipeg; Finance, H. F. Wiebe, Winkler; College Board, J. J. Thiessen.

Budget

The budget for the Board of Christian Service was set at \$21,340; Mission Board, \$115,400; Church Building Fund (for mission churches), \$31,600; Board of Education, \$20,120; Board of Finance, \$10,200; and the Canadian Mennonite Relief and Immigration Council, \$3,000. This brings the total budget to \$201,660. It should be noted, however, that foreign missions are not included in this figure. Monies for foreign missions, while channeled through the Canadian board, are not budgeted by the Canadian Conference, but go to the Missions Board of the General Conference Mennonite Church with headquarters at Newton, Kans.

North Carolina Baptist Hospital Report

By Robert Walker

Winston-Salem, N.C. — The Rev. Isaac W. Redekopp, pastor of Elmwood Mennonite Brethren Church of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, is registered in the second winter course at the School of Pastoral Care of North Carolina Baptist Hospital here.

Rev. Redekopp will complete his studies on February 10. The six-weeks course is offered several times a year for working pastors who wish to broaden their ministry by learning the essentials of working with the sick. At the school they attend seminars and lectures, and counsel patients under supervision of hospital chaplains.

Rev. Redekopp served as pastor of the North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church for four years, after which he instructed at the Mennonite Brethren Bible College at Winnipeg for 10 years. He has been at Elmwood Church for the last six years.

Bible Conference at Chilliwack, B.C.

On January 14-15, a free Bible Conference was held in the Broadway M. B. church, Chilliwack.

Neighboring churches followed the invitation and God blessed us richly. I Peter chapter one was chosen from God's Word. Discussions followed and as God's truths were revealed to us we felt the importance of using the gifts God has bestowed upon His children. We who are elected, who have accepted Christ, must live pure, obedient, consecrated lives and love one another. May God give us grace to be steadfast to the end.

Mrs. Kay Isaak

A Splendid Time of Fellowship

Greenfarm, Sask. — "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High" (Psalm 92:1). We also have much reason to be thankful for we may gather to worship in peace and enjoy the blessing of our services.

On November 11, we had with us the two missionaries Katie Penner and Daisy Martens, Swift Current. Both have returned from the Congo. They related of the difficulties they experienced there and challenged us to pray that peace may be restored to that country that they may return to their field of service to which the Lord has called them.

On December 4, Rev. Art Martens, Hepburn, was in our midst in the interest of the Sask. M. B. Mission.

Rev. Wm. Buller, Flowing Well and Rev. Wally Gripp, Woodrow served here three days during which

we had a Bible study.

Our annual S.S. Christmas program was held on December 24. The girls and boys recited and sang the good old Christmas story. The message was brought by Brother Joe Voth. Gifts were handed out later.

New Year's Sunday Rev. J. J. Thiessen was our guest speaker. He was formerly our pastor, but is now attending the Herbert M.B. Church.

Sunday, December 8, the members of the Ladies Aid together with their husbands had a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Enns. A buffet style supper was served. The ladies exchanged gifts with their prayer partners. The evening was spent in singing choruses, also in having contests. Rev. J. J. Thiessen closed the enjoyable evening with a few fitting remarks and prayer.

Mrs. H. Neufeld.

OBITUARIES

Heinrich Isaac †

Mr. Heinrich Isaac, 68, of 275 Donald Ave., Winnipeg, died in the Concordia Hospital in the morning of January 25.

Funeral services are to be held in the Elmwood M.B. Church, on Saturday, January 28, at 2 p.m.

Left to mourn are his wife, Mrs. Isaac and two sons, Ernie at Swift Current and Arthur in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Helena Peters †

Mrs. Helena Peters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Redekopp was born in Manitoba on December 21, 1890. In 1909 she was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Peters. For eight years they made their home in Dalmeny, Sask. and then they came to Warman where they lived on a farm for 25 years. After the passing of her husband in 1943 she lived as a widow for 17 years.

On January 1, 1961, she received a light stroke and was taken to the City Hospital in Saskatoon. A week later she had a light heart attack which led to other complications. During this time she had severe pain, but she never complained about these pains. She committed herself to the Lord in the confidence that if it were the Lord's will she would get well again and if not, she was willing to bear this cross to the end.

One night she asked her daughter, who was staying with her, to sing the old favorite song, "At the Cross", and when her daughter complied, she also joined in the singing. When she noticed the end was coming closer she remarked, "How wonderful will it be to be with the Lord." The last evening before her departure she pled with

the Lord to relieve her of her burden.

On Friday morning, January 13, the hour of her release struck and she went home to be with her Lord. She lived to be 70 years and 23 days. She leaves to mourn her passing 8 daughters, 6 sons, 39 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and 2 brothers.

Funeral services were conducted on January 17 in the M.B. church at Warman.

Frank F. Froese.

Henry Fast †

Mr. Henry Fast, Port Rowan, Ontario, died suddenly of an heart attack on Wednesday, January 18. Mr. Fast was on the icerink together with other young men. Unexpectedly they saw him sitting on a bench and when one of the men came to him, he reclined and died. The deceased was the father of seven children. (May the Lord comfort the bereaved family —Ed.)

Jacob J. Klassen †

Mr. Jacob J. Klassen, 82, of Steinbach, Manitoba, died on January 13, 1961. Funeral services were held from the Steinbach M.B. Church on January 18.

Mr. Klassen was born in Sagra-dowka, Russia on October 1, 1876. With his first wife he was married for 53 years. Having been a widower for sometime, he married again. The second marriage lasted for only one year and one half, until He died in Steinbach on January 13

Mourning the passing of Mr. Klassen are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Henry Adrian, Steinbach; three sons, Peter and Jacob Klassen, Steinbach; William of B.C.; eighteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

Well Known Resident Passes

Rosthern, Sask. — Rosthern and surrounding district were deeply shocked last week Tuesday, Dec. 27, when the news was heard of the sudden passing of a well-known citizen and an active community worker, Mr. A. W. Friesen. Mr. Friesen died at his home early Tuesday at the age of 59 years, less four days. He had been in ill health for the past two years.

Mr. Friesen was born in Gretna, Man., on January 1, 1902, coming to Saskatchewan with his parents in 1904. The family settled on a homestead six miles northeast of town.

News from the Winkler M. B. Church

A baptismal service was held in the Winkler M. B. church on Sunday night, January 22. Five souls followed the Lord in baptism. They were Irene Kuhl, Lucille Kroeker, Dorothy Kroeger, Elbert Worms and Peter Thiessen.

Rev. J. H. Quiring gave an English message. He spoke on the Ethiopian eunuch as found in Acts 8:26-39. He challenged us all to surrender our whole life to Christ and "Go on our way rejoicing."

Rev. H. H. Redekop gave a very inspirational German message after the baptism. He chose Matthew 6: 19-24 for his text. He stressed the fact that you cannot serve two masters.

Mrs. Evelyn Dyck.

Spanish Language School in Costa Rica



On their arrival in Costa Rica. Left to right: Alvin Voth with Murray, Vera Voth, Anne Wiebe, Dolores Wiens, Richard Wiens, Beverley and Donald.

It was 8:30 p.m., December 29, at the El Coco airport fifteen miles from San Jose. We were waiting for the arrival of the new students. Suddenly someone shouted, "There it is," and after a few more minutes the big PanAm plane rolled up to the modern terminal. The platform was moved toward the plane, the door opened and all eyes were strained to get the first glimpse of the newcomers. It was a real joy for us to welcome the Richard Wjenses, the Alvin Voths and Anne Wiebe to Costa Rica. It was a special joy for Elsie Kroeker to welcome her sister Mrs. Vera Voth. We are now a total of eleven M. B. missionaries plus eight children.

The Spanish Language School operated by the Presbyterian Church is situated in the capital of Costa Rica. San Jose, at an elevation of 3,800 feet, boasts a climate of eternal spring and a cosmopolitan population of over 120,000. It did seem strange to have green grass and flowers blooming outside at Christmas time.

Our school day begins at 7:30 a.m. with classes till noon. Classes are held in every available room in three houses including the balcony and garage. The 168 students en-

rolled this term are divided into groups of four or five. All of the teachers are nationals. The subjects include phonetics, grammar and public speaking. During the last year the 332 students who attended the school represented 50 boards and sending agencies. I feel it is a rare privilege to study together with others who are going out to serve the Lord in the different Latin American countries.

The Bullers will soon be leaving for their field of service in Colombia. We praise the Lord for granted visas.

We have been gathering as an M. B. group for prayer and fellowship every other Friday. The Lord has answered prayer in regards to language study. Sometimes it seems discouraging when we look at the time spent in comparison to the things learned, but as we look to the Lord He gives joy and strength for the day.

Please continue to pray for us that our lives may bring forth fruit, that we may learn the language well and that the Lord would prepare our hearts for the work He has for us on the field.

Ann Klassen, Apartado 2240
San Jose, Costa Rica



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Merger With New Responsibilities

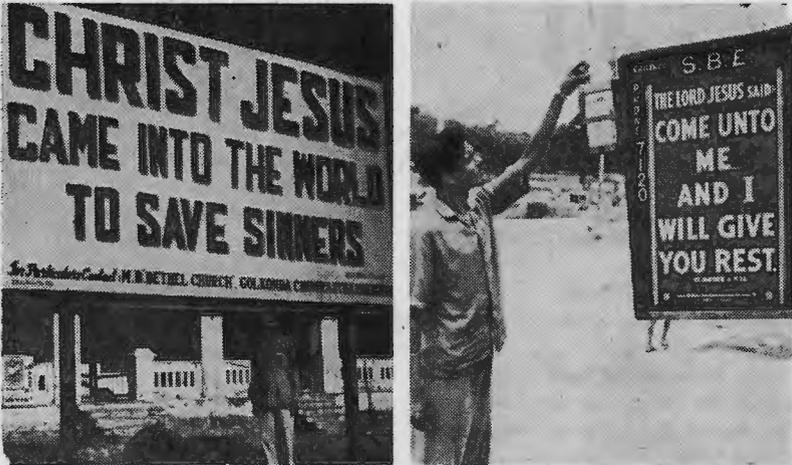
Board of Missions

With the merger of the KMB and MB Conferences, the administration of the foreign missions programs of the two bodies became a joint operation as of January 1. The administration of the KMB mission field in Peru has been transferred to the Board of Missions. A number of former KMB missionaries are serving in inter-

mission ministries. These missionaries have become the mutual responsibility for spiritual support and financial assistance. The Board of Missions has written to all of these missionaries to assure them of interest and helpfulness. It is hoped that pictures and information regarding former KMB missionaries can be presented to the constituency in the future.

Sign-Board Evangelism

Sent in by Rev. John H. Lohrenz, 4882 E. Townsend Fresno 2, California.



Sign-Board Evangelism is done by our M.B. Youth in India. This sign board and others are put up by them, thus spreading the Gospel. A big zinc sheet board with wooden frame 15 ft. x 8 ft. erected at the cross roads, Secunderabad two and half years ago. (cost — Rs. 500 about \$100). The Secretary watching how many passersby are looking at, reading, and talking about it daily. Standing under the sign-board is Bro. G. E. David who has himself drawn or rather painted this sign-board. It stands on the Street corner 1/2 block from Hughestown M.B. Church.

Our Young People in India M.B. Church members, are active in Sign-Board Evangelism. A two sided small tin board 4 1/2 ft x 3 ft. (cost Rs. 15) with English and Telugu posters on either side. A person is taking the tract, from its pocket. The board is half painted. This is fixed to a Cycle Hire shop on main road, where thousands of 3 main workshops of Railway read it while going and coming to and from their duty.

INDIA

The Governing Council of the India churches will meet early in February for its annual session to regulate matters of the churches and schools for the coming year. Pray that this body of 30 brethren will sense the Lord's guidance in their great responsibility.

M. B. John of India, who has been attending Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary in Fresno, is scheduled to arrive in Hillsboro around January 28. He will attend the Tabor College Bible conference and visit churches in the Midwest. Pray that his ministry will continue to be a blessing to the churches, and to him and the Indian churches as well.

From India comes the good report that seven of the national brethren of the India Mennonite Brethren Church were able to attend the annual meeting of the

Evangelical Fellowship of India which was apparently held in Calcutta January 5 to 8, 1961. Some of the missionaries also attended.

The staff of our missionaries in India met for spiritual fellowship during the last days of the old year. Their meeting proved of great spiritual blessing, for the Lord always graciously meets those who draw nigh unto Him.

The India field staff is beginning to look forward to the return of a number of missionaries including Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Froese, who are now on furlough. The medical work on the field is short of medical doctors. Even national doctors are not available in India.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

The third institute for missionaries is to be held in Hillsboro February 26 to March 3. Between

50 and 60 missionaries on furlough and candidates are expected for this week of prayer, study and orientation for more effective missionary service. Guest speakers will be R. M. Baerg, dean of Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary, Fresno, who will conduct the Bible studies, and Clyde Taylor, executive secretary of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, Washington, D.C. Brother Taylor will present a series of messages on changes in missions as affected by political and cultural changes of our day and discuss the qualifications necessary for missionary personnel in today's world. The institute is planned and conducted by the Board of Missions administration. Members of the Board and missionaries will also participate in the institute.

BRAZIL

The opening of the Brazil Bible School at Curitiba was to be observed with a dedication service on January 22, and the first year of instruction was to begin on January 23. The prospective enrollment of eight students was encouraging. Instructors for the first-year course are Brother and Sister John Klassen (Brother Klassen serves as principal), Sister Olga Pries Dueck and a local Brazilian evangelical pastor. The opening of a Bible school for the training of Christian workers for Brazil is cause for much thanksgiving and earnest intercession. Three houses have been completed which will serve as dormitory and classroom facilities for the present. Later, administrative and classroom facilities will be erected.

The national church at Curitiba, Brazil, baptized 12 converts and received them into church fellowship on January 1. One of them was Brother Benedito, a young man who is working among the Indians in the vicinity of Clevelandia.

One of the oldest girls of the children's home at Curitiba was to be married January 7. Since this was the first girl of the home to be married, it was a special event in the history of the home.

The organization of a church at Sao Mateus, Brazil, on December 4, 1960, is cause for much thanksgiving. Peter Hueberts are the resident workers there.

Evangelistic and revival services are to be held in the interior Brazilian cities of Clevelandia and Palmas February 5 to 12. Let us pray for a large harvest of souls in these



The first three houses at Curitiba, Brazil, which constitute the beginning of the campus of our Brazil Bible School.

places and for resident workers who are to serve in these places. Walter Pastres are to locate in Clevelandia soon. They have completed Portuguese language study at Campinas and are now preparing for the transfer.

CONGO

Arnold Prieb and Orville Wiebe visited the following church centers in the Congo at Christmas time: Gungu, Kafumba, Kajiji, Lusenvu, Matende and Panzi. They report the following experiences and observations:

At Kajiji over the Christmas weekend pastors, evangelists and catechists of the region held a large meeting. Attendance on Christmas eve was 1,750, and the national Christians presented a fine program without direction or assistance from the missionaries. On Christmas morning the congregation numbered 1,350. Twenty-eight candidates were baptized and received into church fellowship. The Lord's supper was observed in the afternoon. Also on that day one of the pastors who had been living in the world rededicated his life to the Lord. Our missionary brethren were encouraged by these services and the attitude of the people at Kajiji.

The brethren also report that the roads are becoming increasingly difficult to travel with long stretches of deep sand. Grass is also beginning to close some of the roads. Enroute they encountered two road blocks. At one place the youth terrorist group was nasty. A former student at Kajiji recognized them and spoke a word in their behalf, which enabled them to proceed without their vehicle being ransacked. The groups were armed with high-powered European rifles.

At Panzi two pastors who had been approved for some time were ordained. Pastor Timothy of Kafumba was present for the ordination. An attentive congregation of 150 solemnly participated in the service. Our missionary brethren sensed a desire on the part of the national brethren to reach the lost with the gospel.

Schools were visited by Brother Wiebe, who reports that the scholastic standards have dropped considerably.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Pauls, studying in Belgium in preparation for medical missionary service in Congo, were to begin a medical course in Antwerp on January 16. Let us remember them in intercession together with other missionaries in preparation.

Average adult has about 28 pounds of blood and each pulsation of the heart sends about 10 pounds flowing through the veins and arteries.



THE Young Observers



Hello, Girls and Boys

It is snowing outside. Everything is very white and clean-looking now. The flakes sparkle in the streets. There are millions of people in the world who have not seen snow, since it does not fall on more than a third of the earth's surface.

Snow falls in all seasons in the polar regions. We live in the Temperate Zone, where snow falls only during the winter. The heaviest snow fall occurs in the mountains of the Temperate Zone, the Rocky Mountains and the Alps in Italy and Switzerland. In Europe, houses of refuge are built for persons caught in snowstorms. In the mountains of western United States railroads are often blocked by snowslides. Roads may be closed for days until powerful snow plows clear the roads and tracks.

These large snowdrifts are made up of many, many tiny snowflakes. Each snow crystal has six rays. No two snowflakes have ever been found to be exactly alike. The elaborate designs of snowflakes may be seen by collecting some flakes on black paper and examining them under a magnifying glass. Each crystal is perfectly and artistically formed.

God has made each perfect flake. It forms a blanket for grass and shrubs. It waters the land and forms mountain streams. And these mountain streams provide us with electric power. Great are the works of the Lord.

"For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain . . . that all men may know His work" (Job 37: 6,7).

Love, Aunt Helen.

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

A gentleman was once preaching to a large congregation of Christians, and urging them to work for the Master. At the close of his address, a little boy at the farthest end of the hall made his way through the crowded seats to the platform, and touching the preacher's arm, said,

"If you please, sir, what can I do for the Lord? I am willing to work for Him." The gentleman hardly knew how to answer, so he quietly lifted up his heart to God.

"Well," said he, "are you converted?"

"Oh, yes, sir," was the quick answer.

"Have you a mother and father?"

"I have a mother, sir."

"Well, and is she saved?"

"Yes, sir."

"And your brothers and sisters?"

"I haven't any, please, sir."

"Then have you a companion?"

"Oh, yes, there's Charlie," was the reply.

"Well, my boy, is Charlie converted?"

"No, he ain't, sir."

"Then go and try and get him saved, and that will be working for the Lord."

With a glad heart the little fellow ran off. As soon as he got home he rushed up to his little room and knelt down.

"Please, dear Lord, save Charlie. Please, Lord, convert Charlie," was his cry.

Presently Charlie himself came

bounding up the stairs in search of his companion. He paused outside the door, quite awed at hearing his own name repeated so many times, because he understood that Johnnie was praying for him.

"Come here, Charlie, and kneel down," said his friend. Charlie came and soon he was sobbing as though his heart would break.

"Come to Jesus, Charlie, come to Jesus," urged the little fellow, and then he continued his prayer.

"Please, Lord, convert Charlie."

"Oh, but I'm so wicked!" sobbed Charlie.

"Never mind that, Jesus will take

Just like this boy ran and cried for help for the injured man under the tree, so Johnny prayed to Christ in order to see Charlie and his neighbors saved.

all your sins away if you'll only trust Him and Charlie did trust and there and then the Lord gave him the assurance of forgiveness.

The next morning Johnnie went in search of the preacher and found him at home.

"Well, my boy," he said, recognizing the little fellow.

"If you please, sir, Charlie's converted," burst from Johnny's lips, and then he went on to say how it had come about, "And now what else shall I do?"



The gentleman who preached to Johnny and told him what to do for the Lord.

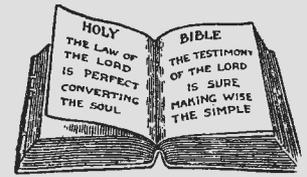
"Go and get the neighbors converted," said the gentleman, "tell them of Jesus."

Away went Johnny, his heart quite full at the thought of doing that.

One by one, he told the people who lived near his mother's cottage about the love of Jesus, until he had won fifty precious souls for his Master, and today they can praise God for the "little child who led them."

"Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5:19).

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58).



The Old, Old Story

I love to hear of Jesus:

It makes my heart so glad
To think how much He loves me,
How can I e'er be sad,
When He, God's Son from heaven,
Who came to die for me,
My sins has all forgiven
And set my spirit free.

I love to think of Jesus,
Who walked upon this earth,
In all His love and mercy,
Midst men of sinful birth.
He knew their guilt and sorrow,
He came to seek and save;
To tell God's bright tomorrow
In life beyond the grave.

I love to speak of Jesus,
He died my heart to win;
He every moment tells me
How dear I am to Him.
He fills my soul with gladness,
He gives my lips to tell
To those that sit in sadness
Of Him who loves them well.

I love to wait for Jesus,
It makes my heart rejoice
To know I soon shall see Him
And hear His loving voice.
Oh then, Oh then, in glory,
With Himself I'll be;
Forever tell the story
Of His great love to me.

The Right Side

It is related that a little girl, taken out for the first time beneath the starry sky, was lost in wonder and admiration. As she gazed up into the glittering dome, she exclaimed, "If heaven is so lovely on the wrong side, what must it be on the right side."

Scripture says, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Cor. 2:9).

—Moody Church News

Daily Dozen

If you are of average weight, here is what you do in twenty-four hours:

Your heart beats 103,689 times.
Your blood travels 168,000,000 miles.
You breathe 23,040 times.
You inhale 438 cubic feet of air.
You eat 3¼ pounds of food.
You drink 2.9 quarts of liquids.
You lose ⅞ pounds of waste.
You speak 4,800 words.
You move 750 muscles.
Your nails grow .000046 inches.
Your hair grows .01714 inches.
You exercise 7,000,000 brain cells.
Dont' you feel tired?

Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(21st Installment)

Trevor's visit ended on an unexpectedly friendly note, and he left about one half hour later in reasonably good spirits. But after he had gone there was a long silence in the sitting room. Mr. and Mrs. Brandon and Pauline were each occupied with their own thoughts. Maxwell Brandon had been given plenty of food for thought, and he was more concerned for Trevor's future than the young man could have guessed. Margaret Brandon knew instinctively that all was not well, but she was more concerned about her husband and the additional burden which she felt had been put upon him, and she cast a few anxious glances in his direction as he sat there preoccupied with his problem. But neither of them could have had any idea of what Pauline was thinking until she suddenly spoke out.

"Daddy," she said unexpectedly, "how old do you have to be before you can fall in love?"

"What's that, my dear?" Maxwell Brandon started out of his reverie and stared at his daughter as though he could not believe that he had heard right.

Pauline Brandon, sitting on a hassock close to the dying embers of the fire, her school books lying forgotten on the table behind her, stared dreamily into space. "I want to know how old you have to be to fall in love," she said again.

Maxwell Brandon looked helplessly at his wife. Used as he was to questions, he did not feel at all competent to answer this one. "Well, I don't know," he said uncertainly. "What would you say, Mother?"

Margaret Brandon shook her head. "I'll leave it to you, Father," she said with a smile.

Maxwell Brandon looked at his daughter again. She was still waiting for his answer.

"I suppose there is no special age for falling in love," he ventured at length. "When you come to analyse it, love doesn't know any limits of age or time."

Pauline looked up into her father's face, an eager light in her wide blue eyes. "Dou you think you could be in love at sixteen?" she queried.

"Sixteen?" he echoed. "Well, I—" What was she driving at? Could it be that—?

Suddenly the truth came home to him: his daughter was growing up! With a queer sort of pang in his heart, he looked at her through misty eyes. He had always thought of her as just a child, just a school girl. He hadn't realized that she was becoming a woman. They seemed to grow up so quickly these days, he

thought with a sigh. He would like to keep his children always young and close to him, like little David. But that could not be. Life must go on, with all its new experiences and responsibilities. And each must fashion his own destiny with his God-given opportunities and talents.

"Pauline," he said suddenly, "who is it?"

The girl jumped to her feet.

"Why, daddy!" she exclaimed, her face flushed with colour, "how did you guess?" The next moment she was at his side, her arms around his neck and her head against his cheek.

"Perhaps I should have guessed long ago," he said, kissing her affectionately, "but I would like to know who it is."

She put her lips close to his ear. "Trevor!" she whispered.

"Trevor!" gasped her father unsteadily, grasping the arm of his chair for support. He hadn't expected that.

"Oh, I know, Daddy, I know what you're thinking," Pauline went on nervously. "It's all so hopeless, because I'm sure he loves Nancy. Nancy is my friend and I wouldn't hurt her for the world. But I love him just the same. I—I just can't help it!"

Bewildered by the swift succession of events, Maxwell Brandon did not feel equal to the situation. Uncertain what to say, he said nothing at all, and with a silent prayer in his heart waited for the girl to go on.

"I've thought about this and prayed about it, Daddy. But I just can't see any way out," she said hopelessly. "Maybe I'm young and will grow out of it, but if I don't—I!" She caught her breath in a stifled sob.

Her father put his arm around her. "I shouldn't worry, little girl," he said gently. "Our lives are in the Lord's hands, and He will work out everything for our good."

"You really believe that, Daddy?"

She wanted assurance and so did he, and his heart was burdened. So when he spoke, it was as much to his own heart as to hers. "Yes, I believe it, dear. It is the Lord's promise, and He cannot fail. We know that 'all things work together for good' to those who love Him."

"I'm so glad," Pauline whispered with a sigh of relief. "I'm so glad it's true!"

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CHAPTER XIII AN UNEXPECTED CALLER

Mrs. Norwood was furious. To think that her daughter had been making an exhibition of herself in public was bad enough, but for her mother to have to learn about it

from her friends on the telephone was the last straw!

"Singing on the beach!" she fumed. "It's a positive scandal!"

"What's that?" demanded Charles, looking over his evening newspaper.

"Ask Nancy!" retorted his wife with an accusing glare in the girl's direction. "It's about time she told us something!"

Nancy put down the bed-sock she was knitting as a surprise gift for Granny Weston, and turned to face her parents. "I thought you knew all about the open-air witness. It was announced in church on Sunday," she reminded them.

Her father nodded. "Yes, I remember. But I never gave it another thought—just another of Pastor Brandon's ridiculous ideas."

"So it might be!" agreed his wife. "But when our daughter becomes involved in it—"

Charles Norwood dropped his paper. "You don't mean to say, Nancy, that you went down there and made a fool of yourself?"

"Of course she did!" Thelma Norwood declared, before Nancy had time to speak for herself. "Mrs. Nicholls was just telling me all about it on the phone. She says that Nancy is the talk of the whole town!"

"But whatever for?" demanded Charles impatiently.

Nancy cleared her throat. "I haven't done anything very dreadful, Dad," she said with a smile. "I just sang a solo at the open-air meeting on the beach last night, that's all."

"All?" echoed her mother tartly. "Isn't that enough to make me feel that I can't look any of my friends in the face again? Singing on the beach, indeed! It just isn't done, not by respectable people anyway!"

Charles was still looking puzzled. "But I don't understand." His frown deepened. "Surely you weren't singing in the street, Nancy, like some common vagabond?"

Nancy laughed. "Oh, no, Dad!" she assured him. "It was all very well conducted. There must have been about twenty of us in the open-air band. We held the meeting on the lawns just below the promenade."

"Where all the crowds gather for the side-shows!" lamented her mother in despair.

"Why, of course, mum, that's the idea! If the people won't come to church, then we're going to take the church to the people, that's what Mr. Brandon says."

"It's all very well for Mr. Brandon!" Thelma Norwood tossed her head. "But he takes good care that his daughter doesn't make a gazing-stock of herself!"

"Oh, Pauline was there, too!" Nancy hastened to add. "She played the little portable organ, and one of the boys brought his piano accordion. It was quite a good effort for our first venture."

"Well, it will certainly be the last as far as you're concerned,

Nancy!" declared her mother emphatically.

"But, mum!" protested the girl quickly, "we want to have an open-air meeting every week during the summer. It's the only way to reach the people!"

"Yes, we know all about that!" commented her father sceptically. "Mr. Brandon can run his open-air meetings if he wants to, but you're going to keep away, my girl."

Nancy looked appealingly from one to the other. "Oh, but you don't understand!" she protested again. "I love it! It's a wonderful witness for the Lord, and I want to be there. Please—"

Charles Norwood leaned back in his chair, his mouth set in a hard straight line. "Now, listen to me, Nancy," he began dogmatically, "you can't say that your mother and I have ever denied you anything that we felt was for your good. We've even let you have your own way lately in many things that we don't approve of at all, but this singing in public on the beach is something that we definitely will not stand for!"

"But, Dad—"

"Let me finish!" He motioned her to silence with a curt wave of the hand. "I've spent a lot of money on your music, Nancy. I'm still paying for your singing lessons, remember! And I'm not going to have all your training—well, thrown into the gutter, as you might say. No, there's a future in your voice, and if you haven't enough sense to safeguard it yourself, then I, for one, will have something to say!"

"And I, too!" agreed her mother, quick to follow her husband's lead. "It's only for your own good, Nancy! Nancy, if you become a famous singer some day, and people start saying that you sang in the street!"

Just the thought of such a thing was too much for Thelma Norwood, and she sank back in her chair exhausted after her outburst.

Nancy was silent. There was nothing to be gained by arguing with them. They just didn't understand. They meant well, of course. But if only they would come to one of the open-air meetings and see for themselves.

"Why don't you come down to the next meeting—both of you?" she suggested eagerly. "I'm sure you'd be surprised."

"I'm sure we would!" said her father grimly.

But her mother's reaction was even more emphatic. "I go to an open-air meeting!" she ejaculated. "Really, Nancy, I've got a little pride, if you haven't. I can't understand you at all!"

(To be continued)



1961 MCC Annual Meeting Increases Relief Budget

Chicago, Ill. — An increased budget for overseas relief was unanimously approved by the Mennonite Central Committee during the 1961 Annual Meeting, held January 20-21 at Hotel Atlantic.

The relief budget of \$502,000, representing \$72,000 more than the 1960 contributions, is part of a total overseas budget of \$771,004, which also includes \$156,300 for Mennonite Aid and \$112,644 for Pax. Assistance to Congolese and Algerian refugees and Jordanian Bedouins, along with increased assistance to Indonesian Mennonites, occasioned the increase for relief.

Budgets were also approved for Voluntary Service—\$191,460; Peace Section—\$45,507; and Mennonite Mental Health Services—\$18,680, making a grand total of \$1,026,651.

Attendance at the meeting was outstanding with 25 members or their designated proxies present. Vice-Chairman Robert S. Kreider chaired the sessions in the absence of Chairman C. N. Hostetter, Jr., who is on a commissioner visit to MCC units in the Far East.

Also unusual was the number of veteran MCC workers participating in the Annual Meeting session: Peter Dyck, area administrator for Europe and North Africa; Norman and Eunice Wingert, Hong Kong; Irene Bishop, Austria, and John R. Schmidt, M.D., Paraguay.

In response to Peter Dyck's recommendations for new patterns in European relief, the Annual Meeting voted for MCC to continue indefinitely in Europe, looking forward to increasing cooperative effort with the European Mennonite brotherhood.

The Mennonite Brethren Board of Missions brought a request to MCC to give attention to the Indians living in the area of the Paraguayan Mennonite colonies. There are now 4,000 Lengua and Chulupie Indians living near the Mennonites in the Chaco without a cultural framework, since their former nomadic pattern of life has been changed through the influence of the gospel and the opportunity of employment in the colonies. The Committee moved to respond affirmatively to the request that this be an MCC concern.

Realizing the importance of psychiatry in Christian service, the

MCC adopted a motion encouraging Mennonite Mental Health Services to continue exploring the implications of ministering to the whole need of man, and specifically the role of a chaplain.

For the new year, Executive Secretary William T. Snyder projected the following program:

Overseas Services

Europe: Possibilities for North America-European Mennonite cooperation in programs like Berlin, Algeria, Crete and Morocco, will be explored and arranged on a project basis. Other programs of common concern—Mennonite Voluntary Service, European Mennonite Bible School, EIRENE, Agape-Verlag—continue. The European Mennonite Bible School Board should move toward full operational responsibility for the Agape-Verlag publishing venture at Basel, Switzerland, which heretofore has been supported equally by MCC and the Mennonite Publishing House.

Material aid will not be needed to any great extent outside of Berlin and Eastern Europe. The parcel program to the Mennonites in the Soviet Union will be continued and broadened as opportunity permits. Altogether the **Austria** program will be cut somewhat, Vienna will nevertheless remain important as a center for the parcel program to **Hungary, Yugoslavia and Poland**. The Berlin Refugee Home at Hammersteinstrasse will provide services in 1961 for younger single women.

The Pax program in Europe will gradually reduce to about 40 men; assignments of Paxmen will increasingly be to more underdeveloped areas. Transition from the village of Panayitsa and Tsakones to the Aridea Valley in northern **Greece** will be totally completed by early 1961. The **Crete** program of relief and rehabilitation assistance will be similar to that of the Aridea Valley and will be developed by seeking a meaningful interchange with the Greek Orthodox Church on that island.

Africa: A major material aid effort in **Algeria** will be made in cooperation with CIMADE (French Protestant relief agency) and in close consultation with the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities (Elkhart) whose representatives are there as missionaries.

Support of the EIRENE program in **Morocco** will continue as will that of Paxmen in **Liberia** with the R. G. LeTourneau Foundation. The **Congo** program, under the coordination of the Congo Protestant Relief Agency and in consultation with the Mennonite mission boards, will centre principally in a relief effort providing medical services and food. Possibilities for contributing to longer term development will also be explored; we will endeavor to all times to strengthen the Christian church in the Congo.

Middle East: Work in the Middle East will centre in Jordan and will continue to be one of the larger material aid programs since the needs of the Arab refugees on the Israel-Jordan border has not diminished. It is hoped that a vocational school might be begun sometime in 1961. A new aspect will be medical and material aid assistance to the Bedouin people in the Maan region in Southeast Jordan.

Asia: Relief to the refugees on the outskirts of **India** will continue. We are hoping that volunteers from the India Mennonite churches will soon begin to serve in Calcutta. Considerable expansion in our feeding of needy students and refugee children should be realized. The feeding kitchens, clothing distribution, medical assistance and other emergency relief being provided in **Hong Kong** will continue as a major project because of the acute needs among the populace. The Pax unit in **Nepal** will be maintained. Paxmen for both **Thailand** and **Pakistan** Christian churches will continue.

The work with the National Church of **Vietnam** in the Nhatrang medical program initiated in 1960 will go forward. **Indonesia** will see a somewhat stronger effort in providing supplementary financial assistance to the developing Indonesia Mennonite Church. The programs in Timor and Halmahera will provide medical and agricultural services in strengthening the Christian churches there. The **Korea** program, particularly in its long range implications, will be given close study. Further upgrading of the Mennonite Vocational School near Taegu will occur.

South America: Bulk of the South America work centers in Paraguay where we are serving the Mennonite colonies. Completion of the Trans-Chaco Roadway, may occur in late 1961. The agricultural experimentation program in the Chaco as well as the Kilometer 81 leprosy program will continue. Cooperation with MEDA in aiding Volendam Colony meet its economic problems should move ahead. Development of the Christlicher Dienst (Voluntary Service) program will be encouraged, hoping that there will be greater assumption of responsibility by the Mennonites in South America.

Voluntary Service

The staff is constantly searching for improved and creative ideas to make the VS program an increasingly effective arm of the church. In addition to continuing the program as it has developed, 1961 should see a project in Mexico underway, and a joint project with the Peace Section in an area of interracial tension in the southern part of the United States.

Peace Section

Overseas: William Keeney, a Bluffton College Bible professor, will be going to Europe as an MCC worker. Plans are to continue East-West peace contacts and also a working relationship with the Puidoux Theological Conference. Peace Section will continue to provide resources and counsel for the work of missionary Fred Ediger in Tokyo, **Japan**. Further consideration will be given to providing a resource person for a greater East Asia peace witness. Peace work in **Africa** will also be further explored. Action has been taken to send a peace worker on a short term teaching mission to Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, possibly during the summer of 1961.

Domestic: Planning will continue toward the assignment of a couple in one of the southern urban areas, likely Atlanta or Nashville, in a witness of reconciliation in the interracial situation. A series of consultations on the concrete aspects of our Christian relationship to the civil defense program are currently being planned in cooperation with Mennonite Disaster Service. A seminar on government, to be held in Washington, D.C. is scheduled for April 27-29.

Mental Health Services

Developments in Mennonite Mental Health Services for 1961 include the establishment of a chaplaincy at Brook Lane Farm with Chester Raber as chaplain, and the building of a chapel; at Kings View, the improvement of buildings by the addition of air conditioning in the south wing and renovation of dining area with possible expansion of other facilities, affiliation of student nurses from Fresno State College, and the attempt to secure professional accreditation; at Prairie View, the transition to a clinical staff employed directly by the hospital; and at Oaklawn, the raising of funds and the beginning of construction of clinical facilities.

M.M.H.S. Chairman, H. Clair Amstutz, M.D., noted that local boards are increasing in strength, that there is more integration of hospital programs and the community with local advisory boards being set up and that there is a trend toward more professionalization of patient care. He concluded that the Mennonite mental hospital movement is expanding as well as growing in depth.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Canadian Wheat Supplies

Canadian wheat supplies in storage or in transit at North American positions for the week ended Dec. 28, 1960, totalled 427,000,000 bushels, 3,300,000 bushels more than the previous week and 44,300,000 more than in the corresponding week in 1959, the board of grain commissioners reported recently.

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No Politics for Priests

A Sicilian court has ruled that it is no offense for an Italian to heckle a Roman Catholic priest during a church sermon if the priest is talking politics. Italy's penal code provides jail terms for anyone disturbing a priest at religious ceremonies. Giuseppe di Bella was charged under this article after he shouted in church at Treetsagni, during a sermon by the local priest: "Don't hold a rally — get on with the mass." Di Bella was found not guilty by the court after evidence had been given that the priest was discussing a church appeal to Catholics not to vote for political parties promoting the communist cause. Local elections were being held in Sicily at the time.

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Back to Prison

Poland — The leader of the outlawed Jehovah's Witnesses, Wilhelm Scheider, was sent back to prison recently for a six-year term after he was convicted on a charge of illegal distribution of literature. The 62-year-old Polish sect leader was released in a general amnesty in 1957 after having served five years of a life sentence he received after he was convicted of subversive activity. His second conviction came in a criminal court in the textile city of Lodz. All publications in Poland must be cleared in advance by a Government censor. He was arrested last April in the act of distributing unauthorized pamphlets of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect.

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Australian TV —Australia, with a population of little more than 10,000,000, had 1,250,000 television sets in 1960.

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Why Not One More Cabinet Member?

If President Kennedy heeds the appeal of a group of New Jersey Quakers he will yet add one more member to his cabinet—a Secretary of Peace.

A Peace Department, wrote the Quakers, would "have the prestige and objectivity to research and develop plans which must precede accomplishments we most earnestly

pray will be the fruits of your office."

Perhaps the most tragic aspect of the presidential campaign—on both the Democratic and Republican sides—was that the candidates laid such great stress on still bigger armaments rather than proposing drastic and urgent steps for avoiding world annihilation.

Appointment of a Secretary of Peace would at least serve notice to other nations that we are taking this matter of peace seriously.

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Of Interest to Smokers

Here's a note of interest for smokers. According to information obtained by the Health League of Canada people who smoke two packs or more of cigarets a day inhale an estimated 5,400 micrograms of carbonyl nickel a year. Two researchers in Philadelphia say tests with rats have shown the rodents develop lung cancer after being exposed to only 1,930 micrograms. (Health News Service of Canada)

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Swallowing the Strangest Things

People swallow the strangest things and believe it or not the most common oddity is human hair, especially among women. The hair, once it is in the stomach, forms a ball of tightly wound material which forms a hard mass similar to the centre of a golf ball. It may become very large and give rise to ulcers by the irritation it produces. Incidentally, these "stomach stones" as they were called were once thought to have great medicinal value and were said to rejuvenate old age, cure the effects of certain poisons, and help cure epilepsy and plague. (Health News Service of Canada)

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Kennedy 35th USA President

John F. Kennedy became the 35th U.S. president on January 20, in one of the most lavish inaugural ceremonies in the nation's history.

Kennedy, 42, is the first Catholic that ever attained to the presidency. He succeeded President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 70, the oldest chief executive ever to hold office.

Following the inauguration, there was a three-hour parade along Pennsylvania Avenue. Thousands of bleacher seats placed along the parade route sold at \$3 to \$25 a piece. University bands from various states were brought in at an expense of up to \$14,000 each.

As a precautionary measure, the FBI, Secret Service and telephone company checked sewers and manholes along the parade route to insure against hidden time bombs.

Miss Jantzen Leaving for Paraguay

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language and preparing herself for further missionary service. Her musical ability will be of benefit in the academy and in the national church in Asuncion. Sister Jantzen is the daughter of Peter H. Jantzens of Waldheim. She is a graduate of Mennonite Brethren Bible College and has studied music and education at several universities in Canada. She has taught public school for several years. As a Christian worker, she has directed musical groups, served on a gospel radio program and taught Sunday school and summer Bible school. Pray for her as she prepares to enter missionary services.

New Amish Settlement

Plymouth, Fla. — A new Amish settlement has been established in this Lake Apopka region northwest of Orlando in central Florida.

A number of Amish and Beachy Amish families from northern states have become established here and are engaged in large-scale vegetable production in the muckland district. Among the major crops grown here are collards, kale, mustard greens, turnips, string beans and radishes.

Citrus fruits are also grown extensively in the area, with large packing houses located at Plymouth. Frosts here just before Christmas caused little damage to crops.

Books for Family and School

Personality Through Prayer

The author, Dr. Simon Blocker, of this stimulating new 121-page book on prayer exhorts his readers to, "stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." In persuasive, evangelical tones the author clarifies for the reader how primal a relation prayer sustains to a life of effective witness. Price \$2.00

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Sketches of Jewish Social Life

Alfred Edersheim wrote this 342-page book, the object being to picture the period and circumstances in which Christ lived so the reader can more fully see what passed at the time. This will enable him to understand the prevailing ideas in Palestine, become familiar with the habits, modes of thinking, teaching and worship of the Israelites. Price \$3.50

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The Cost of Discipleship

This 285-page book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer is an "exposition of the Sermon on the Mount which compels the reader to face himself, and God, in any situation. It is a very moving book, lived as well as written, and one which no one should be able to read without feeling humbled." Bonhoeffer was hanged by Nazi SS Black Guards on April 9, 1945, at the age of 39. He had achieved high distinction as a scholar, and had won by the quality of his faith and life a sure place in the respect and affection of Christian people. Price \$3.75

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The Child's Story Bible

This 732-page book, written by Mrs. Catherine F. Vos, is fresh, vital, colorful and it has an irresistible appeal for children of all ages. This has made it a daily

favorite in more than 100,000 American homes and schools. It covers the entire Bible in story form. This book has received hearty endorsement from educators, clergymen, psychologists and parents who have used it in their homes. Price \$4.50

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Marian's Big Book of Bible Stories

The author of this 351-page book, Miss Marian Schoolland, has gained a wide reputation as a successful writer of children's stories, and her books have delighted many thousands of youngsters. Bible stories have been selected and simplified for the very young child. In each story the author has earnestly sought to keep God at the centre in order to show Him to the child. Price \$3.75

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The Children's Pilgrim's Progress

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Canadian Youth Activities

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other hand, is composed of the chairman elected by the Canadian Conference, the youth leader of each province, and an executive-secretary.

During 1959 all the provincial youth committees sponsored a weekend Youth Conference emphasizing a central theme and featuring a special speaker. Two of the brethren who served in this capacity were Rev. J. J. Toews in Saskatchewan and Alberta, and Rev. A. P. Regier in Ontario. A youth leadership camp was sponsored by the B.C. Youth Committee where Rev. I. W. Redekopp was the guest speaker. Each province also has a youth workers' conference at least once a year, although none has been conducted on the Canadian level to date.

In recent years, there has been a trend toward acquiring camping facilities, where a complete program is carried on throughout the summer. These efforts were not made by the provincial Conferences or their youth committees, but usually a group of interested brethren and business men have formed a camp society. Aspects of the summer program are planned in consultation with the youth committee. Several examples of this arrangement are the Columbia Bible Camp at Cultis Lake, B.C., and Camp Arnes at Lake Winnipeg, Man. The Alberta Conference is negotiating the purchase of a permanent camp site, but has been renting facilities in the past. In Ontario the individual churches have rented facilities at Chesley Lake near Georgian Bay during the past few years, and one group has used a Christian camp near Peterborough.

Youth Committees of all denominations are constantly striving to provide their youth groups with interesting and challenging publications and program materials. Since 1952, the Canadian M. B. Youth Committee has published *The Youth Worker*, with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Wiebe as the editors. The paper has become an effective link between the Canadian Youth Committee and the local churches by providing relevant and well-planned program outlines as well as current announcements of the Committee. In 1960 the *Youth Worker Program Helps*, edited by Rev. and Mrs. W. Wiebe, was published as permanent material for local youth groups. These are available at the Christian Press in Winnipeg. Currently an M. B. Youth Fellowship Handbook is being prepared by Brother W. Wiebe, which is due for publication in 1962. Other pamphlets, study guides and program outlines have been published by several provincial committees.

YOUTH IN ACTION

Each provincial committee also has a local mission project based on the biblical premise that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." However, only a small percentage of the offerings of a youth group is channelled to the provincial or Canadian youth project. It is a healthy sign indeed when the program of the home church is actively supported by its youth groups, regardless whether it is home missions, foreign missions, the broadcasting ministry or some special feature.

During the current year the Canadian Youth Committee is sponsoring a program of \$6,100 again. This money is used to aid the operation of the Bethany Bible School in India and the radio ministry in Japan, which are administered by the Board of Missions. Another project is aid to youth work in Brazil and Paraguay which is administered by the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations. In Canada, the Canadian young people are sponsoring a weekly Russian broadcast from CFQC in Saskatoon and 3 bursaries for students at the M. B. Bible College in Winnipeg.

For the first time, the Canadian Youth Committee is sponsoring Youth Week, which is being observed from January 29 to February 5. Youth Sunday was observed on January 29 in all M. B. Churches in Canada, under the theme, "The Church Needs You. You Need the Church," based on I Cor. 12:27-31 and Eph. 4:7-12. It is hoped that Youth Week will strengthen the consciousness of the place of youth in the church by giving increased knowledge of the youth program to all of the church, by fostering a better understanding between the young people themselves and the rest of the church family, and by making it easier for them to communicate their hopes and dreams, their goals and problems to adults and to other young people.

In the years ahead, we would "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Youth workers in the local church, in the provincial committees and on the Canadian level will undoubtedly strive toward the goal that young people will come to know Christ and make Him known.

Mission Work in Paraguay

In Asuncion, Paraguay, preparations are being made to erect church and Bible school facilities. The erection of a retaining wall around this elevated property has been completed. The property is in the

same block as the present meeting place of the national church and is strategically situated. It is next to the medical school of the Paraguayan university and across the street from the largest medical hospital in Paraguay.

More than 100 children attended a daily vacation Bible school held in Asuncion, Paraguay, in December. The closing program was attended by most of the children and many parents and friends.

The Asuncion Christian Academy in Paraguay is sponsored by a group of missionaries interested in providing academic training for their children in the English language in a Christian atmosphere. Mary Esther Martens has been supplied to the school by the Board of Missions. Another teacher will be supplied by the Board of Missions for the new school term beginning in March. She is Miriam Jantzen. During the summer months, on weekends and during evenings Sister Martens has and Sister Jantzen will assist in the work of our mission to the nationals in Asuncion.

Five-Year Stay in Paraguay

Corn, Okla. — Abe Peters of Corn was scheduled to leave the first week in January for a five-year stay in Paraguay where he plans to assist in economic development projects in the Chaco area.

Although going to the South American country on his own, Mr. Peters will work in cooperation with the Mennonite Economic Development Associates, comprised of North American businessmen who are giving financial aid to farm and industrial projects to benefit the Mennonite colonies in Paraguay.

Mr. Peters is interested in developing employment possibilities for the many Indian converts to Christianity living in the Mennonite colonies. North American businessmen also are investigating the possibility of securing about 6,000 acres of land south of Neuland Colony, southernmost of the Mennonite settlements in the Chaco.

Mr. Peters is acquainted with needs and conditions in the Chaco settlements, having served there as an agricultural technician for a three-year period a number of years ago. At that time he helped introduce new crops and farming practices in the Mennonite colonies.



Students who attended the third year of Asuncion Christian Academy with teacher Mary Esther Martens standing at the left. Boy in front of Sister Martens is 10-year-old Glenn, son of Frank J. Wiens, MCC director for Paraguay. His daughter Rebecca is clear to the right on the banister. Girl second to the right in the last row is Margaret Harder whose father Harry Harder of Mountain Lake, Minnesota, is a U.S. government employee in charge of building Trans-Chaco highway. Other children come from other mission groups.



A retainer wall has been erected on a property purchased in Asuncion, Paraguay, on which to erect a church building and educational center.

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Mennonite Brethren Bible College

Faculty and Board Members Attend Meetings

Dean H. R. Baerg attended the meetings of the General Conference Sunday School Committee, of which he is a member. The meeting took place at Minneapolis January 13-14. Travelling with Mr. Baerg was the Rev. A. Regier of Calgary who is also a member of the Committee and chairman of the Canadian Sunday School Committee.

The chairman of the Board, the Rev. J. H. Quiring, met with the other two members of the Seminary Steering Committee at Hillsboro, Mr. E. J. Peters of Shafter and Rev. J. B. Toews of Hillsboro, to discuss a possible program of higher theological education on a General Conference level.

Ministers' Course Finalized

The offerings for the 1961 Annual Ministers' Course to be held at the College February 6-17 have been announced by President Toews. Three courses will be offered in German. Mr. Ewert will present an exegesis of the letter to Titus. President Toews will deliver a series on Systematic Theology and Mr. Wall will speak on the topic, The New Testament Ministry. A number of courses will be offered in English. Mr. Baerg will discuss the Mid-Week Church School and Mr. J. J. Toews will deliver a series of lectures on Homiletics. By special request, a series of ten lectures will be offered in Pastoral Counselling by Mr. Peters. This course will include a survey of the present-day counselling movement with a practical touch added by the use of tape recordings of representative counselling sessions. Two lectures will be offered by the music teachers, Mr. Martens and Mr. Klassen, and two lectures on the Minister's Library by Mr. Giesbrecht.

Missionary Baerg to Speak at Conference

Missionary Willy Baerg of Africa has consented to speak at the Annual Missionary Conference, March 3-5. Brother and Sister Baerg returned from Africa during the recent crisis in the Congo and have been doing deputation work in the churches. A graduate of the Winkler Bible School, Mr. Baerg has spent two terms in Africa and taught in the Winkler Bible School during one furlough.

Rev. Peter Martens of Horndean, Man., will deliver one message on Home Missions. Mr. Martens has

served with the Manitoba Home Mission Board for many years. Before coming to Horndean, he ministered at Carman.

School Program Well Attended

The Faculty of the College was in charge of a recent Saturday night program. An annual event, the program included a faculty male octet, which sang two numbers. Mr. Ewert, the Registrar, spoke to the students and guests. Personal testimonies were given by President Toews and Mr. Peters. Mr. Giesbrecht related experiences from the School of Deaf and Mute and Mr. Victor Martens sang.

The students of the Canadian Mennonite Bible College were guests on the campus Friday, January 13. A social in the gymnasium was planned for the evening.

January 25-28 has been set aside for semester examinations at the College.

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Bethel College Mennonite Folk Festival

North Newton, Kans. — The Mennonite Folk Festival committee has announced that "Low German" dinners will be served at this year's festival on the Bethel College campus, March 24 and 25.

A trial meal was tested by the dinner committee on January 9. The committee, headed by Mrs. P. R. Kaufman and Maxine Will, decided on the following menu: varaniky (cheese pockets), smoked sausages, fried potatoes, sauerkraut, pickles, cookies, and zwieback. All of these items, including the sausages, will be homemade.

The dinner will be only a part of the festival program. Special efforts are being made, since this is Kansas' centennial year, to make this the biggest Mennonite folk festival ever. There will be demonstrations of domestic arts, kaffee-klatsches, hog butchering demonstrations, farm displays, and activities, folklore films, and two plays.

Cornelius Krahn, a member of the festival's executive committee, felt that last year's attendance figure of 2,000 would be surpassed this year.

International Farm Youth Exchange

Evelyn Dyck, a senior at Bethel College, has been selected as an International Farm Youth exchangee to go behind the iron curtain for a four to six month period this summer and fall.

The exchange will take Evelyn to Poland, where she will stay with farm families. Prior to her departure for Poland she will spend some time in Washington to be briefed.

Miss Dyck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dyck of Newton, is majoring in English at Bethel College and plans eventually to be a teacher.

Bible Institute Increase

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in Christian education and Christian character, and bringing into cooperative association the Bible schools and institutes of the M. B. Conference. The constitution, originally prepared by Rev. W. Kornelson, covers the Confession of Faith, terms of membership, and organization. Curriculum requirements and financial obligations are covered in the by-laws.

A summarization of the textbooks used in the different Bible schools indicated a high degree of uniformity in the teaching materials which are being used. The report, prepared by Rev. J. Epp of Clearbrook, also showed that a constant re-evaluation in the light of modern educational developments had necessitated numerous textbook changes in recent years. Of vital concern to all schools represented was the report on accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. The requirements of that association were outlined under 11 different headings by the Rev. W. Kornelson. His report proved to be a challenge for constant improvement in the work of the Bible Institutes.

Some of the basic premises of the Bible school movement came to light in the discussion of the paper, "The Future of Our Bible Schools." A general need was felt for a precise statement of our philosophy of Christian education. This was recognized to be a basic factor in the future promotion of these unique institutions of Christian education. A planned survey of Bible school graduates and ex-students in each province was considered to be a necessary step in evaluating the contributions which the Bible school movement has made to the Christian church.

The final session was brought to a profitable close when the faculty of the M. B. Bible College joined the meeting for the discussion of matters of mutual concern. It was pointed out that the Bible schools have their unique and distinctive purpose in the preparation of lay workers for the churches.

A spirit of prayer and fellowship prevailed during all the sessions of the conference. Those in attendance were assured that the hand of the Lord was continuing to guide and strengthen the cause of Christian education through the work of the Bible institutes.

M. B. Church Board of General Welfare

(Dienst am Evangelium)

With the merger of the KMB and MB Conferences, the relief and service interests of the two conferences have also been merged. As of January 1, 1961, the former KMB churches began forwarding their relief and service offerings directly to the treasury of the Board of General Welfare and Public Relations, 315 South Lincoln, Hillsboro, Kans. Representing the former KMB Conference on the Board of General Welfare during this conference triennium will be George L. Classen, chairman of the former KMB Peace and Welfare Committee.

Erich Giesbrecht, Board worker under appointment for service in Volendam Colony, Paraguay, is to be married to Erna Funk on January 14, 1961, in the Friesland Mennonite Brethren church. After that, Brother Giesbrecht will begin work in the Volendam Zentralschule (high school) and Mennonite Brethren Church.

Land has been purchased at Curitiba, Brazil, on which to erect a building for the local Mennonite Brethren Bible school and the South American Conference Bible Institute. The school campus is being developed with assistance from the North American brotherhood through the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium).

The outside structure of the second Mennonite Brethren Church in Neuland Colony, Paraguay, is completed and work is now being done on the interior. The total cost of the building will be about \$3,200.00, of which approximately half is being supplied from North America through the Board of General Welfare (Dienst am Evangelium).

A hearty "thank you" has come from the Zentralschule (high school) in Filadelfia, Fernheim, Paraguay, for a piano supplied by the Board of General Welfare in 1960. That makes it possible for a good number of young people to get instruction in piano playing. The principal indicated that there is a different atmosphere in the school as a result of much piano playing.

Willy Janz reports the Lord's blessings upon a month of services conducted in the Blumentaler Ecke of Fernheim Colony in Paraguay during November and December. The people were very grateful for the various services because those three villages are in need of church workers. Evening Bible studies and youth meetings were conducted by Brother Janz. At present Brother Janz is engaged in the preparation of a textbook for the Bible schools on the history of the Hebrews.

MBBC Alumni Announces

A supper meeting for all its members, MBBC board members, instructors and the college student council executive for February 4th at 5:45 p.m. in the Elmwood M.B. Church. We urge all members of the association to plan to attend this time of fellowship and challenge. Rev. J. H. Quiring, MBBC board chairman will address the group on the vital topic **YOU AND YOUR SCHOOL**.

Following the supper, the alumni will present a program in the MBBC Auditorium at 81 Kelvin St.

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Commemoration of Menno Simons' Death

Saskatoon, Sask. — The First Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, will be observing the 400th anniversary of the death of Menno Simons on Menno Simons Memorial Sunday, January 29.

Sermons in the morning will deal with the life and teachings of Menno. In the evening, a panel composed of Mr. Joe Neufeld, Miss Esther Wiens, Mr. Henry Funk, instructor at Rosthern Junior College, Mr. Dick Epp, Saskatoon public school principal, and Rev. N. W. Dick acting as moderator, will discuss the topic, "Menno Simons in the Modern World."

Mennonite Brethren Churches Sponsor Winnipeg Crusade

Preparations are in progress for a Winnipeg evangelistic campaign sponsored by the Mennonite Brethren churches of the city. The meetings scheduled for February 5 to 19 will be conducted in the auditorium of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute on Talbot Avenue in Elmwood. Assisting the evangelist, the Reverend Mr. Waldo of Reedley, California, will be a team of specially trained counselors chosen from the Mennonite Brethren churches of the city. Characteristic of Mennonite cam-

paigns is the emphasis on gospel singing. A special campaign choir will be on hand every evening and a period of general singing will precede the preaching service.

During the day Evangelist Wiebe will speak to the students of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute, a private high school supported by the Mennonite Brethren churches of Winnipeg and surrounding area. Several other speaking engagements are being planned for Mr. Wiebe.

There are approximately two thousand members of the Mennonite Brethren Church living in Winnipeg and these worship in five churches.

Hearing on School Divisions

The school divisions boundaries commission will reopen hearings in two areas which rejected the new secondary school divisions plan in 1959.

In Stanley division in southern Manitoba, the hearings will be followed by a new plebiscite on the question. The new vote was requested in a petition signed by more than 1,200 residents.

In neighbouring boundary division, which has twice rejected the proposed new division, hearings will be held on a proposal to make the Piney region in the division a "remote" school area. The step would qualify the area for the higher government grants to the new divisions.

Mr. Justice A. M. Monnin, commission chairman, said the commission would welcome comments on the hearings on proposed changes in the division boundaries as well as general presentations on school divisions.

Missions in Colombia

Our Colombia churches and mission have begun printing a conference periodical entitled **El Pregonero**. Meaning "one who proclaims," the title of the periodical is based on Romans 1:15 where Paul says: "I am ready to preach the gospel." The first issue was very well received by the churches. The Cali church alone asked for 200 subscriptions. This issue contains various devotional and informational

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Once the commission makes its report on the Stanley division, the government will set the date for a new vote and will likely call a series of public meetings to discuss the issues.

What Our Readers Say

A moderator of a conference said, "We surely appreciate the Mennonite Observer. We are reading it and we always look forward to it."

A person from Western Canada writes, "Please send me the Mennonite Observer for another year. Enclosed are \$2.25. I am delighted to read this paper and I thank you for sending it to me so regularly."

A nurse from a foreign land writes that she appreciates the Mennonite Observer and she would not want to be without it.

Some one from B.C. writes as follows: "A special thank you for so faithfully sending the Mennonite Observer to us. We look forward to its weekly arrival and read it eagerly. We would like to renew our subscription for another year."

ON THE HORIZON

January 29 - February 1. — Annual Missionary Conference at Bethany Bible Institute, Hepburn, Sask.

February 1-3. — Bible Week at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

February 6-17. — Minister's Course at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

February 5-19. — United evangelistic meetings, sponsored by the M.B. Churches of Winnipeg to be held in the M.B. Collegiate Institute auditorium every evening. Rev. Waldo Wiebe of Reedley, California is to be the speaker.

February 6-17, 1961. — Annual Ministers' Course, Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

February 17. — World Day of Prayer.

March 3-5, 1961. — Annual Bible and Missionary Conference, Mennonite Brethren Bible College.

April 2. — Easter, Resurrection Day Commemoration.

April 7-9. — Canadian M.B. Sunday School Convention in British Columbia.

April 16. — Graduation Exercises at Winkler Bible School, Winkler, Man.

June 18. — Graduation at Canadian Mennonite Bible College, Winnipeg.

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