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A Voice for God Among the Latin Americans



Alfredo and Ofelia Tagle, workers in our Latin American Conference

Alfredo Tagles are among our many co-laborers in the gospel around the world. Brother Tagle serves as pastor of the LaGrulla Church, Sullivan City, Texas, and as chairman of the executive committee of the Conference of Latin American Mennonite Brethren Churches of southern Texas. In addition, he conducts evangelistic campaigns. He has served as evangelist in our churches in the Rio Grande Valle and on our field in Durango, Mexico. His evangelistic ministry has been greatly blessed by the Lord.

Brother Tagle was born at Edinburg, Texas. As the second-oldest son of a large family, it became his duty at an early age to help support his brothers and sisters. Because of the economic need in the home, he had to leave school unable to complete the seventh grade. In addition to economic need, Alfredo also experienced spiritual poverty in his youth.

How Christ met his spiritual need

is related in the following personal testimony: "I joined the U.S. marines at the age of 18 in 1943 because I was dissatisfied with everything in general, but with myself in particular. In this wonderful place I expected to find complete satisfaction. From the beginning I joined every type of amusement, unknowingly letting myself be led into the pitfalls of vice, only to find that the more I tried to enjoy myself the more miserable I became. After a number of difficult trials I became hopelessly disillusioned. Then I began to think about God, and I wondered, if perhaps He could be the answer to my queries.

"One day, after I was back from service, my mind was in a quandary, and the idea came to me that it might not be a bad thing to go to church for a change. It so happened that an evangelistic campaign was being held in the Mennonite Brethren Church near my home. Rev. Alvin Neufeld was the pastor of the

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beginning a mission work here. Subsequent meetings with the Home Missions Board of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches resulted in the purchase of a building in North Toronto which was suitable for both manse and chapel. This was known as the Willowdale Christian Fellowship Chapel. The Rev. Henry Voth, now pastor of the Vineland, Ont., Church,

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A Word of Farewell

There is hardly a profession in which a change of residence is not essential. This is also true of the teaching profession.

Some persons make frequent changes, others very seldom, and often the teacher is evaluated according to the length of time he remains in one school. A good teacher does not change too often.

From the above we conclude that our teacher, Mr. Wm. A. Wiebe, principal of the Mennonite Collegiate Institute of Clearbrook, B.C., is a good teacher. He has served this school for 14 years and for the last 4 years he has been our principal.

Mr. Wiebe's specialty is Science

Introducing Missionaries of the Merged KMB-MB Conference

Missionaries who formerly served under the KMB Conference are herewith presented to members of the M. B. Conference so they may become acquainted with and intercede for the new workers of their missionary staff.

James Lomheims, missionaries of our conference serving under Mis-

and Mathematics. In these areas he has been able to answer the many questions of the students and solve their many problems.

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Graduation and Closing Program of MBCI Well Attended

Graduation exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute of Winnipeg, Manitoba, took place on Friday, May 19, at the MBCI auditorium. Fifty-three grade 12 students graduated. Rev. Heinrich Regehr, who taught at MBCI for a number of years, was the graduation speaker.

On Sunday, May 21, the school presented its closing program. The large audience had the opportunity of witnessing the presentation of scholarships given to the students with the highest average in grades 7 to 12. One proficiency award and two bursaries were given to three students by the MBCI alumni representative. Mr. Henry Konrad presented a brief message on joy, based on John 15:1-11.

The official report from the school on the graduation and closing program is to follow in the next issue of the Mennonite Observer.

sionary Aviation Fellowship, were in Hillsboro April 21 and 22 to become acquainted with our missions headquarters and operations and to discuss their future relationship with our missionary program. Members of the Emmanuel Church, Onida, S.D., the Lomheims are members of our missionary staff through the MB-KMB merger. They are currently on furlough and will spend from June 1 to November at Missionary Aviation Fellowship.

Brief History of Toronto M. B. Church

Toronto, Ont. — On Sunday, May 28, Toronto's first Mennonite Brethren Church will be officially organized. The history of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Toronto goes back several years farther than most of us are aware. In 1953 there were three families residing here who joined together in prayer regularly that God might lead in the establishing of a Mennonite Breth-

ren Church in this large metropolitan area. This year, one of these families has returned to Toronto to find, as an answer to their prayers, an enthusiastic and growing group of believers who are zealous for the cause of Christ.

In 1957, several Mennonite Brethren members who had established residence in Toronto contacted others who might be interested in



Mr. and Mrs. James Lomheim and children, Bruce, 9, Joy, 3, and Terry, 8. Their home church is Emmanuel, Onida, S.D. Field of service—Brazil. Ministry: Aviation Service to Missions (Missionary Aviation Fellowship).

EDITORIAL

The Family Altar

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:31).

The one thing most needed and most neglected in the religious world, is the family altar. There was a time when Christians felt the day was not rightly begun unless they gathered their family together to thank and praise God for His care, and ask His guidance for the day. They well knew the blessing that would follow.

It is a divinely founded institution. Note the stress laid on family worship by the Bible. Abraham was an altar builder. Wherever he went he set up an altar, and the influence of that family went down to succeeding generations.

We feel we must have three meals a day for our physical body, but think nothing of refusing to feed our spiritual life, the most important of all. Why this sad change? It must be traced to the growing spirit of worldliness and religious indifference to sacred things which is coming to be so marked a feature in the life of the present age. Our religious people are so much occupied with secular things, so fully absorbed by the dizzy whirl of worldly pleasures, so generally abroad and so rarely at home. They have so little time to look into their own hearts and at the things which are unseen and eternal, that the next generation will be practically lost to God. His rightful place in their hearts and lives will be destroyed.

We see how Lot in his moral gravitation toward Sodom and his life for worldly pleasures and haste for wealth, forgetting to consult God, lost possessions, family, reputation and character. Someone has likened family prayer to the roof over a home, every time it is neglected it removes one shingle, until in so many homes the children are exposed to the pelting storms of worldliness and temptation. Then parents wonder why their boy or girl is lost to home and purity and Christ.

Many a man has been shielded from the thickly besetting temptations in business, many a careworn mother has been kept from fretting and worrying and from using the cutting word by the abiding influence of the sacred season about the morning altar. Neglect everything rather than this. What sadder thought than that of professed Christian homes where, as on Carmel, the broken altars witness against God's people.

Let us ask ourselves this question: Are we doing our duty to ourselves and our families, or are we letting the world dominate our lives? This is a serious question and one that will confront us on the day of judgment.

Would that in every newly-started home, in every group of room mates at school or lodging house, the start might be made by at least reading a portion of Scripture and repeating together the Lord's, or the disciples' prayer.

"Be not too busy with thy work and care
To look to God, to clasp thy hand in His.
Miss thou all else, but fail not thou in this,
Thou needest not alone thy burden bear.
Listen and wait, obey and learn His will;
His love and service all thy life can fill.

If Christians who have neglected this most important means of grace will take it up they will experience much blessing. It is never too late to begin.

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DEVOTIONAL

"Give Ye Them to Eat"

By Rev. Herman Lenzmann,
Instructor at Winkler Bible School

Bread is indispensable to life. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). When Christ saw the multitude, He said to His disciples, "Give ye

them to eat" (Matt. 14:16). This is a standing commission to the followers of Christ. As we consider the words of Christ, "Give ye them to eat," let us first see the hungry multitude, then note the command of the Lord to the disciples, their objections and response and finally the wonderful results.

1. The Hungry Multitude

"But when Jesus saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them" (Matt. 9:36a). Why? "Because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd" (Matt. 9:36b). Straying sheep will not find their way back to the fold. Christ knew they could not help themselves neither could they offer mutual assistance to each other. Therefore He commanded His disciples to pray for laborers.

My dear friend, no one will call on the Lord unless he has been told of the One Who can help. Otherwise they are lost and without hope for life and eternity.

D. L. Moody was conversing with his friend on the third storey of a building. His friend asked him for the secret of his successful ministry. Without desponding to the question, Mr. Moody walked to the window and looked down on the busy street. His friend, thinking he had offended Mr. Moody, placed his hand on his shoulder and apologized for asking the question. Upon this Mr. Moody answered, "Do you see the multitudes going into a Christless eternity? Where is my coat? I must go and tell them of Jesus." He rushed down the stairs and mingled with the crowd, telling people of Christ. Our hearts will remain cold and indifferent, unless we see the multitudes going into a Christless eternity as Christ saw them.

2. The Command of the Lord to His Disciples

Earlier in the day the Lord had spoken to Philip: "Where shall we buy bread that these may eat?" Now we find the disciples getting anxious about the matter. "This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitudes away." The Lord answered: "Give ye them to eat." This includes the missionary as well as the church. How often do we delegate this task to the missionary and the mission board. Mission boards will never adequately fulfill the function of the church. The church in turn depends on the individual member. The following words of Christ are directed to the individual: "How many loaves have ye? Go and see."

This is personal and heart-searching. This involves taking stock. This goes farther than only the things for which we have no use. As our redemption could not be accomplished without the infinite sacrifice of God, neither can the gospel be spread without sacrifice. It is poor strategy to have capital lying without investing it. It is much more serious to have time, talents and wealth waste away without surrendering them to the cause of Christ. The church at Philippi gave of its necessities. A need had arisen because of their liberal giving. Paul asked the Lord to supply this need.

My dear fellow Christian, shall you and I prayerfully search our lives and see what God has entrusted

ed to us that could be profitably employed in the spreading of God's Word. Shall we prayerfully consider how much we spend on self and the gratification of our natural desires, and at the same time determine how much we give to the Lord? The first sin in the garden of Eden was committed on the basis of satisfying a natural desire — appetite. How many of our talents, how much of our means and time are withheld from the Lord's work because God's children use them for the selfish gratification of their desires? How much could we cut down on our food bill without suffering hunger and perhaps enjoy a healthier diet? How much less could we spend for clothing and still be dressed? It is rare to find someone in our society scantily dressed because they have given so much to missions. How much driving could be avoided to be able to give more to missions? How much longer could we get along with the things we possess without replacing them with new things? How long will we be determined by the standard of the Joneses instead of taking God's Word as our criterion and permit the grace of Christ to accomplish its work in our lives? As we bleed, we bless.

3. Two Objections Often Raised With the Disciples of Old

First of all, we have but so little. My friend, we will be surprised how much we will find after we have searched our lives and discovered the things we could give to the Lord. The Lord only asks and makes us responsible for the things we possess.

Secondly, what are they among so many? This objection is very true if we leave out the Lord Jesus. They multiply as He places His hands on them.

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CHURCH NEWS

New \$200,000 Home for Aged Dedicated

Fairview, Okla. — The new Fairview Fellowship Home for Senior Citizens, built by a private corporation formed by members of the Mennonite Brethren Church, is now in operation here.

Dedication services and open house at the modern 40-room home took place Sunday afternoon, April 30. Rev. Orlando Harms of Hillsboro, Kans., gave the dedication address and Rev. Loyal Funk, pastor of the Fairview M. B. Church, led in the dedicatory prayer. About 1,200 visitors inspected the building during the open house.

Of modern architecture, the building has large glass areas and fireplaces in the spacious lounge and dining room, which will also be used as a chapel. Future plans include cottages near the main building.

The home, located on a seven-acre tract near the Fairview church, was financed by the sale of bonds totalling \$175,000, and \$40,000 received in donations and Founders' Endowment Agreements. Rev. A. W. Epp is manager of the home.

Rev. G. J. Epp Injured

Vineland, Ont. — Rev. G. J. Epp, "Hausvater" at the Bethesda Mental Hospital, was injured in an automobile accident on April 26. After leaving the Home to visit his wife, who has been ailing due to a heart condition since Christmas, his car was struck by an oncoming car and overturned three times. The result was two broken ribs and some minor injuries. Rev. Epp has been given leave of absence from his duties by the Bethesda committee.

New Mennonite Church for Inter-Racial Congregation

The Ohio Mennonite Mission Board recently voted to build a new church for a second inter-racial congregation in Youngstown, Ohio. Pastor Fred Augsburg will direct the new work, with Richard Bartholomew as pastor of the continuing Rockview Church.

A New English Mennonite Church

Leamington, Ont. — Good attendance has been recorded at English worship services organized here recently by members of the United Mennonite Churches. The services are held in the Margaret Benny School until plans for a church building now under consideration materialize.

The English services were be-

gun because a number of parents felt that the spiritual needs of their children could better be met by using a language in which they are conversant. Nine men got together at the beginning of the year to find a solution. By the end of February they had enough support to warrant making arrangements to hold English services. A choir has been organized as well as Sunday school classes. Mr. George M. Janzen, formerly of Dominion City, Man., now teacher at the UMEI, has been called to serve the group as pastor.

The United Mennonite Churches in the area, which have a total membership of 1060, will continue to use the German language in their services.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Observed

Dinuba, Calif. — The golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Hofer was celebrated on Sunday, April 23, in the Zion Men-

nonite Brethren church southwest of Dinuba. About 300 guests attended the event. The honored couple's daughters, Mrs. Frances Warkentine and Mrs. Irene Wiest, were hostesses and also gave the history of their parents' 50 years of married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Hofer have lived at the same place for 50 years. They have built it up over the years, and what was once a simple, boarded up California house is now a modern, up-to-date home.

The Hofers were the first couple to be married in the Zion Church, formerly the Zion K. M. B. Church, which was built 50 years ago. Mr. Hofer has served as Sunday school superintendent and deacon for many years.

Four of their children died in infancy. Three daughters with their husbands are living. In addition to the daughters here, Mrs. Harriet Toews and husband are missionaries in Peru.

During the program, Rev. J. D. Hofer, a brother of Mr. Hofer, gave a short talk. A tape recording bringing greetings from the Toews family in Peru was played. About 25 persons were present who had attended the wedding 50 years ago.

Sister Sara Peters †

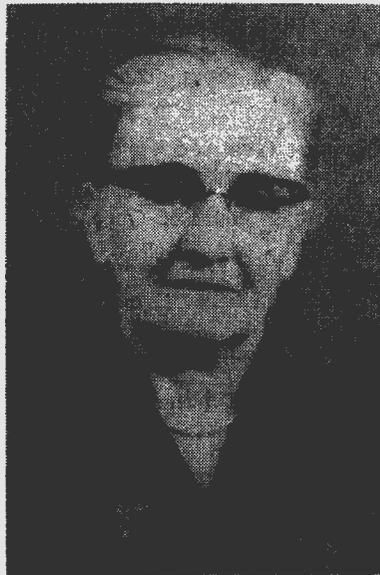
"Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever."

These words of Psalm 73:23-26 were of comfort and blessing to my dear wife and our mother in her suffering. They have also repeatedly strengthened us in bearing the grievous loss.

The deceased was born on March 21, 1905, in Rosenort, Sagradowka, Ukraine, as the 5th child of Rev. Isbrand Wiebe and his wife Sara (nee Neufeld). During the horrible time of the Machno bandits in 1919 she accepted the Lord as her Saviour and remained faithful to Him until her end. In June, 1920, she was baptized by Rev. Jakob Janzen and became a member of the Orloff Alliance Church.

On January 7, 1934, she married me, Heinrich Peters, Rosenort. Years of many hardships followed, but the Lord was merciful to us. We were blessed with three daughters and one son, and He kept our family together during the trials of war and evacuation.

In December, 1943, we went to Germany. Several months later we were employed at Bomelsen, Lueneburger Heide. Soon other relatives and acquaintances came to this village. Again we were able to assist each other and resume Christian fellowship.



After Canada had reopened her borders for the entry of Mennonites after World War II, we were privileged to arrive here on August 31, 1947. Mr. Jakob Wiebe (my wife's brother) of Sanford, Man., his family, and many other believers have been loving and kind to us since we came here.

In 1948 we moved to Springstein, Man., where we became members of the Springstein M. B. Church. Eight years of blessed fellowship followed. Since January, 1956, we have resided at 98 Cobourg Ave., Winnipeg, and been members of the South End M. B. Church.

After our dear departed one recovered from a difficult operation in 1948, she enjoyed relatively good health. But on May 5, 1961, at 5 p.m. she suffered a severe heart attack and was brought to Concor-

dia Hospital. God in His loving care granted her another week. She seemed to recuperate from the seizure and we hoped for recovery. However, on May 12, at 8 a.m., the Lord called her home to glory.

As inconceivable as her passing may appear to us, nevertheless, we bow before God, knowing that He has spoken. Therefore we wish her a peaceful rest. We mourn, but we know that she is now with her Saviour.

She was and remains to us the ideal of a loving wife and mother. Her greatest happiness was that her whole family trusted in the Lord.

She is survived by me, her husband, three daughters: Mrs. John Schmidt, Mrs. David Hamm, Mrs. Cornelius Klassen, son Henry, three sons-in-law, two brothers, three sisters and her mother-in-law.

We are grateful to the physicians, nurses, and all believers who comforted, supported, or prayed for us during these trying times.

Heinrich Peters and family

The funeral services were held on May 15, at 2 p.m., in the Central M. B. Church, Winnipeg, where Brother and Sister Peters are members. The pastor of the church, Rev. D. K. Duerksen, led in prayer. Two sisters sang a duet: "Ich werde kein Fremdling dort sein."

Rev. J. P. Neufeld, pastor of the South End M. B. Church, read Psalm 35:14b and spoke words of comfort to the mourning family. He lauded the spiritual and natural bonds of love tied by the Christian mother. Her departure leaves the most painful gap in the family and urges everybody to follow her good example in life so that we may proceed from believing her on earth to seeing in the heavenly home. Then, sisters of the "Missionsverein" sang "In dem Himmel ist's wunderschoen."

Rev. D. K. Duerksen read Mark 16:10 and emphasized the nearness of Jesus to the grief-stricken. When the Lord sends us tribulation, He also provides us with the comforter. It is mercy from God that we may weep, for weeping is balm for our hearts. The Lord had a yearning for the sister and His love is greater than ours can ever be. The gap that a mother leaves can only be filled by our Saviour, and He will also do it.

Then Brother Duerksen read the obituary of the deceased. After the duet had sung "Under His Wings I Am Safely Abiding," Brother Neufeld closed the funeral service in prayer. Thereupon everyone of the numerous mourners present had the opportunity of seeing the beloved face of Sister Peters for the last time. At the Springstein cemetery Brother Duerksen read I Thess. 4:13-18 and prayed. Then the mortal body was buried, where it will rest until the great resurrection morning.

In Memory of Ingrid Dyck



Dear Ingrid Dyck went home to be with the Lord Jesus a year ago, on May 22, 1960.

We love her dearly and we shall always remember her not only in view of her kindheartedness, but also on account of her deep-rooted trust in God, her courage and patience in suffering.

Friends of Ingrid

A Word of Farewell

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As principal of our school he has won hundreds of friends. His kindness, deep insight, and ability to understand the young people with their present-day problems are the reason for the admiration and love which the students have for him and why they are sorry to see him leave.

We as the faculty also regret the fact of Mr. Wiebe's leaving. The school board is likewise sorry to lose an excellent teacher. Yet, we all realize that the Lord has His guiding hand in this matter.

The gap which came about through Mr. Wiebe's resignation is filled again. Mr. D. H. Neumann, who was the principal of Eden High School of Ontario for 10 years, has consented to assume the principalship here at MEI.

Mr. Wiebe will teach Science in a school in Nigeria, Africa, for two



Mr. Wm. A. Wiebe

years. The Wiebe family will leave for Africa late this summer and in September the work in school will begin. We as teachers, committee members, parents and students are wishing them God's blessings and guidance, and we hope that when they return, they will again serve us here at the MEI. God be with you till we met again!

C. D. Toews

C. Bauman to Teach in Seminary

Mr. Clarence Bauman, teacher at MEI, Clearbrook, B.C., in 1954-55, has accepted a teaching position at the Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind., USA., where he will instruct Greek and New Testament. He received his training at the University of British Columbia, Fuller Theological Seminary, California, Goshen College, Bielefeld and Bonn, West Germany.

Oldest Minister Dies

Milverton, Ont. — Funeral services were held in the Amish settlement near here on May 7 for Menno Lichti, 96, oldest Amish minister in Ontario. It is believed he also had one of the longest records of service for an Amish minister, having been ordained in 1897.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Jacob Z. Kuepfer, two grandsons and 11 great grandchildren.

Divorce Granted

A decree of divorce was made absolute in court of Queen's bench recently. The divorce was granted to Margaret Hamet Dueck from Kenneth Albert Dueck, married November 16, 1957, at Winnipeg.

Two-Year-Old in Tractor Accident

Rosthern, Sask. — Two-year-old George Janzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Janzen of the Rosthern district, died May 9, following a tractor accident on the farmyard of his parents. According to the Rosthern RCMP, who investigated the accident, Mr. Janzen, after doing some repair work on row crop type tractor, set it in motion to check his work. He did not notice the child near the front wheels and both wheels passed over it.

Missionaries Bloom

Brother and Sister Merle Bloom and children Mark and Marcia visited the Hillsboro headquarters May 15 and 16 to become acquainted with the missions staff and program. The Blooms became members of our missionary staff through the KMB-MB merger, but have found it necessary to resign because of Sister Bloom's health. They served in Southern Rhodesia under The Evangelical Alliance Mission, but are now residing in Chicago. At



Sister Mohrmann, superintendent of the Fellowship Deaconry in Berlin, Germany, visited Akron MCC on May 5 to express thanks on behalf of her order for assistance received through MCC. Shown are J. N. Byler (former director of overseas relief), Miss Mohrmann, Berlin, Germany, John Hostetler, Material Aid Administrator, and another sister. Miss Mohrmann's order has used much MCC material in its welfare work in Germany.

present the Blooms are seeking the will of the Lord for their future ministry.

Abraham P. Reimer †

Mr. Abraham P. Reimer, 79, passed away on May 17, 1961. He was the husband of Mrs. Anna Reimer, Steinbach, Man., formerly Blumenort district. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Blumenort Evangelical Mennonite church. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Future Subscribers

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Voth wish to announce the safe arrival of Jeffrey James to their home in San Jose, Costa Rica. He was born April 28 at the Clinica Biblica, a small hospital of the Latin American Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. John Siemens, Medstead, Sask., wish to announce the arrival of a baby girl on April 30. They named her Donna Carol.

Toronto M. B. Church

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was the first Home Missions worker in the area. Brother and Sister Voth laboured tirelessly in uniting the efforts of the group and engendering a deeper spiritual quality through the Sunday morning worship services and mid-week prayer and Bible study.

When the Voths were called to another field of service in 1959, the Home Mission Board appointed Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swartz to serve the group. At about the same time an effort was made to locate facilities suitable for a Sunday school program which would involve families in the surrounding locality. To this end the Lord's provision again proved sufficient for the need. The Baycrest Avenue Public School was obtained and the housing area nearby was canvassed for prospective students. These proved to be more abundant than was anticipated, and the supply of teachers was soon exhausted. The attendance of

the Sunday school increased from an average of 25 to 125 in a period of one and one-half years. At the time of this writing, there are 8 classes from Nursery to Adult, averaging 12 to 15 in each class, with 12 teachers and assistants.

After the move was made to the Baycrest School, the property in Willowdale was sold and a manse at 272 Ranee Ave. was purchased. This includes a large lot where it is hoped a much-needed church building will be erected in the near future. Plans for a building are now under way.

Some statistics regarding the area in which the mission work is carried on may enable the reader to see the need which exists for this type of evangelism, as well as for a church building and additional workers. The Lawrence Heights Housing Project is an area of low-rental housing operated by the Toronto Metro Housing Authority. There are 1,043 dwelling units which are occupied by some 2600 children and 2,000 adults. To date, only a small fraction of these families have been contacted regarding Sunday school attendance, but the response is overwhelming. Needless to say, these figures represent the potential of only part of the area which a church at 272 Ranee Ave. would serve. It is well to note also that there are no other evangelical churches within quite a large radius of this location.

May our hearts be stirred by these figures, which represent individuals for whom Christ died. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it you" (John 15:16).

Presiding at the service of organization on May 28 at 3 p.m. will be the Rev. Henry Penner of St. Catherines, moderator of the Ontario Conference of M. B. churches. The guest speaker at this service will be the Rev. Henry Voth of Vineland.

Artrude L. Doell



The Cause of Foreign Missions

Board of Missions News About M. B. Missionaries

Dan Petkers, who have received permanent residency in Mexico, have settled in the city of Durango and are actively at work in the ministry of assisting the national church. They submit the following encouraging developments for praise to God: for evangelistic services at Nuevo Ideal April 9 to 23, during which four adults were saved, for the brethren Gil Contreras, Felipe Martinez and David Wiebe faithfully laboring in the church and Bible school at Nuevo Ideal and for the five students who will finish the preparatory course of the Bible school in May.

Elsie Kroeker, who has completed a period of Spanish language study in Costa Rica, arrived in Quito, Ecuador, May 9, where she will serve in the Rimmer Memorial Hospital and assist our staff in the production of the German gospel broadcasts over HCJB.

Cornelius Balzers are scheduled to leave Europe by plane on August 8 for a several-month stay in Canada before returning to the work in Europe.

J. A. Loewen and David Wirsche are scheduled to leave Hillsboro on June 9 for their summer ministry in Panama and return the third week in August. Intercessor for Saturday, June 3, contains suggestions for remembering them in prayer during the coming weeks.

Brother and Sister Roland Wiens and sons Robert and Kenneth are scheduled to sail from Japan June 8 for furlough in the homeland and arrive in San Francisco June 22. Their son Donald returned to the States a year ago to attend Tabor College.

J. B. Toews is spending this week (May 29 to June 3) with our missionaries in Peru. June 6 to 18 is to be spent in fellowship and consultation with missionaries and church leaders in Brazil together with Waldo Hiebert of the Board of General Welfare.

Helen Vetter, one of our missionaries serving in Nigeria under Sudan Interior Mission, is scheduled to leave June 9 for furlough in the homeland. Sister Vetter has completed her second term of missionary service as a nurse among the Hausa, Moslem people of Nigeria.

June 12 is the official school opening day in India when our high, middle and primary schools also open. All these schools are to be

operated by the Governing Council this year. Headmasters, teachers as well as Board of Education members need much prayer. Pray for a spiritual emphasis in all teaching.

Extensive DVBS work is being carried on in India these weeks. National workers are being trained while working together with missionaries in the villages. Many doors have been opened through this work. Pray that the national workers will receive a vision to evangelize their own people, that the Word will bear fruit, and for systematic follow-up work.

A. J. Esau, Yarrow, B.C., and **Alfred Schmidt**, Hepburn, Sask., are to leave for the Congo June 2, and **John B. Kliewer**, Bakersfield, Calif., June 15, with their families remaining in the homeland. Brother Esau is to assist the national church, Brother Schmidt to serve in the Bible school program and Brother Kliewer as legal representative. Their term of service in the Congo is visualized for nine to 12 months.

Sister Orville Wiebe and daughter Dawn are scheduled to depart for the Congo around June 15, where they will join their husband and father in Leopoldville. Brother Wiebe is to instruct in an institution known as the Congo Polytechnic Institute and Sister Wiebe may be teaching in a school being established in Leopoldville for children of missionaries and government officials as well as for Congolese children. Congo Polytechnic Institute, an agency of the Congo Protestant Council, is an effort to provide training in skills for the Congolese beyond the present primary level of education.

Although there is much confusion in Africa, there is also great opportunity for the church at this crucial time, according to Henry Hostetter of the Brethren in Christ Mission Board, who recently visited Africa. Confronted with Communist propaganda, the African does not have the background and experience to interpret its high-sounding promises, Brother Hostetter says. We must endeavor to help them through these crucial times with patience and love. He asserted further that we have difficulty understanding the influence of tribal customs and culture and that this problem is magnified with the resurgence of tribal practices in the absence of European restraint.

Hostility to English is decreasing in India, according to a noted Sanskrit scholar and president of the Association of Asian Studies. W. Norman Brown also says that Eng-

lish is the chief medium in India in the political, educational and commercial fields and continues to be the language of the courts.

A. A. Unruhs, who have returned from India for furlough, arrived in Hillsboro May 19 to attend graduation exercises of their son Donald, who received his A.B. degree from Tabor College May 22.

Bethany Bible College at Shamshabad, India, is arranging for a day of Bible study and prayer for its staff members on June 28. This will be a most profitable way for the teachers to begin the new school year June 30. Paul Hiebert is in charge of the school staff.

Evangelistic services are being planned at Bethany during the week of July 31 to August 6. The aim shall be: 1) To make sure that all the students are truly born again; 2) To be sure that there is no hidden unconfessed sin in the hearts of the school personnel hindering the work of the Holy Spirit in school; 3) To get each student to practice the basic fundamentals necessary for spiritual growth including private devotions, prayer and study of the Bible. The home churches are requested to join in praying for Bethany's students, teachers and their families.

Anna Suderman reports that a group from Devarakonda, India, went out for what they call "the week of witness." Laymen and mission workers join in this yearly tour from village to village holding meetings and testifying.

The following Colombia missionaries are to return during 1961 for furlough in the homeland: Ebner Friesens, Vernon Reimers, and Esther Wiens. Ernest Friesens, now on furlough, are to leave for Costa Rica late in August for a period of Spanish language study in preparation for service in Colombia.

The Colombia Bible School in Cali is to conclude its present term June 30.

A. J. Neufelds are grateful to the Lord for obtaining permanent living quarters in Frankfurt, Germany.

The need for \$25,000 for the establishment of headquarters in the city of Hyderabad, India, was presented for prayer in *Intercessor*, May 7. A sister in the constituency prayed that the Lord would show her what she should contribute and felt led to contribute \$5.00. She in turn talked to a neighbour lady regarding this need who also contributed \$5.00. In forwarding this amount, the sister expressed her confidence that the Lord would provide the needed \$25,000 by blessing and multiplying such small gifts as He did the five loaves and two fishes.

Communism which flies under the banner of Castro is becoming an increasing threat throughout Latin America, according to Mel-

vin Hodges, Assemblies of God secretary for Latin America. At the recent meeting of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, he also observed that the Roman Catholic Church is sending a rapidly-increasing number of missionaries to Latin America, where in some countries (according to the church's own statements) as low as 10 per cent of the population are practicing Catholics.

H. H. Janzen and **A. J. Neufeld** need our intercession in the following services during June: Janzen, 1-4, Bible week, Mennonite Church, Jura, Switzerland; 10-14, Russian Baptists, Paris; 19-23, Bible week, Bienenberg, Liestal, Switzerland; 25, service in Heimschule, Weierhof, Pfalz, Germany; 29-July 2, Neuwied Church, Germany. Neufeld, 1-4, retreat for youth from Mennonite Brethren churches in which all workers in Germany will participate; 5-11, evangelistic meetings, Mennonite Church, Ingolstadt, Germany; 12-18, tent meetings, Goisern, Austria.

Medical Missionaries Ordained

Mountain Lake, Minn. — The ordination of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Ewert as medical missionaries under the General Conference Board of Missions was held Sunday, May 14, at the Gospel Mennonite Church here.

Rev. August Ewert, father of Dr. Ewert, gave the message, which was followed by the ordination ceremony, led by Rev. Willard Wiebe, chairman of the Board of Missions.

Dr. Ewert is a graduate of Grace Bible Institute, Omaha University, and the University of the Nebraska College of Medicine. He has been appointed to the Congo for one year. Mrs. Ewert, a registered nurse, and their two daughters will remain at Mountain Lake for the present.

New Mennonite Mission Station

The Pas, Man. — The Pas Mennonite Mission held its Mother's Day service on May 14 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Froese. This was the first Sunday evening service for the group. This mission station was opened by the Mission Board of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada and the Manitoba Home Missions committee this spring.

The pastor, Mr. David Braun, and his family arrived here on April 28. On May 7 the first Sunday school and worship service were held. Attendance at Sunday school was five children and ten adults.

Mr. David Braun has been a teacher at the Menno Bible Institute, Didsbury, Alta., for the past five years. He and his wife, Anne, and two daughters, Lenora and Valerie, live at 344 Ross Ave.

THE Young Observers

Hello Girls and Boys,

"I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

When Jesus lived on this earth, He said to His friends one evening, "For a little while yet, I will be with you. Then I must go away, and you cannot come with me." The friends were sad. They did not want Jesus to go away. But He said, "Do not be sad. I am going to heaven to prepare a home for you. Then I will come again and take you to live with me in heaven."

Thomas wanted to know how he would find the way. Jesus said to him, "I am the Way." Through Him Thomas could find the way. Jesus will show us the way to heaven, too, when it is time for us to go.

Isn't Jesus good to us? He gives us this beautiful world to live in. And He will give us the home in heaven also, where we can go to live when we are too sick or too old to live here. There is a home in heaven for everyone who loves Jesus and asks to be forgiven.

Heaven will be even more beautiful than we can imagine. It will be even better than our earthly home. We know what beautiful things Jesus gives us to enjoy in our home here. He makes the sweet red roses, and fluffy little chicks, and the high fleecy clouds, and the round yellow sun. If He has given us all these lovely things to enjoy here, what wonderful surprises do you think He has for us in heaven!

Do you know what will be best in heaven? It will be to see Jesus, our Saviour, our dearest Friend!

Love, Aunt Helen

The Young Bugler

or, The General's Story

(Continued from previous issue)

"This affair has only hastened matters." Then, gruffly, "He is more fit for heaven than earth," and with a suspicious moisture in his kind old eyes, he stood aside while I passed on into the tent.

A subdued murmur came from the far corner of it, and the sight that met my eyes I shall never forget. The dying lad lay propped up on the pillows, and half kneeling, half crouching at his side was Jim Sykes. The change in the boy's face startled me. It was deathly white, but his great eyes were shining with a wonderful light, strangely sweet. He was talking earnestly, but neither of them saw me.

At that moment the kneeling man lifted his head, and I saw the drops of sweat standing on his brow as he muttered brokenly, "Why did ye do it, lad? Why did ye do it?"

"Because I wanted to take it for you, Jim," Willie's weak voice answered tenderly. "I thought if I did it might help you to understand a little why Christ died for you."

"Why Christ died for me?" the man repeated slowly.

"Yes, He died for you because He loved you, as I do, Jim; only Christ loves you much more. I only suffered for one sin, but Christ took the punishment of all the sins you have ever committed. The punishment of all your sins was death, Jim, and Christ died for you."

"Christ has nothing to do with

such as me, lad. I'm one of the bad 'uns; you ought to know that."

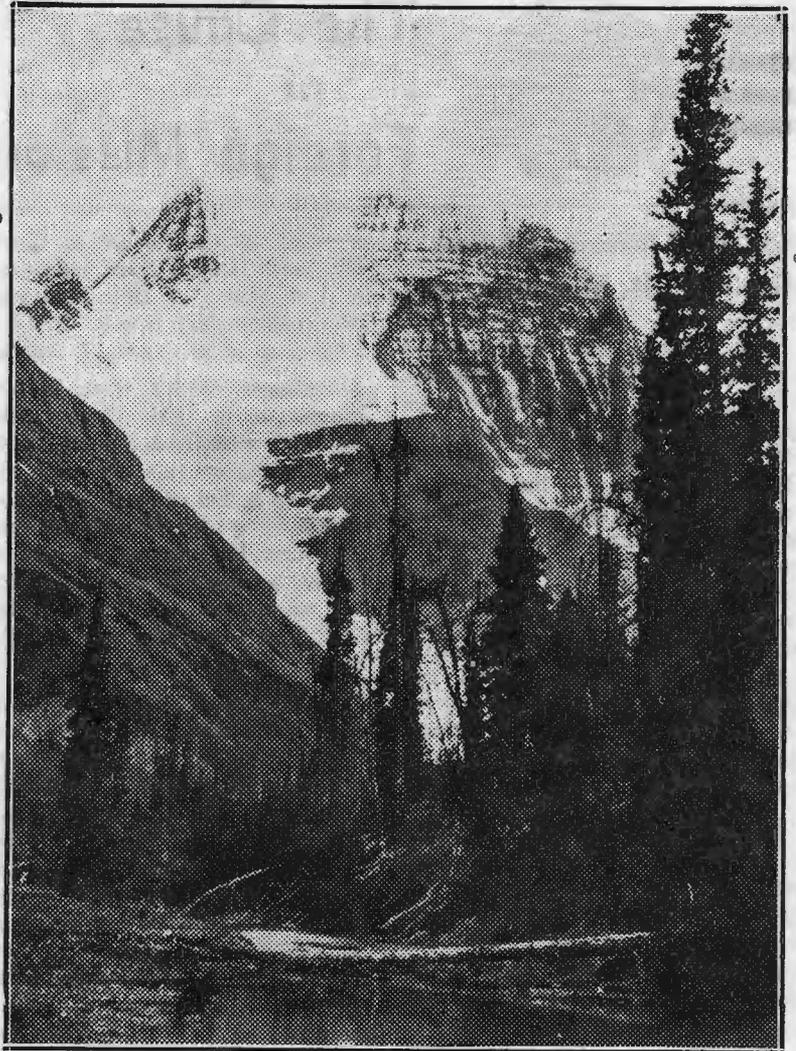
"But he died to save bad ones—just them. He says, 'I came not to call the righteous but sinners' (Luke 5:32). 'Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool.' Dear Jim," the earnest voice pleaded patiently, "shall the Lord have died in vain? Listen! He is calling you. He has poured out his precious life-blood for you. He is knocking at the door of your heart, won't you let Him in? Oh! you must, and then we shall meet again."

The lad's voice failed him, but he laid his hand gently on the man's bowed head. A choking sob was the only answer, and for a few minutes there was silence.

Standing there in the shadow I felt my own heart strangely stirred. I had heard such things once—long, long ago. Thoughts of the mother I had dearly loved came back out of the dead past, and the words seemed a faint echo of her own.

How long I stood there I know not, but I was roused by a hoarse cry from the man, and then I saw Willie had fallen back on his pillow fainting. I thought he was gone, but a few drops from a bottle on the table at his side revived him.

He opened his eyes, but they were dim and sightless. "Sing to me, mother," he whispered, "The Gates of Pearl"—I am so tired."



In a flash the words came back to me. I had heard them often in that shadowy past, and I found myself repeating them softly to the dying boy:

"Though the day be ever so long
It ringeth at length to evensong,
And the weary worker goes to his rest,
With words of peace and pardon blest.

Though the path be ever so steep
And rough to walk on and hard to keep,

It will lead when the weary road is trod

To the Gates of Pearl—the City of God."

As the last words fell from my lips, his eyes brightened and met mine gratefully.

"Thank you, Colonel," he whispered, "I shall soon be there."

His tone of glad confidence seemed too strange to me. I said involuntarily, "Where?"

"Why, in heaven, Colonel! The roll call has sounded for me, the gates are open, the price is paid." Then softly, dreamily, he repeated: "Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come."

Then once more he lifted his eyes to mine. "You will help him, sir?" he breathed, laying his hand feebly on the man still crouching at his side. "You will show him the way to the Gates of Pearl."

As each word fell haltingly, fainter and yet fainter came the breath

from between his parted lips. Suddenly a glorious light flashed into his dying eyes, and with a radiant, happy cry he flung out his arms as if in welcome: "Mother! Oh Mother!"

His voice rang out, thrilling the heart of every man who heard it. Then gradually the weak arms dropped, the light faded from the shining eyes, and the brave spirit of the dear boy was with the Lord.

"And Jim?" asked the General's friend.

"Jim and I helped each other. I made him my orderly, and I saw a great deal of him after that. He was mortally wounded in a brush with natives, eighteen months later, and died in my arms.

"I shall see the little lad, Colonel," he whispered, as I tried to staunch the wound. "Isn't it wonderful to think that his Saviour is mine too, and the Gates of Pearl are open for me?"

The General, too, has joined the little bugler, through whom he was brought to God, on the heavenly shore, but this true and thrilling story survives him, and by it he, being dead, yet speaketh.

The young bugler bore the punishment of another's crime in order that the love of Christ might be learned by the guilty one, and we do not wonder that Jim did learn that love. May you also learn it—the love of Christ that passeth knowledge.

The End

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Strait is the Gate

By MARJORIE BUCKINGHAM

(38th Installment)

A silence fell over them, a silence that seemed to soothe and steady them. The present still remained a baffling mystery, but the future held no fears for them now. Whatever happened, the Hand that was holding them through this desolating experience would never let them go, of that they were becoming strongly convinced. The present, with all its pain and sorrow, would pass, leaving its wounds for time to heal. It was the future they had to face, with its duties and responsibilities and the vital business of living. They would face it with aching hearts, oft-times, and tear-dimmed eyes, but they would never have to face it alone. The One Who had promised to be with them, would never leave them nor forsake them.

"Darling—" Maxwell Brandon was still looking out across the darkening expanse of water when he spoke again. "Darling, the sky is clearing now, it looks as if the storm has passed."

"I—I hope so," she said trembling, without looking up.

"The clouds are parting here and there, and the evening star is shining through as bright as ever."

"Is it?"

Margaret Brandon could not resist the appeal of her favorite star. She always liked to watch for its twinkling brightness in the evening sky. She always thought of it as a visible link between the daylight and the dark, being visible while the radiance of the setting sun faded and the darkness of night slowly covered the sky. It always fascinated her.

Slowly she turned around and looked at the sky, deliberately keeping her gaze from the scene below. It was the star she was looking at—the same star she had always seen, and it spoke the same message to her heart. Though the darkness might fall around her, when she looked up, there was the Light.

"It's still there, Maxwell," she said with a faint smile.

"Yes, still there!" Together they lifted their eyes to the bright point of light in the small patch of velvety blue. Then Maxwell Brandon pointed down at the dark object on the horizon that had claimed his attention since he had been standing there. "And so is that ship. See it out there?"

Reluctantly she looked down, but the sea was growing darker and it was a few minutes before she could distinguish the outline of the ship.

"It's been there all day," her husband went on. "It hasn't moved in spite of all the wind and the waves."

Margaret Brandon strained her eyes to secure a better view. "It must have an anchor, dear," she said at last.

He nodded. "Yes, of course. It couldn't hold without an anchor."

She gave a wistful sigh. "That's what we need now."

"An anchor?" Maxwell Brandon's face shone with the light of returning confidence. "Margaret, we have an anchor which holds us as we lay hold of the hope set before us, 'which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast'."

"What hope?" Margaret said breathlessly as she quickly looked up.

He drew her closer to his side. "The hope that we shall one day 'know as we are known,' when we meet our Saviour face to face, with our loved ones who have gone before, in that land where pain and sorrow and parting can never come and God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes."

"Oh, Maxwell!" Margaret sobbed. "Say it again, again!"

And as he repeated the words over and over again, which he had always known so well and yet never really known until now, their hearts were drawn by invisible cords closer to one another and to Him Who Himself was the Hope, the One Who could say in the very face of death itself: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and he that liveth and believeth in me shall never die." And it seemed to them their frail and storm-tossed barque had suddenly found the harbour, or as if someone had loosed the cables and cast the anchor into the seething whirlpool of the sea of life—the anchor that was 'sure and steadfast' as the Rock on which it was founded, the rock Christ Jesus.

"We have nothing to fear now, Margaret." Maxwell Brandon was speaking as much to his own heart as to hers, "so long as the Anchor holds."

Margaret Brandon smiled bravely up into her husband's face. "It will, dear. It must!"

"Bless you, darling!" He drew her to him and kissed her tenderly—comforter, true help-meet that she had always been. God had blessed him indeed! "With that faith to hold us, we can face the whole world!"

She drew a deep breath. "It's the people of Southdown we have to face, Maxwell. We can't keep them wondering too long."

Maxwell Brandon squared his shoulders. "No, dear. They shall know tonight."

"Tonight?" She looked up at him eagerly, hopefully. "You want to go to the Mission tonight?"

"Yes, dear, I must. I can't break faith with the people."

"And you will preach?"

He nodded. "With God's help, I'll try. I must. The message I have for them tonight will be better given tonight. But it will mean leaving you."

"No, Maxwell," she said with quiet but unmistakable courage. "Where you go, I go too. We must give a united witness. We stand or fall together now."

Maxwell Brandon's heart overflowed with love. "Then by the grace of God we'll stand!" he said huskily, as he held her hand in a warm caress.

CHAPTER XXII

TREVOR TAKES NOTES

Trevor was out for news. He had planned to get a special feature for the next issue of the "Chronicle," with all the out-of-the-ordinary activity that was scheduled for Southdown that weekend. But he certainly had not anticipated the dramatic turn of events that was to give him the biggest "story" of his brief journalistic career. And now, as he contemplated his Saturday night coverage, he couldn't make up his mind which of the several promising new events should have the priority.

He had already covered the tragedy on the beach as best he could without a personal interview with Mr. and Mrs. Brandon, which he hoped to secure before the weekend was over. His main concern now was how to divide his attention to the two much talked of meetings which were due to commence simultaneously within a very short space of time. One, of course, was the first great public meeting of the Mission to be held in the marquee. The other was the opposition meeting arranged by Mr. Norwood and his supporters in the Southdown Grove church.

It wouldn't have surprised Trevor to hear that either or both of the meetings had been cancelled, but he had it from reliable sources that there was to be no change of plans. It was being widely circulated that Pastor Brandon would still address the Mission meeting as originally planned and Mr. Norwood had made an announcement to the effect that the importance of the business to be brought before the special church meeting that night had not been in any way affected by anything that had occurred that day. So it seemed that both meetings were definitely on, and the young man had to make a choice.

His own preference would have been to brief the Mission meeting. Like so many others in town, he was anxious to see and hear Pastor Brandon after the terrible tragedy that had befallen him and his family. It would have been interesting, to say the least. But it was news he wanted, first and foremost, and it looked as if the opposition still intended to press its program, so he finally decided that he would be there to get his facts first-hand. It must be Southdown Grove for

him, then, even if it meant missing the mission meeting altogether.

However, by the time he pulled up his car outside the church building at eight o'clock he had decided that it might be possible for him to pay a visit to the marquee as well. He might be able to get away from here after a while, if there shouldn't happen to be much doing. Even if he were late, he would still be able to hear something of Pastor Brandon's sermon.

But the church meeting, although not very large in number, proved to be very lively, and Trevor soon found himself with plenty of material for taking notes—too much, in fact. His main difficulty, he knew, would be in cutting down his story to fit into the printing space available. Any of this would make headlines, he thought to himself, as the meeting proceeded.

It was clear from the outset that there were two elements present—those for the pastor and those against him. Some of his supporters had evidently made a point of attending in order to watch the pastor's interests, and those who had worked the hardest against him eyed these folk with a most unwelcome look. Mr. and Mrs. Norwood were looking quite harassed, and there was a good deal of surreptitious whispering going on and a fair amount of behind-the-scenes activity. So it seemed to Trevor. He smiled to himself. The Progressive Group were not set for such an easy victory after all. Trevor held no brief for Pastor Brandon, but he did like to see a lively argument or debate, especially in a church group, and he sat back very smugly to await developments.

While they read reports, made speeches, moved motions, and plotted and counter-plotted to gain their ends, Trevor Warne—self-styled, self-made man of the world, one-time member of the church of which this group of people was a fairly representative cross-section, and now one of its most virile critics—was noting the situation in his frankly cynical, shrewdly accurate way. True enough, he had been to some extent party to the program which the organizers of the meeting had pledged themselves to carry out, but he had been smart enough not to become personally involved. All he had wanted to do was to work out his own private grudge against Pastor Brandon, and that he had done and was still doing to his own personal satisfaction. Beyond that it didn't matter to him how the affairs of the Southdown Grove Church were determined or administered. But it was quite clear that the greater number of the people who were there had come with the sole aim and purpose of ridding the church of Maxwell Brandon, whatever the cost might be to themselves, to him or to the church. And they were all church members, too.

(To be continued)

MCC News & Notes

Ground Broken for Unit House in Haiti

(By Ann Eby, R.N., Paradise, Pa., who is serving as a nurse at Hospital Grande Riviere du Nord in Haiti. Thirteen VSers form the MCC unit at this hospital.)

After a usual busy Monday on April 17, all the members of the Grande Riviere VS unit left their work behind as they climbed "the Mennonite hill" for a long-awaited ground-breaking ceremony. Nearly a year ago the need was felt for a unit house to accommodate the increasing number of workers in Grande Riviere. After much study and prayer, a plot of land was purchased on a hillside close to the hospital that soon became known to the unit members as the Mennonite hill. Finally, after much dreaming by all of us and actual house planning by Junior Stoesz and Silas Smucker, the work was to begin.

The ground-breaking ceremony began with Dr. John Bender speaking on the purpose of a unit house. Significant in this respect is the establishment of MCC identity with other groups, but with the purchase of land and the building of a house MCC has finally established roots



Grande Riviere du Nord: Silas Smucker, Rensselaer, Ind., unit leader, turning the first shovel of ground for the new MCC unit house on "Mennonite hill," which will be the MCC Haitian headquarters and will be a center for unit and Haitian friends activities.

in Haitian soil. This house will serve as the home and office of our field director, Silas Smucker, from which he will direct the activities of the various MCC units serving in Haiti. Another purpose is to provide a home for unit members and their guests in Haiti. We are hoping that this house will truly become a home where our Haitian friends will feel welcome to join us in various activities.

Before turning the first shovel of ground, Silas Smucker briefly reviewed the history of MCC work in Haiti. This work started in 1957 with the arrival of two nurses at Hospital Albert Schweitzer and has now grown to 24 workers serving in three different units. In addition to increased medical aid, the work has grown to include agricultural services, community development, and a beginning in education with the broadcasting of health lectures. With the building of this MCC center we are praying that our work here will continue to increase and that we will be able to serve more effectively in the name of Christ.

William Keeney Receives European Assignment

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — Appointment of William Keeney, Bluffton, Ohio, was confirmed as North American Mennonite representative to the Dutch Mennonites and Peace Section representative in Europe by the MCC Executive Committee at its May 11 meeting in Chicago. Keeney will go to Europe this summer for two years of service centered in the Netherlands.

The appointment of Keeney as representative to the Dutch Mennonites indicates the interest of both the North American and the Dutch Mennonite brotherhoods for a closer relationship. A recent communication from the Dutch Mennonite organization Algemene Doopsgezinde Societeit extended a warm invitation to an MCC representative. "We are very happy that a representative will be in this country and we certainly expect that this will strengthen a good relationship," said officers of the ADS.

As Peace Section representative in Europe, Keeney will serve as chairman of the Peace Section European Committee, of which the other members are Peter J. Dyck and John Howard Yoder. He will represent the Peace Section at the Puidoux Theological Conference and will serve on the Puidoux planning committee.

Keeney is well acquainted with the Netherlands, having served there



The William Keeney family, Bluffton, Ohio. William will represent North American Mennonites to the Dutch Mennonite Church, while also serving as MCC Peace Section representative in Europe. Left to right: William, William Jr., Carol, Lois, Richard, Willadene.

as an MCC relief worker in 1948-50. He also studied at the University of Amsterdam. Keeney graduated from Bluffton College in 1948 and received the B.D. degree from Mennonite Biblical Seminary in 1953. He earned his Ph.D. in Historical Theology at Hartford Theological Seminary, Hartford, Conn., receiving the degree in 1959. At present he is Associate Professor of Bible and Director of Publicity at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. (Willadene Hartzler) Keeney and their four children Lois, Carol, William and Richard, will reside in Amsterdam during their stay in Europe. They will leave for their assignment in July, after spending several days in Akron.

Livestock Arrives in Paraguay

Akron, Pa. (MCC) — The plane load of livestock contributed by Lancaster County farmers to the Mennonite colonies in Paraguay arrived at the Filadelfia, Paraguay, airport on Sunday afternoon, May 7. The shipment consisted of 18 six-month old bull calves and 30 two-to-three-months-old pigs.

Following are excerpts from a letter by Peter Epp, South American MCC worker, describing arrival of the livestock: "In the Chaco everyone I met had the cattle shipment uppermost in his mind. Henry Derksen and Maurice Kaufmann had worked hard to make all the arrangements. Saturday we drove to the Experimental Farm and found

everything taken care of there. The new barn, which Ed Snyder is putting up, was nearing completion and was first used for cattle that Saturday. The other barn was cleaned out and ready for the bulls.

"On Sunday many people came to see the plane arrive. It is estimated that at least 1,500 people were at the airport. At about 3:30 the plane circled the airfield and came in for a perfect landing. The crowd could hardly be kept away from the plane. Trucks and trailers were ready at the airport and it took only about half an hour to unload the livestock.

"The animals were all taken to the Experimental Farm. The bulls will stay at the Experimental Farm until Robert Unruh, who will coordinate distribution, returns from the States. The pigs will be distributed this week to the colonies."

Shipment of the cattle and pigs is part of a livestock improvement plan in the Chaco Mennonite colonies. The project was made possible by the Relief and Service Committee of the Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. Henry E. Shenk and Irvin D. Weaver of Lancaster County accompanied the livestock to Paraguay.

Property does not consist merely of parks and palaces, broad acres, funds in many forms, services of plate and collections of pictures. The affections of the heart are property and the sympathy of the right person is often worth a good estate. —Disraeli



Eighteen bull calves and thirty 2-3 months old pigs contributed by Lancaster County, Pa., Mennonite farmers arrive in the Paraguay Chaco Mennonite colonies. The bull calves are being unloaded at the airport in Filadelfia, Paraguay. The animals were taken to the Experimental Farm to be distributed later.

NEWS from HERE and THERE

Formosan New English Bible Best-seller

A photo-printed copy of the New Testament portion of the New English Bible published in March has already become a best-seller in Taipei, Formosa. Reproduced and distributed without permission, the copies retail for seventy-five cents.

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Society Earmarks Funds for Tamil Scriptures

At Madras, India, enthusiasm has greeted the news that the Canadian Bible Society will finance the printing and distribution of about a million copies of the Scriptures in the Tamil language. The five-year project is expected to cost about \$100,000. Tamil is the oldest language in India and is spoken by some thirty million people in South-west India and a million in Ceylon.

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Christians Eyeing Nigeria Politics; Moslem Rule Poses Constant Threat

As the West African state of Nigeria approaches the mid-point of its first year of political independence, missionaries and national Christian leaders are watching for signs of how their religious work will fare under majority Moslem rule. Nig-

eria, which became free and sovereign last October, is the most populous black nation on earth, with about 15 per cent of Africa's total population within its borders. Only six per cent of its nearly 40 million inhabitants are Christians. Moreover, the Christian strength is not evenly distributed throughout this vast country. It is concentrated in the Eastern and Western Regions. The governor of Eastern Nigeria is the country's top Christian layman, Sir Francis A. Ibiyam, while five cabinet ministers of the Western Region are Protestants. On the other hand, the more populous third region—the "Holy North"—is overwhelmingly Mohammedan, and its chief minister has frankly stated that the North intends to dominate the nation. Nigeria's central government, like that of this region, is controlled by Moslems.

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People's Church to be Sold

The well-known "People's Church" of 100 Bloor St., Toronto, Ont., is for sale now because the members and committee of the same have decided to build a new church in a suburb of the city. Rev. Paul Smith, son of Dr. Oswald Smith, is the pastor of the church.

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1,387 University Graduates

The Manitoba University graduated 1,387 students on May 25. Among these there are many Mennonites who had enrolled in the various faculties offered at this large educational center.

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Indonesia makes Religious Survey

The Information Section of the Religious Department of Indonesia has released the following set of figures, showing the religious affiliation of the ninety-four million Indonesians: Moslems, 90.05 per cent; Protestants, 3.43 per cent; Hindus, 2.14 per cent; Roman Catholics, 1.21 per cent; animists, 1.80 per cent, and others, 1.37 per cent.

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44 Professors Criticize Cuba Policy

Forty-four Harvard University professors published an advertisement in the New York Times criticizing the Kennedy policy toward Cuba, stating that "American determination to isolate Cuba made the Soviet bloc Castro's only source of military and economic support."

They advised a "cooling-off period" in the relations with Cuba.

Recently another high official in the Castro government fled to Mexico and requested asylum there.

Books for Spiritual Counselors

Religious Dimensions of Personality

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In the 231 pages of this book the author, Carroll A. Wise, treats the following subjects:

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The 171 pages of this book are divided into two parts. In Part One, the author, Wayne E. Oates, deals with "The Pastoral Task" and in Part Two with "The Pastoral Methods." With emphasis on the Biblical concept of the pastor's work, the book gives practical suggestions as to how the pastor may understand and handle wisely many and varied situation that confront him. 3.00

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Anxieties have been a burden to men and women for centuries. They have a particularly far-reaching effect in our own day because of the underlying conflict and tension that emphasize the crucial problems peculiar to our time. Wayne E. Oates here deals with the following: Economic Anxiety, Finitude (Eschatological) Anxiety, The Anxiety of Grief, The Anxiety of Sin, Legalistic Anxiety, The Anxiety Reactions of the Morally Indifferent, The Anxiety of the Cross, The Anxiety of the Cross and Holy Dread, Anxiety and the Fellowship of Concern. 156 pp. 3.00

The Bible Pastoral Care

The author of this 127-page book deals with six subjects, namely, The Symbolic Use of the Bible, Legalism and the Use of the Bible, The Bible in the Pastoral Care of Children, The Bible as an Interpreter's Guidebook, The Bible as a Book of Comfort, and The Bible as an Aid to Prayer. The author is Wayne E. Oates. 2.50

The Revelation of God in Human Suffering

Here are 143 pages in which Wayne E. Oates deals with the following topics: The Revelation of God in Human Suffering, Jesus and the Reality of Suffering, Purposeful Suffering, The Fellowship of Suffering, The Struggle for Maturity, Suffering and Self-Defence, Standing Alone Before God, Suffering and the Sense of Direction, The Double Cost of Spiritual Blindness, Purity of Heart and the Revelation of God, Anger, Suffering and the Revelation of God, The Grief of the Uprooted, Parenthood and the Necessity for Suffering. 2.75

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YOUTH IN ACTION

Song Festival of Ontario United Mennonite Churches

Niagara, Ont. — On May 7, the eighth annual "Saengerfest" was held in the Eden Christian College auditorium at Virgil. It was conducted by the United Mennonite Churches of Ontario, and many people from far and near came to participate in it.

Choirs from Niagara, Vineland, St. Catharines, Waterloo and Leamington all served with special numbers and at the close the mass choir sang "Teure Heimat," under the direction of W. Schoenfeld, St. Catharines.

Young People's Activities at Vineland

Deeper Life Emphasis Services

On the weekend of May 13-14, the Vineland young people attended three Deeper Life Emphasis services. The topic of these meetings was "Sanctification," which is a very vital theme for every Christian. Rev. John G. Baerg, pastor of the Virgil M. B. Church, dealt with this topic, frequently drawing from his experiences as minister to show us the importance of the various aspects of sanctification.

The aspects discussed were: the meaning, basis, means, realm, nature and goal of sanctification. The testimony period held after the last message in the series was proof that the challenge to examine our own life and make it right with God had been accepted by many of the young people.

Special music was provided by several singing groups. After the last service, the group enjoyed a period of fellowship and refreshments, thus bringing a very profitable weekend to a close.

Visit to Hamilton M. B. Fellowship Chapel

On May 16, the Vineland Young People's group visited the Hamilton M. B. Fellowship Chapel and served them with a program. The biography of Brother Herman Warkentin, missionary to India, was presented. The narrative, read by Martha Janzen, was interspersed with fitting hymns sung by several groups. Every Christian present was challenged to a life of greater service and dedication as we listened to the moving account of Brother Warkentin's life, given to life for Christ, and then also to die for Him.

Anne Wiebe

Mennonites Serving in St. Catharines General Hospital

St. Catharines, Ont. — St. Catharines is one of the oldest cities on the Niagara Peninsula. Within the last years its industries have grown much, especially since it lies on the Welland Canal, which is now a part of the important St. Lawrence Seaway.

It is rightly called Garden City, as many homes are surrounded by fruit-bearing trees. The new subdivisions were orchards a few years ago. The population numbers over 40,000. It has doubled within the last year during which time the suburbs amalgamated with the city. With such a large population to serve, the hospital of 425 beds is always overcrowded. We are badly in need of more room. An addition with room for 150 beds at a cost of \$3,600,000 has already been started. What part do the Mennonites have in this work?

Last September we beheld a lovely sight when 56 young people filed into the large dining hall. It was the nurses' class. In this group were 9 Mennonites, 7 of these Eden High School graduates. No doubt they are a blessing as they faithfully do their work in this type of service. However, this group had only 3 male students and none of them were Mennonites. Our young men should realize the need for male nurses and follow the example of

the young women by following the call to this important service. I see the great need for male help daily. I have both a son and a daughter in this work. Not many young Mennonite men have as yet entered this profession, although one has completed his training in this hospital.

The class which began in 1959 has 7 Mennonite girls. Six of them are Eden graduates. Several Mennonite young people who began their course in 1958 will soon complete their studies here. There are many more whom I meet and work with daily. Some of them wear the black band of this hospital; those from other hospitals have green or yellow bands.

A number of workers here have white uniforms. They have been trained in other countries. Some of them are advanced in age. The nurses' aides, although they have not reached the position of registered nurse, are doing splendid work. Here are several elderly nurses' aides.

Some girls and women from our churches, who work here, wear green uniforms. They clean the rooms, check the supplies, water the patients' flowers and render countless other worthwhile and necessary services. A number of Mennonites are office workers. Three Menno-

nite women work in the laboratory. Every day Mrs. Peters makes sure there is plenty of clean laundry for all the rooms. Three Mennonites are busy in the kitchen.

Our carpenter is also a Mennonite. He looks after the windows and doors and makes sure that they close properly, and he repairs many other things. Another Mennonite man keeps the oxygen equipment in good working condition. Mr. P. Braun is in charge of the stock and supply room.

There are three faithful Mennonite doctors on the staff: Dr. A. Ewert, Dr. Gertrude Ewert and Dr. Charlie Goossen.

There are 14 Mennonite orderlies in this hospital. Why are we called orderlies? Very likely because much of our work is extraordinary. But we do not mind that. A number of us are already over 60 or 70 years of age. Several have been here for 9 or 10 years. Mr. Jakob Penner has been here for 10 years. He died while he was still employed here. He is well-remembered for his faithful and good service.

The young people of the St. Catharines Church who regularly come to sing for the patients here may rest assured that their service is greatly appreciated. Eternity alone will reveal how many patients have been comforted and helped by their service. Ministers and other visitors, we cordially invite you to come again and again. When sick in bed many persons are more eager to hear the Word of God. They are more open to counsel, and they need more comfort and support than they do otherwise.

It is essential that we do real service rather than mere work. Dear co-workers, how will we feel if some day the Lord Jesus should ask us, "When I lay sick and weak in the St. Catharines General Hospital, what did you do to help me?" Let us heed Matt. 25:39,40 and remain faithful in this service. This we can do if we daily receive strength, wisdom, and love from Him Who supplies us with all that we need.

J. T. Voth
(Another Mennonite)

A Letter to the Mennonite Observer

Greetings in the Name of our Wonderful Lord.

The Lord willing, we shall be sailing for the homeland on June 8, arriving in San Francisco June 22. We are looking forward to our reunion with our son Don, who has been attending Tabor College this past year and to the fellowship of our churches. On the other hand, we leave reluctantly, for the work in Japan seems to be progressing so wonderfully at this stage. There are far more open doors than we can ever enter, and our Mission staff is very small. The Lord is, however, also sending forth the national workers, which gives us great

joy. But these are very few as yet. The Bible school has a nice enrollment this year, so the prospects for the future are brighter.

Having enjoyed the Mennonite Observer these past years so much, we would appreciate receiving it while on furlough, so we are sending our change of address.

Old address: Roland M. Wiens, 4-19 Nagamine Yama, Oishi, Nada Ku, Kobe, Japan.

New address: Roland M. Wiens, 29 Church Ave., Reedley, Calif.

Wishing you the Lord's blessing as you continue your work for Him.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Roland M. Wiens

The Spirit Asked for

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14: 16,17).

O Thou that hearest prayer,
Attend our humble cry;
And let Thy servants share
Thy blessing from on high:
We plead the promise of thy Word;
Grant us thy Holy Spirit, Lord.

If earthly parents hear
Their children when they cry,
If they, with love sincere,
Their children's wants supply;
Much more wilt thou thy love display,
And answer when thy children pray.

Our heavenly Father, thou!
We, children of thy grace:
Oh, let thy Spirit now
Descend and fill the place:
So shall we feel the heavenly flame,
And all unite to praise thy name.

Oh, may that sacred fire,
Descending from above,
Our frozen hearts inspire
With fervent zeal and love:
Enlighten our beclouded eyes,
And teach our grovelling souls to rise.

And send thy Spirit down
On all the nations, Lord,
With great success to crown
The preaching of thy Word;
That heathen lands may own thy sway,
And cast their idol-gods away.

Then shall thy kingdom come
Among our fallen race,
And the whole earth become
The temple of thy grace;
Whence pure devotion shall ascend,
And songs of praise, till time shall end.
John Burton

Money can do much, but it cannot do all. We must know the province of it and confine it there. And even spurn it back, when it wishes to get farther. —Carlyle

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS and COLLEGES

Sixteen Canadians in Record Graduating Class at Tabor College

A record number of seniors, seventy-five received the Bachelor of Arts degree at this spring's fifty-first annual commencement at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans. The highest previous number of A.B. graduates was 46 in 1950. Last year's class numbered 39.

Included among the 75 are 16 Canadians. They are: Delmar Doerksen, Hepburn, Sask.; Valentine Dyck, Oshawa, Ont.; Verne Epp, Chilliwack, B.C.; John Friesen, Saskatoon, Sask.; Harvey Gossen, Brandon, Man.; Hugo Jantz, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; Helmut Janzen, Chilliwack, B.C.; Helmut Klassen, Virgil, Ont.; Harold Kruger, Saskatoon, Sask.; Eric Mierau, Herbert, Sask.; Esther Poggemiller, Neville, Sask.; Helmut Poggemiller, Neville, Sask.; Katie Siemens, Gem, Alta.; John Thiessen, Jr., Kitchener, Ont.; Mary Toews, Clearbrook, B.C.; and Donald Unruh, Winnipeg, Man.

Commencement speaker was Dr. C. N. Hostetter Jr., chairman of the Mennonite Central Committee and former president of Messiah College in Pennsylvania.

Dr. J. A. Loewen, professor of languages, anthropology, and missions, delivered the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 21.

The annual commencement week began Saturday, May 20, with the 49th annual Alumni Dinner. The speaker was Rev. Loyal Funk, pastor of the M. B. Church, Fairview, Okla., with Prof. Dwight Wiebe of the speech department as master of ceremonies.

Eden Choirs Perform Creditably at Lincoln County Music Festival

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont. — Under the leadership of Mr. P. J. Dick and Mr. Henry Esau, Eden's choirs and singing groups scored high in the Lincoln County music festival last week. The Junior Choir was under the direction of Mr. Esau and the Senior Choir under the direction of Mr. Dick.

Both choirs scored two firsts in the two classes in which each entered. The St. Catharines Double Trio reached first in its class with a mark of 88.

The highest mark for any group from Eden was 90, acquired by the Senior Choir. In addition to cash prizes, two trophies have been brought to the school: the Beamsville Philharmonic Society Trophy by the Senior Choir, and the St. Catharines Junior Chamber of

Commerce Trophy by the St. Catharines Double Trio.

For the first time in the history of Eden, a male octet entered the festival. Their performance was given a mark of 86.

Credit, under God, goes to the untiring efforts of our music directors and choirs in the fine performance. Such singing we hope will continue to foster and strengthen interest in good music.

Of special merit, apart from the winning of prizes, was the excellent and effective adjudication by Mr. J. M. Hodgens.

R. F. Bartel, principal

Four School Exercises at St. Boniface

The St. Boniface General Hospital's graduation exercises were held in the Civic Auditorium and the hospital's four training schools held a combined ceremony for nurses, medical technologists, X-ray technologists and medical record librarians.

The galleries were filled with families and friends of the graduating students as Dr. Paul L'Heureux medical director of the hospital, noted the symbolism of the joint ceremony. "Today we must unite in wide fields of endeavor, forming a team, where once there was only a doctor and nurse, to ensure the greatest benefit to the patient."

In the 90 years the hospital has served the community, it has never cared for such a high percentage of the population, due to government hospitalization. "This makes jobs for graduates vital and secure, but the pressure on each will be heavy," he warned. "And the greatest danger in that pressure lies in giving top priority to technical details and losing sight of the prime motive of your professions—the welfare of the patient." All four are exacting professions and all have the interesting, challenging and rewarding responsibility of dealing with human beings. Dr. L'Heureux said.

In all, 63 nurses, 12 medical technicians, 9 X-ray technicians and 3 medical record librarians graduated.

Some of the nursing graduates were: Irene DeFehr, Elsie Dyck, Helen Isaak, Gloria Kroeker, Susan Loewen, Irmgard Paetkau, Jessie Penner, Sara Redekopp, Alice Thiessen and Margaret Unruh.

Commencement at Freeman Junior College

Freeman, S.D. — Commencement activities at Freeman Junior College are scheduled to begin on May 26, ending with graduation exercises on June 2.

Addressing the 1961 graduates will be Dr. Jack J. Early, president of Dakota Wesleyan University at Mitchel. He will speak on "From Here to Responsibility."

Rev. Menno A. Schellenberg, pastor of the Silver Lake Mennonite Brethren Church near Freeman, will be the speaker at the baccalaureate services on Sunday evening, May 28.

A Plane for Missions

A plane given to the President of the West German Federal Republic will soon be flying on Lutheran mission errands over the wilds of New Guinea. President Heinrich Lübke received two Brucker-Bestmann aircraft and gave one of them to a Roman Catholic charitable cause. The other he passed on to leaders of "Brot fuer die Welt," the German Evangelicals' appeal for aid to underdeveloped areas. They in turn allotted it to one of two German societies participating in the large international Lutheran Mission New Guinea. The society, the Neuentdeltelsau Mission of Bavaria which 75 years ago started the work in New Guinea, said the aircraft will be used to keep in touch with inland stations, to many of which there are no motor roads.

The New English Bible

By Oswald J. Smith

The New English Bible makes one tremendous and glorious change. It completely eliminates the word "believe" in connection with salvation. For 350 years there has been great confusion and misunderstanding because of the word "believe" in the King James Version. "Believe" is an intellectual word. It simply means "giving intellectual assent to a truth."

For 50 years I have maintained that "belief" cannot save. I have pointed out that there are hundreds of thousands who "believe" who are not Christians. In all of John's writings, as well as Paul's where the word "believe" is used so frequently, we now have a word or words that demand action and that have to do not with the head, the brain, the intellect, but with the will.

For instance, take the great classic passage in Acts 16:30,31: "What must I do to be saved." The answer is no longer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." In the New English Bible it is, "Put your trust in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."

Even in John 3:16 the word "believe" is omitted. It is now "faith in Him."

Here are the words which are most frequently used in the place of "belief" in the New English Bible. John 1:12: "Yielded Him their allegiance"; John 2:23: "Gave their allegiance to Him"; John 3:18: "Puts his faith in Him"; John 3:15: "Faith in Him"; John 20:31:

"Trusts in Him"; Acts 19:4: "Put their trust"; Rom. 3:26: "Puts his faith in Jesus"; Rom. 4:3: "Puts his faith in God"; Rom. 4:5: "Puts his faith in Him"; Eph. 2:8: "You are saved through trusting Him."

In these and many other passages such words as the above are used instead of "believe." We are not saved by believing. We are saved by trusting. For this reason alone I would consider the New English Bible the most valuable ever made.

No one has ever been saved by believing. That is an intellectual process. Millions believe who have never been born again and are not Christians. It is only those who put their trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who are saved. The New English Bible makes the way of salvation plain. The Authorized does not.

"Give Ye Them to Eat"

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The disciples overcame this difficulty by immediately responding to the call of the Lord. They brought the Lord what they had found—five loaves of bread and two fishes. Many Christians seem to fail here. They have searched their lives; they have found the things the Lord can use and have inwardly decided to give them to the Lord, but for some reason the final step has not been taken. They have never placed the things at the feet of the Lord. Consequently the multitude stayed hungry. Not so the disciples. They brought the Lord the things they had found.

4. The Wonderful Results

The Lord blessed and multiplied the loaves and fishes. The multitude was fed. The disciples were richly rewarded.

Dear Christian, may I ask you to take this final step today and bring your five loaves of bread and two fishes to the Lord? Multitudes are starving, dying, passing into a Christless eternity. They are waiting for you and me to obey the Lord's command: "Give ye them to eat."

The missionary, Dr. Mason of Burma, once asked his converted boatman to consider becoming a Bible teacher for a war-like tribe. As boatman the man was earning 15 rupees per month, but as a Bible teacher he would receive only four rupees. After allowing the boatman time to consider and pray over the matter, Dr. Mason asked one day, "Well, Shapon, what have you decided? Will you go for four rupees a month?" "No," replied Shapon, "I will not go for four rupees a month, but I will go for Christ."

The most purposeful men are not public men. It is private life that governs the world. The more you are talked about, the less powerful you are. A public man is responsible and a responsible man is a slave.

—Disraeli

Announcement of the Chartering of a Special Plane for the 1962 Mennonite World Conference

To make attendance at the Seventh Mennonite World Conference in 1962 possible for many persons in Europe who wish to attend but cannot afford the normal travel costs, the World Conference Presidium is arranging a special charter plane service. The very economical fare for the non-stop round trip from Frankfurt to Toronto, returning from New York to Frankfurt, will be approximately \$250 (1,000 German marks or 900 Dutch guilders), provided the plane can be filled with 82 passengers. The normal summer economy fare is \$560.

To receive this low fare passengers must be officially appointed as delegates by their conferences. The fares need not be paid by the conferences, but can be paid by the individual passengers or by other sources.

No planes will be chartered until a sufficient number of persons have signed up for the trip and made a down payment of \$50 on the ticket. Applications for tickets may be submitted to Menno Travel Service at the following locations: 1) Amsterdam Z, Koningslaan 58, 2) Frankfurt a.M., Eysseneckstr. 54, 3) Bienenberg/Liestal, Switzerland, 4) Akron, Pa. Menno Travel Service has agreed to serve as financial agent for the World Con-

ference, but cannot handle the charter itself, since special charters for conference groups cannot be handled by a travel agency.

Groups in America who wish to finance the trip of a Mennonite minister in Europe in order to have him visit churches in USA or Canada may pay the Menno Travel Service in Akron, Pa. However, requests for such ministerial visitors should be made to the President of the World Conference, H. S. Bender, at Goshen, Ind. Delegates from churches in Africa or Asia, as well as missionaries, may join the plane at Frankfurt on the same terms as Europeans.

Since many European Mennonite delegates to the Conference may wish to make at least a brief tour of American Mennonite communities and see at least a part of America, arrangements are being made to charter a bus from Kitchener for a three-weeks' tour which will reach as far west as Beatrice, Nebraska, and Newton and Hillsboro, Kansas, and include Washington and New York. The cost of this tour (all expenses) will be ca. \$80, provided the bus is filled with 41 persons. The time schedule for the charter and tour is as follows:

Leave Frankfurt by plane July 30, 1961, evening; arrive in Toronto July 31, morning; attend World Conference August 1-8; tour by bus August 8-28; leave New York by plane August 28, evening; arrive in Frankfurt August 29, morning.

Of course, it is not necessary for those traveling on the chartered plane to take the bus tour. All European delegates are free to travel

as they wish to visit friends or to do sightseeing on their own during the three weeks between the end of the World Conference on August 8 and the plane departure for Europe on August 28.

Further details will be announced later. This is a preliminary announcement for general information.

Harold S. Bender, President
Mennonite World Conference

While at the Institute he met a lovely, dedicated Christian girl named Ofelia Argullin, who later became his wife. On May 8, 1960, Brother and Sister Tagle were ordained to the ministry. Our intercession for the Tagles and their ministry will be appreciated.

— Mrs. Daniel Wirsche

ON THE HORIZON

May 25 — Baccalaureate Service at the M. B. Bible College, Winnipeg.

May 27-28 — Alberta Mennonite Festival of Music at Rosemary, Alberta.

May 28 — "Schulfest" and Graduation at the Gretna Mennonite Collegiate Institute, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

May 28. — Graduation Exercises of the Mennonite Brethren Bible College to be held at the MBCI auditorium on Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

May 29 — Commencement, Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Ind.

June 1-2 — Zone Mission Rallies at Swift Current, Meadow, and Carrot River, Sask., at 7:30 p.m.

June 2 and 3. — The Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Conference to convene at the North Kildonan M. B. church.

June 4 — An all-day missionary rally sponsored by the General Conference of Mennonites in Saskatchewan in the Saskatoon arena.

June 4 — Manitoba Women's Conference held in the Morden Berghaler church

June 8-9 — 13th Mennonite Cultural Conference at Hillsboro, Kans.

June 15-16 — Missions Conference at the Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

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

June 30. — Canadian M. B. Preachers' and Deacons' Conference at Coaldale, Alta.

July 1-5. — Canadian Mennonite Brethren Conference at Coaldale, Alta.

July 2-9 — Camp meetings of the Ontario Brethren in Christ Church at Niagara—Christian College, Fort Erie, Ont.

July 5-11. — Canadian Mennonite Church Conference to be held in Calgary.

Intercessor (Gebetsanleitung)

Intercessor and Gebetsanleitung for June, daily prayer guide for foreign missions, have been mailed to the churches for distribution on May 28—the last Sunday before its use begins on June 1. All families and individuals in the churches are encouraged to use Intercessor and Gebetsanleitung each day in their family devotions or in their daily prayer period. The intercession of God's people is essential to a successful missionary outreach. "And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed" (Exodus 17:11).

A Voice for God

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church. For the first time in my life the way of salvation was made plain to me and I yielded to Christ. What a peace filled my heart! What strange experience! I had covered the fourth part of the globe hoping for satisfaction for my soul, endlessly seeking it, only to find it four blocks from my own doorstep.

"Truly, the Lord has been faithful in seeking the wandering sheep. He has likewise been faithful in guiding me during the years that followed my conversion. A precious verse to me is John 10:4: 'And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.'"

A few months after his conversion Brother Alfredo felt the call to the ministry. After a struggle and a long season of prayer, he yielded to the call of God.

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