

An Overseer's View of the Missionary Conference

(Our general conference in Africa has usually had two consecutive phases: Bible and business sessions with the African Church, conducted in the vernacular; and Bible and business sessions of the missionary group, in English. At the last conference, September, 1960, the African overseers were invited to attend all the sessions of the missionary conference and of the Executive Board. The newly ordained (1960) Overseer, Rev. Philemon Kumalo, here writes in English his impressions of these sessions.)

MY FIRST experiences with General Missionary Conference were full of inspirations coupled with unforgettable thrills. I would like to share a little with you and maybe make you as blessed as I was without having you here.

For the first time African members partook in such a conference. This was a step forward in our church administration. All African ministers and other elected African brethren shared in the serene business of the Conference. To most of us it was a time of learning rather than a time of contributing to full discussion and decision on the major issues of our church policies.

I do not recall when I have seen such moving times as when from time to time we listened to talks by brother Dr. Books, when he led us in our prayer-meditations, and addresses by our Brother Hostetter each morning. Brother Books spoke on "The Matchless Christ" and Brother Hostetter, on the subject of "The Total Ministry of Our Missions." With these were others like the book study of Galatians, the character study from the life of Caleb, and other talks from various brethren.

We were taught, fed, and very encouraged throughout all these. Yes, the common word was delivered with unusual force and power. Also the interest of the brethren was drawn to the pictures of "The Gwaai in Focus," "First Impressions of a Missionary Service," and "Current Events of the Brethren in Christ Church." You should have only been there to realize the unspeakable touches of the events.

During the Conference were also Executive Board meetings. African members had the difficulty of keeping the time of attending board meetings on the first day. After a firm but friendly correction by the Chairman of the Board, this was overcome. In fact, several of us later got to the meeting place even earlier than the given time. In our

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ON THE FIELDS

... white already to harvest.

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The newly-elected overseer, Brother Philemon Kumalo (center) with Evangelist Ngula Moyo and Bishop Climenhaga.

Board meetings there also was the problem of understanding the proceedings and terms of the discussions. To eliminate this, free mixing of our African and American brethren at all times and occasions during conference was required. The experienced American brethren successfully aided the African brethren. The reserved African brethren soon found joy and true brotherhood in the mingled participations. Lengthy discussions were new [only because in English!] to the African members who unwillingly dozed during the evening sessions. Here we learned and practiced strict confidence as all matters discussed were strictly confidential. It is a hard but honorable thing to possess, and use. As it is hard to discuss and solve matters in a large group, the General Missionary Conference has many small committees charged with special aspects of the Church Administration.

The Committees discuss and give suggestions to the Board for decisions; the Executive is faced with heavy problems as the success or failure of the whole Church depends on the decisions made by it. One of the exciting times is about the missionary placements.

Certain matters are discussed by the full Conference. It is also in the full

conference where announcement is made on missionary placement to relieve the many anxious brothers and sisters. I guess you already have known, directly or indirectly, of these placements. For what you might have known you will understand how complex our missionary duty is.

The handful of missionaries from America falls short of the dire need of Christian revelation in this continent. The harvest is great, but the labourers are few. Wherewithal shall we find the necessary man-power?

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In This Issue

"... ye are God's husbandry,
ye are God's building."

—Paul to young church at Corinth

"The end toward which I am working is found in 1 Thess. 1:8. 'For from you sounded out the word of the Lord ... In every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad, so that we need not speak anything.'—Charles Cowman addressing a conference of national pastors and evangelists.

In this issue of LOOK we share the faith, hope, and love, the struggles, failures, and victories of some of our dear brethren and sisters in the Lord in Africa, Cuba, India, and Japan. We see through their eyes—especially in the articles by our African brethren some of the developments in the church. We thank them for their fellowship with us in the Gospel. We are inspired to praise and prayer on their behalf; we need one another and desire them to pray for us in America, too.

Some of these brethren and sisters have hazarded much for the Gospel's sake. Some with commendable honesty, are frank to tell us that they are still counting the cost. The Lord help us to read these testimonies (translated from other languages in most cases) in Christian love and to pray more earnestly and intelligently for these believers.

Miss. Ed.



Alba Llanes

Juana Garcia

Entiende Vd. Espanol?

(Do you understand Spanish?)

Por la inspiracion de los que entienden español, damos unos testimonios en el idioma. Dios les ayuda a Vds. a aprender bien el español por la gloria de nuestro Salvador!

de Alba Llanes, hermana de Eduardo

"Cristo me ha salvado desde que era una niña y desde entonces hay gozo y paz en mi corazón y deseo agradecerle y trabajar cada día más y más por El. Muchas veces he clamado al Señor y El siempre ha contestado mi oración según su voluntad y Gracias a El yo le sigo fiel. Que la paz del Señor sea con vosotros. Salmo 27:1 ha sido siempre mi ayudador en las tribulaciones.

Su hermana en Cristo que no los olvida
Alba Llanes

de Juana García, la buena ayudadora en casa de los señores Wolgemuth y una de los intérpretes

"El testimonio de una humilde sierva de Dios. Yo amo a Jesús porque El es mi Salvador personal, y me siento muy feliz sirviendo a un Dios vivo y lleno de tanto poder. Bendito sea su Nombre. Yo digo como el Apostol Pablo, 'No me averguenzo del evangelio, porque es potencia de Dios para salud ó (Salvacion) a todo aquel que cree.' Rom. 1:16.

"Oren por mi, que Dios me de sabiduria de lo alto, para guiar muchas almas a Cristo el Salvador y la esperanza del mundo. Amen."

Translation of Juana Garcia's testimony

"The testimony of a humble servant of God: I love Jesus because He is my personal Saviour, and I feel myself very happy serving a living God full of so much power. Blessed be His name! I say as the Apostle Paul, 'I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for health (or salvation) to all who believe' Rom. 1:16.

"Pray for me, that God will give me wisdom from on high to guide many souls to Christ the Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen."

Juana Garcia

"Desert such a faith, or get away where you like"

"WHITHERSOEVER this way may lead me, I trust the God's will." This verse from a hymn was my consolation when I came to be married into this family. My mother-in-law, who enjoyed absolute power in household affairs as in all other Japanese families, once told me: "Christianity is a foreign religion. A Japanese should worship Japanese gods.



Grandma Kanda with her daughter-in-law, holding a samisen, a Japanese stringed instrument.

The Japanese Christians are outcasts of society, who have no prospect of being admitted to Buddhism and are shunned by ordinary respectable citizens. We cannot suffer the presence of such a Christian in our house. It is a disgrace to our name. Desert such a faith, or get away where you like. Our family are all Buddhists, and I cannot stick the idea of bequeathing our property to such a daughter-in-law. Worship only my son. My son should be your god. That's enough for you. If you can't stick it, the door is always open for you to get away." This woman herself wanted to be our god. She, a weak human being, dared to be a viceroy of God and insult Christianity in unbearable terms. I was newly surprised at the bottomless depravity of mankind.

I began to doubt whether it was wise for me to remain in this house where even the word faith was being used in a mistaken sense. However, I thought perhaps God had a special plan to have sent me here. This attack was not only an insult on my person but on Christianity as well. If I bolted out of this house, they would deride and say: "What weak and ignoble fellows Christians are!" This will worsen their misunderstanding. I remembered that my suffering was as dust compared with that of Christ and I resolved to remain and do my duty as a

Christian wife in the Name of Jesus Christ in spite of everything. This course was shown me in a prayer.

As my husband asserted that religious freedom must be respected the situation was saved temporarily. But my step-mother began to hate me and Christianity all the more bitterly.

Before marriage my life as a Christian was very calm, but now my faith was being severely tested. The image of my late father, who had not yielded his faith even under bloody persecution, strengthened and encouraged me. I trusted that God would help me in going through this test.

"I cried 'Hallelujah' when . . ."

Thus 16 years have passed. In the meantime God's grace and prayers of many people melted the hardened heart. I cried "Hallelujah" when my mother-in-law testified before a pastor that she truly believed that Christianity is a living faith. God has given me back a great joy. The weaker my mother-in-law grew from age, the more restless she became. She went to many Buddhist temples to hear the monks' talk, but she was never satisfied. However, when she started coming to church, to which she was induced a great deal through the efforts of American missionaries, she was deeply moved by the warm atmosphere of the Christian fellowship. Her soul was at last caught by the power of God and now it is a joy for her to go to church every Sunday morning.

When I look at the reality which I hardly thought possible—for now my husband is a seeker, too, and we three go to church on Sunday—I am newly reminded that there is nothing impossible for God. I look back on my sorrow and suffering in the past sixteen years and discover in them the sure guidance of God and feel myself well rewarded.

Eight years ago I got TB and had to rest for half a year. I was worried very much because of my two small children, but I had a wonderful chance of trusting God for everything and listening to His voice in stillness, through which my burdened body and soul received new strength. The period of my isolation was a great blessing to my soul and I am most thankful that this was a special Providence for my revival.

My mother, who came to our house to help during my illness, succumbed to mental strain and was called to Heaven on the very day when I left the hospital, without knowing the good news of my recovery. This was a shock to me. However, I trusted God who turns everything to good. I want to help my 85-year-old mother-in-law in her future Christian growth.

Mrs. Hatsue Kanda, Japan



Mr. Kuroki, Mr. Sato, Mr. Anno

*"a great door . . . and many adversaries."
Which of us would not sit down and
count the cost?*

A Trio of Testimonies---As Told To John Graybill

JAPAN

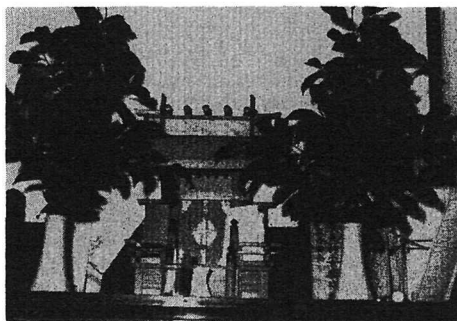
I. *"As the oldest member of the family,
it is my duty . . ."*

I am a plumber by trade and my name is Mr. Kuroki. I come from a very strong Buddhist family which has its original beginnings in Hagi. As the oldest member of the family, it is my duty and obligation to take care of the family god shelf, parents' ashes after death, and conduct the general responsibility of the entire family.



" . . . each morning and night my father calls the entire family together for worship before the Buddhist altar." Challenge to regular family worship in your and my Christian home!

ter months of listening to the missionaries speaking, I one night finally got enough courage and stepped inside the room where the Christians meet for service. What a joy I experienced that night! I kept going back each week to



"I have my own god in my home" . . .

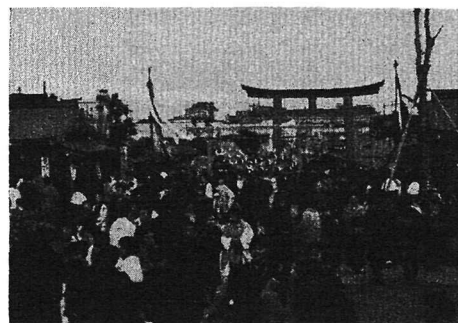
the meetings and enjoy them, and I want to believe in Jesus, but my strong family responsibility and customs keep me from openly accepting Christianity. Each year at New Year's time, all my neighbors, friends, and family gather at the temples and shrines to pray for success and blessing in the New Year and what would my family of over one-hundred Buddhist people say in Hagi, if I alone would become a Christian?

II. *"I feel I have my own god . . . in my home."*

My name is Mr. Sato and am self-employed in a little glass store which I operate in Sensaki.

Last year when Mr. Graybill was repairing his house in Nagato, he had me come and replace the broken glass in the windows. When the work was completed, I received the necessary money

from the missionary and with it, I also received a few Christian tracts and an invitation to attend the Church meetings held each week in Sensaki. Since my very best friends also said they will attend, (Mr. Kuroki and Mr. Anno) I went for the first time to a Christian meeting and heard about their God. I could not understand too much that first time but went again later and heard more. Now, I feel I have my own god which I worship each day in my home. It is a lot different than the God which the missionaries describe, but this is the god I have been taught to believe in, since I was a small child.



" . . . at the temples to pray for success . . . what if I alone would become a Christian?"

III. *" . . . how could I go against the wishes of my parents?"*

My name is Mr. Anno and am a tinsmith by trade. My father and grandfather also were tinsmiths and we have lived at the same family residence for many years. When the Nagato missionaries' residence was repaired last year, I was called upon to do the tin work. This was my first experience in dealing with foreigners and people of the Christian religion. I too received Christian tracts and an invitation to attend the church meetings. Since the missionaries' friendliness impressed me, I went for the first time, not telling my family where I was going. I enjoyed it so much; I bought a Bible and song book and started immediately to attend church each week which I did for six months.

In the fall of last year, I was regularly reading my Bible, attending church, and had a desire to be baptized. When my wife and parents heard of this desire, they very forcefully told me that it was not in order and that I could not do it. My wife's statements did not bother me too much but how could I go against the wishes of my parents? Even though I am a grown man with a wife and two children, we live in the same house as my parents and each morning and night, my father calls the entire family together for worship before the Buddhist altar.

I want to believe in Jesus, I want to become a strong Christian, I want to be baptized, but I am bound by Japanese culture, custom, and religion.

Wisdom from God in This Chaotic World

Rev. Sampson M. Mudenda, Macha Mission, N. Rhodesia

In these troubled days we as Christians need wisdom from God as never before. In James 3:17 we are promised wisdom from God who is the source of wisdom and gives liberally to any man that asks.

Wisdom from Above is pure. Particularly in these days when there are many personal decisions which are made, it is the wisdom from God which will direct us into a pure and holy path; because these are days when Christians need to live pure and separated lives so that they may have personal security for effective witnessing.

Wisdom from God is politically peaceable. These are indeed the days when many people in the world demand many political rights and freedoms; and this is quite right for people should be given what they need from their Governments, but the Christians need *freedom from sin*. The lives of many need to show that they have been freed from the bondage of sin and for this "freedom from sin" is freely given and equally available to all if they look for wisdom from above.

Wisdom from above will constantly make us feel gentle and easy to be treated in every situation and area of our lives. We shall be remembering the words of Christ, Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men so that they see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Christ of course wanted men to look for wisdom from God during the chaotic world of that day. Those grand and noble people faithfully carried out the command and mission laid down by their Master whom they dearly loved. These men had more confidence in God rather than in the earthly Roman Government of that day. Are we willing to share the same responsibilities which are given to us by Christ Who says, "Occupy till I come"?

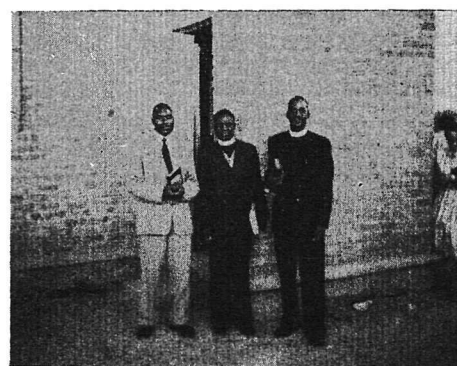
Socially, *the wisdom from God is full of mercy and good fruits* and will help this generation in these social changes and patterns of leading Governments of the world; and each of us must try to be all things to all men in all our daily activities and our witness will speak louder than words.

People must be taught to be "Christians" and must fully understand the meaning of it, because people these days are busily engaged in teaching people to

be good citizens of this or that nation, but once we are the children of God, we are indeed children of the same family of God.

Wisdom from Above will enable us to pray and support those who are in the battle field of Christ, for this indeed is a day of Crusade, and we should support and strengthen those, for our enemy, the Devil, is never fast asleep.

In this chaotic world today we desire to have more missionaries. But this great and noble desire will be hardly realized while modern Christians allow the fermenting spirit of materialism to settle and reign in their hearts.



L. to r.: Brother Jonah Moyo, the newly-appointed steward; Brother Sampson Mudenda, Overseer Macha Circuit; and Brother Davidson Mushala, newly-appointed pastor.

Brethren, we are in a day of going forward; let us look for wisdom from God and occupy until He comes and wait patiently until we hear from His lips: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



"Esto Era Mas De Lo Que Merecia!"

Eduardo Llanes, Cuba

"[This was more than I deserved," cries this dear young brother in Spanish and in capital letters in the midst of the letter he is writing in English—good English for one writing in a foreign language. With apologies to Eduardo, we are not correcting all the deviations from standard English in order that you may get more of the original flavour.—Eduardo attended a Nazarene school for Christian training in Cuba and is now in charge of the pastoral work of the Brethren in Christ there.—Miss. Ed.]

"I thanks the Lord because He loved me before I loved Him. One of the most wonderful experiences in my life was when I knew that all my sins were under the blood of Jesus. My life before was in the arm of the enemy, leaded to make such sins that is impossible for me to write about them. If there is somebody that shall not be save, this person was me ; but the grace of God was greatest than my sins; and He saved me. ESTO ERA MAS DE LO QUE MERE-CIA. But what a surprice I receib when I find out in the Bible School that there

was a gift for me, blessed gift—"The Holy Spirit." When I look behind I feel like Paul, what a blessed mercy if this Lord that no man understand and I least can understand it. I have found really what I need in Jesus because He suply for every need in the Calvary. Aleluya!

"I'm sorry I have no words to thanks God for His Son Jesus, but I know this is your experience, because nobody will be able to expres how much Jesus have done for him.

"Keep praying for us, we really appreciate your spiritual help in praying. Let me tell you, that your prays have help us a lot in carry on the work here in Cuba.

"Pray that we might lead this people to Jesus and our loved brethren to the One that sanctify, and so make Cuba full of the Holy Fire; being real lighth, living holy lifes and so by His grace show the beauty (belleza) of His holiness in us without wich as Jesus sayed: nobody shall see the Lord, Heb. 12:14."

White Harvest

"SAY not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Perhaps at no time does this verse from John strike us with more force than on a graduation night. Those timid little Navajos, so baffling yet interesting, have suddenly reached the milestone in their lives where they must find another school. Now, as they pack their suitcases, the missionary asks himself, "When did harvest time come?"

Jesus, because of what He saw, declared the harvest white upon meeting a woman of doubtful reputation. Not only did he find a woman that was ready to have her burden of sin removed, but He found "many" in that city who were ready to be harvested.

The teacher will be quick to point out that there was much seed-sowing in advance of Christ's coming. The Samaritans were looking forward to their promised Messiah. Jesus was the very embodiment of their greatest hope.

Most tribes in the world are much further removed from the promise of the Christ than were the despised Samaritans. For them life is an encounter with forces overwhelming and often hostile. The question to the missionary is, "How long does it take the seed of the Word in the heart of a Navajo to bear fruit? How much orientation to the Gospel message is required in the heart of the child who has had little or no Christian influence in the home before he is ready to be reaped?"

In the case of the Samaritans it was not only what Jesus saw, but even more, *what He was* that was important. In Him they found the fulfillment of their greatest need. What they saw and heard in Jesus was the means to their conversion.

Herein lies the answer to every missionary's question. The harvest has come when people "see Jesus and hear His voice." In a school program it becomes noticeable very early that the child "sees a lot," and at this impressionable age what he sees is more important than what he knows. At a mission school there is the sobering realization that the dual role of both teacher and parent are thrust upon the witnesses of Jesus. It is not so important how fast they can learn as how soon they can be brought face to face with Jesus.

The Navajo Mission this year, on May 12, sent six students from its classrooms

into the enlarging world of high school. Four of the six have had all of their schooling at the Brethren in Christ Mission. The other two have had contacts with the Mission over the past six years through the school, camps, and religious services.

Representing all the attributes of teenagers, this class has in many ways represented the Mission's "work." The development of each personality has been both a delight and challenge. The fact that they are all Navajos makes each one a bit more of a mystery to the "witnesses for Jesus" because of deep cultural barriers. But signs of normal health and growth abound and prayers of deep gratitude abound for these six lives of great potential.



John R. Sider, and his first Eighth Grade at the Navajo Mission.

On the day these graduates left the Mission the workers took a long look, and asked themselves the question, "Did they see Jesus in me?" While in one sense an eighth grade graduate leaves the Mission, in fact the encompassing love of Christ flowing from the missionary's heart knows no bounds. He continues to watch, and follow with prayer his children, knowing that they are only safe within the fold of the Good Shepherd.

One of the six graduates, each of whom gave a speech on school night, likened life to "Mountain Climbing." He said, in part, "It was rather difficult for me here in this Mission School; but I kept at the school assignments that we had to do, and tried to succeed. The most important thing about your life is what you will do to help other people in every way you can. You should also decide now Who is going to help you in your future life. Much depends on what kind of a life you choose.

"I know that life is not easy. I did have some difficulty in the beginning of the year. That's what life is like to me. It's like going over the huge rocks that are in front of you. We should try to be successful in getting over the rocks."

Watching Thomas and his five classmates leave, and looking at all the other children following them, the workers at the Navajo Mission know that the harvest is "white already."

Notes from New York

... From New York comes word of the arrival of the first V. S. worker on May 7. Miss Mary Lou Ruegg, Ridgeway, Ont. will be joined during June by two other girls.

... The Week of Evangelism proved a real blessing with some seeking among the group of over thirty people from the community.

... The youth program continues quite regularly with up to twenty-four in one day, more than one person can handle adequately.

... Interest and attendance at Brooklyn continues good with up to 60 and 65 on Sunday morning.

Revival at Adney Gap and Callaway

REPORTS of good meetings from the Adney Gap and Callaway churches in Virginia are here reported by Pastor Raymond Conner.

When the two churches learned that April 17-23 had been set aside as the Week of Evangelism for all Brethren in Christ churches they began to have special prayer. Since we seemed very much in need of a real Spirit-led revival, a period of prayer was set aside for Christians during the day plus extra prayer at mid-week prayermeetings.

We decided to begin the revival at Callaway on April 12, going to the 16th, and then continue at Adney Gap from the 17th. Rev. Ben Fulton was chosen as evangelist at Callaway. This young man in his thirties has been assisting at both churches for about a year. Brother Fulton, an ordained minister, lives in Roanoke and has been serving sacrificially, offering his talents in song and in speaking appointments and teaching an adult Sunday school class.

There were two seekers during the meetings at Callaway. Seed was definitely sown to "spring up" later. On Sunday afternoon, the 16th, was the first reception service at the Callaway church. Rev. Fulton, his wife, two daughters, and a son were received into membership. With this entire family six others testified to definite leadings of the Spirit and they too were added to the lists.

The Lord, in sending Brother Fulton

our way is helping to lift some of the load we carry in taking care of two churches. We look forward to his acquiring credentials with the Brethren in Christ church.

The revival began at Adney Gap with Pastor Raymond Conner as evangelist. Many of the Callaway folks continued to attend, as they are just nine miles from Adney Gap. From the first night seekers began lining the altar. At the Saturday night service 23, seven of these young people, knelt at the altar for prayer. The Spirit-anointed messages seemed to have a particular calling for the youth of the community, of whom there are many. After open confession and tearful prayers young teen-agers stood and testified boldly. This sight gave a "shout" and "praise" in many of the services to the older Christians.

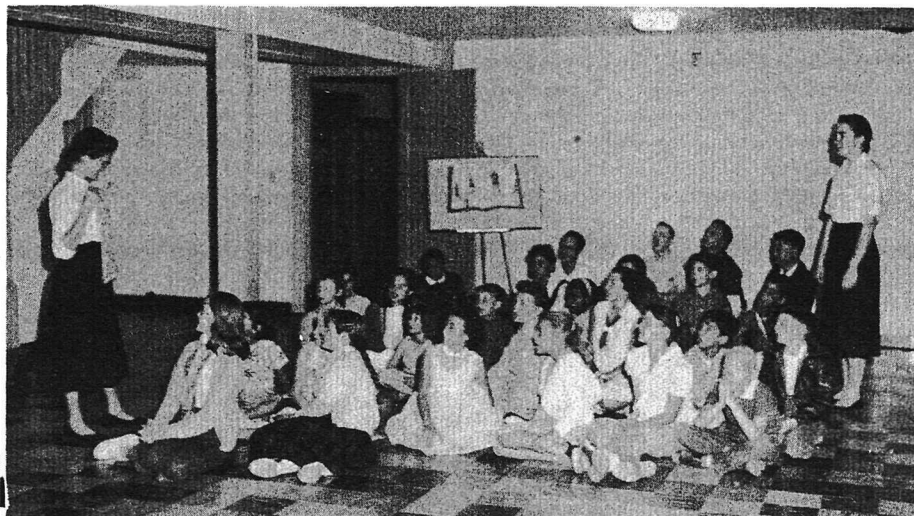
One mother in her fifties, her 19-year-old son, and her married daughter and husband were gloriously saved. This dear family had never attended church before in spite of many invitations. But God works His way out—in this case the father (and husband) was "called away" suddenly with a heart attack just a few weeks before the meetings. So now they are all attending church. The son, 19, testified at his job the day following how he "got converted" at church last night and it was "nothing to be ashamed of." He gave all the other employees an invitation to come to church and "see." A nice fellow, recently married, said he felt an urge to "do something" but, not being familiar with the wooing of the Spirit he failed to come to the altar. He asked for the loan of a Bible to use until he could go buy one—also, instruction on how read it to "find out things for myself."

A father of seven knelt with his teenage daughter and both were gloriously saved. His now bright, shining countenance is far different from his usual self.

Because of the movings of the Spirit upon the meetings they were extended to May 2 with seekers at the altar on all but four nights. Many were saved for the first time, some were reclaimed, and many testified to a deeper experience.

A total of sixty-one seekers sought God during the sixteen night revival.

Our great concern now lies with the need for constant prayer and guidance for the many newly converted young people for whom Satan is bidding high. Some older Christians seem not to understand the temptations of youth in this modern age. We desire prayer for these little ones, that they will not be offended. We also pray that the older Christians will "remain in a revival spirit." A baptismal and reception service has been planned.



Rhoda Lehman and Esther Hennigh with a vivacious group of children.

The Youth Center at the Life Line

RECOGNIZING the importance of early seeking God, before the grips of sin have taken their hold, the Wise Man admonished; "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." Young people are always challenging; and to be able to work with youth affords countless opportunities, along with tremendous responsibilities.

To look at a child and to see, bundled up there, potentialities that could do wonders for Christ, if properly channelled, is a stimulant for any youth worker. Realizing that these same potentialities, unchecked and misguided, could spell chaos for the future of one created in the image of God and designed for worthwhile purposes, is still an added incentive for those who have dedicated their lives to the interests of youth.



Children's Hour at the Youth Center.

Someone has said, "Whatever else a teenager is, he is a discoverer; he profits most from those adults who impress him most, as meeting him on his own ground." The youth of San Francisco are no exception.

The Life Line Youth Center, stimulated and promoted by the young people of the Brotherhood through a Crusaders' youth project, is endeavoring to be a lighthouse in one small corner of a wicked city. The Youth Center is designed with the express purpose of reaching boys and girls and young people with a Christ-centered program of activity; one that not only provides entertainment, but aims to mold lives of usefulness.

In the past eighteen months, over 250 children and young people have registered for one or more of the scheduled recreational periods of fellowship. The "Children's Hour," which meets every Thursday afternoon from 2 until 4 for ages five to nine, had an average of 23 in attendance during the month of April. The Youth Group, meeting each Friday from 5:30 P.M. until 8 P.M., had an average of 30 for the same month. Included in these groups are Negro, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish, Philippine and young people of other of the islands. Many are Catholic children; and many come from broken homes and mixed marriages.

Jesus, the Great Master Teacher, was no respecter of persons and was certainly aware of the individual. In this respect, we endeavor to pattern His worthy example and to give individual attention and guidance throughout the program.

One boy, upon inquiring the name of our youth center, made this comment, "I didn't know what to call it so I just called it the *Friendly Club*." This we considered complimentary.

On another occasion, a little Spanish boy phoned to inquire whether the youth center was open; and asked, "Is this the Under-Ground Club?" This provided a good laugh for those in charge, knowing

that the under-ground idea was due to the basement location and the outside underpass entrance to the Youth Center.

Of importance to us is not so much what we are called; but that those who associate with us "take knowledge that we have been with Jesus."

Our Junior Church is another avenue of reaching boys and girls with the Gospel message. Some of these children, who have never before sat in a church service, are now learning the art of worship and reverence for God's House. They join heartily in the "sing-time" of children's choruses.

"Record Breaking" is an anticipated moment in our activities with the Junior group. We are now striving to break the all-time high of 51 in attendance on April 9, 1961.

Home visitation and street contacting are a necessary and important part of our program, as families are constantly moving away and new recruits must fill the vacancies; and keep our records climbing.

We urge that you don't forget to pray for the youth of San Francisco; and, particularly, that God will use the Life Line Youth Center as a means for bringing in many who would, otherwise, be unreached with the Gospel.

Rhoda G. Lehman



Children's meeting at Dearborn.

Dearborn Report

IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN, the outreach of the church is being pursued in numerous ways. Recently, a Ladies' Bible study group was formed. Though still very new, contacts have been made bringing people to the parsonage who were not able to be reached before.

In preparation for the recent Week of Evangelism, a Week of Visitation was conducted with much blessing. All who participated were challenged by the importance of maintaining an active visitation program.

A special effort is being planned to reach the youth of the community with the Gospel during the summer months. During a recent revival an eleven-year-



The Benders of Dearborn.

old boy came to the altar and was saved. The complete transition in his life made him an industrious attentive member of his class. Formerly he was a chronic mischief-maker and had to be watched closely, even in church.

Sixteen knelt at the altar during the January meetings. Some real victories were experienced in lives. One middle-aged lady who found the Lord has been a real inspiration as she radiated her new found joy in spite of adverse circumstances. Her husband, a heavy drinker, has accompanied her to church one time—on Easter Sunday. Her faith is strong that he too will be coming to the Lord.

The pastor and his family are challenged with the call of Dearborn.

God's Work in Hamilton, Ont.

AWARENESS of spiritual need is the greatest concern of the pastor of the Hamilton, Ontario church. An understanding of these needs in the community is the starting point from which the church can be the bearer of the Gospel to the hearts of men and women in today's world.

A fine group of about 22 young people share in the Christ's Crusaders group at the Ridgemount church. For



Christ's Crusaders quarterly fellowship meeting at Ridgemount congregation, including 22 young people (left), and Junior Church in Hamilton.

the most part these young people come from homes where there is little interest in spiritual things. In one case the mother admitted not having been in a church for sixteen years until recently, when she attended at Ridgemount. Her daughter, about 12, has expressed an interest in becoming a missionary. Several children have come asking how to be saved.

Keen interest is being shown in Christian Service Brigade, with about 12 boys attending each Tuesday evening. Games, Bible reading, and a message of Christian challenge is a part of each meeting.

Evidences of the Spirit's movings can be found: a young mother who accepted the Lord as her Saviour recently; another mother, a Christian, who has made inquiries about church membership; a lady of Greek Orthodox background who has manifested a desire for spiritual help.

The challenge of this young church includes Christian growth among the new converts, and that each member of the witnessing community will be a channel through which the Holy Spirit can work.



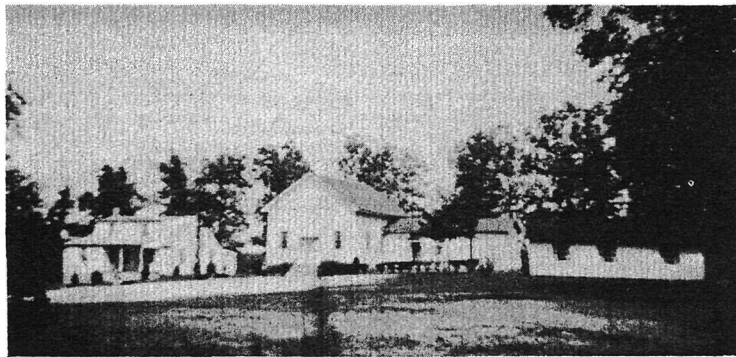
A Sunday morning audience at DeRossett.

DeRossett Work Continues to Grow

THE DEROSSETT (Tenn.) congregation surges ahead with purpose and power, brought about through prayer. The blessing and power of God is manifested in the lives of the Christians.

In 1960 the average attendance in the Sunday School was 108 compared to 20 in 1956. The growing Sunday





Church—parsonage to the left and newly acquired Youth building on the right.

School is divided into nine classes and each class is blessed with a teacher and an assistant.

Membership in the congregation is now 38, of which 14 were added during 1960. Another baptismal and reception service is being planned. Visitation is an important part of the pastor's ministry. A radio ministry, released as "Gospel Echoes," is now in its fourth year. This broadcast conducted by the pastor and his family has had a fruitful ministry and has been an arm of outreach for the DeRossett church.

Additional property and facilities have been acquired to keep up with the needs of the work. During 1960 a nearby building was purchased to provide three additional Sunday school rooms and facilities for youth activities. The congregation has purchased from the Board of Extension the parsonage for the remaining indebtedness of \$3,346. All the property is now in the care of three local trustees.

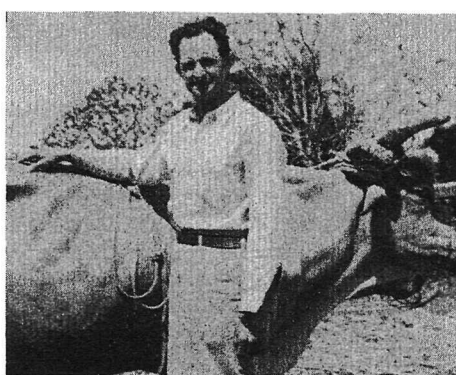
Four persons were called from the congregation to their eternal reward. Each of them found the Lord as their Saviour through the DeRossett church and died with a testimony of being ready to meet God.

Approximately eighty young people and children attend the Sunday school. By recent congregational action a Committee for Youth Activities has been formed. A plot of land near the church is being developed into a recreational area for the children of DeRossett.



Sign located along main east and west highway, 0.2 of a mile north of the church.

Recent evangelistic services saw several folks finding the Lord as their Saviour. The congregation was lifted and inspired. The Lord is continuing to bless the work at DeRossett.



Mr. Perdomo at work on his farm—a witnessing layman.

Heriberto Perdomo, farmer, serves on the Church Committee which is caring for the work in Cuatro Caminos. He plows with his oxen and uses them to pull the sugar cane cart. "He and his entire family attend services each week," wrote the Wolgemuths while they were still working in Cuba, "Both Heriberto and Isabel his wife love the Lord and love to witness for Him. Thank God for Christian families!" To meet this man as I did several summers ago, was to be impressed by his sterling faithfulness and sincerity.—Miss Ed.

"I Feared Death"

My dear brethren in the faith of Jesus Christ, I thank the Lord for the privilege of learning to know Him as my only Saviour. My brethren, I want to tell you how much Christ has transformed my life; before I was a terrible sinner, there was no peace of heart, I feared death; my goal was to become rich so I could buy a car and enjoy the pleasures of this life. But my dear brethren, every day my life grew more difficult; I became sad for I knew I had to die.

Praise the Lord, one day I accepted the spiritual calling in which I could place my faith. Romans 6:11. "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in-

deed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

God bless you, my brethren, and I would ask you to pray much for Cuba as my prayer is: Cuba for Christ.

Heriberto Perdomo, Cuba

An Overseer's View

(Continued from page nine)

One point I may share with the readers here is this: the way we freely mixed in everything, especially at table, had far-reaching consequences. Besides other things, it made us recall deeply and intimately the early times of the Christian Church when the early apostles had that grand fellowship which became the sound foundation of the Christian precept all over the world. Glory be to Christ the Author and Finisher of all our divine aspirations.

What then, brethren? Will you sit and listen to such perpetual cries from Africa? Who is to relieve? No other but you. Our shortcomings are few but great. Our country needs Christian young men and women to enlighten it. Christianity is young here and not easy to understand by many. We are short of man power to have constant influence over every area of our field. We need finance to secure means to carry out our Lord's message. We need suitable literature and anything that can be means of spreading the Word. You need to be here to understand the reality of our problems and needs.

Brethren, pray for us. Bring your African brethren to the same Great God that you know and love so well in America but who is known so much less in Africa.

"He Shall Be Satisfied"

(Isaiah 53:11)

He shall be satisfied
When all He died to win
By loving-kindness gently drawn,
Are safely gathered in.
When in the glory bright
He views His glorious bride,
Sees of the travail of His soul
HE shall be satisfied.

"I Shall Be Satisfied"

(Psalm 17:15)

I shall be satisfied,
But not while here below,
Where every earthly cup of bliss
Is wisely mixed with woe.
When this frail form shall be
Forever laid aside,
And in His likeness I awake
I shall be satisfied.



A Navajo mother, Nina Goldtooth, with her third daughter.

Motherhood— A Virtue in Navajoland

What is the role of Motherhood in the fashioning of a new life? This question was pondered at the Navajo Mission on Mother's Day. In the audience were eight babies under seven months of age.

A responsive audience considered the achievements of Jochebed, the mother of Moses. With a precious life in her care she molded it so that all the allurements of a glittering world could not dislodge the fear of God from this woman's son.

Navajo mothers, in the fear of the Lord, make mothers of high caliber. Instinctively they plant in their offspring the attitude of life they themselves possess. In the case of little Laura Goldtooth, a happy outlook on life is already in evidence. She and her two older sisters, Gloria and Laverna, are blessed with the love, care, and training that only a mother can give in the first formative months and years of life.

Meaningful in Navajoland among Christian mothers are the words of the wise man, "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

Financial Report

Board for Home Missions and Extension
Canadian Section
First Quarter 1961

RECEIPTS	
Balance on hand 12-31-60	280.72
General	\$1,525.31
Total Cash Available	\$1,806.03
EXPENDITURES	
Subsidies	\$ 973.75
Forward to U. S. Treasurer	65.00
Annuity Interest	49.45
Administration	31.90
Total Expenditures	\$1,120.10
Balance on hand 3-31-61	\$ 685.93

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

A new Brethren in Christ Sunday School at the foot of the Rockies is growing. From an original group of 20 in February, when it opened, the attendance has grown to 50.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Daniel Lenehan, superintendent, a fine group of children are being brought into the Sunday School. The pastor reports a formula of prayer and the dedicated efforts of the families making up the work.

Plans are being laid for a summer vacation Bible School. This school is scheduled for June 26 through July 7. This Bible School is envisioned as a way of enlarging the outreach of this new church in a growing suburban community.

Vision, dedication, prayer, and hard work are helping this new extension church off to a good start.



Superintendent Daniel Lenehan instructs the children at the new Colorado Springs Sunday School.

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

For the second year the Albuquerque congregation sent its quiz team to the Pacific Conference play-offs at Upland, California.

Pastor and Mrs. John S. Bicksler, accompanying the team saw their team place second to the winning Upland group. The team making this fine showing included Lois Bicksler, captain, Dale Bicksler, Betty Reed, Lois Friesen, Robert Switzer, and Richard Switzer. They made the 800 mile trip in the Navajo Mission station wagon.

Word from Larry Ward in Tokyo

TOKYO (May 20)—A more-than-capacity crowd of over 10,100 people thronged vast Meiji Auditorium here tonight at the half-way point of the Tokyo Christian Crusade. At the conclusion of Dr. Bob Pierce's sermon, 645 persons (by

far the largest single evening total to date) responded to his evangelistic invitation.

Japanese church leaders were jubilant, and Crusade leaders looked forward with confidence to the remaining two weeks of the month-long evangelistic thrust.

"We feel that we have passed a crisis," said a Crusade spokesman, but he quickly added: "Don't let up in prayer support. Victory is assured, but the battle still rages here and prayer is desperately needed."

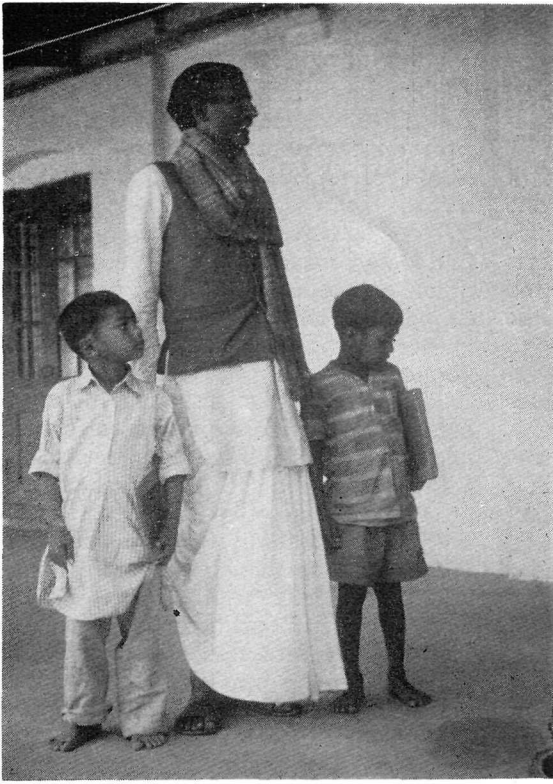
The "battle" was an apparent reference to the widely publicized controversy that preceded the Crusade and has continued. A small group of church leaders contend that the auditorium, Tokyo Metropolitan Government property, should not be used for an evangelistic campaign, even though it is a co-operative effort of over 740 churches from 41 different denominations. The small but vocal opposition element attracted the support of certain Leftist individuals and organizations . . . the situation drew widespread attention in the Japanese press . . . and all of this apparently adversely effected attendance in the early stages of the Crusade.

The total of those "coming forward" in response to Dr. Pierce's invitation now stands at 3,579. "These statistics must be regarded as very significant," said the Reverend Akiji Kurumada, moderator of the Evangelical Federation of Japan, "in this land where the total Protestant church constituency is less than one per cent of the population. We regard the response as nothing short of miraculous."

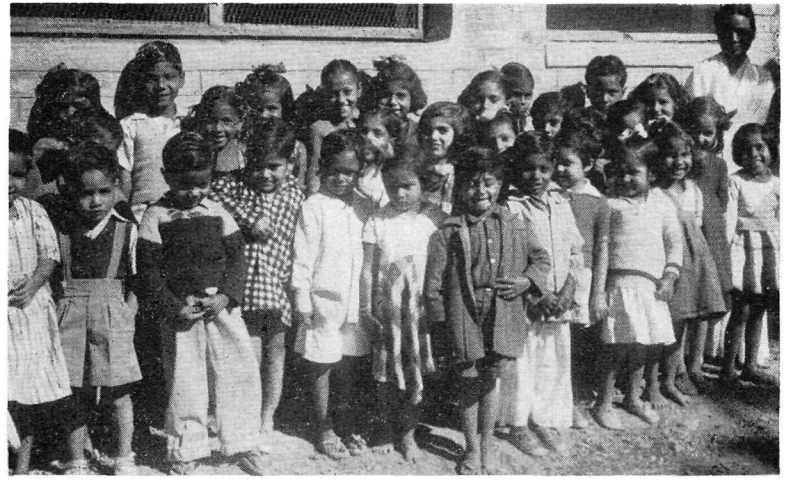
African Minister to Come to U. S.

Rev. Philemon M. Kumalo will be coming to United States to study at Messiah College during the school year of 1961-62. Brother Kumalo was ordained as a minister in the Brethren in Christ church in Rhodesia at the Wanezi Conference in September, 1960. He is also serving as one of the District Superintendents. This program is supported jointly through Messiah College and Brethren in Christ World Missions. Any contributions toward this program should be sent to either of these agencies. The prayers of the church for his family, who will remain in Africa, will be deeply appreciated during their days of separation. His program of church activities will be worked out in cooperation between Messiah College and the Board for World Missions.

Henry N. Hostetter, Executive Secretary



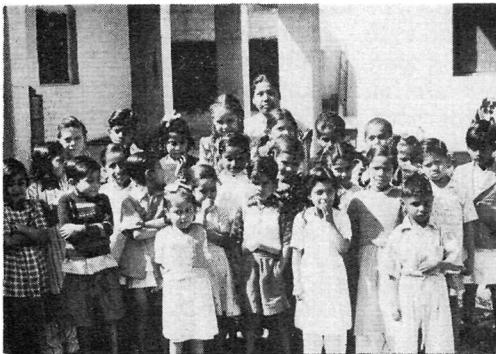
"May I please enroll these two boys in your school?"



Miss E. Das and the First Graders.

The Saharsa Mission School Enlarges

Esther G. Book



Miss J. Chowdhary and Second and Third class children.



Mrs. E. H. Das and Fifth class girls.

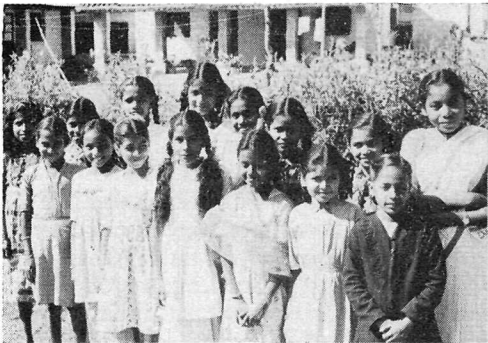
IN NOVEMBER Missionary Council decided that the school should continue as a witness in the community, and permission was granted for the opening of the three lower grades, with the commission to be self-supporting by the end of 1961.

As the new school year begins in January, we made haste to convert the largest boarding room into classrooms, putting in windows, building a partition, and making a door to the south opening onto a long cement verandah. A storeroom was made into an office, and blackboards were painted into bare walls. Thorn trees were cut down and a small compound was enclosed. It was a busy time just trying to complete the bare essentials before the opening of school on January 3.

January too was a busy month. People came daily to enroll their children. There were many interviews from text-book sellers, trying to increase their business, and many trips to the bazaar to purchase

John Graybill Confined to Hospital

Word from Japan reports that Bro. Graybill received a spinal injury April 24 while riding with mission friends. He is confined in the Yodogawa Christian Hospital, C.P.O. 709 Osaka, Japan. While resting flat on his back in a cast, he reports that he suffers no pain. Special prayers are asked for Bro. Graybill and for Sister Graybill who, with the children, is holding forth at the mission station.



Mrs. D. M. Rai and Sixth class girls.



Mrs. D. M. Rai and Seventh class girls.



Mrs. E. H. Das and Fourth class girls.

text-books for the teachers and sewing materials for the girls.

Since the opening of school in January, we have enrolled a hundred new pupils and turned away many whom we cannot yet take, because of a lack of facilities. There is a total of 135 children in all seven grades. Boys attend only through the first three grades, then transfer to near-by boys' schools.

The Lord's blessing is upon this school. Our foot-steps were surely

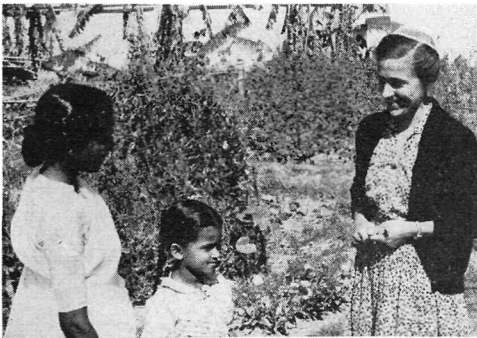


School staff: Miss E. Das, Miss J. Chowdhary, Mrs. E. H. Das, Mrs. D. M. Rai and E. Book.

"And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD: and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isaiah 54:13

GRACIOUS PROMISE!

Below, a local doctor's daughter, Renu Chowdhary, asks for a calendar with Bible pictures.



Mrs. Das and E. Book explain to Bhama that she must study hard at the mission school.

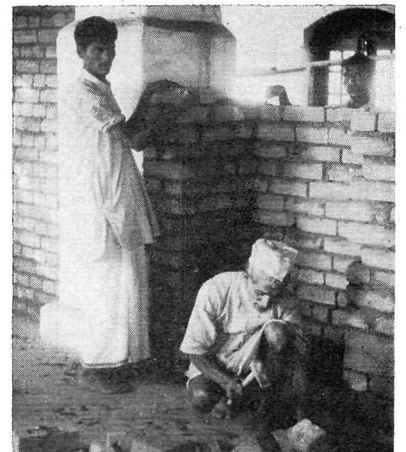
guided through many uncertainties. In 1962 we are preparing to separate each grade and hire more teachers. And it is thrilling after the experience of this year, to know that the school can be self-supporting from the fees which the children pay monthly.



Mrs. D. M. Rai leads morning prayers on the verandah.



A south door is made into the large boarding room opening onto a recently completed long cement verandah. A day laborer carries cement for repair work.



A brick partition goes up in the big room. A cabinet is built into the thick wall. Workmen.