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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



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" . . . Lengthen thy cords"

EXPANSION . . . The word rings with challenge, opportunity, and urgency! Especially is this true for the proposed expansion is two-fold.

IT IS AN ACADEMIC EXPANSION!

Beginning next fall, the Lord willing, a Theological Seminary Division will be inaugurated. Under the authority of its original charter, the London Bible Institute is privileged to grant theological degrees. The Board of Directors and the faculty have been unanimous in their decision to enter this new field of service.

Canada needs a strong, premillenarian, missionary-hearted seminary, offering standard theological degrees in the three main fields of Christian service. The London Bible Institute is uniquely prepared to fill this need. Through fifteen years of service, a solid foundation has been laid upon which to build such a school. It is our aim to build carefully and effectually, conscious of the fact that, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it". (Ps. 127:1)

The present three-year courses of the Bible Institute, leading to a diploma in the field of the student's choice, will be continued as in the past. The Seminary courses, leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.), Bachelor of Theology in Missions (B.Th.), Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.), and Bachelor of Religious Education (B.R.E.) will be offered to qualified candidates upon completion of a four-year course.

IT IS A PROPERTY EXPANSION!

For years we have been crowded and, in fact, have been unable to conduct our chapel services and many of our classes under our own roof. That an adequate building is needed is self-evident. It is imperative. Plans are under way to build on our present property. The proposed building will probably cost not less than one hundred thousand dollars. This would sound like an impossible undertaking IF we reckoned without God, but with Him all things are possible. We are confident that He will supply the need through faithful stewards who are willing to sacrifice for the Lord's work. Already such gifts are beginning to come from God's people. As the Lord lays this work upon YOUR heart, PRAY and GIVE in His name and for His glory.

Coming Events

YOUTH MISSIONARY CRUSADE

April 14, 15, 16, 1950

For a weekend of spiritual refreshment and challenge we invite you to our second annual Missionary Crusade. The meetings are designed to give up-to-the-minute news on the progress of world missions and to challenge young people for missionary service. The main speaker will be the Rev. Ernest Finkenbiener of Ohio. Other missionaries and speakers participating include Miss Beth Albert, missionary to India, Mrs. Douglas Percy, missionary to Africa, Mrs. Cornell of the European Christian Mission, Rev. S. F. Logsdon and Rev. Richard Adamson. Group discussions will be conducted and recent moving pictures of various fields will be shown. The cafeteria services of the Institute will be available for the guests and all guests who desire accommodation may reserve it by writing. Send in your reservation now!

GRADUATION

The climax of the year's work at L.B.I. is Graduation night when graduating students are awarded diplomas upon successfully completing their courses of study. To the Freshman three years seems like a decade, but they soon slip by and then each student must say sorrowful goodbyes to friends who have become dear during Institute days. The happier view of Graduation lies in the look to the future—a future of service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, May 21 and the Commencement exercises in the H. B. Beal Technical School auditorium on THURSDAY evening MAY 25, 1950. You are invited to be present with us to participate in these days of rejoicing and challenge.

SUMMER SERVICE

There will be little in the way of a "vacation" this summer for our students. From reports received thus far most of them will be engaging in some form of full-time Christian service during June, July, and August. A number of the men will be occupied in rural evangelism and pastoral work in Ontario, the Maritime Provinces and Western Canada. Many of the young women will be busy in organizing Daily Vacation Bible Schools for the purpose of instructing boys and girls. The following is a list of some of the types of service in which our young people expect to be busy:

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| ★ Pastorates | ★ Sunday School Organization |
| ★ Rural Evangelism | ★ Assisting in Churches |
| ★ Daily Vacation Bible Schools | ★ Open Air Services |
| ★ Visitation and Tract Distribution | ★ Canadian Sunday School Mission |

They all need your prayer support that God will direct them to the field of His selection and enable them by spirit filled ministries to win many to the Lord Jesus Christ. Last summer they reported over 1000 contacts in personal work and over 275 professions of salvation. We desire that this summer's ministry shall be even more fruitful.

A FORWARD STEP

For some years there has been an increasingly larger demand for an inter-denominational training school in Canada on the Theological Seminary level. God has very definitely led the Board of Directors and Faculty of the London Bible Institute during the past few months to appropriate more fully the rights of our charter in the establishment of such a school. The London Bible Institute will now offer courses in a Bible Institute division, as in the past, and commencing in September, 1950, a Theological Seminary division with courses leading to standard theological degrees.

Our Training Program

THE BIBLE INSTITUTE. As in the past the Institute will provide three year courses in preparation for home and foreign field service. These courses are four in number:

1. The Pastor's Course
2. The Missionary Course
3. The Bible Music Course
4. The Christian Education Course

THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. The new school of theological study offers four year courses to high school and university graduates which lead to a standard theological degree, as follows:

1. Bachelor of Theology, (B.Th.)
2. Bachelor of Divinity, (B.D.)
3. Bachelor of Theology, Missionary Course, (B.Th.)
4. Bachelor of Divinity, Missionary Course, (B.D.)
5. Bachelor of Christian Education.

Our Building Plans

For a number of years the work of the Institute has been extremely difficult through lack of adequate building accommodation and facilities. The present buildings are designed to accommodate about 50-70 students, whereas our enrollment has been over 150 for the past five years. We are urgently in need of classrooms, a chapel, office space, dormitories, and a larger library. It is our aim to add at least one building unit to our present property almost immediately to alleviate crowded conditions.

We invite you to contribute, as the Lord has prospered you to our proposed building project. We desire that our building facilities shall be adequate for the needs of our large student body. God has prospered the work of the London Bible Institute greatly and we believe that our expanded training program plus proper building accommodation will increase our output of graduates, many of whom are now in active service for the Lord Jesus Christ around the world.

INVEST IN CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Workers Are Desperately Needed - Workers Must Be Trained - Help Us To Train Them

The Resurrection

. . . fact not fancy

Between the Friday with its tragedy and despair and the Sunday with its triumph and destiny, there entered into history something uniquely arresting and compelling. We know what happened: The Son of God, having been put to death on a cross, was buried, and on the third day He arose out from among the dead ones.



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If that is what happened, what practical good issued therefrom? Let it be put this way. The resurrection takes the bleak facts of human existence and puts them where they belong, namely, within the framework of God's eternal purpose. For example, we don't require to be told of the appalling sense of futility that presses down upon man in our modern world. "Man feels that he is caught up in a civilization that drives him around like a gadget on the flywheel of progress until it encounters that idiotic and seemingly inevitable thing called war". Out of the holocaust man emerges with fear and doubt and disillusionment, and an utter sense of human failure.

In the resurrection God challenges us to view life in the light of that glorious success that came to pass in a strange way out of failure. From the human point of view the Cross was a miserable failure; it was more than that, it was ignominious defeat. Yet, because everything that led up to it was according to the will of God (and that of itself **always** spells victory) the seeming defeat was turned into glorious victory; the darkness was turned into light.

Perplexity, frustration and defeat are rampant among the nations of the world, but for the believer God strikes the balance in the Resurrection. Men cried "Barabbas" but that wasn't the last word. The thorns and nails, and cross did not finish the story. It did look like defeat; it **was** victory.

Because of the Resurrection—although we see through a glass darkly—we may look at eternity, and what we see, the understanding we have, little tho' it may be, beckons us on, through muck and mire, to grasp the Light and through the fire to walk and work, to hope and pray, with spirit true, to live for aye.

The fact that there is much in life that is beyond our understanding speaks to us of Another who does understand. There must be an explanation. Otherwise we live in a chaos and not a cosmos. The Resurrection explains the ugly facts of man's barbarous treatment of Christ. To those who live "by the faith of the Son of God" that faith is the sufficient explanation; for they remember that "They walk by faith and not by sight". "He is not here; for He is risen."

Christ for a Tottering Civilization



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Shortly before our Lord's return to Heaven He told His disciples that anguish and bewilderment would characterize the period before His second coming. These very words describe the day in which we are living for men are fainting with fear and with forboding of what is coming upon us. We are living in an age in which the home is disintegrating. The same is true of the Church and the nation. The nations have been struggling desperately to bring security and peace through multitudinous international conferences. The Church, realizing that all effort apart from a religious basis is destined to be futile, has put forth its greatest exertion, which at best is feeble, through the ecumenical movement. Can we say that the Church has been effective when the records

show that one can be a Catholic, Jew or Protestant to unite in this endeavour for a better world? There is not even the slightest indication that one should be a believer or have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who alone is the Saviour of the world and the Source of peace and security. A place to sleep and to have an occasional meal is the role of the home in the life of the average youth. If these major influences have lost their power what hope is there for us today?

"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." The Lord Jesus also says "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." He is waiting to help boys and girls, young men and women, fathers and mothers in their distress and perplexity. The majority of them know not which way to turn for they are not aware that most of their needs are the result of a spiritual void in their lives. How can they come into a vital personal relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ when no one is near to instruct them in the Way of Life?

The Department of Christian Education in the London Bible Institute has the privilege of helping to prepare Christian leaders who shall be able to point children, youth and adults to Christ and His Word.

Various methods are employed in giving the students of the department the opportunity to equip themselves for this task. The most effective teaching methods are studied carefully and then applied to the teaching of the Bible and related materials. Biblical laws of learning and growth are examined before they are put into practice. Besides the training in the theory and principles of Christian Education practical experience is gained through a variety of supervised teaching situations. How thankful we are that even while at school the students are gaining this helpful experience, and bringing those in bewilderment to an acceptance of Christ as Saviour and Lord and then nurturing them in the Gospel, Christ-likeness and Christian growth.

Miles of Music

from London, Ont. to:

Niagara Falls, N.Y.

Rochester, N.Y.

Avoca, N.Y.

Corning, N.Y.

Houghton, N.Y.

Mayville, N.Y.

Erie, Pa.

Youngstown, Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio

Toledo, Ohio

Windsor, Ont.

Pontiac, Mich.

Chatham, Ont.

13 concerts in 10 days . . . that was the accomplishment of the students of our Choral Group and Mr. Carey, their director, during their tour around Lake Erie, March 10-19. Many hundreds of Christian friends enjoyed their concerts of sacred music. Best of all, a number of persons professed salvation in response to the challenging messages preached by Mr. Bedford who accompanied the Choral Group. We thank the Lord for His blessing on this effort. The results are not all in because the coming years will yet reveal how many young lives were challenged to prepare for Christian service.

"Dedicated to a positive, evangelical, teaching ministry"