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A Note

From The President's Desk

Spring is the season to renew campaigns for safe driving. Each year the highway takes its toll of those who have been driving on the wrong side of the road, into the line of approaching traffic. It is always a good policy to drive on one's own side, and not down the middle.

The same principle holds good on the spiritual highway of life. Strangely enough, everyone is not going the same way spiritually. It was Amos who long ago phrased it in the fundamental question, "How can two walk together unless they be agreed"? or to state it more appropriately, "unless they are going in the same direction". We are reminded of the fact that those who reject the authority of the inspired Word of God must necessarily reject the authority and Lordship of Christ. Either the Bible is the supernatural book presenting the supernatural Christ or else it is a human book presenting one who is but the figment of the mind. Those who hold to its supernatural character are going in one direction, and those who are naturalists are going in another. The tendency so often is to compromise one's stand, to tone down the supernatural element, to drift in one's driving to the middle of the road. But we must remind our readers that safety, enjoyment and blessing come only to the "driver" who keeps to the well defined path on his own side of the road. L. B. I. and T. S. is "dedicated to a positive evangelical teaching ministry". We believe this to be to the right of the middle and straight down the road. Fanaticism may be likened to those who drift too far to the right, and they end up in the ditch. Rationalism leads to the left with likewise tragic results, but spiritual progress and enjoyment is in that theological position which is committed to the time-honored tenets of faith, those fundamental counsels of evangelicals which have been trumpeted forth down through the centuries.

"The faith once for all delivered to the saints" which endures in this changing world is neither shifting nor static. It remains constant because it is true, and progressive because it is living. Articles of faith, however essential and basic, are merely the conveyance in which one rides down the highway of life, but their propulsion and power come from the vital, throbbing reality of a living Saviour.

It is our duty and obligation to keep them in their proper and God-given paths. Let's keep our vehicles of faith to the right of centre and straight down the highway that leads to heaven and home.

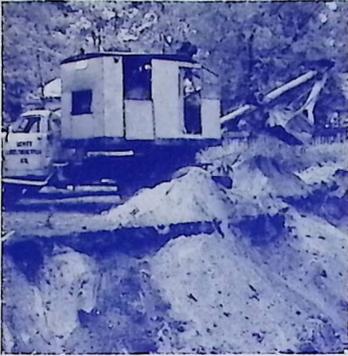


Graduation Announcement

The Baccalaureate Service will be held this year, at 4:15 p.m., Sunday, May 16, in Wortley Road Baptist Church. The Commencement Exercises will take place on Friday, May 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the H. B. Beal Technical School Auditorium.

As in other years, the Faculty Reception for the graduating classes, their families, and friends will be held in the afternoon of graduation day on the lawn of the school.

Any guests who plan to honour graduates with a gift are requested to bring their gifts to the Institute during the afternoon or early evening of graduation day, in order to obviate gift presentation in the confusion that usually follows the Commencement Exercises.



Remember When Our New Building Was
Just a Hole in the Ground?

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The Mid-year Conference, February 9th to 12th, 1954, was a time of heart-searching to all who were able to attend the meetings. The speakers, Dr. Northcote Deck (Toronto), Rev. Andrew MacBeath (Toronto) and Rev. Malcolm Cronk (Wheaton) were each heard every morning in our school chapel. Regular lessons were cancelled so that all students might attend, and they, along with members of faculty and staff, many Christian friends from the area, as well as many L.B.I. alumni, enjoyed the lectures which were concentrated on various phases of the Victorious Life. In the evenings, one or two of the speakers gave addresses in the Central Baptist Church. For the mid-week prayer service Dr. Deck went to the Egerton Street Gospel Chapel, Mr. MacBeath spoke at Wortley Road Baptist Church and Mr. Cronk remained at Central. Space forbids us to tell the many spiritual blessings imparted to us at those services, but we submit a few excerpts from their addresses: **Mr. MacBeath**—"It is not our victory that avails, but Christ's victory within us. That victory is ours through His Name, His Word, His Cross and His Spirit." **Dr. Deck**—"Bigger than service is our growth in grace and likeness to Christ", and, "You can't be holy in a hurry." **Mr. Cronk**—"Regarding the will of God for my life, the Christian says, 'all of me, all of the time, in everything I do.'"

NEW BUILDING

Yes, it was not too long ago, in fact only three short years ago, that our New Building addition was just "a hole in the ground".

The first sod was turned on May 18, 1951, by the school founder, Dr. J. W. Mahood. Less than one year later the building was completed and the service of Dedication was held on February 4, 1952.

We now had a building worth over \$60,000.00, built at a cost of a little under \$40,000.00 because of the faithfulness of God's people in supplying labor, material, etc.

Another milestone in the history of L. B. I. had passed. With the dedication, a very great advance had been realized. What had been a dream for many a year became a reality. Now the school has ample classroom space and a beautiful Memorial chapel, so necessary for the training of young people for a life of service for the Lord.

We do praise God for His gracious provision in caring for the needs of the Building Fund. Today there is a mortgage of just \$17,500.00 on our property.

We require approximately \$1,250.00 semi-annually to meet the mortgage payments which fall due in February and August. Last February we were short approximately \$500.00 on our payment, and we are asking God's people to join us in prayer, that the amount may be yet made up, in order that our building account may not show a deficit, and that the necessary funds may be in hand to meet our next payment in August.

So we lay this matter upon your hearts. Your prayers and gifts in the past, whether large or small, have helped greatly. We are counting on you for the continuance of this ministry until our Lord comes.

Why Greek And Hebrew?

By PROFESSOR F. KOKSMA

Instructor—New Testament Greek



FRANK KOKSMA, B.A., M.A.

"We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as verbally inspired by God, and inerrant in the original writings, and that they are of supreme importance in faith and practice." (From L. B. I. Statement of Faith.)

We believe that evangelical ministers are called to be expository preachers, speaking from the Bible as the Word of God. They are not dependent upon human philosophy but turn always to "The Book" as their primary source of authority.

"But why study Greek and Hebrew? Is not the King James Version trustworthy and authoritative?"

Yes, God has marvelously preserved His Word during the centuries of its transmission and translation. Consequently the English Bible holds primary emphasis in our curriculum. But our confidence in the Bible is ultimately based upon its inspiration by God in the original writings so that "every interpretation is to be grounded in the original language if it is to pass as an accurate and factual interpretation."

Therefore ministerial students at L. B. I. & T. S. are encouraged to be "exegetically sensitive", and to spare no effort in determining as exactly as possible the true meaning of the sacred text. To this end the pastors' course offers three years of Greek to Institute students and four years of Greek plus two years of Hebrew to Seminarians. Through the discipline of this study and the suggestive approaches to the original text, the student is given a taste for careful, analytical work, and is encouraged to base his future ministry squarely upon the Biblical text.

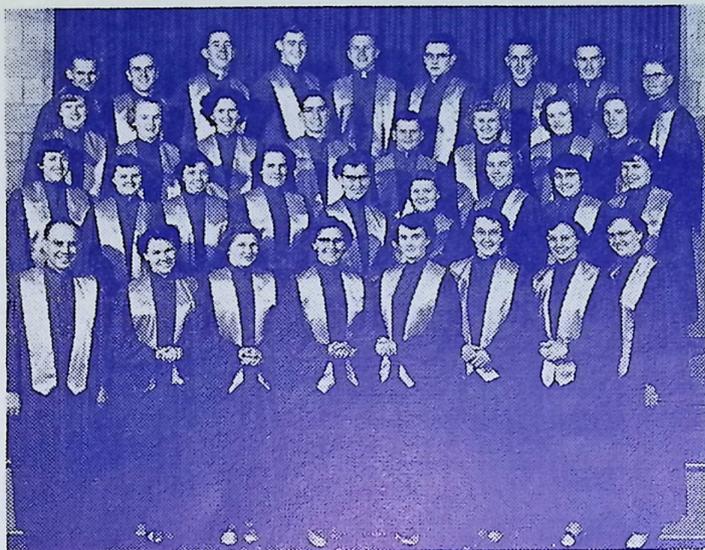
Why study Greek and Hebrew? Because our view of inspiration, our desire for exactitude in interpretation, and our prayer for a most effective ministry demand it!

THE CHAPEL HOUR

The ministry of the Chapel Hour during our year of school has been rich and deep. Among the many who gave the Word so acceptably was Rev. W. Millar Crawford, pastor of Brighton Community Church of Rochester, N.Y. He spoke on April 5th, 6th and 7th, on "Our Attitudes". On Monday, he took "Our Attitude Towards God", and summed it up in the word "submission", basing his thoughts on the attitude of a wife toward her husband as set forth in Ephesians, chapter 5.

Tuesday Mr. Crawford spoke on "Our Attitude Towards The Bible—reverence", and warned us, among other things, never to use the Words of Scripture lightly or unadvisedly. On Wednesday, he spoke on "Our Attitude Towards God's Work and Workers", pointing out that we should remember it is **His** work—not ours—and all that is required of us is faithfulness and trust in doing it. Towards His workers there should ever be an attitude of "love" by which all men shall know that we are His disciples.

CHORALE TOUR



Twelve hundred miles were covered in the spring tour of the choral group, March 16th to 28th. Concerts were well attended, and each evening the group were graciously entertained in the homes of the church members. During the tour, Dr. J. N. Bedford, as well as two students, brought short messages from the Word, and Professor Frank Koksma spoke the final week-end. As part of the evening concert, testimonies of grace and faith were given by students.

For the choir, it was a time of fun, enjoyment and spiritual benefit. There is always good fun when Christian young people travel together. The enjoyment came from visiting various points of interest along the way. The spiritual benefit was derived from a Bible study in II Corinthians each morning on the bus.

It was the longest, the best in spiritual blessing, and perhaps the most successful tour since the first choir tour in 1948.

Announcing 1954 Summer School

SUMMER SESSION, 1954, will begin on Tuesday, May 25, and will continue for six weeks. Courses offered this year are beginners' Greek and Hebrew. Class sessions will be held in the mornings only so that students may engage part time in necessary employment. The amount of work covered in each course will be the same as that covered in winter session. For each of the courses offered, six credits may be earned toward the Diploma or a Degree of the school. The courses are open also to any Pastors or Christian workers who would like to begin a Biblical language study or take a refresher course without thought of the credit value. The tuition fee is \$4.00 per credit, that is, \$24.00 for either six-credit course. If YOU are interested, you may write for an application blank to Miss J. C. Scott, Registrar, P.O. Box 895, London, Ontario.



BARTON E. PEARCE

A Word From Our

Business Manager - - -

To those who are vitally interested in sound Christian education and in the training of Christian workers, London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary affords an opportunity for wise investment which will assure you of "dividends" at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

L. B. I. has no guaranteed income and is not endowed by any group. It is not underwritten by any denomination nor does it share in any civic or general religious funds.

The fees and tuition paid by our students cover about twenty-five per cent of the operational expense. The other seventy-five per cent of our operating cost must be met by the gracious gifts of Christian friends and interested churches and groups.

You may invest in this great work

. . . . by becoming a member of our Stewardship Fellowship Plan whereby a contributor gives regular monthly gifts of five dollars or more. We are praying for at least 500 such friends. To date God has graciously given us 210 members and these folks contribute faithfully month by month.

. . . . by encouraging your church to put London Bible Institute on its Missionary budget.

. . . . by naming L. B. I. as a beneficiary in your will, after providing for your loved ones.

. . . . by a general donation from time to time as the Lord prospers you. Remember the admonition of Matthew 6:20, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

Present With The Lord

Since the beginning of the year, two of our Alumni members have gone to be with the Lord.

James Stark ('42)—January 12, 1954.

Beatrice Fawcett ('45)—March 23, 1954.

Harold Brooke, M.Th., who attended the London Bible Institute for one year in 1945-6, went home to be with the Lord April 6, 1954, following a brief illness.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.