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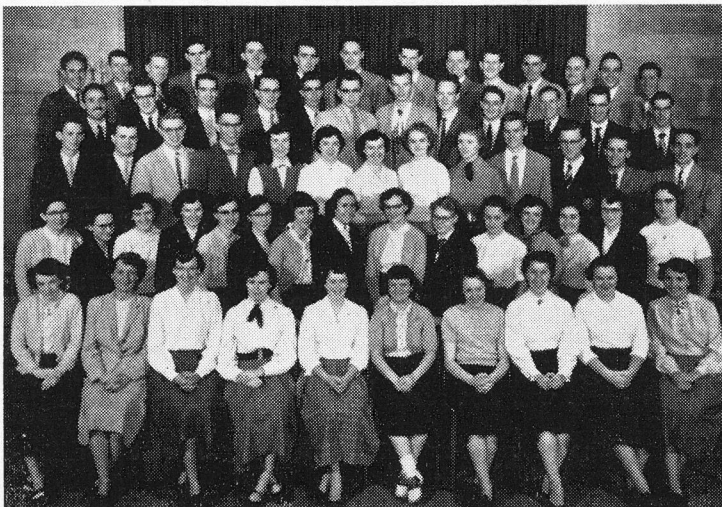
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"Back To School"

These words usually mean simply that summer vacation is over and students are returning to school. However, for many of the students at L.B.I., "Back to School" means several years "back", because these young people have been in business or professional life since their public and high school days and it is a very real and difficult adjustment that they must make to student life and habits. We covet your prayers for them.

New students at L.B.I. this fall number sixty-three. Among them were three transfer students from other schools who will not be classified as Freshmen, and two others, taking less than a full year's work, who are classed as Special Students. Eight of the new students are taking the Preparatory year, but eight Preps from last year's class take their places, giving us a Freshman class which numbers fifty-eight students—thirty-two men and

twenty-six women. This is a very encouraging class in size, in quality, and in its male majority, and if we continue to enroll classes of such numbers we will soon be in need of larger facilities. Our largest classroom now has stationary seats for only fifty-six.

Another interesting and encouraging feature of this year's enrollment is the fact that the class which enrolled as Freshmen last year, numbering forty, have the same number on their roll as they begin their Junior year. Although the class lost four of its members, it gained four new members, two who transferred from other schools, and two returning students who have been out of school for a year.

Our Senior class this year numbers twenty-one. There are nine in the fourth year of the degree course, and we have eight students who for various reasons are listed as special students. These figures give us a total enrollment of 144, which is an increase of 27 over last September's enrollment.

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A Note

From The President's Desk

Rev. Alden A. Gannett

"TRAINING---SECULAR OR SACRED"

What kind of training should young people receive in order to prepare them for Christian service? Should it be secular or sacred? The answer to this question is exceedingly important, for the training one receives leaves an indelible impression upon his ministry.

The great majority of our young people today attend what are called secular institutions; that is, universities which are programmed to give the student a broad training in the arts and sciences. Because of the necessity of the separation of church and state, these schools cannot give the student a thorough "sacred" training. When receiving this training the student finds himself for three or four years in a "secular" environment often saturated with spiritual apathy, skepticism, and even atheism.

This fact is borne out by a newspaper article which appeared recently in the **London Free Press**. It was entitled, "'Profound Spiritual Apathy' on 'U' Campuses---Chaplain." I quote, "The Rev. John Rowe, chaplain of the University of Toronto's Hart House, said today there is 'a profound spiritual apathy and confusion' on Canadian university campuses.

"He told the Ontario Synod of the Church of England that many students and even some of their teachers have no knowledge of the main outlines of Christian theology . . .

"For many students the Gospel had become a pious fable which was useless for the fundamental issues of life. Normal courses of study did not include religious education and the result was that students no longer believed in religious truth or sought it.

"Mr. Rowe said the universities look worse than the rest of society, however, because the situation there is 'so visible.'

"The apparent moral standards of students remained remarkably high, but that was more the result of social consequences than anything else."

If Chaplain Rowe's observations are correct, this much is certain, young people led of God to receive "secular" training must have further "sacred" training in an atmosphere where the Word of God is honored, where Christ is exalted, and where they can be well schooled in eternal verities.

Moreover, how much the better the situation is when young people receive a balanced training which acquaints them with the secular world of time and at the same time prepares them to minister the gospel to men destined for eternity. Such training we purpose to give at the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary. Here, instead of "a profound spiritual apathy and confusion", there is spiritual life that is vital and purposeful. Rather than having a faculty which has "no knowledge of the main outlines of Christian theology," the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary has a faculty well trained in Christian theology and well established in the belief that the Bible is the eternal Word of God. By no means is the gospel considered a "pious fable . . . useless for the fundamental issues of life"; on the contrary, the students are taught that the gospel is the answer to life's problems and that Christ, the very essence of the gospel, can meet every need of man. Moral standards are not maintained here out of "a fear of social consequences," but rather are sustained by the ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

In the day in which we live it behooves Christian young people to be duly warned by the findings of Chaplain Rowe and to be extremely careful in the choice of schools from which to receive their training. Furthermore it behooves us parents who are vitally concerned about the future of our children to pray for and support faithfully institutions that are true to the Word of God and to encourage these young people to get their training there.

The London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary is such an institution and thus merits your confidence.



The Faculty of L. B. I. and T. S.

From the beginning of our school's existence, the Lord has blessed it with a Faculty, well equipped academically and spiritually. All who served on the teaching staff in past days were of one mind with those who, at present, are privileged to minister in this capacity, in that they wished to be merely tools in the hands of the Lord whereby the Spirit of God might impart spiritual truths.

As time has passed by, we have rejoiced increasingly in the calibre of student that the Lord has sent our way and in the quality of graduate He has thrust forth from our halls into His vineyard. However, at the same time there has been a sense of inefficiency in the heart of each faculty member because of necessary overloading academically and administratively. This burden has been borne cheerfully and without complaint because we know that the Lord makes no mistakes. Nevertheless, through the years a great volume of prayer has ascended to the throne of grace beseeching the Lord to alleviate this condition if it was His good pleasure, and it is now evident that the 1954-55 school year was the one chosen by God to answer our prayers. This is obvious because not only have we retained our fine part time faculty composed of Dr. W. D. E. Matthews, Dr. W. R. Quinn, Rev. J. N. Forge, Rev. R. Latimer, and Mr. R. M. Winslow, and our full-time faculty members, Miss J. C. Scott, Miss E. Limburg, Mr. W. G. Carey, Rev. F. R. Koksma, and Rev. P. H. Harris, but we have gained two new

full time faculty members in the persons of Rev. Alden A. Gannett who replaces Dr. J. N. Bedford as President, and Mr. Norman Gentry, as well as another part time faculty member, Mr. Gordon Donaldson.

A complete report has been given to our constituency in the last bulletin regarding Mr. Gannett, consequently we deem it unnecessary to add anything regarding him other than to say that the faculty completely agree that he is definitely the Lord's provision for this very responsible position.

Mr. Norman Gentry, who was born in Oshawa, comes to us well qualified academically, having graduated from the University of Western Ontario, London, with a B.A. degree in 1950, and from the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, with an M.Th. degree in May, 1954. He is teaching History, Hebrew, and Theology, and as a result is lightening the load carried previously by others in these fields. Since Mr. Gentry is planning, Lord willing, to leave with his family for the mission field a year hence, although very thankful for his temporary assistance, we are looking to the Lord for a permanent replacement for him for the next school year. We trust that you will pray with us regarding this need.

Mr. Gordon Donaldson, born of missionary parents in Africa, a graduate of Multnomah School of the Bible, Portland, Oregon, and a former staff member for the Navigators, will be teaching Personal Evangelism beginning the second semester this year. His coming, along with that of Mr. Gentry, we are confident is of the Lord, and we trust that L.B.I. and T.S. will thereby become a more useable tool in the Lord's hand.

SENIOR CLASS

SKIP WEEK-END

We in the Senior class looked forward to our skip weekend with a great deal of expectation. We knew it would be a time in which we would be able to get better acquainted with our classmates and, more important, it would be a time of Spiritual blessing.

After the traditional decorating of the school before the mist had risen in the morning, we started out for Look-about Isle Lodge, located on the west side of the Bruce Peninsula.

When we arrived at the Lodge we were amazed at God's handiwork. The different buildings of the Lodge were situated among the evergreen and poplar trees, overlooking the lake. The Lodge was named Look-about Isles because of the wonderful view of islands out in the lake which could be seen from the dining hall.

The week-end was spent in a spirit of happy fellowship. Among the many sports that were available, boating captured the interest of many.

Rev. A. B. Stein from Niagara Falls led us in our devotional times, which were followed by discussion periods. His messages were on the deep Spiritual Life. "Dwelling deep with God in the presence of God" was his theme for our week-end. He pointed out that much of the carnality in our Christian living was due to negative thinking and attitudes. He went on to say that we limited God by unyielded will, unrendered life, self plans, lack of faith; in other words if we are to be in the centre of God's will for us, we must put "self" wholly on the altar of sacrifice and let Christ reign supreme within us, and then He will manifest Himself through us. He warned us that Satan would try to defeat us, but by positive thinking and constant abiding in Christ we would have victory in our Spiritual lives.

We came back to school with one thought in our minds and hearts, which is expressed in our theme chorus of the week-end.

My desire to be like Jesus.
My desire to be like Him.
His Spirit fills me,
His love overwhelms me
In word or deed to be like Him.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee; He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

(Psalm 55:22)

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

WEEKEND--OCT. 29, 30, 31

Homecoming Weekend this year took the form of a three-day conference around the theme, "Strength for Service—Shield for Safety", from Psalm 28:7. The speakers were Rev. John E. Boehmer, pastor of High Park Baptist Church, Toronto; Rev. Alden A. Gannett, the President of the school, and Rev. Frank Koksma, Greek professor. Mr. Boehmer took the aspect, "Shield for Safety" and brought five messages on this subject, each of a different type. Mr. Koksma spoke at the Friday afternoon session on "Strength for Service" and Mr. Gannett brought the remaining messages on this theme on Saturday and Sunday.

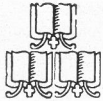
The Conference began on Friday morning at 10:30 with a prayer session. At 11 a. m. the Alumni conducted the chapel service for the student body. The Alumni president, Pastor Robert Redding, of Byron, was chairman, and Mr. Boehmer brought his first message. A number of pastors and their wives, from out-of-town, and several missionaries on furlough, as well as other alumni members were present.

Following lunch and informal fellowship, the afternoon session convened at 2:30. In the evening, a social with the students was much enjoyed by all. Rev. J. Norman Forge, pastor of Wortley Road Baptist Church, gave a brief meditation from Psalm 28.

At the Saturday morning meeting Mr. Boehmer took as his subject, "God as the Psalmist's Shield," while Mr. Gannett's message emphasized "The Power of the Word of God." In the afternoon informal "classes" were held, as Mr. Boehmer led the group in outlining Ephesians 6, and Mr. Gannett discussed "The Method of Carrying on God's Work—the Power of Obedience."

In the evening a public meeting was held in Hooper Memorial Chapel, when Mr. Gannett outlined the program of the school under the head, "The ABC's of L.B.I. & T.S."—the academic, the business, and the contact, or public relations aspects. Mr. Boehmer brought his closing message, "Christ as Our Shield."

On the Lord's Day, members attended the church of their choice, and then met together for the closing service at which Mr. Gannett spoke on "The Power of Prayer."



Books - Books and more Books

Of their making there is no end, and, humanly speaking, their study is a "weariness of the flesh." Yet at L.B.I. and T.S. are many scores of consecrated young people eagerly searching all the great efforts of men to interpret and apply the Word of God.

Our library seeks to meet their needs. But we need more books, and more up-to-date books. A large proportion of our books are old (before 1900!), and evangelical Christendom is at last producing a great stream of helpful literature which we need. Therefore, it is our prayer that both our library facilities and reference material may be doubled from its present 5,000 volumes in the near future. This means that the library budget requires many hundreds of dollars annually, and we appreciate the assistance of our friends in this regard. Our students, and our Lord deserve the best!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS

Thanksgiving Sunday October 10th found many churches in the area filled with displays of the produce of the tree and field. Fruits, vegetables and flowers were in abundance and all testified to the faithful provision and bountiful supply of our Great God.

Following the evening service, many of these good things found their way to the kitchen of L.B.I. Such gifts are greatly appreciated and we would like to take this opportunity of thanking one and all for their wonderful generosity and kindness.

Our Dining Hall facilities at the school operate seven days a week and prepare over 225 meals every day. The prices of meals are kept at the lowest possible figure to assist our students, and the Dining Hall is operated on a non-profit basis. Our main desire is to prepare wholesome, low-priced meals for our students and to balance our kitchen budget after paying all expenses.

Gifts of fruits or vegetables are always welcome and appreciated by our cook. If you have similar gifts you would like to contribute and have no way of getting them to the school, please contact our Business Manager at 518 Queens Ave., or telephone us at London 2-2694 and arrangements will be made to pick up your gift. If you desire a receipt for income tax purposes to cover your donation, this will gladly be supplied.



This Is For YOU! Annual Christmas Program

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

As this Christmas season draws closer, the students of London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary wish to present the Lord Jesus as the Saviour of the world. Plans are being made for the presentation of the Christmas message through the Word, instrumental music, and the ministry of the choir. We trust that the family of our school will join with us for an evening of fellowship on Tuesday, December 14, 1954, at 8 p.m. This Christmas program will be presented in the auditorium of Central Collegiate, corner of Dufferin Avenue and Waterloo Street in London.

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem,
Come and behold Him, born the King
of angels.
O come let us adore Him,
Christ, the Lord

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The Board of Directors announces the formation of a Women's Auxiliary for our school. Its purpose is to provide an opportunity for women interested in our work to help in such matters as dormitory furnishings and canning of foods.

The first meeting will be held Friday evening, December 10, at 7.30 p.m. at L.B.I. and T.S., the same evening as our Board meeting.

"BACK TO SCHOOL"

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In all of this we recognize the blessing of the Lord, and an evidence that though there has been a change in the human leadership of the School, the Holy Spirit, who is the true Leader, continues to be in control to bless the school and to use it increasingly to glorify the worthy name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Coming Events

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

This year's conference, which will be held **January 18 to 21, 1955**, is to have a **Missionary emphasis**. We are expecting to have Rev. Ezra Shank, President of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, and Executive Director of the South Africa General Mission, as one of the special speakers. The Conference aims to present, along with the Bible basis of Missions, a challenge to students and to pastors and members of the local church regarding our responsibility here and now in the worldwide missionary program. Circle these

Students---Summer Service

Blessings All Mine With Ten Thousand Besides

The testimony of the psalmist accurately summarizes what the students have experienced during the summer months. "Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite."

The wide variety of activities in which the students participated included daily vacation Bible schools, camp counseling, Sunday school teaching, preaching in churches regularly or as a supply, tent meetings and mission work. The Lord wonderfully provided opportunities and because of faithful preaching, teaching, and witnessing many were won to the Lord. The largest group reached through the ministry of the L.B.I. students this summer was the children. One unique blessing resulting from the children's work was when a young Moslem prince accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour.

The grace and power of the Lord were proven again and again in the difficult places and in fulfilling positions of large responsibility. God proved His sufficiency and His unfailing faithfulness in all kinds of experiences. In an increasing measure the Holy Spirit taught many that "it is God that giveth the increase," and that "without me ye can do nothing." Because of the summer experiences many gained a new vision of service and a new zeal to study.

Some of the students had the added privilege of going to various conferences

SPRING CHORALE TOUR

Director W. G. Carey will be leading his 32 voice Chorale at a number of Canadian and United States points from March 18 to 27, 1955. Watch for further announcement in our monthly bulletin of points to be visited.

PRAY

"Thou art coming to a King
Large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such
None can ever ask too much."

dates on your calendar and plan to attend as many of the morning and evening sessions as possible. Watch for further announcements in future Bulletins.

where they feasted on the deep truths of the Word. Other students ministered quietly in their homes or in positions of employment. Though some had no spectacular experiences or perhaps had no outstanding results from their holiday time, yet they found the summer months a time of getting to know the Lord and His Word better. There were experiences of truths being made real, individuals being drawn closer to the Lord, and wonderful answers to prayer especially in regard to pressing needs.

Whether they laboured in their homes, a factory, an office, on the farm, along the highways and byways, or in the church, the Lord poured out blessing upon blessing so that there was not room to contain it all.

Present with the Lord

On Tuesday, Sept. 28th, Mrs. Ruth Hockney, wife of Rev. Jack Hockney, B.Th. ('51), went to be with the Lord after a lingering illness. We know that for her this is the "far better" experience, and though her loved ones sorrow, it is "not as others which have no hope."

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mr Hockney, who represents the Alumni as a member of our Board of Directors, and to their son, Don, presently enrolled as a Freshman at L.B.I. and T.S.