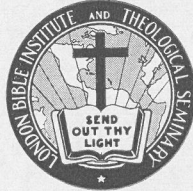


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# LONDON BIBLE INSTITUTE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

With a sincere desire to increase its usefulness to its constituency the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary has announced a new "Bible College Division" specially designed to appeal to young people who have completed high school work and who are qualified to take more advanced training than is now provided in the Bible Institute Course.

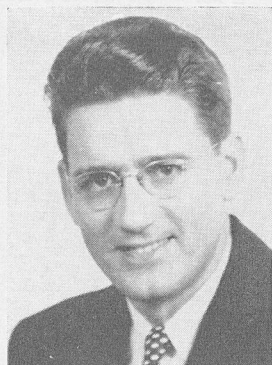
The courses in this new Division will follow the same general plan as the courses previously offered, in that they will be Bible centred while at the same time they will maintain the highest standards in Bible College work. Two important changes between the former policy and the new program are (1) that the Bible College students and Bible Institute students will meet in separate classes, and (2) that the specialized courses have been moved from the Bible Institute Division to the Bible College Division. Students who successfully complete four years' work will receive the degree of Bachelor of Theology. This will apply to those who specialize in the Pastors' Course, Missions Course, and Christian Education and Music Course. The degree of Bachelor of Religious Education will be given for successful completion of three years' work in Christian Education, and a diploma for three years' work in a General Bible Course.

The details of the curriculum have been worked out by the Academic Committee, headed by the Dean, the Reverend Percy Harris, and approved by the Faculty and Board of Directors.

The President of the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary, Reverend Alden A. Gannett, believes that in raising the standard of academic training for those who have completed high school the institution will be rendering a much better service both to students and to the churches and mission boards. The new college level program will be in keeping with the requirements of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, and Canadian Universities, and will also follow the excellent example set by such leading evangelical schools as Moody, Biola, Nyack, Providence, Philadelphia, and others. It has been the experience of these schools that the raising of academic standards has resulted in an increase in enrollment rather than a decrease.

The London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary, while providing this advanced course on a college level, will maintain the Bible Institute Division offering a course available to students who have not finished high school work but who desire to become equipped for Christian service. The Institute Course will be a General Bible Course and successful completion will entitle the student to a certificate of graduation. The new terms both are 18 weeks in length.

The chief advantage of this new program is that students may come to the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary and receive as fine a training as that offered by a university with the added advantage of an integrated program of Arts and Biblical studies.



## **A NOTE**

### ***From the President's Desk***

**REV. ALDEN A. GANNETT**

You have seen from the article written by the Chairman of our Board of Directors that LBI is moving forward in a larger venture of faith. To separate the Bible Institute and Bible College students into different classes, in order to better equip these young servants of Christ, means that more teaching hours will be necessary; we must therefore add to our staff.

But is it worth the expense involved? Our answer is most emphatically in the affirmative. Any step which will help produce better trained servants of God is worth the cost. Today Canada, America, the world, desperately needs more and better trained ministers of Christ. With missionary doors closing, with the rise of education and the advance of education in many lands, with the imminent return of our Lord a momentary possibility, and with the spiritual state of mankind so low, LBI must accept the challenge and provide the finest training possible for as many young people as God sends our way. In this dark hour, as war clouds hover over us, the Church of Jesus Christ must keep on heralding the glorious gospel of the grace of God. Our business is to provide such heralds.

Dear brethren in Christ, our resource in this great work is the Lord God Almighty! The Psalmist declared, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." We earnestly covet from you, our friends and co-labourers, faithful, intercessory prayer. Pray, pray much, pray believingly, and God will do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Forward we go—on our knees. May we count on you?

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## MID-YEAR CONFERENCE

The annual Mid-Year Conference of the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary was held January 18-21, with the emphasis being "Missions". The speakers for the occasion were the Rev. Ezra A. Shank, executive director of the South Africa General Mission, and past President of the Interdenominational Foreign Mission Association, and the Rev. David H. Adeney, missionary secretary of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship International.

Rev. Shank, whose job it was to show the Bible Basis for Missions, pointed out from Scripture that the Basis of missions is a Person, whose life's work, death, and resurrection are a mystery from the world's point of view because of spiritual blindness on its part. It was soon clearly evident, however, that in a measure to each saint these same things are a mystery because of a lack of complete appreciation of them. It was likewise clearly evident that the more each Christian enters into a deeper appreciation of these truths, the heavier will be the burden on his heart for the lost, and the keener will be his missionary vision.

That the missionary program is a very vital part of God's program of the ages was clearly pointed out from Scripture by Mr. Shank as God was seen to allow the fall of man, to provide a Saviour, to raise up the Apostle Paul as a missionary to the Gentiles, and to commission His own today to go "into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature".

It was the task of Rev. Shank, Rev. Leander Roblin, of Benton Street Baptist Church in Kitchener, and Mr. Gordon Donaldson of the L.B.I. staff, to deal unitedly with the subject of "The Local Church and its World-Wide Missionary Vision". This they did by stressing the fact that each local church member is already a missionary and that by his own personal testimony, as well as by uniting his resources with the rest of the local church to meet the challenge at home and abroad, he can play the part that God would have him play. A statement made by one of these speakers seems to summarize this phase of the conference. The statement was, "The question is not—'Shall I be a missionary?'. but since every Christian is one automatically. 'What kind of a missionary shall I be?'"

Rev. David Adeney, assisted by his brother, Rev. Ronald Adeney, and Mr. Shank, was assigned the discussion of the theme, "The Student's Missionary

Perspective", a task for which he proved well qualified. Under the title, "Changing World—Changeless Christ", Mr. Adeney spoke of the chief forces in opposition to Christian missions abroad today, nominal Christianity, nationalism, and communism, each one of which presents it own peculiar type of opposition. These forces were capably analyzed by Mr. Adeney and appropriate action was suggested to cope with these forces wherever found. Discussion groups dealing with different mission fields such as Africa, Israel, India, and China; and with different types of missionary fields such as the rural areas of Northern Ontario and Quebec, and the university campus were used to broaden the perspective of everyone who attended the conference so far as needs, obstacles, and methodology were concerned.

As this well-balanced program came to a conclusion, the testimony of those who attended was that not only had everyone been more fully enlightened regarding the world situation pertaining to missions today, but again and again they had been reminded of the most important factor in missions—submission.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

"And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands and brought that which they had spun both both of blue and of purple and of fine linen." Ex. 35:25.

When the children of Israel felt constrained to work and to give towards the furnishings of the tabernacle, their liberality was so great that all the requirements were met and even then, Moses had to restrain both the men and the women from giving too much.

It is our desire as a Women's Auxiliary of the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary, to take up the burden of the needs of the school as wholeheartedly and as generously as did the women of old; to give of our prayer support, our time, our energy, and our substance, that the work of the school in sending out men and women to the far corners of the earth to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ, may not be hindered.

Women, won't you join us wherever you are? The school needs, above all, your constant prayer support.

Our first organized meeting will be held at the school on Friday, February 11, at 8 p.m., and all interested women who love the Lord and His work are cordially invited to attend.



# ALUMNI CORNER HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE - - - -

*The following excerpts have been gleaned from recent letters to L.B.I.*

“Enclosed you will find a cheque for five dollars (\$5.00) to be used to carry on the Lord’s work at L.B.I. We are indeed grateful and praise the Lord that there are still such Christian colleges, who train and send out such fine pastors as ours, Rev. \_\_\_\_\_. I cannot express in words just what Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ and his family have meant to us. Daily we thank God for such a loving, gospel-preaching, and Bible-believing servant of God, and we pray that He will see fit to leave him with us for years to come, if the Lord tarry.

“My prayer is that our precious son, Richard, who is now 13 and in Grade 9 in a Christian high school, will continue to serve the Lord, and who knows, feel called to continue his training at L.B.I.”

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“Three weeks ago we went to El Tocuyo and four received the Lord, one of whom has joined the catechism class. The following week the meeting was in Buen Retiro where a goodly number gathered to hear the Word but none accepted the Lord.

“During the morning service two weeks ago one of our elders and a young man left the chapel for my house. It seems that the young man wanted to receive the Lord and my corridor was the quietest place. This corridor certainly has many wonderful secrets!

“In the evening just before service, one of the deaconesses led a young boy to the Lord.

“The work here is truly indigen-

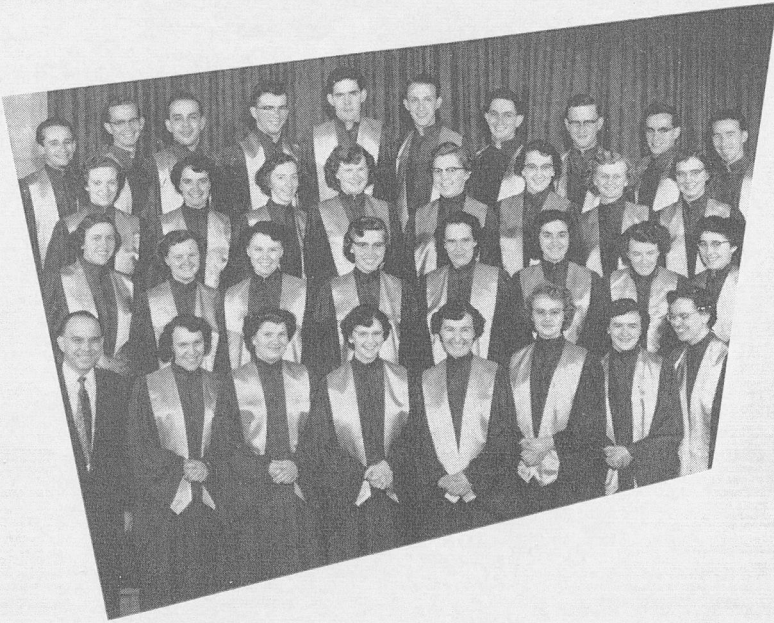
ous. The Christians do not wait for the missionary to send them out. They go out witnessing to their neighbours and although many make public profession of their faith in the chapel, most of them have been won to the Lord through the personal work of the believers.

“Wednesday night, as we were waiting for the folks to arrive for prayer meeting the wife of our chief elder (the deaconess mentioned before) asked about the possibility of her children being baptized. Knowing that two are already in the class, I asked of whom she spoke and she said that at least one was interested. It turned out that I had the joy of leading three of their younger children to the Lord.”

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## LIBRARY TO BE MOVED

As our school expands and the level of its academic training rises, the importance of the library naturally increases. Consequently to assure the more effective use of the library, it is being moved from its present crowded quarters to the basement of the new chapel. Book shelves are already prepared to accommodate 10,000 volumes. A special section of the study area will be devoted to reference works, with periodical racks and reserve shelves. Tile floor covering, fluorescent lighting, and new oak chairs and tables will provide a pleasant study area for at least eighty students.



## CHORALE TO LEAVE ON SPRING TOUR

In approximately six weeks a large bus will draw up to the entrance of L.B.I. and an eager group of students will get on board. The L.B.I. choir members are looking forward to another spring tour and the opportunity to sing praises unto our Blessed Saviour. The tour is planned to include churches in Port Huron, Mich., where Rev. Arthur Murfin, an L.B.I. graduate, is to be host. The choir will sing in St. Clair, Gladwin, Lansing, Mt. Clemens, Rochester, Detroit, and several other places in Michigan. Two other graduates, George White and Alf. Nelson, will also be our hosts along with our former president, Dr. J. N. Bedford, and one of our former faculty members, Rev. Howard Sugden. The dates of the tour are March 18 to March 28, 1955.

## "AMBASSADOR" NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the 1955 yearbook, the **AMBASSADOR**, will be off the press by March 1st. This 110 page volume is produced entirely by the students. It will include all the best features of last year's book, and several new attractions which are as yet "top secret". We of L.B.I. feel that it is a leading publication in Canada from a school of our type and size, and is well worth the purchase price of \$4.00. Orders may be placed in care of the **AMBASSADOR**, Box 895, London.

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## GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

This year our graduation activities have been grouped around one weekend in the hope that some parents and friends may be able to stay with us for two or three days and enjoy all the exercises associated with this climax of the students' training.

The **Baccalaureate Service** will be held Sunday afternoon, May 15, at 4 p.m., in Central Baptist Church.

On Tuesday afternoon, May 17th, the Faculty reception for graduates, their families, and friends will be held from 3-5 p.m. The crowning event of the day will be the Commencement exercises in the H. B. Technical School Auditorium at 8.00 p.m.

## Report on Inter-varsity Student Christian Fellowship Missionary Conference

Eighteen hundred students gathered at the University of Illinois for the Fourth International Student Missionary Convention, Dec. 27-31., 1954. They met to consider the condition of the "Changing World" and the commission of the "Changeless Christ". The morning sessions began with a devotional message by Dr. A. W. Tozer on the theme, "The Man God Uses". Immediately following there was a lecture and discussion period on missionary progress from the first century to the present day. During the afternoon, small groups of students met in one of the many buildings on the campus to discuss lands and methods.

Meal time afforded a splendid opportunity to meet missionaries and students from other schools and other countries, some of whom participated in the evening praise and prayer service. Evening messages were brought by Dr. Paul White, Mr. William Nagenda and Rev. Alan Redpath.

The young people who attended the convention left Urbana with hearts dedicated to the Lord and a determination to serve Christ "Today on the campus, Tomorrow in the world".

Pat Irwin,  
L.B.I. Student Missions Fellowship.

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### BOARD MEMBERS ILL:

Several of our Board members and their wives have been ill during the past months. Mr. F. B. Dixon of London is improving since his fall, but is not yet restored to full health and strength; Mrs. Dixon is bed-ridden and not at all well; Mrs. Oscar Cooke of Belmont has for some time been in poor health; and Mr. John Penhall of Carlisle has been hospitalized. Your prayers for the blessing of God upon their lives will be much appreciated.

## A WORD FROM OUR BUSINESS MANAGER ON OUR CURRENT

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We are frequently asked by the Christian public for information concerning our policies and methods of financing the work at L.B.I. This is a faith enterprise, and we look to the Lord as the source of our supply, believing that He will prompt the friends of the Institute to assist in this ministry of training young people for His service.

Our yearly budget is approximately \$80,000.00. About \$39,000.00 of this is secured from student tuition fees, room and board, cafeteria sales and other miscellaneous revenue. The remainder must come from those whose hearts that have been challenged by the Lord to support this basic missionary enterprise.

May I share a pressing burden with you? We need \$1,200.00 this month to meet the next mortgage payment on our new building. There is only \$76.00 in our Building Fund Bank Account to meet this payment.



**BARTON E. PEARCE**  
Business Manager

Will you ask the Lord, if He would have you share in helping us meet this mortgage payment to Canada Trust Company.