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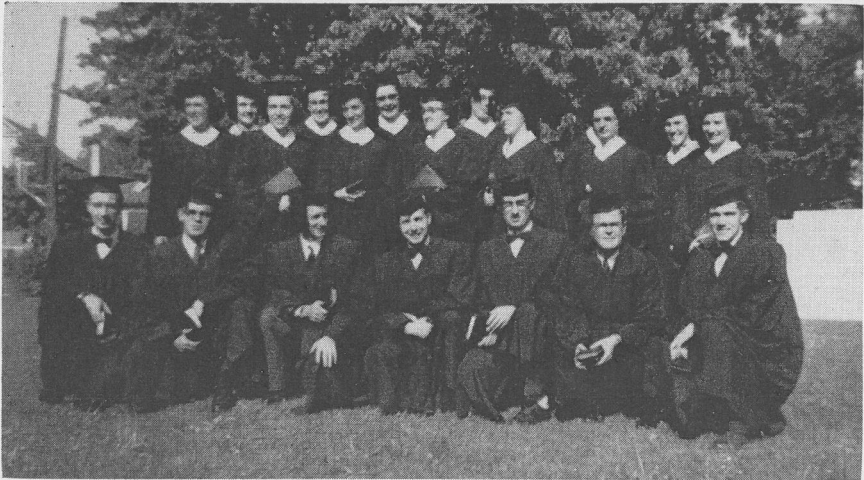
Summer '55

LONDON, ONTARIO



**Faculty Reception of Guests on Lawn of L. B. I. During
Graduation Exercises, Tuesday, May 17, 1955**

A Report On Our Commencement Activities



1955 Graduating Class.

GRADUATION 1955 was a time of rich blessing and joy in the Lord. The Baccalaureate service on Sunday afternoon, May 15, was the beginning of the formal closing exercises which concluded with Commencement on Tuesday evening, May 17. The guest speaker, Dr. Peter Hoogendam of Philpott Tabernacle, Hamilton, brought a very practical and challenging message at the Baccalaureate.

On Monday evening the graduating students were received into the alumni when they were guests at the annual Alumni Banquet. Dr. Hoogendam was the special messenger on this occasion also, and Dixie Dean of Toronto delighted the Alumni and their guests with several selections on his accordion.

Tuesday morning "Class Day" exercises were presented entirely by the members of the graduating classes. This was an innovation this year, but was so well received that we believe it will be made a part of succeeding graduation programs.

In the afternoon, during the usual reception held for the graduates, their parents and friends, time was taken to dedicate our new library in the basement of the Hooper Memorial Chapel building.

Commencement on Tuesday evening in the H. B. Beal Technical School auditorium was the crowning event of the program. One high point of interest and praise was reached when the \$15,000.00 note was burned. Dr. Clarence E. Mason Jr., Dean of Philadelphia Bible Institute, brought the message of the evening.

Awards were presented to graduating students, Miss Joyce Sellick of the Seminary Division; Miss Doris Badgley of the Bible Institute Christian Education Course, and Mr. Ivan Nancekievell of the Bible Institute Pastors' Course. Under-

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Meet Our New 1955 - 56 Faculty

It has often been said that a school is only as strong academically as its faculty. This is a true statement as history has proven over and over again. It is true in the spiritual realm as well, for there have been schools with faculties well equipped academically, but weak in their stand for the Scriptures, that have lost their faith in and fervour for the Word of God. On the other hand, there have been those schools whose faculties have been well prepared academically and at the same time have had a tenacious hold on the Scriptures and a fervent faith in the One of whom they speak. We trust under God that our school may be increasingly characterized by the latter qualities.

If this is so, it will not only be due to a permanent faculty who are seeking to be more adequately prepared in every realm, but also to a part-time faculty whom God has given to be co-labourers in this ministry and for whom we praise His Name. We would like to introduce to you the new members of our staff and would commend them to your prayerful interest in order that God might use them along with the rest of us to make L.B.I. more and more a Christ-centred, Holy Spirit-directed institution.

Rev. David L. Beckman is joining our faculty in a full time capacity this fall. He received his B.A. degree at Wheaton College in 1947, and his M.Th. at Dallas Theological Seminary in 1952. He has since completed his residence work on a Th.D. at Dallas Seminary and will receive this degree upon completion of his dissertation. Mr. Beckman comes to us with the added qualification of having been a member of the faculty at Dallas Bible Institute 1952 to 1955.

Other new faculty members who will be assisting on a part time basis are:

Rev. Kenneth E. Gilming, who has a B.A. granted in 1950 from Nebraska State Teachers' College, Kearney, Nebraska, and an M.Th. in 1954 from Dallas Theological Seminary, will be teaching Psychology and Homiletics in our new College Course. Mr. Gilming is the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Strathroy.

Mr. Wilfrid H. Fryday, a teacher at South Collegiate, London, who has a B.A. degree granted by the University of Western Ontario in 1953, will be teaching Upper School History.

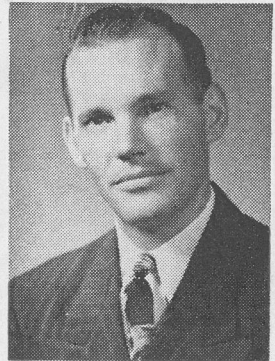
Rev. R. J. Firth, minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London, is the only other part-time faculty member whose appointment has been definitely established at this time. Mr. Firth, like both Mr. Gilming and Mr. Fryday, is also well prepared for this ministry. He is a graduate of Teachers' Training College, Stratford, in 1933, received his B.A. from the University of Toronto in 1941, graduated from Knox College in 1944, was principal of Corentyne High School, Rose Hall, British Guiana, and of Berbice High School, New Amsterdam, British Guiana, from 1947-50. He will teach the Philosophy and Survey of Missions Courses.

Faculty and Staff Members Taking Advanced Training - - - -

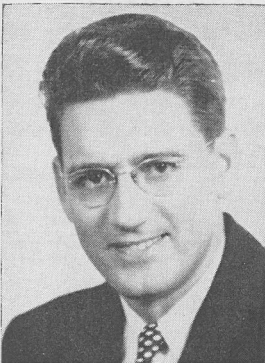
During the coming months several of our faculty and staff members will be taking advanced training in their respective fields.



DEAN PERCY HARRIS has been granted a year's leave of absence to continue studies at the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, and will be working toward his Doctorate degree in Theology. Dean Harris will be leaving for Dallas the latter part of July.



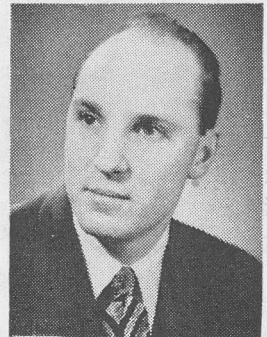
REV. FRANK KOKSMA is attending the University of Minnesota Summer School, working toward his Ph.D. degree.



REV. ALDEN A. GANNETT is presently completing his dissertation for his Doctor of Theology degree from Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.



MR. BARTON E. PEARCE, our school Business Manager, will be attending a specialized advanced course on University and College Business Management at the University of Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, during the latter part of July and August.



MR. WILLIAM G. CAREY, Music Director at L.B.I., is attending an advanced course in Music at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Illinois, during the summer months.

Please pray for these men as they seek to better prepare themselves for the ministry to which the Lord has called them.

Our New Library Facilities

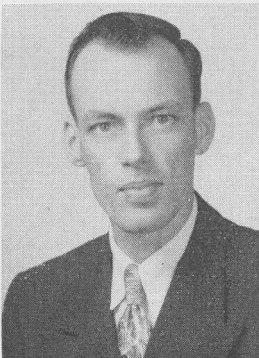


A scene showing interior of our new library, taken during dedication services on May 17, 1955.

How many volumes are in your library? How many hours is the library open daily? How up-to-date are your books? How many students can study in your library at the same time? Is the library roomy, pleasant, and attractive to students?

Questions like these are always on the lips of educators. We at L.B.I. know that our library is a vital key to successful teaching. This year, due largely to the vision and sacrifice of our board of directors and our friends, we have greatly expanded our library facilities. New book stacks sufficient to hold 10,000 volumes (we now have slightly less than 6,000), a separate reference and reserve section, a functional library desk, magazine display shelves, and new oak tables and chairs are all illuminated by fluorescent lighting. Walls are painted in pleasing pastels, and the floor is tiled in gray and green.

On May 17th, friends and officials gathered to dedicate our new library to God. Public recognition was made of God's goodness in providing new library quarters, and prayer was made that our students shall learn the joy of systematic study in the things of God.



Mr. Norman J. Gentry has made a very fine contribution in his teaching ministry and fellowship in the Gospel at L.B.I. during the 1954-55 school year. We knew when he came to us that he and his wife were looking to the Lord to thrust them forth into the Philippine harvest field, where they will be serving with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. They are planning, the Lord willing, to leave for the field this fall and our prayer interest and Christian love go with them.



Mr. Gordon E. Donaldson

Have you had the privilege yet of meeting our Field Representative, Mr. Gordon Donaldson? If not, we hope you will soon. Our primary purpose in inviting him on our staff is to bring the work of the Lord at L.B.I. to your own homes so that you will be better informed about what God is doing through this important ministry.

After talking with Mr. Donaldson, you will know the needs of the students and the school better; you will then be able to pray more intelligently about the needs; and at the same time God will show you if you are to serve Him in helping to meet those needs. When Mr. Donaldson calls, be sure to welcome him. He comes with opportunities for you to serve your Lord.

Fruits and Vegetables for Canning

The school dining hall uses hundreds of quarts of fruits and vegetables during the school year. We would welcome donations of fruits or vegetables for canning purposes. If you have a surplus or if you would like to give a share of your produce to the work of the Lord at L.B.I., please contact our Business Manager at the school and arrangements will be made to pick up your gift. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for gifts of fruit or vegetables if you so desire.

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graduates, Mr. Laurie McElary, Mr. Clarence Shelly, and Miss Jean Capes, R.N., received General Proficiency awards, and Mr. Roy Smith received the Greek I award.

Diplomas were presented to the following candidates in the **Bible Institute Division** according to their selected courses.

Pastors' Course—Henry Hiebert, Ottawa; Ivan Lee, Oshawa; Ivan Nancekievill, Woodville; Russell Tiffin, London.

Missionary Course—Jean Baldwin, London; William Nesbitt, Kingston.

Christian Education—Music Course—Doris E. Badgley, R.N., Napanee.

Christian Education Course—Donna Brechman, London; Eric Clayson, Beamsville; June Coleman, R.N., Wheatley; Betty Dancy, R.N., Toronto; Stella Grundy, London; Ruth Hakes, Lindley, N.Y.; Wilda Hutchinson, Elmwood; Patricia Irwin, Ottawa; Ruth King, R.N., Niagara-on-the-Lake; Margaret McNeill, Toronto; Verna Sims, Oakville; Wilma Weir, Maple; Morry Worozbyt, Fruitland.

In the **Theological Seminary Division** the following received degrees: Earl Clemens, B.Th., Kitchener; William Kennedy, B.Th., Toronto; Joyce Sellick, B.R.E., Cross Creek, N.B.; Kathleen Spencer, B.R.E., London; Paul Travis, B.Th., Corning, N.Y.