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DR. J. W. MAHOOD

IN MEMORIAM

On August 7, 1955, our much loved founder and first President, Dr. J. W. Mahood, entered into his reward after a prolonged illness at Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

His home-going seemed to close an important chapter in the life of the Institute that was so near and dear to his heart.

His continued interest in the school down through the years, even during his period of retirement and illness, was a real inspiration to us all. Whenever humanly possible he travelled long distances to attend the Commencement Exercises of L.B. One of the greatest thrills of his life was to see young men and women fully trained and prepared of God to go forth to proclaim the glorious Gospel of Christ.

His memory will always be cherished in our midst. Our main school building carries the name of this wonderful, devoted servant of God, but more important than a building of brick and mortar will be the living testimony of lives that have been transformed by the Lord Jesus Christ through the ministry of our graduates.

Our prayers go out to Mrs. Mahood in the ~~in the~~ separation from her loved one. May the peace of God continue to be her portion. Mrs. Mahood is still in residence at Fort Dodge, Iowa, and would, I am sure, welcome a note from friends of L.B.I.



David L. Beckman

Announcing Faculty Changes

Rev. David L. Beckman, B.A., M.Th., is a new addition to our full-time teaching staff this year. He has already proved himself a capable, versatile, and spiritual servant of God, and we welcome him, his wife, Beverly, and their little baby, Kristen Ruth, to our L.B.I. family.



R. Latimer

It is with real regret that we announce the resignation of **Rev. Ridley Latimer** from our part time faculty. Mr. Latimer served very capably for four years in the fields of Theology and Bible Geography.

Our prayers go with him and his dear wife as they go to a new place of service in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Norman Gentry, B.A., M.Th., full-time faculty member of last year, and at present anticipating going to the foreign mission field in the Phillipines, will be replacing Mr. Latimer temporarily.



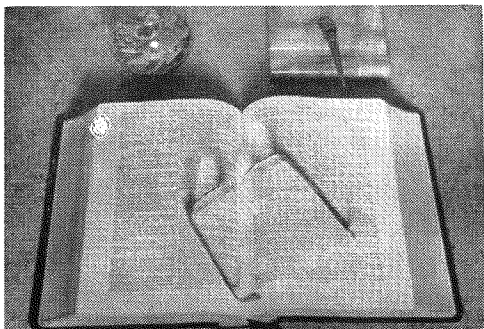
First Year Students — 1955 - 56

At L.B.I. we believe that we have special cause for thanksgiving to God as we recognize His favour in again sending us a fine group of new students. Most of them come from Ontario, but Saskatchewan, Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia; New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan are also represented in the Freshman class.

There are over sixty students in the three first-year classes—the Bible Institute class, the Introductory Year for those without Grade XIII who desire to take a degree course, and the Bible College class. Three other new students have enrolled for post-graduate work toward a degree—one a graduate of Briercrest Bible Institute, one a graduate of Moody, and the third a 1948 graduate of our own Institute.

The theme of this year's orientation program was "Our God whom we serve is able . . .", and it is with this confidence that students and faculty look to Him daily, knowing that the Lord is our sufficiency during days of training and service until He comes again.

An Important Coming Event – WATCH FOR IT!



Mr. S. Lewis Johnson, A.B., Th.D., Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis at Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, will be with us for a special series of meetings from **February 6 to 10, 1956.**

Dr. Johnson is unique in his presentation of great spiritual truths found in the Word of God.

Plan now to attend every session. Pertinent details will be announced in our next Bulletin.

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Announcing New Appointments

We are pleased to announce the following additions to our Board of Directors and Council of Reference:

REV. ARTHUR R. PYKE, B.A., B.D., pastor of the Central Baptist Church, London, to the Board of Directors.

MR. E. J. COSSEY, a member of the Brethren Assemblies in London, a retired businessman, to the Board of Directors.

MR. T. C. MARGRETT, manager of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, City Hall Branch, a member of the Anglican Church, appointed to our Council of Reference.



A corner of our new Book Room.

Our new Book Room opened on Oct. 1, 1955, is another milestone in the increasing facilities and services offered by L.B.I. & T.S. to our students, alumni, pastors and the friends of our general constituency.

Available in our Book Store is a wonderful selection of Christian publications, Christian Education and Sunday School supplies as well as Sacred records and a host of other items too numerous to mention.

We invite you to drop in and see us if you are in the area, or send in your order by mail. If we do not have the item you need, we will be pleased to order it for you.



This Is For You Annual Christmas Program

The annual Christmas program presented by the students of the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary is to be given December 16th, 1955, at the Central Collegiate auditorium, corner of Dufferin Ave. and Waterloo St., London, at 8.00 p.m.

The Christmas story and its meaning will be portrayed in colorful pageants, instrumental music, vocal numbers from both individuals and the L.B.I. Choir.

Friends of the school are cordially invited to enjoy the program with us.

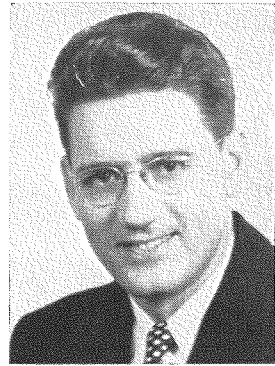
Make a Note of This Date
MAY 18, 1956

Our constituency and Alumni are invited to attend one of the greatest events in our school life, namely, our annual Spring Banquet.

This is in honor of our graduation class and we trust you will share with us the blessings of that evening.

Further details later.

A NOTE From the President's Desk



REV. ALDEN A. GANNETT
President

In the ministry of the gospel what is it that God has promised to bless? It is stock language among ministers and laymen that often preachers announce a text and then immediately depart therefrom. Last summer I heard a preacher who is noted for announcing his text, relating several illustrations, and then giving the invitation. With this kind of thing going on, it is no wonder that so many people these days are ignorant of the Scriptures and the church receives so little of the blessing of God.

What is it that God has promised to bless? The Prophet Isaiah answers: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10, 11.) Add to this passage the searching question of the Lord through the Prophet Jeremiah: "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jer. 23:29.)

The New Testament places the emphasis upon the same truth. We are told that "the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12); that men are born again "by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever" (I Pet. 1:23); that "the holy scriptures . . . are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ" (II Tim. 3:15); that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

In the matter of Christian living our Lord prayed in the garden, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). To put it another way, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (I Pet. 2:2). The Apostle Paul, after having been in the ministry for many years, penned the following as part of the final message to Timothy: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Tim. 3:16, 17.)

What has God promised to bless? The answer of Scripture is unmistakable: God has promised to bless **His Word**. In every realm of Christian experience—salvation, sanctification, service—the Spirit of God uses the Word of God.

In these days when the great cry is for revival, how can we expect such blessing unless we do God's work in God's way? Pastors, teachers, missionaries, parents, let us be Biblicists; let us herald forth that which God has promised to bless—His own eternal Word!

To such, the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary is committed.

ALUMNI CORNER

Of the 383 Alumni members, home and abroad, close to 100 gathered at L.B.I. for Home-coming Weekend, November 4-6. Testimonies from pastors, missionaries and children's workers made each one, student body and alumni alike, more aware of the Home-coming theme, "Our God is Able", taken from Daniel 3:17.

Dr. J. Edwin Hartill, a former Dean of L.B.I., and our speaker for the week-end, showed how our God is able ever to keep us close to Him. "There is plenty of elbow room near Jesus," Dr. Hartill brought to our attention.

It was more than good to welcome: from Japan, Thelma Clark, Walter and Melba Nichols; from various parts of Africa, Grace Bartja, Stewart and Marion Weber, Muriel Vanderlip and Marion Lankin. And on the part of those preparing—for Brazil, Joyce Hatch, Ivor and Ruth Greenslade; for India, Mae Shook, and for the Philippines, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gentry—our God is ably supplying funds that they may soon leave.

After being made more than welcome by the student-body, the former students entered into a full week-end programme. Activities such as demonstrations, tours, lectures from Dr. Hartill, supper meetings, business meeting, social with entire school family, kept the "home-comers" on their toes.

Sunday afternoon Hooper Memorial Chapel was well filled, showing the interest of the public and students in Dr. Hartill's ministry. His farewell message centred around Romans 8:28.

Our God proved able to make this week-end a rich blessing.



What Our Students Are Saying About L. B. I.

"My gratitude for L.B.I. is a result of its superiority in sound teaching, spiritual atmosphere, and solid Christian instructors and students."

Lois Jean Hummon

"Because every teacher sincerely appreciates the denominations his pupils represent, L.B.I. has a unique ministry of molding us to preach Christ and Him alone."—**Bev. and Laurie McElary.**

"The presentation of Jesus Christ as the answer to every phase of my life has made me appreciate the ministry of our school."—**Audrey Seymour.**

"I like L.B.I. because of the friendly attitude of staff and student—the fellowship that comes daily from knowing that we are one in Christ."—**A. Harrington.**

"I appreciate the provision made here for us to earn our livelihood while attending school, otherwise many could not receive such training."

"Why do I like L.B.I.? The teaching here is wholly based upon Scriptures and not on man's opinions, and is brought out with true conviction. And the wonderful family spirit—only the Holy Spirit can unite our hearts together like this."—**Sinikka Soumela.**