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Pictured above are the new students who were registered by Monday, September 10. Nine others not shown above have been enrolled since this date.

THE FAMILY IS COMPLETE

With the approach of Wednesday, September 5, the latest additions to the L.B.I. family began to arrive. Their bright countenances and expectant attitudes indicated their confidence that the step of faith they had taken in coming to school had been ordered of God. The sincere and hearty welcome received from Eva Riegert, the Big Sister, and Gowan Thamer, the Big Brother, helped to confirm that conviction, for now it was not only clear that these new students wanted to be at L.B.I., but it was just as evident that they were as earnestly wanted. Thus began a busy week of orientation exercises.

These exercises were conducted jointly by the faculty and the Big Brother and Sister Organization. During the mornings of September 5-7, the new students were subjected to a busy round of activities by the faculty, which included a series of entrance examinations and the registration procedure. During the remainder of these days, the freshmen enjoyed an early morning breakfast fellowship and picnic, which occupied them during the time not spent in hunting for jobs and living quarters.

The student welcoming committee concluded its part in the orientation program with two week-end activities: a banquet in honour of the new students Saturday evening, with Mr. R. E. Thompson, of Detroit, Michigan, as guest speaker, and a vesper service Sunday afternoon in Hooper Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Clarence Shrier of Ottawa bringing the message.

The concluding activity for the new students was the Faculty Reception on September 14, where an overflow crowd met the new students and heard their testimonies as to God's leading them to L.B.I. The reception was climaxed by a delightful and informal time of fellowship with

tasty refreshments provided and served by our Women's Auxiliary.

Student bodies are not composed alone of freshmen, however; thus while the new students were being oriented, the halls of L.B.I. were gradually being filled with former students as well. At last the family was complete, and when statistics were gathered, it was learned that our student family numbers 152. Of these, 44 are new students.

In this new group, all except two older students came with Grade XII standing; several had earned their Grade XIII; four are school teachers; six are Registered Nurses; and eight were either transfers or graduates of other schools, including Ontario Agricultural College, Bob Jones University, Port Huron Junior College, Wheaton College, Toronto Bible College, Briarcrest Bible Institute, Institut Biblique Emmaus in Switzerland, and University of Witwatersrand, South Africa.

Denominationally the new students represent eight religious bodies. Geographically they come from four provinces of Canada and three foreign countries: the United States, France and the Union of South Africa.

This, for the most part, is a statistical picture of the L.B.I. family as it begins another school year. However, over and above this is the fact that here is a group of young people with astounding potential. It is urgent, therefore, that prayer be made by the friends of L.B.I. that God will have His way in our midst throughout each day of this school year. Do pray to this end, for apart from the faithful intercession of our friends, the task of training these young people cannot be successfully accomplished.

STUDENTS REPORT FRUITFUL SUMMER MINISTRIES

Returning students report an aggregate of many, many scores of souls led to Christ through Vacation Bible Schools, summer pastorates, Sunday School work, and personal witness. One girl states: "I was called home . . . to my Grandmother's funeral and through the funeral one friend of the family came to know the Lord and another came back to the Lord."

Another student found himself next to a hard-shelled atheistic young man at a factory bench. Now that "atheist" is in Bible School at L.B.I.! And this is not all. Just recently the new convert led his step-mother to Christ.

Still another L.B.I. student, with a group of young people from her church, entered a Gypsy caravan this summer, witnessed, gave out tracts, and gave chalk talks. The Gypsies listened intently, and three gave real evidence of receiving Christ.

A student pastor reports: "The greatest joy I had was when I knelt down with a teen-age fellow in his father's workshop and led him to the

Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour."

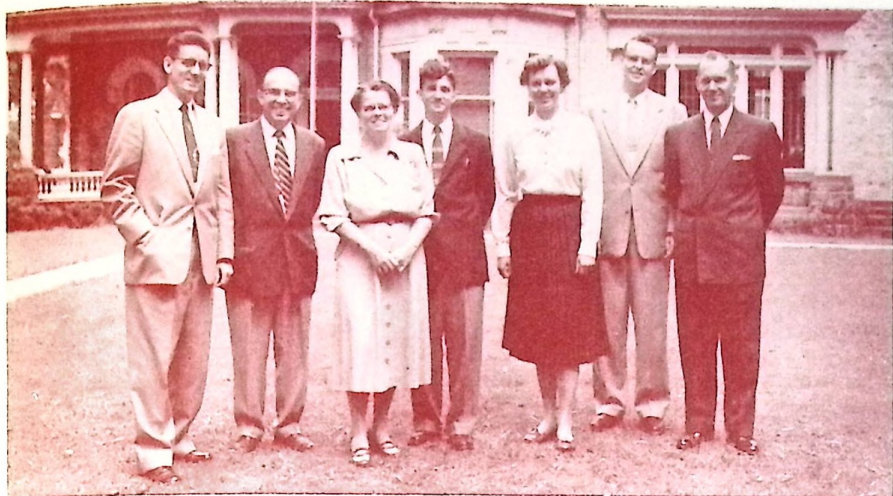
The chairman of a summer camp voluntarily wrote this note of appreciation to Dr. Gannett:

"I feel you should know that a number of your students have worked with our Ranch this summer and have rendered a very effective service with us . . . Each of these girls displayed great co-operation and fervent spirit so that the Ranch enjoyed an outstandingly successful season, during which time 41 youngsters professed salvation and there was very real evidence of growth in grace on the part of the children."

Thus we thank God that He uses the testimony of His own! From Gypsy caravan to home church, to rural Sunday School, to busy city church—God has been using His servants to preach the gospel throughout this past summer. You have been praying; God has wonderfully answered. From our hearts there bursts forth the anthem of praise, "To God be the glory—great things He hath done."



Orientation Banquet — Friday, September 7



Left to right: Gannett, Carey, Scott, Harris, Limburg, Beckman, Koksma.

FACULTY REQUESTS PRAYER

With the commencement of another school year the privilege of instructing another group of fine young people has been granted to the teaching staff of the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary. As satisfying as this task is, it cannot be adequately undertaken or completed apart from the faithful ministry of you, our friends. Therefore, in order to acquaint you with our faculty for the 1956-57 school year, and to assist you in an effectual prayer ministry for them, our teaching staff is listed as follows:

FULL TIME FACULTY

- Alden A. Gannett, B.A., Th.M., Th.D.—President.
 Percy H. Harris, B.A., Th.M.—Dean of Faculty
 Jean C. Scott, B.A.—Registrar.
 Frank R. Koksma, B.A., M.A.—Dean of Students.
 Eileen Limburg, B.S., M.A.—
 Director of Christian Education.
 William G. Carey, Mus. Bac.—Director of Music.
 L. David Beckman, BA., Th.M., Th.D.—
 Instructor in Church History and English Bible.

TEACHING FELLOWS

- Eric Johnson—Greek.
 Anna Winslow, B.Sc.—English.

PART TIME FACULTY

- Albert A. Clock, B.A., M.Th., Th.D.—Doctrine.
 Gordon E. Donaldson—Personal Evangelism.
 Daniel J. Firth, B.A.—Bible Geography.
 Wilfred H. Fryday, B.A.—Modern History.
 Kenneth E. Gillming, B.A., Th.M.—
 Psychology; Speech.
 Donald H. Hill, B.A.—Economics.

Jean Hume—Church History.

W. D. Edison Matthews, B.A., D.Paed.—

Survey of Missions; History of Christian Education.

William R. Quinn, B.A., M.D.—Missions.

Martin O. Wedge—

New Testament Analysis; Homiletics.

Russell M. Winslow—Archaeology; Bible Analysis.

There are three additions to our part-time faculty this year. Dr. Albert Clock, Mr. Donald H. Hill, and the Rev. Martin O. Wedge. Dr. Clock, who earned his B.A. degree at Westmont College and his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees at Dallas Theological Seminary, comes from a pastorate in West Texas and now pastors the Oxford Street Baptist Church, Woodstock. He will be teaching Bible Doctrine. Mr. Donald Hill, manager of the east end store of the Rowland Hill Shoe Company, will be teaching economics. Mr. Hill is well qualified for this task because of his business experience and his graduation from the University of Western Ontario with a B.A. degree in Business Administration. Rev. Martin O. Wedge, pastor of Wortley Road Baptist Church, London, will be teaching New Testament Analysis, Homiletics, and Pastoral Theology. Mr. Wedge with his diplomas of graduation from the Moody Bible Institute and the Dallas Theological Seminary, comes to us with wide and varied experience in the fields of music, radio, evangelism, Christian education, and the pastorate.

In addition to the three new faculty members just mentioned, two new teaching fellows complete the teaching staff: Eric Johnson, a graduate of London Bible Institute, is a teaching fellow in Greek; and Anna Winslow, B.Sc., University of Toronto, is a teaching fellow in English.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The trend of the times in our twentieth century is towards more and better education. Increasingly young people are completing their high school training, and many more are going on for their Grade XIII. As you know, the press has given much attention of late to the crowded conditions of our universities, and to the prospect of a doubled enrollment within twenty years.

Obviously, this trend is affecting every phase of society and will continue to do so in the years to come. Thus the following question must be raised and faced realistically: Will this more highly educated society demand a better educated leadership for the Lord's work?

Most of the larger denominational bodies for some time have been answering this question in the affirmative, for, generally speaking, they have been insisting upon both undergraduate and graduate training as a basis for ordination into the ministry. Furthermore, the denominational and interdenominational missionary societies, with few exceptions, are now requiring of their candidates a minimum of Grade XII plus three years of Bible training. Can we, then, in the homeland in a much more highly developed society adequately meet the need here by allowing less training of our Christian leaders?

But, someone earnestly contends, does not history prove conclusively that higher education and spirituality are incompatible factors? Is not our better educated society today much farther from God than our forefathers who were not so disciplined? We must agree that such is the case, but then hurriedly inquire: Is the apostasy of our modern day caused simply by this greater emphasis upon education or by the **kind** of education which it has received? When we look at the Apostle Paul and the great succession of outstanding Christian scholars who

have followed in his train, we are forced to reply: It is the kind of education, not education itself, which turns men from God.

My fellow brethren in Christ, we must not be like the ostrich which buries his head in the sand, oblivious to the conditions and trends about. Certainly a better educated society is demanding a more highly trained ministry, and rightly so. And we want you, the Christian public, to know that L.B.I. has purposed to provide Canada and the world with the finest Christian training possible, training which is college-level scholastically and, at the same time, thoroughly Biblical, evangelical, and spiritual.

It is imperative, therefore, for students who want this level of training, to have at least their Grade XII standing. When this is true and other factors are equal, they are academically prepared for college-level work in Bible School in their specialized training for Christian service.

Does this mean, then, that L.B.I. is closing its doors to non-high school graduates? By no means! It does indicate, however, our insistence that young people do what is academically sound before they come to L.B.I., and that which is better both for them and the Christian ministry — **Finish High School!***

*For detailed information regarding opportunities for finishing high school training, write our Registrar, who will gladly make such information available to you upon request.

PRAYER CALENDAR

The enclosed Prayer Calendar has been supplied through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. John Irwin of Ottawa, parents of a student and an alumna. We greatly appreciate this contribution, and trust that God will wonderfully use the Prayer Calendar to encourage a more extensive prayer ministry that will result in a real blessing to the life of our school and its graduates throughout the world.

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DR. ALDEN GANNETT, PRESIDENT
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EVERETT GRAFFAM, PRESIDENT, BUFFALO BIBLE INSTITUTE.



L.B.I. Book Room

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Date: November 9 through 11, 1956.

Speaker: Rev. John R. Dunkin, B.A.,
Th.M., Th.D.

—Dean, Baptist Bible Seminary,
Johnson City, New York.

—Former pastor of Wortley
Road Baptist Church,
London.

—Former instructor at L.B.I.

Theme: I Corinthians 15:8—
"Be ye steadfast . . ."

Place: L.B.I.

P.S.: Hope you can come!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Reserve now the date Friday, December 14, on your calendar for our annual Christmas concert to be held at Sir Adam Beck Collegiate. Don't miss it!

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

During recent months a number of necessary repairs and capital expenditures had to be made. Already some of these have been underwritten by friends of the school; it is thought,

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therefore, that others upon being informed would likewise desire to have a share. If so, the following items are yet unsubscribed. Designated gifts for all or any portion of an item will be appreciated.

Repairs

Furnace pipes	\$ 45.30
Roof	60.60
Office floors	104.63
Stair treads	157.28

New equipment

Kitchen grill	106.00
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