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**LONDON BIBLE INSTITUTE  
AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

***NEWS BULLETIN***



The above property at 507 Queen's Avenue, just across the street from Mahood Hall, has been purchased for conversion into a men's dormitory.

**COMMENCEMENT ISSUE**

**MAY 1957**

## **L. B. I. Moves Forward With Purchase of Men's Dormitory**

It has been felt that the spiritual life and the academic work of the Institution would be greatly enhanced if dormitories were available for our single men students.

After much searching and prayer, the Building Committee were led to recommend to the Board the purchase of property almost opposite the present property on Queen's Avenue. At the Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 23, this was approved. We look forward to God's blessing on this project with a prayer that it will be a real service to our students.

This building properly furnished will accommodate some fifty men students and provide a three-room apartment for the custodians of the building as well as a Reception Room as one enters, and a Study Room on the third floor.

Friends, you who have seen the vision of the great opportunity of service to our Lord in the training of young people to preach and teach the Gospel of His Grace, here is an opportunity that is yours at this time.

We are thrilled to report that the \$5,000 cost for furnishings has already been given. The amount still needed in order to pay the down payment and to effect the necessary alterations and repairs is approximately \$10,000.

We are looking to God's people to send in this money in the course of the next few weeks so that this work can be completed for the fall season. And may we make this suggestion, that your designated gifts toward the purchase of this dormitory be over and above your donations to the current expenses of the school. As you will realize, our daily obligations continue.

We hope each and every friend and supporter of the school will make it a matter of fervent prayer as to what the Lord would have him do at this time for this particular project.

What we have in our hand we will  
lose,  
But whatever we put into God's  
hand  
Is still and ever will be in our  
possession.

Frank B. Dixon,  
Chairman of the Property Committee.

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### **D.B.I. — L.B.I. BANQUET**

The Detroit Bible Institute and the London Bible Institute held their second joint banquet at the Blue Water Bible Conference grounds at Wallaceburg, Ontario, on Friday evening, May 3, with an attendance of approximately two hundred and fifty students and faculty members from the two schools.

The evening's activities were opened with an invocation by Acting Registrar Frank Koksma from L.B.I. and closed with a benediction by Dr. Roy Aldrich, President of the Detroit Bible Institute.

After a delicious roast beef dinner, the program commenced with the Detroit Bible Institute singing L.B.I.'s school song, and with the London Bible Institute singing D.B.I.'s school song. D.B.I. provided the pianist for the evening and L.B.I.'s Doug Routledge led the singing. Roy Mathe-son, President of the Students' Council of L.B.I. and Donn Thurmond from D.B.I. were the masters of ceremonies.

The humour of the evening was provided by a skit from L.B.I., along with a "lion hunt" by our inimitable Dean Harris; the special music by the D.B.I. Chorale.

The message of the evening was brought by L.B.I.'s professor of Personal Evangelism, Mr. Gordon Donaldson, who from the fifteenth chapter of John spoke on the theme of "A Spring Tonic", emphasizing the importance for the students to abide in Christ.

## **Commencement, June 2-4, 1957**

Some fifty students will be graduated from the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary on Tuesday evening, June 4, at the H. B. Beal Technical School auditorium. The commencement service begins at 8:00 p.m.

### **COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

**Dr. William A. Mierop, Th.B., D.D.**

Dr. William A. Mierop is the President of the Philadelphia Bible Institute. He is a graduate of the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania and holds the degree of Th.B. from the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. In 1948 he was honoured with the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Bob Jones University.

Dr. Mierop was pastor of the Ocean City Baptist Church, Ocean City, New Jersey, from 1937 to 1944, during which time he carried on an extensive radio ministry, directed the Ocean City Bible Conference and for several years taught at the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania.



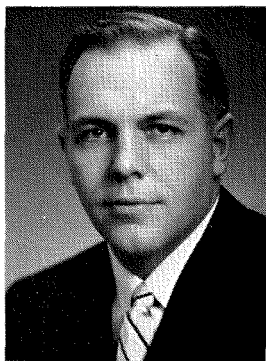
**Dr. William A. Mierop**

In addition to his being President of the Philadelphia Bible Institute, a school with over 1,100 students, Dr. Mierop is President of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges, of which L.B.I. is an associate member.

We are delighted to have this outstanding educator in the field of Christian education deliver our commencement address.

### **BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER**

**Reverend John E. Boehmer, B.A., Th.M.**



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Reverend John E. Boehmer is pastor of High Park Baptist Church, Toronto. He is a graduate of Wheaton College with the B.A. degree, and of Dallas Theological Seminary from which he received the Th.M. degree. He also pursued graduate studies at the Dallas Theological Seminary in 1950-51.

Mr. Boehmer was pastor of the Oxford Street Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ontario, during which period he served as well on the part-time teaching staff of L.B.I. Since 1951 he has been ministering at the High Park Baptist Church in Toronto.

Along with his pastoral duties Mr. Boehmer is at present a Vice-President of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada, and is a Board member of the missionary society, the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

We heartily welcome back to preach the Baccalaureate sermon this former teacher and honoured leader in evangelical circles in Canada.

## **SCHEDULE OF GRADUATION ACTIVITIES**

- Sunday, June 2— 4:00 p.m.—Baccalaureate Service at Central Baptist Church.  
Sermon by—Rev. John E. Boehmer.
- Monday, June 3— 9:30 a.m.—Prayer Meeting.  
— 4:00 p.m.—Alumni and Senior Gathering.  
— 6:30 p.m.—Alumni Banquet for Seniors and Graduates.
- Tuesday, June 4—10:00 a.m.—Class Day Exercises—Hooper Memorial Chapel.  
— 3:00 p.m.—Faculty Reception — Campus.  
— 8:00 p.m.—Commencement Exercises — H. B. Beal  
Technical School Auditorium.  
Address — Dr. William A. Mierop.

### **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND**

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### ***Directors Alloway and Lankin At Home With the Lord***

Just as this bulletin was going to press (May 22) word was received of the Home-going of our beloved Chairman of the Board of Directors, Mr. A. R. Alloway.

On Monday, May 20, there was held at the Central Baptist Church, London, the funeral service of Mr. Lester Lankin, another member of the Board who has faithfully served our school.

We bless God for these two honoured servants of Christ, for their whole-hearted devotion to the Lord and to His work at home and abroad. We are sure that both have received an abundant entrance into the presence of the Lord. We shall be praying for the loved ones who carry on in their stead.

Details will be forthcoming in the next issue.

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### **SCOTT MEMORIAL FUND EXCEEDS \$700**

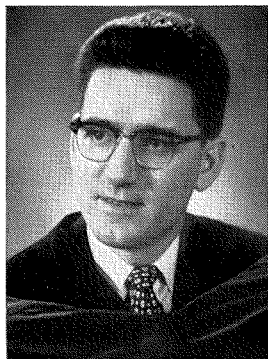
By official action of the Board of Directors, the Jean C. Scott Memorial Fund now totalling \$723.30 has been established as a loan fund for worthy students. At the present time the monies will be used for short-term loans with a moderate rate of interest.

In this way a lasting memorial has been set up to honour the late Miss Jean C. Scott, who for twelve years served her Lord as Registrar and teacher here at L.B.I. Friends at any time may continue to designate gifts to this fund in her honour.

### **DR. GANNETT SPEAKS IN LOS ANGELES**

On the week-end of May 3-5 President Gannett had the privilege of being one of the guest speakers at the Los Angeles County Christian Endeavor Union Convention held at the Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles, California. The registration for the week-end exceeded 4,400. Dr. Gannett also preached at the Sunday morning worship service of the Church of the Open Door, where Dr. J. Vernon McGee is pastor.

Throughout the convention there were fifty-eight young people who made public decisions for Christ as Saviour.



**Dr. Alden A. Gannett**

## **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**

In the fall issue of the **Bulletin** you will recall the brief but very significant announcement that L.B.I. is now an associate member of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. No doubt you have been wondering what this means to the school and to you who are vitally interested in the work.

The term, **accreditation**, basically, signifies the recognition of quality work, that is, that it meets a proven standard of training. It is to the educational institution what the Good Housekeeping approval is to a food product or the A.A.A. sign to the roadside motel. In Christian education, if it is to do the best

job of training young people for the Lord's work, there must be the term **quality** inscribed over every area of its training—its Board of Directors, its faculty, its staff, its curriculum, its facilities, its financial position, its public relations, its alumni.

Some years ago such schools as the Moody Bible Institute, Biola, Providence, Philadelphia and Nyack, who have been at this business of Christian education a long time, banded together, shared their years of experience, and formulated what they believed to be a basic norm for Bible Institute and Bible College training. The result was the establishing of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges. You can see immediately the value of this wealth of experience to a newer school in the field.

Some friends have already raised the question, "But isn't this Accrediting Association American? We are a Canadian school." The answer is "Yes, it is from across the border." However, to our knowledge there is no such standard in Canada available to the Bible Institute movement at the present time. It is true that there are certain educational factors which are distinctly Canadian, of course. Nevertheless, our proximity to the States and the similarity of the kind of training have led us at L.B.I. to believe that these schools have learned much through the years from which we may profit. And we want to make use of every opportunity available to provide the finest training possible here in Canada. Thus we are seeking accreditation by this Association.

To date we have attained to associate membership in this organization. And just what does this mean? It has significance in at least three areas: it makes available to us the counsel of this organization even to the degree of an on-the-spot appraisal of our work by some of the finest leaders in the field; it assures the Christian world that in the opinion of the leading educators in the field of Christian education L.B.I. is a creditable educational institution; and that the academic standards sufficiently approximate college level work to enable a student to transfer his credit or to build upon it for advanced studies, after one year's probation in another institution.

There is one more goal immediately before us: It is accreditation as such, and we are making every effort to attain this standing which is extremely high. Already the Association has evaluated our training as "worthy", and we anticipate in the very near future that our standing of associate membership—the initial step toward accreditation—will soon be displaced with the formal announcement, "Accredited".

Therefore, you who are investing your means in our school, your time in prayer on our behalf, and to you who are contemplating spending three or four years in our halls of learning, rest assured that your investment in L.B.I. is an investment in a training which is characterized by quality.

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## CHORALE COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL SPRING TOUR

Once again we rejoice in the answer to prayer for another annual choir tour marked by the special blessing of God. The ministry of the Chorale, under the direction of Mr. William G. Carey, was enthusiastically received both for its splendid music and for its vital spiritual message. President Gannett accompanied the Chorale bringing brief messages from the Word.

The choir travelled as far east as Montreal and journeyed back to London by way of New York State. They returned weary but rejoicing in the privileges of ministry and in the many kindnesses extended by our friends.

The repertoire included "Let All the Nations Praise Thee" by Leising-Hoggard; "How Great Thou Art" (translated) by Hine and arranged by Mr. Carey; "A Mighty Fortress" arranged by Mueller; "Nothing But the Blood" arranged by J. P. Davies; "Bring Them In" arranged by John F. Wilson; and two arrangements by Mr. Carey, "Beneath the Cross" and "Redemption".

Among the comments regarding

## PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR . . .

- Graduates of 1957.
- Summer School.
- Summer service of faculty and students.
- The Alumni.
- Financial Needs:
  - General Fund.
  - New Men's Dormitory.
- Needed Personnel.
- New students for next fall.

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the concert is this word from a lady in Corning, New York: "I've been to many services but never one where the presence of the Lord was felt so keenly. It was a meeting with such spiritual impact, and I'll never forget it."

The final concert of the year will be held at the Central Baptist Church in London, Sunday, May 26, at 8:45 p.m.

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