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Graduation, a goal accomplished—Douglas A. German, of Hamilton, Ontario, receives his Bachelor of Theology degree. On Monday, May 8, eighteen other young people will receive degrees or certificates.



During the commencement exercises last May (1960) our chorale group prepares to sing. Seated in front of them are the faculty and participants in the program.

Prospective Graduates of 1961

DEGREES

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

DOUGLAS DAKIN, Hamilton
 DOUGLAS GERMAN, Hamilton
 RONALD MILLS, St. Marys
 ROBERT ROBINSON, London
 NEAL SMITH, Clark's Harbour, N.S.,
 RAYMOND WATTS, London
 BASIL ZETTAS, Vergi-Nigrita, Greece
 DOUGLAS LANKIN, London
 GOWAN THAMER, Kitchener

BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GWENETH BAKER, London
 DOUGLAS DAKIN, Hamilton
 DONALD EVANS, Toronto
 ELIZABETH LAIT, Calgary, Alberta
 ELAINE LARKIN, Shag Harbour, N.S.
 RALPH MACDONNELL, Wood Harbour, N.S.
 GRACE PERKINS, London
 WILLIAM MACDONALD, Strathroy
 THOMAS PEAKE, Stoney Creek
 HAROLD STANTON, London

CERTIFICATE PATRICIA HARRIS, London

Baccalaureate Service

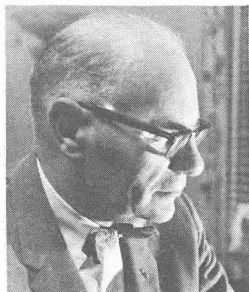
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 4 P.M., CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Speaker: Rev. A. B. Stein,
 Pastor, Philpott Memorial Church,
 Hamilton, Ontario.

A graduate of Toronto Bible College, Mr. Stein has spent 27 years in the pastorate. Four years ago he assumed the leadership of Philpott Memorial Church, the oldest and largest of the Associated Gospel Churches. This historic church supports six LBI graduates on the mission field.



Rev. A. B. Stein



Dr. V. Raymond Edman

Commencement Exercises

MONDAY, MAY 8, 8:00 P.M.

H. B. BEAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Speaker: Rev. V. Raymond Edman, A.M., LL.D., D.D.
 Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois.

Dr. Edman earned an A.B. degree from Columbia University, an A.M. from Boston University, and a Ph.D. from Clark University. Houghton College honoured him with an LL.D. and Taylor University with a D.D.

A former missionary and pastor, Dr. Edman is a prominent Christian educator and prolific writer.

On the Record!

The date — April 8. The place — our April prayer card. The need — a tape recorder.

A Christian family read our prayer card and God directed them to provide the answer for our prayers — a new Philips tape recorder. The date — April 3, five days before we asked you to pray. "Before they call I will answer."

We praise God and pray that He will bless these faithful friends for their gift. May it be used for His glory in furthering His work at L.B.I.

New Alumni Association Executive

Here are the recently elected officers who will lead our alumni in 1961-2:

President —

Rev. Murry Hicks ('57),
Hamilton.

Vice-President —

Rev. Thomas Watson ('49),
Tillsonburg

Treasurer —

Miss Margaret McDougall ('59),
London

Chorale Tour Makes Impact

"We have a teenage daughter. If you can do anything for her, please try," said an Oshawa host to a chorale member during the tour through Southern Ontario in March.

Ann McGuirl drew on her previous experience working with teenagers and put the fifteen-year-old at ease. She found the girl eager to face spiritual issues. "About 1:30 a.m. we prayed and she asked the Lord to come into her heart," Ann said.

Chorale Tour was a ministry to people's hearts and many were challenged, said Mr. Harry Morrison, our Executive Vice-President, who spoke at each concert.

Under the direction of Mr. Wm. Carey, our Music Director, 36 of our students sang the praises of God. The response was heart-warming. "We thank God for so many who took us to their hearts. We proved again God's goodness through His people," Mr. Morrison said.

In his messages Mr. Morrison pointed out that God calls only for the exercise of talents we already possess. He also decides where we will use them. "His call may be to the mission field, to a Sunday School, to business or to gardening," he said.

Graduation -- A Time of Challenge

As another chapter begins in the lives of 19 students who graduate May 8, we need to ponder the situation that lies before them.

The last decade has been one of struggle among the nations of the world. At its heart, the struggle has been for the minds and hearts of men. This struggle of minds and hearts is not fought with planes and sputniks, but with words and ideas.

The best equipment young men and women can have is to know God's Word and God's ideas. And it is in the classroom (and even in the dormitory) of colleges like ours that young people can acquire Christian insight and skills for leadership in today's world.

LBI continues to evaluate and develop her program in the light of today's changing needs. Our school is aware of the urgent call for more Christian workers. Even in our own country, many churches are vainly looking for someone to shepherd their people — people who are longing to be fed upon the Word of God.

When you invest in LBI, you invest in minds and hearts — minds and hearts grounded in the Word of God and dedicated to the winning of men and women to Jesus Christ.



Men Ought to Give

The preacher's sermon, according to established custom, had three points:

1. Make all you can.
2. Save all you can.
3. Give all you can.

The senior elder, who assumed the prerogative of evaluating the minister's sermons, later remarked, "Those first two points were grand, but the third one spoiled it all!" With many, giving is a very sensitive matter. Nevertheless it is an obligation which every Christian must face, as well as a privilege which he may enjoy.

James regards giving as a test of faith. "Faith without works is dead", he declares, and offers, as an example of such evidential works, giving to the needy. Wishing them well is valueless without the practical effort to meet the need. (James 2:14-17). A man who professes to believe, ought to give in justification of his profession.

John presents giving as a test of love. Seeing a brother's need and withholding the wherewithal to alleviate it is a denial of love. Christ's giving Himself is the pattern of love, and calls for emulation on our part. Love is not a mere sentiment. It is a powerful motivation to sacrificial giving. (1 John 3:16-18).

The apostle Paul quotes a saying of our Lord which is not reported in the Gospels: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Giving is the nobler act. It is of the very nature of God to give, so giving is a mark of godliness. We are all receivers, for "what hast thou that thou didst not

receive?" But if we stop at receiving, we have perverted that very purpose of God's giving. He gives to us, that we may exercise ourselves in the godlike practice of giving.

Giving is not self-impoverishment, but self-enrichment. The Lord Jesus affirms that giving is an assurance of getting. "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). This must not be a motive in giving, else we vitiate the whole ethical value of the act, but our Lord offers this assurance, that giving is never a one-way street. It is the door to plenty.

We do not give as owners, but as stewards. All that we possess is simply entrusted to us by the Owner, God. It is in our hands for distribution to God's household, "to give them meat in due season" (Matt. 24:45). Very few of us have really learned this truth, despite all that is preached and spoken about stewardship. Tithing is not the end of our obligation. The whole belongs to God, and our part is to minister the whole according to His will. This is the sort of giving that will earn a glad "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Where shall we begin our giving? Of the Macedonians Paul said, "They first gave their own selves to the Lord" (II Cor. 8:5). The giving of the money is likely to hurt if that is all we give, but once we have given ourselves, all giving is joy, for the giving is not to men, but to Him "who loved us, and gave Himself for us."