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GELUKKIG KERSTFEEST (Dutch)
Merry Christmas

HA NATARL SUKHATZE ZAU (Marathi — India)
May this Season be happy for you!

FELICES PASCUAS (Spanish)
Season's Greetings

INKWAN LIDETU ADERISWOT (Amharic)
Congratulations on His birthday!

ISSALOMOLEQUM! (Urdu — India)
Peace be upon you!

FRÖHLICHE WEIHNACHTEN (German)
Merry Christmas

'N GESEËNDE KERSFEES (Afrikaans)
A Blessed Christmas

JOYEUX NOËL (French)
Happy Christmas

IKAMA LI KA YESUS MALIMBONGWE (Xhosa)
(South African tribal language)
The Name of Jesus be praised!

**Christmas Greetings from the Board, Faculty,
Staff and Students in the languages spoken
by members of our faculty and student body.**

Important Fall Events

SPIRITUAL LIFE CONFERENCE

As our November conference speaker, Rev. Francis Dixon, of England, talked about constant victorious living, the Lord took hold of many lives.

"There was a quiet moving of the Holy Spirit," said our president, Dr. J. C. Macaulay.

HOMECOMING

Over 125 alumni attended the two-day Homecoming in November.

Twenty missionary alumni from Brazil, Japan, India, the Philippines, United States, northern Canada, the West Indies and Africa challenged us to a greater vision of the world's need for Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Our Director of Christian Education, Mr. David Bell, led three workshops at the Ontario Regional Sunday School Convention in Toronto in November. Five other graduates also took part in the convention, at which over 2,000 delegates registered.

GALT CAREER EXPOSITION

Our booth at the Career Exposition in Galt in October was the only one presenting Christian work to thousands of high school students.

TRI-COLLEGE OLYMPICS

The new Christian Education wing of Central Baptist Church, Brantford, vibrated as enthusiastic students from Toronto Bible College, Central Baptist Seminary, and London College played games and got acquainted at a sports night, Oct. 18.

Graduates Accepted by Mission Boards

Four graduates have recently been accepted for missionary service.

Esther Rowe, '49, will work in Puerto Rico with missionary Radio Station WIVV. "It serves English and Spanish speaking people," Esther said.

Grace Kemp, '56, has been accepted by the Sudan United Mission for work in the Tchad. Jean Smith, '57, plans to attend jungle camp next year with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Jeanne Hobbs, '58, has been sent to Uranium City, Sask., by the Northern Canadian Evangelical Mission.

FINANCES IN REVIEW

June 1 - October 31, 1961

Expenses		\$43,484
Income		
Student fees	\$ 4,384	
Donations	\$15,327	
Other sources	\$10,746	\$30,457
Operating deficit		\$13,027

STATEMENT OF PRACTICE

The Board of Directors has adopted this Statement of Practice to be appended to the Statement of Faith:

We believe that the Christian, saved by grace and born again of the Holy Spirit, is called to a standard of conduct which will truly honour our God and Saviour; including separation from "all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life." Practices and indulgences which minister to these are to be avoided.

Our male quartet and their accompanist are ready to minister for the Lord. You may reserve them with a faculty member as speaker for a London College Sunday in your church. Write to Mr. Douglas German, Business Manager.

Left to right:
Lorne Matthews,
Marvin Warman,
Gordon Hamilton,
Roger Aiken and
Terry Tiessen.



"Come over to Pakistan and help us," Rev. Elijah Shafi (right) indicates to three of his fellow students, (left to right) Gernot Kunzelmann, Gail Harrigan and Bruce Vincent.



Pakistani Pastor Furthers His Training

Rev. Elijah Daniel Muhammed Shafi, a former Muslim and the pastor of a Pakistani church with 2,700 members, is earning a B.R.E. degree during his one-year sabbatical leave.

Mr. Shafi came to London College through Dr. Macaulay, whom he met at American Keswick when Mr. Shafi visited America for the first time in 1956. "My soul was drawn to him", Mr. Shafi said.

Born into a Muslim home in India, Mr. Shafi was greatly impressed with his mother's religious zeal and tried to follow her example. But at 14 he said, "Fasting and prayer do not give me peace of mind and victory over sin."

One day he overheard a Muslim and a Christian, converted from Islam, discussing Christianity and Islam. Struck by the Christian's convictions, Mr. Shafi contacted him. "I saw he had found peace of mind," Mr. Shafi said. Through him he accepted Christ.

When Mr. Shafi confessed to his family, "The love of Christ has captured my heart," he endured severe persecution: he was beaten and hung up by his feet. "Remain a Muslim or die a Christian," he was told.

Mr. Shafi escaped and never saw his father again.

After attending theological seminary in West Pakistan, Mr. Shafi became an evangelist to educated Moslems for 13 years. Then in 1942 he became pastor of Central Methodist Church in Lahore, West Pakistan, for 19 years.

Mr. Shafi has a wife and five sons in Pakistan, one of whom wishes to attend London College also. They live on \$40 a month, available until December, 1961.

Many nationals apply for training not provided at home. Such people usually need scholarships, which we do not have.

Mr. Shafi is practically without support. Since we are responsible for his expenses and his fare home, we invite the help of interested friends.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

A four-day missionary conference is planned for Feb. 25-28. Among the speakers are Rev. Harold K. Germaine, Sudan Interior Mission, Rev. Elwyn Davies, Bible Christian Union and Rev. Wilson Ewin, Quebec.

YOUR OPINION PLEASE

We know that our new name, London College of Bible and Missions, will be abbreviated. Which should we call ourselves — London College or L.C.B.M.? Give us your comments.

A Christmas Message

By DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President

With the approach of another Christmas season and new year, the board, faculty, staff, and student body of the London College of Bible and Missions extend to our many friends sincerest greetings and good wishes. We thank you for being our friends and for expressing your friendship by your prayers, your encouragement, and your gifts.

The year which will soon be history has brought us much affliction and trial of our faith, but it has also brought us so many tokens of our Lord's loving remembrance that our hearts are full of gratitude.

During our autumn conference, when Pastor Francis Dixon of Bournemouth, England, was with us, the sense of the Lord's presence was at times overwhelming; holy awe was mingled with a rushing out of the heart to God. The feeling may pass, but we have learned from this experience that God is among us, and that it is our privilege to walk in His presence.

We remember that He who thus drew so near to us in spiritual presence once came to our world in bodily presence. More than that, He came to become one of us, a true member of our human race. He did not just appear in visible form as in the Christophanies of the Old Testament. He was born of the Virgin, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh.

Why did He so come? Because there was something of ours that He must bear—our sin. "He His own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree." Bethlehem was the first step to Calvary. "The Word was made flesh" is the preparation for "the Son of God—loved me, and gave Himself for me". We cannot



appreciate Christmas unless we appreciate Good Friday and Easter.

The glitter of Christmas seems to begin earlier each year, for the commercial world is bent on exploiting the annual celebration of our Saviour's birth to the utmost. It becomes at times nauseating, so that even Chambers of Commerce have sponsored "Keep Christ in Christmas" movements. From much of the tawdry extravagances of the world we Christians shall want to withdraw, to give ourselves to contemplation of the divine mystery, and to a sending forth of the blessed Gospel, of which the Christmas story is a part. These actions will add a holy merriment to the season, vastly superior to the merriment of the world's carousels.

Giving gifts as an expression of joy is a practice recognized and even encouraged in Scripture (see Esther 9:22). We must see only that our giving is Christian, free from foolish extravagance and from selfish motives. Moreover, in our giving we shall surely not overlook Him whose birth we are actually celebrating! We shall want to promote His cause, to spread His Gospel, to help the poor among His people.

But what about Himself?

*I bring my gift today; a heart subdued
By love divine; a life laid at His feet
In consecration joyous and complete;
A soul by blood redeemed, by grace
renewed.*