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CHOIR TOUR 1962

March 4,	7:00 p.m.	Central Baptist Church, London
March 9,	8:00 p.m.	Otterville Baptist Church, Otterville
March 10,	8:00 p.m.	Stanley Ave. Baptist Church, Hamilton
March 11,	11:00 a.m.	Calvary Church, Toronto
March 11,	7:00 p.m.	Oakwood Baptist Church, Toronto
March 12,	8:00 p.m.	Church of the Open Bible, Peterborough
March 13,	8:00 p.m.	Calvary Baptist Church, Ottawa
March 14,	8:00 p.m.	Verdun Baptist Church, Verdun
March 15,	8:00 p.m.	Fernwood Baptist Church, Fernwood, N.Y.
March 16,	8:00 p.m.	North Baptist Church, Corning, N.Y.
March 17,	8:00 p.m.	Calvary Church, St. Catharines
March 18,	11:00 a.m.	Georgetown Baptist Church, Georgetown
March 18,	7:00 p.m.	Benton St. Baptist Church, Kitchener
March 31,	8:00 p.m.	Pape Ave. Baptist Church, Toronto
April 1,	11:00 a.m.	Mountain Gospel Church, Hamilton
April 1,	7:00 p.m.	Philpott Memorial Church, Hamilton

NEW APPOINTMENTS

On January 1, two Faculty members were appointed Deans. Dr. Wm. Foster, B.A., B.D., Th.D., was appointed Dean of Faculty and Mr. K. Ecklebarger, B.A., M.A., was appointed Dean of Students.

Dr. Foster came to our school this summer. He is an Associate Professor teaching Bible, Theology and Philosophy. Mr. Ecklebarger joined our faculty in August, 1960. He is instructing in Bible and Greek.

FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

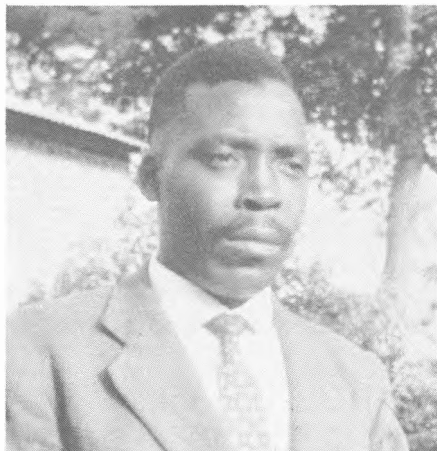
At their January 20th meeting, the Board of Directors enthusiastically approved the Faculty's proposal to establish a Scholarship Fund. The Faculty plans to provide four scholarships for upperclassmen and four for freshmen next year.

The Board also established a Sponsors' Scholarship Fund so that interested friends may help worthy students with their financial needs.

FINANCES IN REVIEW

Praise the Lord with us for the many gifts received from friends at the end of the year. Of particular note was the fact that our Alumni gave \$773.00 in December. This brought them up to date on their goal of \$6,000.00 for the year.

January of this year has brought further tokens of the Lord's blessing. However, we still need an increase in regular monthly givers on our Stewardship Fellowship Plan. Please join us before our Father's throne as we look to Him to meet this need.



Students Accept Missionary Challenge

Our school has an active Student Missions Fellowship. The program includes regular Thursday meetings — missionary speakers alternating every other week with prayer group sessions where our alumni serving Christ abroad and at home are specifically remembered.

There is also an annual project: raising student funds for some missionary need. President Don Perkins, '62, reports that this year's goal is to raise \$1,000 to enable a Rhodesian, Mr. Kosamo Kasonso, to come to our school for Bible training in September. Mr. Kasonso, presently employed by his government, has been used of the Lord as an elementary school teacher in Northern Rhodesia. The African Church leaders have requested the South Africa General Mission that he be trained "at the same level as the Canadian missionaries", to become "the first fully-trained pastor" in his area.

Pray with us that our students may be able to meet this challenge — \$1,000 by May first! We feel that, as we train Mr. Kasonso for leadership in the "indigenous church" of Northern Rhodesia, his very presence will be a constant reminder to all of our world-wide responsibility.

1962	Speaker — Rev. Eric Crichton, Willowdale Baptist Church, Toronto
Graduation	
Banquet	Music — Mr. Don Holliday and Mr. George Shuttleworth
Friday	
April 13	6:30 p.m. \$2.50 per person. Write the College or call GE. 2-2694 for tickets

Alumni News

Last year our students undertook as their missionary project to finance the building of mission posts in Eastmain and Paint Hills, two towns on James Bay.

Their goal was accomplished! Now, Helen Hisey '59, a grad of our school, is preparing to enter this field. She writes in her last news letter —

"Early in January, Moose Factory Island is the anticipated destination of Betty and myself. This is one step nearer to Eastmain. Spending the winter helping the Taylor family with the work there, and studying Moose Cree, with the aid of an Eastmain Cree Informant, I believe will better prepare us for entering the field to which we have been appointed. Present plans include the opening of this new station at Eastmain, on the East Coast of James Bay, in Quebec Province, just as soon as a house can be built next spring. The knowledge that this new advance, the opening of two new stations on the James Bay, is the direct result of the sacrificial gifts of the students last year at L.B.I. is a special thrill to me."

Annual Missionary Conference Feb. 25-28

Emphasizing the theme "Lord, what wilt Thou?" our annual Missionary Conference is scheduled to begin on Sunday afternoon, February 25 at 3 p.m., when Rev. Harold Germaine of the Sudan Interior Mission delivers his opening address.

Mr. Germaine will speak at 7:30 each evening of the Conference on the topic "The Tasks, The Tools, The Times". Elwyn Davies of the Bible Christian Union will lead daily Bible Studies along similar lines. Wilson Ewin, an alumnus, will present the needs of Quebec. Virgil Newbrander (Far Eastern Gospel Crusade), William Tyler (China Inland Mission), Ivor Greenslade (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) and other missions' representatives are scheduled

to conduct daily panels and workshops at 10:20 and 11:20 each morning. Plan to join us for these meetings.

At the recent Urbana Missionary Convention, Billy Graham called for "the evangelization of the world in this decade". Do pray that God will enable our young people to determine His plan and place for their lives!

Local Missionary Activity

1,494 individuals were contacted concerning their spiritual need.

75 professed salvation.

114 began personal Bible Study.

400 hours were contributed each week to the ministry of London's Churches.

These statistics represent the work of our students through the Christian Service Program last term. As you know, a textbook knowledge of medicine does not make one a doctor. The medical student must gain practical experience in applying classroom facts to actual cases. The delicate dealing with the souls of men demands a corresponding internship.

To accomplish this internship we have incorporated a program of **Church-centered** practical Christian service. Each student is assigned to a specific local church in London. Under the guidance of the pastor and other qualified church members, the student learns to work through and in co-operation with his local church.

This program has many advantages for the student and the church. It develops the student's use of his gifts and his loyalty to the local church. He gains a realistic outlook on the Gospel ministry. Classroom theories can be tested and evaluated in practice. The church receives an active, eager recruit for its program of winning the lost.

Pray with us that God will bless the training and ministry of our students through this Program.

A Missionary Challenge

by DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President

Every true church is a missionary church. But not every missionary church has an intelligent missionary programme. In some cases it is a question of the best "salesman" getting the biggest "haul". The missionary giving is indiscriminate, spasmodic, and based entirely on the emotional appeal.

Fortunately many churches are becoming more orderly, and establishing some sort of programme. Even here, however, it is frequently the power appeal, the dramatic appeal, the emotional appeal, even the glamour appeal that wins a place in the missionary budget. To avoid this problem, it is wise to have a missionary committee, composed of men and women who will exercise care and judgment, to enquire into the soundness of appealing causes; in doctrine, policy, leadership, and the like. Such a committee should also formulate a fully rounded missionary programme for the church. Too many missionary programmes are lop-sided, leaving great gaps.

One of the biggest gaps is in the educational area. Churches are thrilled to see missionaries going to the field, and are generally happy to assume some responsibility for their support. Then if these missionaries become involved in great projects on the field—building new stations, hospitals, orphanages—there is eager participation. This part is all very good, but what about the training of missionaries? In general, not much attention is paid to them until they have plodded their way through training school and have been accepted by a mission board. A few wide-awake churches do indeed give some token assistance, or encouragement,



to a prospective missionary at school. On the other hand, too many young people find it necessary to work off debts incurred by their education, and so are delayed in going to the field. Assistance from the church would go a long way to avoid this difficulty. Admittedly, the church must be careful that only bona fide missionary candidates are given assistance through its missionary programme.

But now, what about the training school itself? As in the London College of Bible and Missions, the fees charged are generally but a fraction of the cost of education. If it were not so, many a prospective missionary would be ruled out of training for financial reasons. This establishes the right of the training school to hold a basic place in the missionary programme of the church. The twelve were not sent out as the first missionaries of the Cross without training, and we read of some who ministered to the Trainer, and therefore to the training, out of their substance (Luke 8:3). The principle holds today, and justifies an added "ought" to the list which I have given in messages on this page. Churches OUGHT to include a worthy training school in their missionary programme, not as a little adjunct, but as a primary item. This does not mean simply a place in the budget, but also a place in the prayer ministry of the church.