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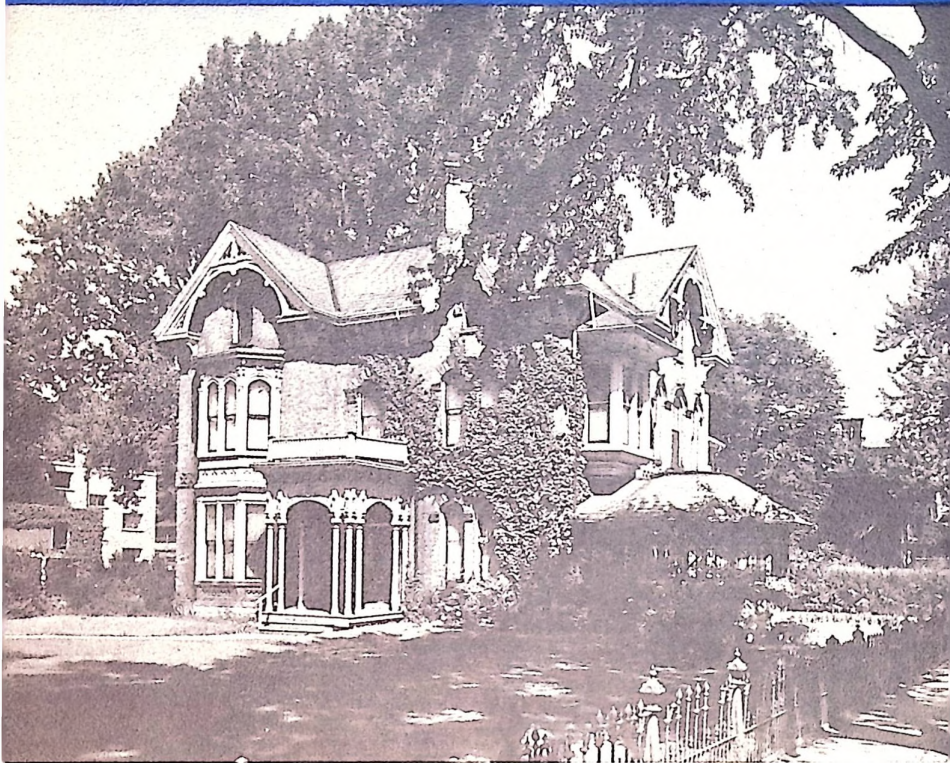
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Dixon Hall - New Girls' Residence

Dixon Hall, our new girls' residence, was officially opened on Friday, September 14, in a simple but impressive ceremony, witnessed by a large group of friends assembled on the spacious lawn. Mr. Melvin Steinman, chairman of the Board of Governors, gave the address, naming the new residence Dixon Hall, in recog-

niton of the many gracious ministries of Mr. Frank B. Dixon to London College of Bible and Missions. Mr. Eckleberger, Dean of Students, offered the dedicatory prayer, and most appropriately, the ribbons of blue and gold (the school colours) were cut by Mrs. F. B. Dixon, who shares her husband's devotion to the school.

Naming of the Library

On Friday evening, September 14, many friends of the school gathered together for the dedication of the library in memory of Dr. Percy H. Harris, former president. The memorial fund established at the time of his death has been designated by action of the Board of Governors as a special fund to be used for the purchase of books for the library. Many of these books have already been placed on the shelves as a permanent memorial to the life of one whose godly devotion to his Lord made a lasting impact upon the development of this school.

Mr. Russell M. Winslow, Vice-President of the Board of Governors, gave the statement of dedication and unveiled the plaque designating the library to be known henceforth as the Percy H. Harris Memorial Library. The plaque was inscribed with a reminder of the academic contribution of Dr. Harris and also an assessment of the spiritual quality of his life — "A man of God possessing quiet dignity, spiritual discernment, implicit trust." Dr. Harris was an Instructor at the school from 1951 - 1953 at which time he was appointed Dean of the Faculty. In 1957 he was appointed Acting President, and in 1958 President. Mr. Winslow spoke very highly of his spiritual ministry during these years until his sudden homegoing in 1959. Dr. William R. Foster, Dean of Faculty and Librarian, gave the prayer of dedication setting apart the library to the glory of God and in memory of His choice servant, Percy H. Harris.



Pictured above are Gloria Light, John Empey, Mr. Winslow, who unveiled the plaque, and Ruth Tomsett.

Mrs. F. B. Dixon enters Dixon Hall just after the building was officially opened.



Dean of Students Reports

A new high in the enrolment of the student body has been reached this fall. Along with 65 returning students, 60 pupils were welcomed into the Freshman Class at the Faculty reception on September 14.

Representing 13 different denominations, the new students come from Ontario, Quebec, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Holland and S. Africa. Nineteen of these have had post high school training.

Remember to pray for these who have newly come to study the Word and then in turn to go out and tell others of Christ.

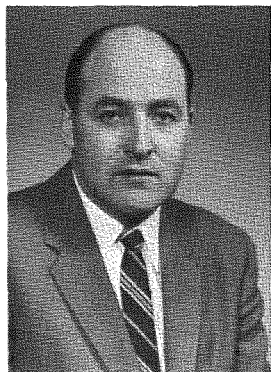
Would You Like An LCBM Sunday?

Again this year we offer you the services of an enlarged faculty. The Lord has sent to us men of spiritual and intellectual stature, whose first aim is to glorify God, and who are able exponents of the Word. They will be happy to supply pulpits or minister on special occasions, either alone or accompanied by student teams.

Remember the Fall Conference November 12 - 16

Dr. Malcolm Cronk, pastor of the Wheaton Bible Church, Wheaton, Illinois, comes for our Fall Conference, November 12 - 16.

Pray that God will bless, and that hearts will be stirred for a deeper life with Him. We invite you to attend both morning and evening sessions.



Students Serve in Summer Ministries

Summer time is Christian service time. Students from LCBM had varied ministries this summer. Some attended camp as a counsellor, others had summer pastorates.

Carol Hisey, '63 visited her sister Helen, in Eastmain, P.Q. Eastmain, the mission station sponsored by the Student Missions Fellowship of the College in '61, is situated on the eastern shore of James Bay. It is a Cree Indian settlement.

Carol shares an incident with us. "I would like you to sit beside us in a small pudding tent made of canvas over twigs fastened together with bark. The floor of spruce boughs interwoven was very soft. A stove was in the centre and around the outside of the circle sat about six Indian families each with his roll of bedding and small box of food and clothes. A few more Indians had followed us to the cloth door and were edging in. The children were tied by kerchief and rope to the tent poles and seemed quite happy. Some of the men were lounging lazily about even though it was mid-day.

Why were we there? The missionary had a box that spoke Cree words — a transistor tape recorder with a Gospel message and songs. Our purpose was to bring the Good News to one in that tent — one withered and old, blind and lame, hunched on the green bough floor. When she heard the Word her face shone and she drank in the message that can give life. I cried."

Harry Oosthuyzen, '63 plans on returning to S. Africa next year. During this past summer he did deputation work. Harry tells us, "As I presented the messages night by night I became more aware that there was nothing I could do but completely rely on the Holy Spirit to convict men and women. The lesson of relying on Him was one of the most precious I learned this summer."

In approximately 100 meetings, Harry saw 31 souls led to the Saviour.

These stories could be repeated over and over by other students. Pray that God will continue to use the seed sown.



Jean Smith with a Tarascan Indian girl.

From the Alumni

Have you ever helped butcher a cow, or shot rapids in a canoe, or built yourself a home in the jungle? Jean Smith, graduate of '57, learned to do these at Jungle Training Camp in Southern Mexico this year.

The three months course includes carpentry, mechanics, swimming and canoeing. Saddling and riding mules were other new experiences that Jean undertook.

The cultural and language studies of the Mexican people were of vital interest to Jean who intends going to the field of New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators soon.

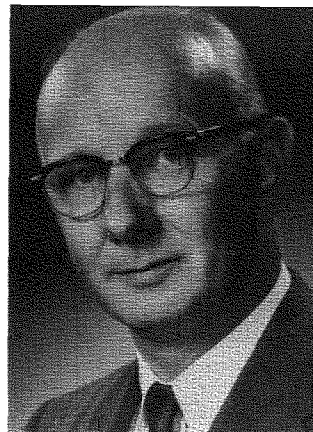
"Hiking was an important feature of our time at camp," Jean says. "Because there were no roads, I felt that one of the highlights was a weekend hike some 25 miles over the trail. We were able to visit two Indian villages, which presented a real contrast. The first one visited is peopled with perhaps the most primitive Indians in Mexico. They have had a Christian witness for 17 years but have not responded. The other village was a Tzeltal Christian village where we were able to meet the people for a service in their own church, sharing testimonies through the means of interpreters."

Besides all the techniques of Jungle Camp, Jean reminds us too that in Mexico, "we learned many spiritual truths that only God could teach us."

Many others like Jean here at LCBM are being trained to go out and tell the Good News of the Gospel.

Prayer

Andrew C. MACAULAY, President



So much has been written on prayer, that by this time one should expect that all Christians would have become experts in the holy art. Or is the steady stream of literature on the subject evidence that we are slow to learn and need constant prodding? One thing is sure — it is easier to talk about prayer than to pray. And I have noticed this too, that those who have advanced farthest in prayer have the simplest technique. I am thankful for those who have written wisely on this great theme — such men as Andrew Murray and E. M. Bounds — but I still believe that we shall learn more about prayer by praying than by reading books.

Our blessed Lord's own teaching on prayer will be a safe guide for us. Let us look at a few of the principles which He enunciated.

First, prayer calls for faith. "All things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22). This sounds rather extreme, doesn't it? We are actually afraid of it, and we pare it down and modify it until it has hardly any meaning left. If we were bold enough and believing enough to accept our Lord's own words, we should be seeing wonders of answered prayer.

Prayer calls for persistency. We recall the parables of the friend at midnight (Luke 11:5-8) and of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8). In both of them importunity is taught. The thought, of course, is not that resistance must be broken down in God as in the cases presented in the parables, but rather this, that if importunity will win through with unwilling men, how much more should we be encouraged to persist in prayer with a God who is so ready to bless. His delays are for good reasons — perhaps to test our faith, perhaps to prepare us for the answer, perhaps to correct our thought and bring us to ask for bigger and better things. These things are done while we "pray without ceasing." Doubtless this is what was in the

hymn writer's mind when he wrote, "Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer." Unanswered prayer is not necessarily rejected prayer.

There is a difference between importunate prayer and repetitious prayer. Importunate prayer lays hold of God in earnest, while repetitious prayer is vain, mechanical and lacking in reality. Our Lord warns against such degrading of the holy exercise, as practised by the heathen. Yet many who bear the Christian name are guilty. I once listened to a novena on the radio. The endless "Hail Marys" were recited with machine-like monotony. But it is possible to have equal monotony in Protestant prayer meetings. Let us avoid built-in prayer wheels.

Then prayer calls for submission. Prayer is not beating God into submission to our will, but bringing our will into correspondence with His will. There is no greater lesson in prayer than Gethsemane, where He prayed, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." (Luke 22:42). The boldest, most believing prayers must be offered in that spirit, and then, even if the prayer seems to be utterly refused at that time, a bigger answer will come, as when the cup of death was removed from our Lord in a glorious resurrection to endless life. Submission in prayer is part of faith.

How often our missionaries plead, "Brethren, pray for us." We at London College of Bible and Missions are equally "standing in the need of prayer." Our programme of expansion calls for divine direction, and "the wisdom which is from above," as well as a greatly increased budget which must be met by the gifts of God's people. For this we seek your help in prayer, that we may make our full contribution to "world evangelism through trained leadership".