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"517" as it looked in 1945

MAY WE HELP YOU?

London College of Bible and Missions exists to prepare young people for the service of God and to develop qualified leaders for today's educated world. To effectively accomplish these goals, London College has acquired a group of men who are well qualified academically and spiritually and who have an abundance of practical experience to teach the students who are enrolled here.

But along with the ministry of teaching, the LCBM faculty can be of service to you as well if you are pastor of a church within driving distance of London. Several of the faculty members, Mr. Cox, the public relations director, and two field men, are available for services or conferences.

LCBM also provides a musical ministry through the students of the music department. If you would like music or a special speaker for a service, contact: The Public Relations Department, London College of Bible and Missions, Box 65, London, Ontario.

**Graduation
Banquet**

- * April 17
- * 6:30 p.m.
- * Beal Tech
- * Tickets \$2.50

for TICKETS write - **Banquet Committee:**
Box 65, London, Ont.

"517" IS GONE

Students who attended London Bible Institute from 1938 to 1945 studied in a building across the street from the present college. This house at 517 Queens Avenue was the first home of LBI after it became a chartered institute in 1938. In 1945 the present school building at 518 Queens Avenue was purchased to care for the increased student enrollment.

The house at 517 Queens was sold to the Canadian Red Cross and was London headquarters for this organization until last summer when it was sold to Needham's Funeral Home. During the late summer and early autumn months of this year, the house was pulled down piece by piece and carefully carried away. Today the spot where it stood is a snow-covered parking lot.

For those of you who have been friends of the college since the days of "517", the demolition of this old building may bring nostalgic feelings. But the old and ineffective must be replaced in the face of progress.

The past interests and inspires us but we must face the future, for it is ahead. As London College again makes plans to care for our expanding enrollment and academic program, will you stand behind us with your prayers and with your financial assistance?



Now the site is a parking lot.

THE STUDENTS SERVE

One's service to the Lord is a vital part of any Christian's life and experience. When our students arrive at LCBM they must find a new church in which to serve.

The Christian service program at London College was developed in 1960 to assist the student in finding a church home in London and in making use of his talents for the Lord as well as training him in Christian service.

On his arrival each student is assigned to a church of his own denomination, if possible, where he will attend for his time at school. Here he works in co-operation with the pastor and other church leaders as a Sunday School teacher, departmental superintendent, assistant teacher, or junior church worker. He may also work with young people's groups, Pioneer Girls, Christian Service Brigade, assist in the visitation program, take part in the worship services, or sing in the church choir.

In addition to the work of the church, many students also take part in supplemental Christian service. This includes Ontario Hospital visitation, work with Youth for Christ, and meetings at the Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army.

Each week the student fills out a form which is turned in to the director of Christian Service, Rev. Kermit Ecklebarger, on which he lists the particulars of his service for the week.

There are several advantages to such a program. By attending a specific church each week the student not only builds a habit of faithful church attendance but also gains a circle of Christian friends who will become prayer warriors for him. By working with the same group of people, the student is prepared for what to expect in a church situation.

The church-centered Christian service program was pioneered at London College. Dr. L. David Beckman, former director of Christian Service, conceived the idea from contact with Missionary Internship, Inc. in Detroit. Many other Christian colleges have written for information concerning this unique program.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Mr. Adams and the chorale as they begin a series of concerts in January.
- Pray for Mrs. Macaulay who is ill and for Dr. Macaulay, that he may be strengthened during his wife's illness.
- Pray that the Lord will supply our financial needs. Seventy-three hundred dollars is needed for January.
- Pray that the Lord will supply staff replacements for Beverly Charette who left the Registrar's office in October and Marjorie Schindel, Alumni Secretary, who resigned in December.

PRAISE THEMES

- For the spiritual impact of the Christmas carol service held on December 15 at Beal Secondary School auditorium at which more than 800 people were present
- For an increase in giving in December over the previous month.

Please do not send cash through the mail. During the past months several cash gifts have been lost. If you send your gift to us through the mail, please be sure to send a cheque or money order.

**Our new box number is:
BOX 65**

The other day I was listening to the Robert Shaw Chorale (on record) singing the **Kyrie** from Beethoven's **Missa Solemnis**. My interest in it was purely musical. But suddenly this oft-repeated word **Kyrie** came alive, and I forgot the music in a soul-searching meditation.

Kyrie is the vocative case of the Greek **Kurios**, a word with many meanings ranging all the way from a respectful "sir" to the most glorious divine title. In this last sense it is applied to Jesus Christ, and signifies Lord. "God hath made this same Jesus . . . both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). "God also hath highly exalted him . . . that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord" (Phil. 2:11).

It is not we who make Christ Lord. God has already raised Him to that exalted station, and it is the obligation of every moral intelligence to acknowledge His lordship. The human race is divided into two groups - those who confess Jesus as Lord now, unto salvation, and those whose confession of Him as Lord will be too late for salvation, being made in the solemn hour of judgement.

To us who have confessed Him after the manner of Romans 10:9, the Lordship of Christ is not only a very personal matter, but a most penetrating matter.

It means that He is Lord of my body. My body has become a member of Christ, and must be the instrument of His will as I expect each member of my body to respond to my will in obedience to the impulses from the brain. "The body for the Lord, and the Lord for the body", says the apostle (1 Cor. 6:13). That surely means that if my body is committed to the carrying out of His will, He will quicken and strengthen and energize it for the accomplishment of His will. Here

then I see a solemn obligation to present my body, a living sacrifice to Him, and a blessed assurance that my weakness will be swallowed up in His strength until the task is done.

He is Lord of my mind, with full right to order my thoughts, to preside over all my reasoning processes, and to determine my conclusions. "I am thinking God's thoughts after Him," exclaimed the great Kepler, and actually we have no right to do anything else. The plea to rid our minds of all prejudices in approaching modern philosophies and ideologies strikes no response in the Christian. I cannot deny my Lord in order to examine human systems of thought, but I must bring a Christ-directed mind to the examination.

He is Lord of my affections. My emotions must not be allowed to run riot, following the whims of the flesh or copying the emotion patterns of the world. Christ must be the chief object of my affection, and all other loves controlled and directed by His Spirit.

He is Lord of my will. The supreme function of my will is to choose His will. The discipline of my will is practising that choice. Is this an enslavement of the human will? Not at all! It is the will's truest emancipation. In order to say "yes" to Him, we are required to be saying "no" to that which would enslave. Here is strength, freedom, victory.

He is Lord of my time. Here is a commodity which can never be re-deemed in the spending, and only as He directs the spending can the fullest returns be realized. I may determine how best to utilize my time for temporal ends, but how can I order my time for eternal purposes without direction from the Eternal One?

"He is thy Lord, and worship thou Him" (Psa. 45:11).