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The Percy H. Harris Memorial Library

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The Library, A Centre of Learning

One of the busiest places at 518 Queens Avenue is the library. Some alumni of our school will associate the library with Mahood Hall, but since 1955 it has been located on the ground floor of the chapel building. This has provided space for a student reading room, book stacks, and periodical displays. In 1962 the library was named the Percy H. Harris Memorial Library in memory of the former president of London Bible Institute who passed away in 1959. The library also includes a special collection of books placed there as a memorial of his faithful service unto his Lord

A Source for Information

A good library is one of the most important educational facilities that a college can provide. Students at London College are given many assignments for reading or research to supplement classroom instruction. Within the library some students read a book concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ as the fulfilment of a classroom assignment. A senior student surrounds himself with lexicons, arammars, and commentaries in order to prepare a chapter of the Greek New Testament for classroom translation and discussion. Another



Betty Roberts, assistant librarian, sorts returned books. student reads a current article in the "Globe and Mail" in order to gain information about some topic of Canadian History being discussed in class. These and many others spend considerable time in the library to further their education.

In order to provide efficient service for both faculty and students a library staff is necessary to administer its work. Dr. William Foster oversees the general administration. Betty Roberts, a graduate of 1949, is the full-time assistant to the Librarian, efficiently supervising the library, processing new books, and assisting the students to find the information needed for their research. Ruth Cole, Gail Robinson, Clifford Hall, Robert Morris, and Grant Gordon act as student proctors.

More Books Needed

The development of the library to serve the college adequately is one of our most urgent needs. In addition to the many new publications which are coming off the printing presses, we need to secure many older editions which are not presently in our library. We are thankful for the more than 12,000 volumes we now have, but our arowing student body and developing educational program make imperative the purchase of additional books, periodicals, magazines, music literature, and Christian education Our Christian friends are material. urged to pray and to give in order that our budget of approximately \$5000 for book purchases will be achieved. The faculty are particularly concerned that adequate research opportunities be provided in order that they might give the very best training to the students. An investment in this project can bear lasting dividends as students in the years to come use the books purchased for their spiritual and academic advancement.

Graduation Banquet

- Beal Tech
- Friday, April 17th
- 2.50 each

Please reserve or buy tickets immediately.

Write: Banquet Committee Box 65, London. Ont.

Annual Musicale

Plan to attend the Annual Commencement Musicale on April 18, 1964 at 8 p.m. at the Aeolian Hall, Dundas St. The program will be divided into three parts, the first presented by the music faculty, the second by the students from the Department of Sacred Music, and the third by groups that perform an extension ministry: the chorale, the male quartet, and the girls' trio.

Praise and Prayer

- -Praise God for His blessing on the ministry of the choir during weekend tours and the annual ten-day tour in March. Pray that the Lord will use the message of the music to reach hearts.
- Pray for our students as they prepare for final examinations April 24 — May 1.
- —Pray for this year's graduating class that the Holy Spirit may guide each one into the field of service that He has prepared for them.
- --Pray that we may end the fiscal year with all financial obligations met.
- —Pray for high school students who are graduating this year that many may dedicate themselves to training for service to the Lord.
- Pray for Mrs. Macaulay who has been in the hospital for several weeks.

- Rev. W. F. Steeper, B.A., B.D.
- Isaac Sisters Trio
- Gordon Vair, (Ventriloquist)
- L.C.B.M. Quartet
- Male Chorus

AMBASSADORS FOR SALE

The 1964 yearbook, "The Ambassador" has arrived. We have only twenty-five for sale so if you would like one please call or write to the school immediately and reserve your copy. The cost is \$3.75. If you are a pastor, perhaps you would like one for your church library. Many young people have been led to train for service through the influence of this book.

Alumni Corner

Congratulations to John Harder, '56 who was recently appointed Canadian Director of the Evangelical Union of South America.

Alumni in Nova Scotia held a meeting in Truro on March 30 to organize a Nova Scotia Chapter. The meeting was under the leadership of Lew Farrell, '50.

26TH ANNUAL GRADUATION BACCALAUREATE

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY, MAY 3, 1964 3:30 P.M. SPEAKER: DR. J. C. MACAULAY

COMMENCEMENT

H. B. BEAL SECONDARY SCHOOL MONDAY, MAY 4, 1964 8:00 P.M. SPEAKER: REV. STEPHEN OLFORD Postor of Calvary Baptist Church, New York City

But!

By DR. J. C. MACAULAY

That is a revolutionary statement which Paul makes - "all things are lawful for me." And lest we think it is something which he has carelessly dropped, he says it four times, twice in 1 Corinthians 6:12, and twice in chapter 10, verse 23 of the same epistle.

What does the apostle mean by such an extreme statement? Does he mean that when a man becomes a Christian, suddenly the law of God is en toto abrogated for him, so that, being no longer "under the law," he is free to kill and steal and commit adultery and still bear no blame or guilt? Paul would be the first to repudiate such an interpretation of this affirmation. Has he not just given a list of sins which mark men as barred from the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9, 10)?

When Paul says, "all things are lawful for me," he does not signify that what was prohibited by the law suddenly becomes right. He is rather referring to the fact that for the believer in Christ conduct is regulated and determined on other principles than legal codes. These principles are summed up in Romans 8:14, especially in the phrase, "who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

Now the man who is walking according to the Spirit of God, who has been emancipated from the bondage and curse of the law, for whom therefore "all things are lawful," will apply tests to all proposed conduct, as did the apostle Paul. Here are some of these tests.

1. Lawful - but is it expedient? Let us suppose that an election is in the offing, and a piece of legislation is due to come before the house which the government knows very well will be unpopular and will adversely affect the vote. What will the politicians do? Most likely they will table that piece of legislation till after the election. That is expediency, perhaps on a lower plane. The apostle Paul believed that there is a holy expediency in regard to a Christian's behaviour. The legality of an action or a practice is not a sufficient test. We must also ask, ls it profitable for Christian ends, as holding over that legislation was profitable for political ends? Will this conduct advance the cause of the Gospel or hinder it? Will it strengthen my witness or weaken it? Will it convey a true picture of Christ, or a false one?

2. Lawful - but does it tend to bondage? We all know about habitforming drugs, narcotics, alcohol, and the like. Some of them are terribly destructive of the body, of the mind, of the moral sense, so that our governments try to clamp strict controls on them. We are learning that the cigarette is not the innocuous habit that it used to be considered, but a killer. But for the Christian, it is not enough to avoid habits for their baneful effects on health. Whatever wields a power over the child of God, to bring him into bondage, must be renounced, whether it be a drug, a TV show, or a questionable type of literature. "I will not be brought under the power of any."

Lawful - but does it edify? It is the building up of others that is here in mind. Let us take an example. To one Christian the dance is a normal, social expression, and, being careful of the functions he attends, he seems to derive no harm. Another Christian. young in the faith and still weak, associates the dance with his "old" life; but seeing the older Christian attend, he summons up courage, against his conscience, to ao. He is soon caught up with the gaiety of the affair, and he goes again. His guards are down. He is drawn into compromising situations. His first love for Christ wanes. his alowing testimony is silenced, and the church has another casualty. Lawful? "But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours becomes a stumblingblock to them that are weak."