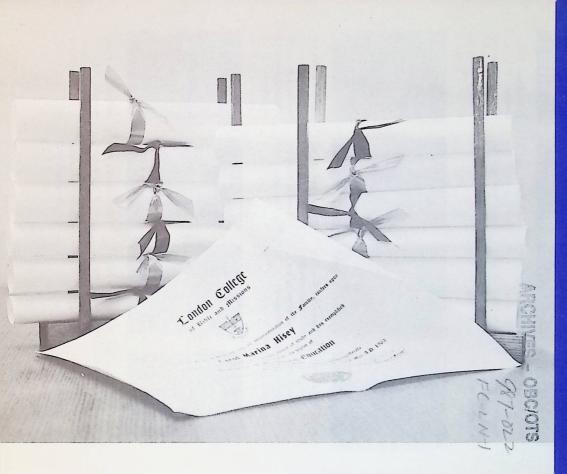


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Grant Gordon, B.Th. (Honours) Windsor, Ont. - Further study and the pastorate



Lambert Baptist, B.R.E. Hamilton, Ont. - Pastorate



Frank Berry, B.Th. Hamilton, Ont. - Marriage and further study



Beryl Gray, B.R.E. Kingston, Ont. - Mission field



Janice Newson, B.Th. Niagara Falls, Ont. - Further studies in psychology and sociology



Christopher Moree, B.Th. London, Ont. - Pastorate





Gail Robinson, B.Th. Weston, Ont. - Completion of B.A. degree and then the mission field

Art Newsham, B.Th. North Battleford, Sask. Further education and the pastorate



Robert Kasper, B.Th. Toronto, Ont. -- Will enter chartered accountant course



Mary Den Boer, St. Thomas, Ont. - Missionary work in Holland



Clifford Hall, B.Th. London, Ont. --- Plans to complete B.A. degree



Marion Latimer, B.R.E. Dundos, Ont. - Marriage and secular work



Robert Mitchell. B.R.E. Belleville, Ont - Secular work in London; future plans indefinite



Roy Latimer, B.Th. Theodore J. De Kon-Kemptville, Ont. ing B.Th. (Honours) - Plans to complete London, Ont. B.A. degree - Further education and pastorate



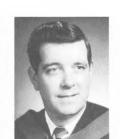
Leroy Tower, B.Th. Moncton, N.B. Pastorate





Terry Tiessen, B.Th.

Ralph Thornton, B.Th. Weston, Ont, - Pastorate



Harry Wilson, B.Th. (Honours) Hamilton, Ont. --Plans to complete B.A. degree



Bud Penner, B.Th. Gouldtown, Sask. - Further education and pastorate



Eugene Thamer, B.Th. Kitchener, Ont. - Further education

Carolyn Rempel, B.R.E. St. John, N.B. - Secular work while husband attends university





Janet Trimble, B.R.E. Cottam, Ont. - Plans are indefinite

William Webb, B.Th. Hamilton, Ont. Further education



By DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President

I --- MISSIONS

When the young pastor of the Moulton church offered as a proposition for discussion, "whether the command aiven to the apostles, to teach all nations, was not obligatory on all succeeding ministers to the end of the world, seeing that the accompanying promise was of equal extent," the chairman of the ministerial gathering roundly reproved him as a "miserable enthusiast," for thinking that the Great Commission could be seriously considered without another Pentecost. with the accompanying miraculous aifts. This well illustrates the complacency of the churches in the eighteenth century with respect to world evangelization. But young Carey's proposition aroused the English churches, and the first British missionary society was born six years later.

A like complacency seems to be gripping the churches today. Despite missionary conventions, and the almost desperate call for more workers, the number of candidates for the mission fields has greatly declined. The lure of material prosperity, joined to a counsel of despair regarding the missionary outlook, seems to be sapping the flow of volunteers. We need to take a new and honest look at this whole matter.

We concede the mission of Christ, that He came into the world "to save sinners". We concede the mission of the apostles, that they were entrusted with "the ministry of reconciliation". We concede the mission of men like Carey, Judson, Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, R. V. Bingham, who blazed trails for the Gospel in vast areas of the world. We may even concede the mission of those rare souls who to this day leave all to follow Christ, and toil with inadequate help, like a voice crying in the wilderness. But we forget that Christ's commission to His apostles did not stop with the apostles, nor even with all ministers, as Carey suggested. It embraces every believer. Receiving the benefits of the blood of Christ lays upon us a responsibility for the souls of men everywhere. The moment we are made members of Christ, we become participants in Christ's mission, which is to all the world.

In calling for volunteers, missionaries plead the state of the heathen, the urgency created by doors closed and closing, the challenging opportunities of wide open doors, and the like. This is all legitimate and right, but basic to every appeal is our involvement in the task of the Gospel by our union with Christ. Not till our exalted Head calls a halt to world mission can we slacken the pace.

We are living in the days of spectator sports. A few men are out on the ice exerting all their powers in the game, while thousands are interested viewers. Has it come to that in missions? The few go, with hardly enough support to keep them at their post, while we give them interested and sympathetic glances from our seats of luxury!

Of course men must be "called" to the regions beyond! By the same token one must be "called" to the home field. I am persuaded, in view of our Lord's sending, and in view of the awful urgency of the task today, that every young Christian is obligated, first to recognize his personal involvement in the total work of the Gospel, and then to discover the place of God's appointment in that total work. It is not a matter of personal choice, but of obedience to the Lord's command, and there should be as much divine compulsion in staying home as in going to more distant fields. "Lord, what wilt THOU have me to do?"