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HOME AGAIN!

My first association with L.B.I. came in the early days of my Christian life when God led me here as a student. In those days God used the dedicated faculty to equip me for a life of service. It is with joy that I come back this second time, not as a student but as a staff member. During the past month, I have become oriented in my duties, and have had many contacts with faculty, students, and staff.

Despite many changes both in academic life and the personnel, I have found the same dedication to the task of training young people for the Lord's service that existed when I was a student in 1949.

As secretary to the Dean of Students and the Christian Service Director, I am frequently in contact with the students and have been impressed by their love for the Lord. The Christian Service program in the local churches is a valuable training ground as they prepare for future Christian service.

As I have become acquainted with the faculty members. I have sensed a deep dedication on the part of each one to do his best in preparing his students for the life of ministry ahead.

The faculty show a great deal of personal interest in each student. The student-faculty ratio is 10 students for each full-time faculty member. When I graduated in 1949, the ratio was 38 students to each full-time faculty member. Now the teachers have more time to spend assisting each student with his personal academic problems.

Fifteen years after graduation I have returned to find my school still functioning for the same purpose as when I was a student, that of preparing young people for the Lord's service. I count it a privilege to be back as a working part of L.C.B.M.

— Helen Hofstetter

Fall Conference Report

Dr. Henry Brandt, a Christian Psychologist, presented a series of three lectures to the student body, October 19 - 21.

Known to many for his articles in the "Power" Sunday School paper, Dr. Brandt has also written several books. He operates several Counselling Clinics and serves as a consultant to various mission boards.

Dr. Brandt vividly exposed the destructive effect negative emotions have in our lives, both physically and mentally. Christ, however, can give us the victory and bring us peace. Dr. Brandt has a special gift for applying the Scriptures in a practical way through the use of true-life examples.

PRAYER NOTES

PRAY . . .

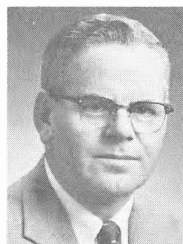
. . . for plans for Alumni Home Coming November 20-21. The guest speaker will be Rev. James P. Vold. Pray that this will be a time of rich blessing and fellowship.

. . . for our current budget, that the needed funds may be provided for His honour. We need \$9,500 in order to meet our budget each month.

. . . for our seven student pastors and assistant pastors ministering in local and area churches. Pray that they might be used mightily of the Lord this year.

Rev. W. Fitch To Minister

The well-known pastor of Toronto's Knox Presbyterian Church, Rev. William Fitch, will be the speaker at LCBM's Spiritual Life Conference, November 23-27.



Dr. Fitch has been pastor of the 900 member church for

10 years. Prior to this he ministered in Scotland. He is editor of the magazine "Faith for Today" and author of two books, "Enter into Life" and "The Beatitudes".

Dr. Macaulay states, "We have invited Dr. Fitch to minister at our Spiritual Life Conference because he is a strong man of God and a clear expositor of the Word. He has had a large ministry among college age young people concerning the deeper spiritual life".

The Conference will meet Monday through Friday at 10:30 a.m. and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of LCBM. The Thursday and Friday evening meetings will meet at 8:00 p.m. at Central Baptist Church.

NEW ROBES FOR CHOIR

We wish to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for their contribution to the school. They meet monthly to pray and work for LCBM. As well as praying for the general school needs each of the ladies acts as a prayer partner for one or more of the students. They also assist at the various school social functions.

This year they have taken on their largest project, providing choir robes for the choir. This will cost them \$750.00. Since its organization in 1955 the Ladies' Auxiliary has provided drapes and furnishings for the men's and women's dorms, a floor scrubber and a vacuum cleaner, a rug and drapes for the President's office, an automatic washer and dryer, stoves for the kitchen, skirts for the choir and jackets for the quartet.

THANK YOU!

COVER PHOTO

LCBM Sundays provide a vital link between the local churches and the school. Faculty and student musical groups minister in word and song. Pictured on the cover are Mr. K. Eckleberger, Dean of Students, and Rev. D. Sinclair of Wingham Baptist Church. The people gave us a large gift of food stuffs.

COMING EVENTS

November 20 - 21: Alumni Home Coming, Rev. James P. Vold Guest Speaker.

November 23 - 27: Spiritual Life Conference with Dr. William Fitch.

December 13: Annual Christmas Musicales, London Beal Secondary High School at 2:45 p.m. featuring Choir, Student Body, Junior Choir, Mrs. Newby and the trumpet trio.

January 11: Day of Prayer.

January 24 - 27: Missionary Conference, main speaker will be Dr. D. Hillis, T.E.A.M.

March 25 - 27: Annual College Lectureship sponsored by the Music Department with Dr. Donald P. Hustad.

April 9: Graduation Banquet with Rev. R. A. Crooks.

April 11: Advance Student Recital.

May 1: Graduation Musicales.

May 2: Baccalaureate.

May 3: 27th Graduation.

Why We Reject . . . (Continued from page 4)
time true God (Luke 2:52, John 1:18). In His most wise and holy providence God has caused a record of His revelation to be given in a permanent and infallible written form (II Tim. 3:16). This record abides as an objective statement of divine truth and authority from God. Personal recognition of this authority must be secured, because of the depravity of man, through the convicting and illuminating ministry of the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:12, I John 2:27). This concept of authority leads us to reject the errors of Neo-orthodoxy by asserting an external standard which is infallible as to truth and ultimate as to authority, and a subjective experience through the Holy Spirit which causes the believer to recognize the truth as having come from God. This combination gives the Christian a divine certainty about divine matters, and constitutes the authoritative rule of faith and practice.

Neo-Orthodoxy

By DR. WILLIAM FOSTER Academic Dean



Evangelical Christianity is facing a massive challenge today from a system of theology called Neo-orthodoxy. The name represents the attempt of critics to bring orthodoxy up to date, and to make it relevant to our modern scientific and intellectual world.

Neo-orthodoxy rejects an infallible and verbally inspired Bible. This view arises out of the separation of revelation and scripture. The revelation of God is regarded as a subjective experience that can never be expressed in oral or written statements of scriptural truth. The Bible does not record the voice of God speaking to man, but is only a human sign post which may be the occasion of an experience with God. Only when God speaks to man through the fallible words of man does the Bible at that moment become the Word of God.

Neo-orthodoxy supports a mythological form of interpretation. The myth is understood to be a theological interpretation of truth expressed within the context of a pre-scientific worldview. To modern man reared in the scientific tradition of our age, not only the belief in miracles and heavenly beings is unacceptable, but also the whole supernatural frame of reference. The message behind these myths or sacred stories is relevant to our day, but only as it is restated and reinterpreted in a modern setting.

In response to this system of theology, the evangelical Christian must ask the same relevant question posed by the Pharisees in the days of Christ

—“By what authority doest thou these things, and who gave thee this authority” (Matt. 21:23). The question asked was proper, but the Pharisees erred in not recognizing the presence of the authoritative person of Christ. Implicit in these questions was the recognition that authority is necessary in the religious life, and that authority cannot be self-derived. Neo-orthodoxy does emphasize that God in His revelation is authoritative for religious life, but refuses to allow an expression of authority in the written Word of God. Indeed, revelation remains only as a subjective experience, and is allowed no expression in oral or written statements. Therefore, the statement of theological truth is clearly impossible, and at best, is only the fallible and erroneous views of mortal man. Is there, therefore, any practical or meaningful authority which prescribes the standards of faith and morals?

Christianity is unique among all the religious systems of the world in that it declares, not a search after God, but a revelation from God. God is the creator of all finite things and the Lord of all human beings (Rom. 10:12). Although invisible and undiscoverable to man (1 Tim. 6:16) God has revealed Himself to man in the sphere of human history, especially in that nation which He chose to be the recipient of His oracles (Rom. 3:2), and pre-eminently in the historical person of Jesus Christ who, being true man, is at the same

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