

Note: This Work has been made available by the authority of the copyright owner solely for the purpose of private study and research and may not be copied or reproduced except as permitted by the copyright laws of Canada without the written authority from the copyright owner.

News (London College of Bible and Missions). (January 1965)

LGBM *News*

JANUARY, 1965

Authorized as Second Class Mail by the Post Office Department, Ottawa, and for payment of Postage in Cash. Postage Paid at London, Ontario.

PUBLISHED BY
LONDON COLLEGE OF BIBLE & MISSIONS,
518 QUEENS AVE., LONDON, ONT.



FC-LN-1
ARCHIVES-TYNDALE

THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST

"Throughout Dr. Fitch's ministry, I was reminded many times "that I must interpret all things by the Lordship of Jesus Christ." This was the central theme of the daily messages. Dr. Fitch spoke on a variety of topics, such as: creation, gifts of the Spirit, sex, and the observance of the Sabbath. However, at the core of each of these messages was the emphasis on the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every compartment of my life.

When Jesus Christ is Lord of one's life, there is always joy; the best is being bettered and faith finds its truest rest. There is no short-cut, though, to this spiritual joy and power. Dr. Fitch challenged each one of us to "launch out into the deep" in a life of prayer, in the Word of God, in com-

passion for others, and in following God completely.

I was interested and provoked to thought by the message on the "gifts of the Spirit." Dr. Fitch pointed out that each member of the church of Christ has a special gift. He reminded us that: no one has all the gifts; no one gift is expected of all; and each gift is to be used for the good of all, since God gives to us in order that the gift may flow out from us. The highest gift of all is that of being a witness to Jesus Christ.

I realized after listening to Dr. Fitch's practical messages, that as we have the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives, it will mean following Him in His redemptive mission into all the world.

—Assoc. Prof. of Music, Warren E. Adams

OUR STUDENTS REPORT

While at LCBM I have come to associate with the annual Spiritual Life Conference powerful preaching, fresh insights into God's truth and lasting personal challenge.

Two challenges seemed especially clear; "Just as Christ is indeed Lord, so must He be recognized as such in every area of my life," and, "there is no short-cut to spiritual power." Dr. Fitch's messages demanded not the emotion-wrought decision of the moment but rather the constant, daily response to Christ's claims on our lives. —Robert Morris

"There is no short-cut to spiritual joy and power," said Dr. Fitch. The Conference was not to be a tonic to keep us going until the end of the term.

Dr. Fitch constantly referred to the Word. Nothing rested on the authority of "I say so." He presented ideas which were new and thought-provoking. His messages concerning the "keeping of the Sabbath," and, "speaking in tongues" answered questions that I had relative to these topics.

Conference wasn't a tonic. It was a time of learning, thinking and self-evaluation. —Carole Kirton

TRI-OLYMPICS

Contrary to popular belief the Olympics are not held every four years, but every year! At least this is so with Tri-School Olympics.

On Saturday afternoon each school eagerly embarks to a centrally located gym for the sports highlight of the fall. The schools participating are Central Baptist Seminary, Toronto Bible College, and our college. The purpose of the event is to promote a closer relationship between students of the three schools. This is accomplished not only through friendly competition in sports such as volleyball, basketball, etc. but also through smaller group games and fellowship around the supper table. A devotional period, led by one of the schools, concludes the evening.

A large, gold trophy, which LCBM has won for the past two years, is presented to the school winning in the sports competition. Only one school has the trophy!

We'll meet our friends again next year at Tri-School Olympics.

—Roger Aiken, Athletic Representative

HOMECOMING

One hundred and eight Alumni members returned home on November 20 and 21 to renew acquaintance with old friends and the school.

Alumni who attended the two-day conference received a special blessing from the ministry of Rev. James P. Vold, pastor of Calvary Church, St. Catharines. On Friday morning Mr. Vold spoke on the Homecoming theme, "Leaning, Learning, and Living," showing that only as one leans on the Lord and learns from Him is one able to live the Christian life effectively. Saturday morning, his message dealt with the problem of spiritual dryness and what to do about it, and at the Saturday night banquet, Mr. Vold challenged Alumni to discover their spiritual gifts and use them.

A number of missionary Alumni were present for the weekend. On Friday afternoon seven of them presented the work they are doing on their respective fields. Don Webster '56, who works with the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Alaska, showed a film he had made portraying the life of the Eskimos with whom he works and the Bible translation ministry that he and his wife, Thelma, are involved in. Ruth Carlson who graduated in 1948 and is serving as a missionary in the Chad Republic said this was her first opportunity since graduation to attend Homecoming.



Rev. James Vold, guest speaker at Homecoming, chats with Rev. William Adkins '60, Alumni president.



Discussing the events of Homecoming are left to right: Don Webster '56, Gail Robinson '64, Terry Tiessen '64, and Dr. William Foster '51.

Although most of the Alumni who attended came from Southern Ontario, some drove a considerable distance to be present. Among these were Rev. and Mrs. John Crabbe, Toledo, Ohio; Mervin Pastorius, Detroit, Michigan; Ruth Carlson, Erie, Pennsylvania; and Maebelle Stahl, North East, Pennsylvania.

Some of the highlights of the weekend were a presentation by the choir; a film, "The Soul of Quebec," produced by Wilson Ewin '53; and a panel discussion in which the faculty answered any questions the Alumni had concerning the work and program of the school.

NEW EXECUTIVE

Three new members were elected to the Alumni Executive in November.

Rev. William Adkins '62 was elected to the office of president for a two-year term. He has been pastor of St. Marys Baptist Tabernacle since 1963 following four years as pastor of Courtright Baptist Church. He served as vice-president of the Alumni Association last year.

The vice-president elected was Rev. Gilbert Shepherd '56. Since earning his M.Th. degree at Dallas Theological Seminary, he has been pastor of the Church of the Redeemer, Niagara Falls.

Elmer Cassidy '53, missionary to Chile from 1956 to 1963, was elected to the office of treasurer. He has been field representative for London College since 1963.

The secretary, Shirley Funnell '60, was returned to office with a vote of confidence.

We Believe In Miracles

by DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President



By various means faith in the miracles, as recorded in the Scriptures, is undermined.

The mythological view holds that they are non-historical, but fabricated (perhaps by inspiration of the Holy Spirit) as vivid means of teaching spiritual truths.

Some miracles are placed in the legendary category. It is pointed out that legends have a way of growing around great personalities, as a sort of exaggeration of their virtues, or to enhance their reputation. The suggestion is that such men as Moses and Elijah (and perhaps Jesus) have not escaped this phenomenon.

Another view is that many of the "miracles" of the Bible have a basis in fact, but that, as the record was handed down from generation to generation orally, they gathered more and more of a miraculous aura, until, when they came to be written down, they had been greatly blown up.

Frequently all these views intermingle.

Our belief at London College of Bible and Missions is that the miracles are historical events, and occurred as recorded. The Holy Spirit can indeed speak in parable, as did our Lord Jesus, but we shall not expect Him to give the appearance of historical fact to parabolic speech. Moreover, we

shall not expect the Holy Spirit to put His seal upon gross exaggerations, whether they be deliberate or unintentional, gradual or immediate. One of the grand features of the Bible is its restraint, whether it is dealing with the wonders of God or the suffering of Christ.

We believe in miracles because we believe in God. The God who created all things, the God who for our salvation became incarnate in His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, has not imprisoned Himself within such laws of nature as man has been able to observe. We may not understand His methods, but we trust His power.

Above all, God's miracles are meaningful. They are not the whims of a superhuman being trying to amuse himself or dazzle his underlings. They have a place in God's great scheme of redemption, and carry urgent lessons for us all. The miracle is not an end in itself. The important thing for all of us in regard to the miracles is that we learn what God is trying to teach us from them.

"Great God of wonders, all Thy ways
Are matchless, Godlike, and divine;
But the fair glories of Thy grace
More Godlike and unrivalled shine.
Who is a pardoning God like Thee,
Or who has grace so rich and free?"