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Members of the chorale eagerly board the bus as they leave campus for the choir tour across Ontario and Western Quebec.

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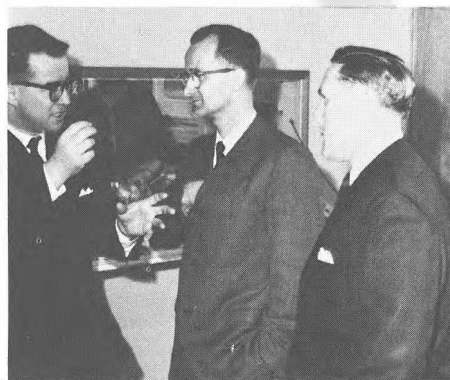
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Friday, March 5

Almost the whole dorm came alive about 5:00 a.m. to help choir members with last minute ironing and packing.

The bus trip was long but we arrived in Kingston in plenty of time for the 2:30 p.m. telecast. The station gave us 10 minutes. It was a tremendous challenge.

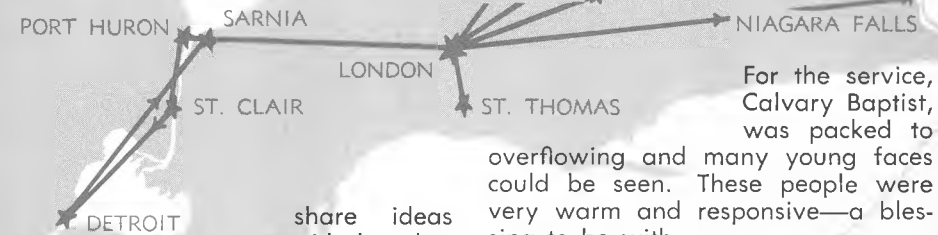
Bethel Baptist was full and the Holy Spirit used us to speak to many souls. A young man dedicated his life to Christ for full-time service.



Mr. Adams and Mr. Bell chatting with Pastor Wills.

Saturday, March 6

Before leaving this morning we held our first Bible Study of the tour. I appreciated the informal atmosphere and the opportunity to



share ideas with the other members of the group. At 10:45 a.m. we headed for Montreal, happy to learn that last night Fred Romanuk had led a university student to commit his life to Christ.

In the evening at Verdun Baptist

Mr. Adams seemed to react spontaneously to God's leading, and I'm sure all the music sung was to His Glory! Mr. Bell, so appropriately, spoke on salvation that night.

Sunday, March 7

Our first service of the day was at West Island Baptist Church. I was surprised at the growth in my home church. Bonnie and I gave testimonies in the service. The 7 o'clock service, at Bethel Baptist, resulted in two young girls dedicating their lives to God.

The choir made a fast dash for the bus and travelled across the city to People's Church for a 9:00 p.m. service. Even though we were tired, God gave us strength to sing for His Glory. Two more young people dedicated their lives for the Lord's service.

Monday, March 8

After lunch, it was a real thrill to tour the power plant where everything was so automatic and efficient.



For the service, Calvary Baptist, was packed to overflowing and many young faces could be seen. These people were very warm and responsive—a blessing to be with.

Tuesday, March 9

We had a surprise assembly at the High School in Ingleside this morning. The 240 students were a very warm audience. We were pleased for the opportunity God had given us to pre-



sent His Gospel to these young people. We arrived at Calvary Bible Church in Smiths Falls and had our devotional. We talked about the Holy Spirit. I thank Him for convicting me and helping me to grow in Him. We went to a local restaurant for a roast beef dinner. Afterwards the choir gave an impromptu concert — much to the

pleasure of the other patrons. The message that night was on the three things that happen when a Christian deliberately sins—not only the congregation listened intently.

Wednesday, March 10

In the afternoon we sang to 800 students at Bancroft High School. Many unsaved friends and relatives of choir members were in the service at the Church of the Open Bible in Peterborough. We counselled several prospective students.

Thursday, March 11

Again, we were privileged to sing in a High School. This time we had two services in the Fenelon Falls High School. The church in Cannington was packed. Again, we proved His power. There was one decision for salvation and a few dedication decisions.

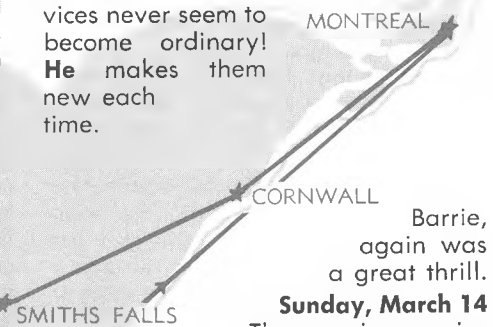
Friday, March 12

Pastor Don Perkins' young church was full. Many graduates and friends were present. Mr. Bell spoke especially

to young people—brief and dynamic as usual!

Saturday, March 13

We spent the morning at the Youth Centre outside Newmarket. We had our last Bible study of the tour. These have been interesting, thought-provoking periods. We have gained much through them. Somehow the services never seem to become ordinary! He makes them new each time.



Sunday, March 14

The morning service at Waverley Road in Toronto again demonstrated what a blessing it is to be involved in "A Ministry in Song". After dinner we travelled quickly to Kitchener, where we held a Vesper Service at the Nurses' Residence. The Pastor at Benton Street Baptist Church was so enthusiastic! We sensed that he and his people had been praying for this service for a long time. The radio broadcast and evening service climaxed the tour. We finished tired, but happy, in the knowledge that tonight, as on every other night we had done our best through God's strength. We believe that the message we sang, which was not our own, but God's, will live on in the hearts of hundreds who heard.

LCBM invites you to see this year's graduates go forth into "World Evangelization"

27th. ANNUAL GRADUATION BACCALAUREATE SERVICE
 Central Baptist Church
 Sunday, May 2, 1965, 3:30 p.m.
 Speaker: Dr. J. C. Macaulay

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
 H. B. Beal Secondary School
 Monday, May, 3, 1965, 8:00 p.m.
 Speaker: Rev. Mariano Di Gangi,
 Pastor of Tenth Presbyterian Church Philadelphia

Easter Tidings

By Dr. J. C. MACAULAY,
President

The resurrection of Jesus was the keynote of the apostolic message. It was this that gave certainty to their declaration that Jesus was the Christ. It was this that illumined His death, bestowing upon it a truly redemptive significance. It was this that enabled them to proclaim with all confidence "that Jesus Christ is Lord." The faith they preached was not faith in a set of principles, exemplified by One now dead. It was "the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

The resurrection which the apostles preached was a new thing, something which none before Jesus Christ had experienced, on the basis of which He should show light to Jews and Gentiles alike (Acts 26:23). It was foundational, without which their preaching would be void of content, and faith itself would crumble to ashes (1 Cor. 15:14-18). Moreover, it was a resurrection which embraced all who should believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. He was the Firstfruit, and the harvest was sure (1 Cor. 15:20-23).

Such a resurrection was something more than the persistence of personality through death, more than the survival of the spirit. It involved the body. Those who deny the bodily resurrection of our Lord admit that the empty tomb constitutes a problem. It was a problem to the disciples too — until they saw the risen Christ. When our Lord showed them His hands and His feet, when He invited Thomas to put his finger into the still open wounds, when He said, "A spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see me have," was He playing tricks on them, simulating a body and wounds to beguile them into a false faith?

Of course if these are legendary tales that grew up around the idea of resurrection, we are dealing with another problem. But so long as we believe that we have a faithful record, given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we have no alternative to a bodily resurrection, and we seek none.

True, a change had come over the risen body of Christ, as indicated in the changed behaviour, and no doubt a further change took place at the ascension. So at the resurrection of the dead in Christ. The apostle Paul is very clear on that point. It is a change from natural to spiritual, from corruption to incorruption, from dishonour to glory (1 Cor. 15:42-44). A like change is promised those "who are alive and remain" at the Lord's return (vv. 51,52). But the change does not make the resurrection non-bodily — neither His nor ours. And if some want to quibble about those whose ashes have been scattered over land and sea, I can only say that that is not my problem. God, who formed us from the dust in the beginning, doubtless has the answer.

What does it mean to me this Eastertide that Christ rose from the dead? In such short compass I cannot say all that it means. Let these few samples suffice for now:

1. It means that I have a living Saviour. His resurrection reflects back on His death and assures me of the remission of my sins through His blood. In addition, He is able to save me to the end, through His prevailing intercessions (Heb. 7:25).

2. It means that I have a living Lord, to whom I owe complete allegiance and obedience, and in such obedience to His will life takes on new dimensions and new meaning.

3. It means that I have a living Friend, who knows me and loves me, with whom I can commune, and who will give unfailing help.

4. It means that I have a living hope, for this Saviour, Lord, and Friend has said, "I will come again, and receive you unto myself" (John 14:3).