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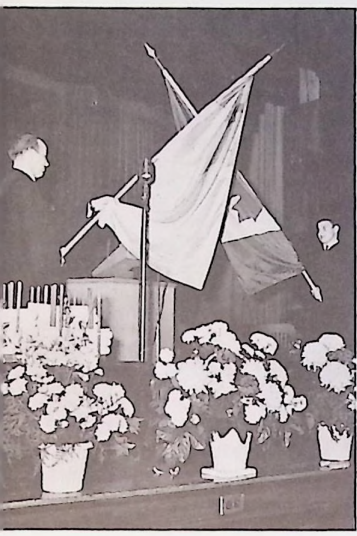
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COMMENCEMENT '65



The colourful pageantry of graduation permeated the twenty-seventh annual Commencement service held at the H. B. Beal Secondary School on May 3, 1965. To the traditional tune of "Pomp and Circumstance", standard bearers Douglas Perkins and Stephen Males, left, led the twenty-two graduates to their places near the front of the auditorium.

Michael Timgren, one of the two graduating students chosen to give his testimony, tells of the Lord's leading in his life. Mrs. Wilhelmina De Boer also presented her testimony.

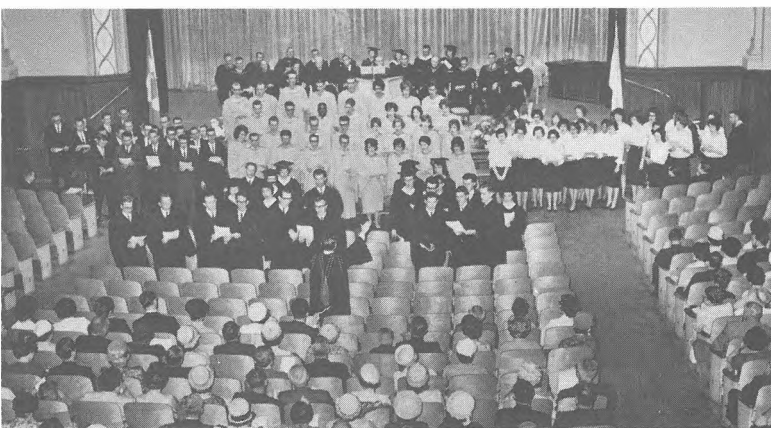




Dr. Mariano Di Gangi, minister of Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, challenged the graduates to be firmly persuaded that their faith is based upon a sure foundation and not of the hypotheses of men or myths.



Fraser McKenzie, president of the Student Missions Fellowship, presented this year's missionary gift of \$1,300.00 from the student body to Alumni Stan '58 and Barbara '56 Sadlier who will use it to build a Mission Station when they return to their field in New Guinea.



Special music for the service was presented by the complete student body conducted by Warren E. Adams, Director of Music.

After they received their degrees and diplomas, the graduates were greeted and congratulated by friends, faculty and fellow students before departing to begin the next phase in a life dedicated to the service of Christ.



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Mrs. J. C. Macaulay, the beloved wife of our President. After a series of illnesses, she fell asleep in Jesus on April 27, exactly one month before what would have been the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. The poignant grief is assuaged by the realization that she is with Christ, "which is far better". The most heart-moving tributes of her sterling qualities have poured in from many parts of the world, the following being little samples:



"She was one of the loveliest women we have ever known. Certainly an ideal pastor's wife."

"I know that her spirit, her strength, and her truly "living faith in Christ will endure. May it be a comfort to you that Auntie Helen neither lived nor died in vain."

"We want you to know that your dear wife's life was a fragrance of the sweetness of Christ to us. Her simple trust in her Saviour and her unselfish spirit have been both an encouragement and a challenge to us to live more fully for Him."

"Her personality and goodness will always live in our memories."

"Your wife's prayer seemed to lift us into the presence of God."

"She has been such a delight and blessing to us these many years, as she has been to the Lord's people wherever you have been in His service."

"Mrs. Macaulay was one in whom we saw reflected continually the grace and beauty of the Lord Jesus Christ and for every remembrance of her we do give grateful praise to the Lord."

"As a token of our appreciation of her, we have placed a Pulpit Bible in loving memory of her in the College Chapel." – LCMB Students

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

God is calling young people to train at London College for His service. This is evident by the large number of applications that have already been received for our Fall semester. Those who have applied have expressed real purpose in their desire to receive a Bible-centred training. They speak for themselves:

"I desire to equip my life for the service of Jesus Christ."

enrolling in the Pastor's course

"I have felt for quite some time the Lord was calling me to serve Him as a missionary."

enrolling in the Missions' course

"I wish to obtain an education centred around Christ."

enrolling in the Arts-Bible course

"I wish to enrol to prepare myself for missionary service for the Lord Jesus using music training."

enrolling in the Sacred Music course

"It is my earnest desire to find my place in God's plan."

enrolling in the Christian Education course

"What He has in store for me, I do not know, but I trust as He has led me in the past, He will likewise continue to lead in the future."

enrolling in the General Bible course

"I want to study the Word and learn all I possibly can from it; to be a more effective witness for Christ."

enrolling in the Diploma course

Is God calling you to join these in preparation for His service? If so, and we can be of help or assistance to you, please write to:

The Registrar,
London College of Bible and Missions,
Box 65, London, Ontario.

Believing is a Big Step

by DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President



We invite men to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, as if this were a very simple thing to do. We even talk about the "simple Gospel", offering it to sinners in terms that are meaningful to us but which may convey no sense to them.

Think what is involved in this step of faith by which alone we enter into salvation.

First, it involves a belief in God. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is", and today that is practically a repudiation of common intelligence. The wisdom of this world has skyrocketed (literally), and still "the world by wisdom knows not God".

The step of faith also carries with it an admission of sin - admission even to the point of repentance. Now man is such a self-justifying creature that this is a startling demand. Add to this the Biblical teaching that he can do nothing to repair the breach, to atone for his sins or to regain merit, and you are asking him to act contrary to fallen human nature.

Then comes the call to accept the provision made for the sinner in the person and work of Christ. We are asking him to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that His death was the atonement for our sins, that He rose from the dead, and that He

gives eternal life to all who believe. But "believing" in the Gospel sense is not just believing these facts. It is a personal appropriation, it is a trustful committal of ourselves to Him, it is a submission to Jesus Christ as our living Lord.

Is this simple? Is this easy? Far from it. Such a step requires divine illumination, without which the sinner cannot apprehend the truth of the Gospel. It requires the convicting work of the Holy Spirit to bring a man face to face with his own need. Then the act of faith calls for the divine enabling. "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him", said our Lord (John 6:44).

In the light of all this, it may be that we ought to have a new, hard look at our evangelism, to see whether we are making room for a supernatural work, not in hackneyed phrases, but in actual fact. Too often we act as if the whole operation were psychological, to be disposed of by means of clever techniques and emotional appeals. We acknowledge that the new birth, the forgiveness, the bestowal of life, is a work of God. But so is the bringing to decision. Dependence on God the Holy Ghost is therefore a prime necessity in all our evangelism, and prayer becomes fundamental, not incidental.