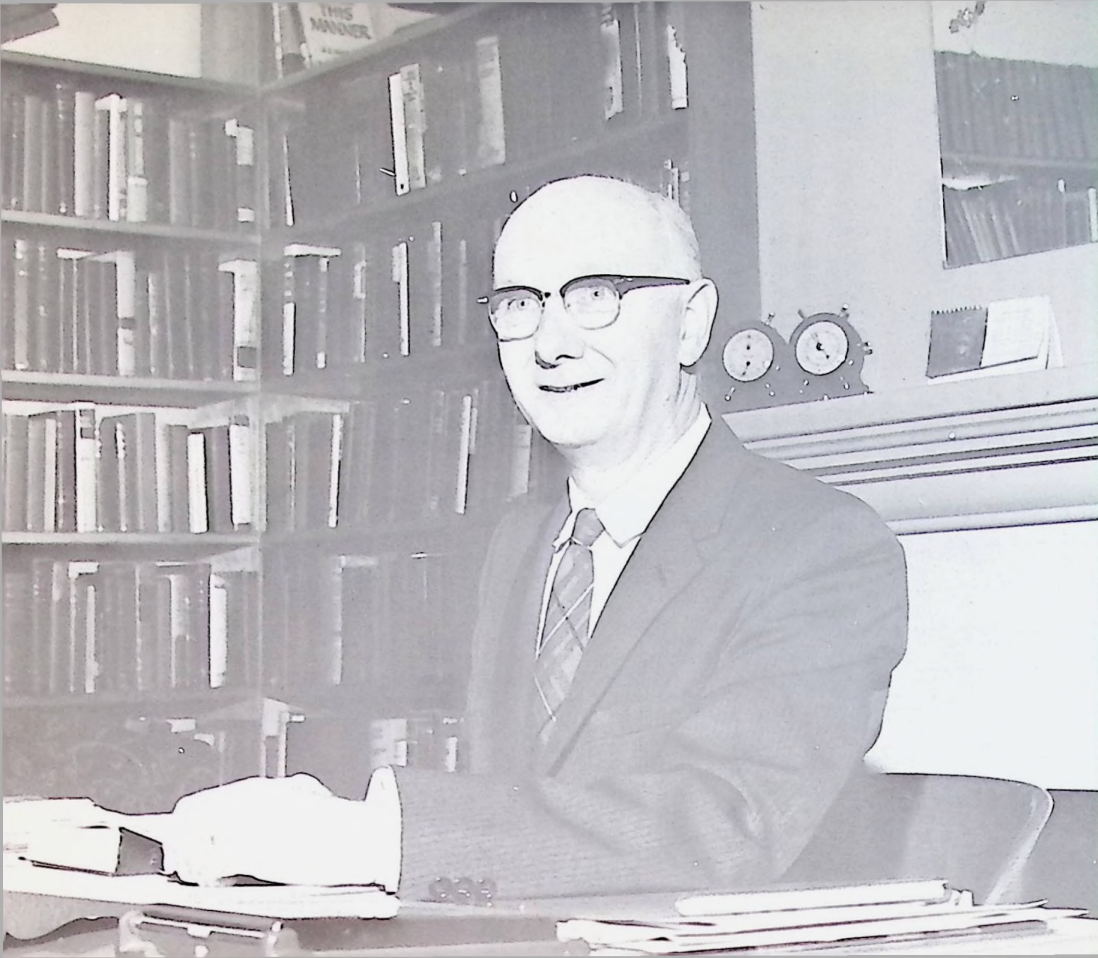


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ACADEMIC REVISIONS ANNOUNCED

Dr. William R. Foster, Academic Dean, has made the following announcements concerning the academic program for 1966-67: (1) The basic objective of London College is to prepare young people for Christian ministries and vocations throughout the world. (2) Grade XII will be the basic entrance requirement for all courses leading to the Bachelor of Religious Education and Bachelor of Sacred Music degrees. (3) The Preliminary Year of Arts which is equivalent to Grade XIII will not be offered. (4) The course of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree is being withdrawn from the catalogue.

BASIC OBJECTIVE RE-AFFIRMED

A study of our basic objectives has been completed. A comprehensive statement of specific aims in keeping with our goal has been prepared and includes the following:

CURRICULUM - All courses will include biblical, professional, and general studies taught from the perspective of Christian truth as revealed in the Scriptures.

STANDARDS - The maintenance of recognized standards of excellence is necessary in order to test the quality of education, and to guarantee to the student that his education will be recognized in other institutions of higher learning.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT - An atmosphere conducive to Christian growth will be provided to encourage the student to become a well-rounded Christian personality.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS - The student will be assisted to develop his talents and abilities in order that he may be used more effectively in the service of Jesus Christ through His Church.

WORLD EVANGELIZATION - The college program will seek to lead the student to become involved in the service of Jesus Christ.

FACULTY AND STAFF - Faculty and staff members should be mature Christians who are committed to the philosophy of Christian education as represented in the Bible College movement; to sound theological convictions as expressed in the statements of doctrine and practice of London College of Bible and Missions; and to the world-wide mission of the Church of Jesus Christ. Our Bible College courses are being reviewed to ensure the fulfilment of our basic objectives.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS REVISED

Because of recent developments in Ontario Secondary Education, a large percentage of the students will conclude high school at the end of Grade XII. In step with these changes, new four year courses of study have been developed. These will give all Grade XII graduates with a 60% average (Academic, Technical, and Commercial) an opportunity to earn the B.R.E. or B.S.M. degrees. Students who possess Grade XIII standing will still be able to complete the B.R.E. degree in three years. The diploma course will still be available to all Grade XII graduates. The entrance requirements for the Bachelor of Theology degree will continue to be Grade XIII.

PRELIMINARY YEAR DISCONTINUED

Due to lack of demand in recent years the Preliminary Year of Arts will no longer be offered. Recent changes in Grade XIII examinations have made the continuance of this year impractical for a private school. In 1967 students in a public secondary school may count their term work for 50%

of their final grade, but this privilege is not available to students taking our Preliminary Year. Students who enter London College with Grade XIII deficiencies will be able to take these subjects at a local high school.

BACHELOR OF ARTS COURSE WITHDRAWN

During the past four years a considerable effort has been made to develop a course of study leading to the B.A. degree. A group of Christian business men have contributed much financial support to accomplish this objective. The extremely high cost of such a program, and the difficulty of securing recognition either through affiliation with a University, or through amendment of our charter make it advisable to withdraw this course of study. All of the college-level General Arts subjects currently being offered will continue to be taught as part of our Bible College courses.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT NEEDED \$32,000 BY MAY 31

The work of the Bible College is not underwritten financially. We are completely dependent upon the gifts of God's people. Our income from donations has increased appreciably during the past years from \$39,000 in 1962-63 to \$54,000 in 1964-65. To date this year our receipts from public donations are \$38,000, an increase of \$9,000 above the corresponding period last year. We thank the Lord for this encouraging increase.

To complete this semester, we need \$32,000 more in public donations. The need for trained workers at home and abroad must be met. Will you pray and send a gift in order that we may carry on our work of preparing Christ's servants for these important days.



DR. MACAULAY ACCEPTS CALL

Mr. Melvin L. Steinmann, Chairman of the Board, recently announced that Dr. J. C. Macaulay has been led of the Lord to accept a call as Dean of the Boston Evening School of the Bible in Boston, Mass., beginning September 1. This school is sponsored by Park Street Church of which Dr. Harold J. Ockenga is pastor.

This position will involve development of this Evening School, now twenty-three years old, as well as organizing Bible Classes in surrounding areas. He will have ample opportunity to expand his writing and conference ministries.

Mr. Steinmann also expressed deep appreciation for Dr. Macaulay's significant ministry at London College of Bible and Missions. Dr. Macaulay came to London in September of 1960. He has contributed much to the spiritual life of the school through his weekly chapel ministry, classroom teaching and personal counselling. Under his leadership, academic standards have been improved. The student body has increased 50% from 94 to 142. The music department has been developed so that we are now offering the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree. A full time professor in the missions department has been added to the faculty. An annual missionary conference has been instituted. The holdings in the library have been increased by 3,000 volumes. Dixon Hall was purchased and renovated for a girls' dormitory. Dr. Macaulay has also ministered widely in weekend pulpit ministry and in Bible Conferences on behalf of the school.

We wish God's blessing on Dr. and Mrs. Macaulay as they take up this new ministry.

EVANGELICALS, BEWARE !

by DR. J. C. MACAULAY, President

(Resumé of an address given to the Hamilton chapter of the Alumni Association of LCBM).

The apostle Paul sought to fortify the Colossian believers against the specious reasonings which endangered them, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words" (Col. 2:4). There are various avenues of danger which men of enticing words invite us to follow today. I should like to mention four.

First, the subtle softening. Many, shaken by the dicta of modern discovery, are weakening their position on the inerrancy and the authority of Scripture. They believe that religious truth and historical and scientific error coexist in the same volume, and it is our task to separate them. This cuts at the root of any valid doctrine of divine inspiration. It is true that we must not equate our interpretation of Scripture with the inerrant Scriptures themselves. Science may help us to correct some of our interpretations, but science does not know enough to challenge the Word of God. We may wait a long time for reconciliation in some areas, but at the last the truth of God will stand vindicated.

This softening is not only in the area of doctrine, but in matters of conduct. It is strange how the standards of the world gradually creep into the church, till even evangelicals are accepting what a few years ago would have been utterly repudiated among true believers. The disturbing increase in the divorce rate ought not to weaken the church's attitude to this evil, but it does. The old lines of separation are being obliterated, and not for the better.

Second, the ungodly union. There is a great deal of sentimental rubbish being written and spoken on the text, "That they all may be one". While some ecumenists deny the goal of the

movement is one universal church, other leaders are frank enough to admit it. Considering all the factors in the case, such a world-church would certainly be hierarchical, sacerdotal, sacramental, fortifical and authoritarian. Many evangelicals are very complacent about all this, thinking that the idea of a world church is the dream of a few visionaries, failing to sense the ferment of activity in this direction. We had better stand on guard, or we may find the fruit of the Reformation and of all our struggles for freedom swept away.

On the other hand, there is a third danger to avoid - the deadly disunity. We evangelicals have something to stand for, and we do well to stand for it. But we are in danger of giving the dignity of conviction to matters which correctly belong in the area of opinion, interpretation, and the like. So we draw battle with fellow-evangelicals when we ought to be closing ranks against the common enemy and for the common cause. If we reject the spurious union, let us all the more earnestly cultivate the true unity implicit in the phrase, "All one in Christ Jesus".

Lastly, we must beware of spurious spirituality. Vocabulary does not make a man spiritual. Dogma does not make a man spiritual. It is so easy to pin the tag of unspirituality on a brother who does not hold our particular view of prophecy, or of the church, or of the ordinances, when by all true tests he may be much ahead of us in sanctification. Judging others does not make us holy, but being holy will give us great care in judgment. True spirituality is likeness to Christ. Let us who claim to hold the true doctrine covet such likeness to Him that wherever we go, even men who hold different views from us will confess that we left behind us "a sweet savour of Christ".