

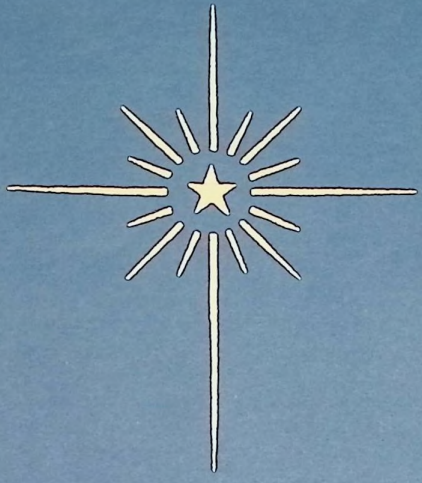
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"...behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11

London College of Bible and Missions is committed to the task of preparing young people to carry the message of Christmas "to all people". We believe that the Christian worker must be thoroughly trained in the Word, in methods, to do the task. We know too, that he must be one who is spiritually mature.

How has London contributed to this commission? Today there are 651 graduates serving in 44 countries of the world. There are 168 pastors in our own land. Our students too are busy ministering the Word. Not only are they busily engaged in learning more of the Word in the classroom, but they are also busy ministering that Word through personal witness, preaching, choir, teams, teaching Sunday School classes, youth groups. The Faculty, too, are busy in the spread of the Gospel. In September and October they ministered in 18 churches and five conferences.

Yes, London College of Bible and Missions is praying, working, that the "good news shall be to all people".

COMING EVENTS

Christmas Musicale: Plan now to attend the Annual Christmas Musicale, Sunday, December 11 at 2:45 p.m., H. B. Beal Secondary School, Dundas Street, London, Ontario.

Missionary Conference: January 25-27, 1967.

"Orientation and Involvement"

SPEAKERS: Dr. Allen Lewis, Baptist Mid Missions; Rev. Virgil Newbrander, Far Eastern Gospel Crusade; 20 others including Alumni.

COLLEGE FOR A DAY

"WHAT do you have to do to be a Minister?" "WHAT'S a Christian Ed. Director?" "WHAT'S Bible College like?" London College invites young people in grades 12 and 13 to attend "College for a Day", Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28-29 to learn the answer to these and many other questions facing you. Write for more information.

ALUMNI CORNER

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Walter NICHOLLS '48 to the Church at Arnstein, Ontario.

Rev. Bruce WOODS, Assoc. to the Ruth Morton Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. Bert BASKIN '50 to the People's Church in Montreal, P.Q.

ORDINATIONS

Rev. Jim McCOLL '66 ordained by the Faith Baptist Church at Watford.

Rev. Bill HUTTON '65 ordained by the Church at Blair, Ontario.

ON FURLOUGH

Joyce HATCH '53 from Brazil.

Marion LANKIN '51 from the Central African Republic.

RETURNING MISSIONARIES

Edith THOMSON '58 to New Guinea in August.

Jim and Doris '55 GREEN to Kenya in December.

GRADUATED FROM WATERLOO

At the Fall Convocation eight London grads and former students received their B.A. degree. They were F. Berry, T. Dekoning, J. McColl, A. Mertz, T. Tiessen, A. Webster, D. Webster and B. Zettas.

ACTING PRESIDENT REPORTS

- On behalf of the Governors, faculty, and staff of London College, I want to extend to each of you our Christmas greeting. We have appreciated greatly your prayers and gifts for the work of the college. May the presence of Jesus Christ transform your Christmas into a time of spiritual blessing and fellowship.

- During this month I have been privileged to attend the 20th annual convention of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges. This association has been formed to evaluate the work of Bible colleges in both Canada and the United States, and to assist each college to improve the work which it seeks to do. Our college has been a member of the AABC since 1959, and has received extremely valuable advice and assistance as a result of this association.

- London College of Bible and Missions extends sincere congratulations to Toronto Bible College which has just been granted full membership in AABC at the annual meeting. There are now in Canada four schools

which have full membership, and two schools which have associate membership. Each school admitted to membership must engage in a comprehensive self-evaluation prior to the evaluation by a committee appointed by the Accrediting Association.

- Mr. Frank B. Dixon has returned to active membership on our Board of Governors. His contribution to our college during the past years has been very considerable. We are happy to welcome him back after his sabbatical leave.

- Do you know young people who may be considering Bible College training? We would appreciate their names and addresses so that we may share with them some of the educational opportunities available at London College. There are far more opportunities available for trained workers than we are able to fill. We have the trained faculty and the facilities to prepare many more young people. Your assistance may be a means of directing some young person into a satisfying and challenging service for Christ.

PRAY

- for the students as they write exams December 12 - 17.
- for young people that God would direct them into His service.
- for ministry of Christmas Musicales.
- for ministry of Missionary Conference in January.
- for the faculty as they present the Word in class.
- for staff as they work in offices, library and building maintenance.
- for the donations needed by December 31, \$18,400. (see Financial Report).

GIFT IDEA

Looking for Christmas gifts that will minister spiritually as well as be "different"? Give a copy of LCBM's long-play recording "A MINISTRY OF SACRED SONG".

These may be ordered from the College at \$4.15 each including sales tax, cash or C.O.D., mono or stereo.

MINISTRIES AVAILABLE

LCBM would be pleased to minister at your church through preaching teams and visual presentation.

Pulpit Supply

LCBM Sundays

Young People's Meetings — student teams will challenge your young people.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE

What is it? This year, to aid communications between Faculty, Administration, and Student Body, the Administration introduced a monthly Press Conference with the Students Council. The three conferences held so far have made the students more aware of the workings of the College and enabled them to pray more specifically about needs. The Council has been able to freely communicate student ideas to the Administration.

—Garry Eason, President, Students Council

FINANCIAL NEEDS

Alumni donations to the College are above last year's. At the end of October the Alumni were ahead of their goal for the end of October. It is a mark of confidence in the ministry of LCBM that the graduates involved in Christian service themselves, would set a goal of \$13,000 for their givings to the school. This is almost double their givings of two years ago.

The College's total donations were up 30% in September from last year's and 20% in October. Yet, we were still \$4,600. behind our needs at the end of October. Between now (November 15) and December 31 we need to receive \$18,400 to be "on course".

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Each year the Faculty provides from their own resources several scholarships of \$50. to \$75. for students.

In September two were awarded to upper-classmen, **LENORE CATES** and **GARRY EASON**.

Other scholarships to freshmen will be awarded in January upon successful completion of their first semester.

A special scholarship provided by a business firm was awarded to **JOANNE CINANNI**.

The provision of these scholarships is an indication of the Faculty's concern that worthy students would be able to complete their training and go out into our Lord's service.

The Message of the Angel . . .

by Dr. William R. Foster
Academic Dean and Acting President

The darkness of the Judean hillside was suddenly penetrated by a glorious light as an angelic messenger announced to the shepherds a wonderful message — “do not be afraid; for, behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Saviour who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10): The darkness of that night is symbolic of the spiritual darkness in which man naturally abides. Christmas has not arrived in the heart where darkness abounds, and even after almost 2000 years darkness still floods this world.

Our modern world needs to hear that God has provided a **great relief** for man — “Do not be afraid”. Fear fills the heart of the man who knows not the true significance of Christmas. Indeed it is not an exaggeration to say that we live in a world of fear — fear of death, fear of the future, fear of catastrophe, fear of man. Men may seek to show a joyful countenance to the world around them, but the announcement of a national crisis immediately throws the world into a panic of fear. The message of Christmas provides relief from this fear which grips the heart of man — “Do not be afraid”.

The angel spoke also about a **great expectation** — “good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people”. A heart filled with fear can be the recipient of an indescribable joy. The message of Christmas points the way to the fullness of joy which we experience in the presence of God (Psa. 16:11). Man may enter into this experience of joy through a believing response to the good news proclaimed by the angelic mes-

senger. Christians have the great privilege of sharing His joy now, and looking forward to the fullness of joy in the age to come. However, the privilege which we know must be shared with others for it is “good news . . . for all the people”.

To the few who saw with the eyes of faith there was a **great discovery** on that first Christmas day, and only to the believing now are the hidden resources of divine grace opened. Many know about the manger, the star, the wisemen, the shepherds; only a few have penetrated to the great discovery which gives real meaning to Christmas. The baby of Bethlehem is one whom I gladly acknowledge as my Saviour, my Christ, and my Lord. In this simple believing confession, faith discovers the greatest secret of life. Like the shepherds we can return to our daily work “glorifying and praising God for all that we have seen and heard”.

What shall we do about the message of the angel? Can this good news be quenched before it reaches all people? God sent the angel to reveal the good news to man, but we are the instruments to carry that good news into every place where there is darkness. At London College we desire more and more that we may prepare multitudes of young Christian people to stand as light bearers in the midst of the darkness, and to shine forth the good news unto “all the people”. The motto on our crest declares this divine purpose — “Send out thy light”. May God enable all of us who know Him to send out the light during this coming year a little farther into the darkness.