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A VISION FOR SOULS



There is a burden that rests upon the London College of Bible and Missions to impart to our students a vision for souls and a concern for the welfare of men. The world will never clamour to hear the gospel. The Christian must be motivated, under the control of the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the good news. It is imperative, therefore, that our students see "the fields white unto harvest", and become imbued with the mind and heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The new Christian Service Policy has been established with these goals in mind. While policy doesn't create prophets, it does give opportunity for the prophets to exercise their gifts. We, therefore, are seeking to assure every student who comes to LCBM an opportunity for personal work in **Evangelism** and **Visitation** ministries; teaching and preaching ministries of **Communicating** the gospel; and **specialized** ministries of supervision and leadership in the student's major field of preparation.

In each of these areas of Evangelism, Visitation, Communication and Specialization, we are not assuming perfection, but improvement. As a student **observes** someone more experienced witness, he will see how he can **participate** in witnessing under that person's guidance. As he gains confidence and skill, he can soon assume full **responsibility** in his service for Christ. It is then his responsibility in initiating opportunities of **leadership** to undertake the instruction and supervision of someone else. Each one teach one is a principle that has been proven successful in many areas of Christian endeavour.

Three of our girl students this past year reported significant experiences in their Christian service with Pioneer Girls. **Lesley Kayser** had the privilege of leading six girls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ with the help of her co-workers — **June Hewson** and **Dorothy Hamilton**. **Lois Collard** reported counselling a girl (who accepted Christ two years ago in Pioneer Girls) in how to witness to a Muslim girl friend. **Maryke Leyenaar** reported how God's grace is working in the heart of two "Explorer" girls. She is seeking to lead them into a deeper knowledge of God's Word and to seek God's will about coming to LCBM.

During the spring of 1966 the Lord gave a number of students the vision for souls in London agencies outside the local churches. After investigating various agencies to evaluate and determine how our students might participate in these specialized ministries the program was initiated by an SMF Committee in the fall of 1966. Several agencies agreed to use a limited number of our students during the 1966-67 school year.

Jan Farquharson, Wendy Ericsson and Jo-Anne Cinanni worked with Mr. Ray Hoo of the Navigators in evangelism and Bible Studies at the University of Western Ontario.

Carolyn Grant and Carolyn Brenton assisted the Women's Rescue Mission with weekly Bible Studies, supervision, counseling and a children's meeting for pre-schoolers.

Five men (**Bob Luck-Baker, Fred Romanuk, Rod Bartlett, Jim Cunningham and Gary Carruthers**) worked with Mr. Alvin Roth of the London Rescue Mission. They planned, presented and evaluated three services a month. In addition they worked in shifts at the admittance desk and in supervision on Sundays. Working as relief supervisors during the week also gave valuable contacts for Christian witnessing. **Fred Romanuk** also helped arrange one service a month at the Salvation Army Hostel. **Bob Luck-Baker** was allowed to visit in the Children's Hospital and minister to the needs of children there through his puppets.

In addition to this committee, **Chuck Congram, Ron Girt and Dave Dobson** were working with Youth for Christ in remarkable opportunities for service.

Betty Wicks was given opportunity to teach Religious Education in the public schools through the Christian Service Centres agency.

These are but a few of the Christian Service opportunities that have opened to LCBM students because they had a vision for souls. What does this say to you and to me? Our Lord said, "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of harvest that He will send forth labourers into His harvest." Will you take upon you this command and pray specifically for LCBM as we seek to fulfill it by giving our students Vision for Souls.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 1967

REVENUE			EXPENDITURE		
Student Fees	\$ 34,351.	26%	Academic	\$ 54,511.	40%
Gifts	75,637.	55%	General Administration	35,392.	26%
Other	9,156.	6%	Ministries & Public Relations	30,815.	22%
Student Aid	4,111.	3%	Maintenance of Buildings	12,121.	9%
Total	123,255.		Student Aid	4,111.	3%
Excess of Expenditure over Income	13,695.	10%			
	<u>\$136,950.</u>	<u>100%</u>		<u>\$136,950.</u>	<u>100%</u>

We have examined the balance sheet of London College of Bible and Missions as at 31 May 1967 and accompanying schedules and operating statements as set forth above for the year ended on that date. Our examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of accounting records and other supporting evidence as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion the accompanying balance sheet with supporting schedules and operating statements present fairly the financial position of the College at 31 May 1967 and the result of its operations for the year ended on that date, in accordance with generally accepted principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

MARTIN, ANTLIFF AND CO.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ACTING PRESIDENT'S CORNER

- The Board of Governors is a necessary part of the operation of our college. These men have important positions in professional areas, but are willing to give of their time and possessions because they are dedicated to the task of training young people for the service of Christ. They meet regularly about six times a year to supervise the work of the College.
- Terry L. Tiessen, an alumnus of the class of 1964, has been appointed to the faculty for this next academic year to assist Kermit A. Ecklebarger who will be on Leave of Absence during the second term. Mr. Tiessen is also a graduate of Waterloo Lutheran University, and is completing an M.A. degree at Wheaton College. Mrs. Tiessen is also an alumnus of London College and of W.L.U. Mr. and Mrs. Tiessen will be going to the Philippines as missionaries following the completion of the year at London College.
- Several associate faculty members will contribute to the teaching load at London College next year. Helen J. Adams will be

teaching English; Robert W. Wilson will instruct in Homiletics; Willard J. Nuss will instruct in Sociology, and Edwin H. Mitchell in Christian Education. We appreciate the willingness of these to supplement the work of the regular faculty next year.

- 57 applications have been received at the date of publication. There is sufficient time for interested young people to make application for entrance in September. A fine entering class is already assured for September.
- Students attending London College are required to fulfill Christian Service as a regular part of their studies. In this way the student has practical experience in local churches or other Christian institutions in order to test the theory of the classroom. Our Christian Service department has been reorganized, and a new policy established to enable the student to achieve the experience which will best fit his program of studies. Rev. Charles W. Scott has been appointed as Director of Christian Service.

THE CHALLENGE OF TODAY

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

The vital need of the present hour is the development of a trained leadership for the church. Young people are needed who know the purpose of the church's existence, and the enabling power of the Spirit of Pentecost. If we are really going to confront the world of our generation with the claims of the gospel, the church must prepare the leadership necessary to lead God's people into the fulfilment of Christ's commission.

The church needs to provide proper support for its training schools. The costs of education in this day are staggering even for the secular university which would not exist except for governmental support. The crisis which faces every Christian college is serious, and many sober thinkers today are predicting that the Christian College will not survive into the next generation. Administrators of Christian Colleges are forced to spend a large percentage of their time in planning how to keep the College in existence, rather than occupying their time in the positive development of the very best in Christian training. The churches and the Christian constituency have not yet sensed the extreme urgency of the situation which faces Christian Colleges. If the Christian College does not survive in this generation, the church will die in the next generation.

The church needs to send the best of its young people to its training schools. Some recent statistics have indicated that only about 2% of young people are considering religious vocations as a career. Although the percentage is undoubtedly higher in our evangelical churches, nevertheless a small percentage of our young people are preparing themselves for leadership in the Christian Church. Other professions seem to be far more appealing and more remunerative to our young people today. The result of this trend is that mission boards lack the proper number of candidates to fill their needs;

many local churches have no pastor to give leadership; other areas of vocational ministry are also in short supply. When the Lord Jesus saw the tremendous needs of His day and the few reapers, He told His disciples "to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth labourers." If the church is to be vital and effective, a greater group of our finest Christian young people must be channelled into preparation for the Lord's service.

The church must experience revival or be swamped by the flood tides of atheism and materialism. The church has died in other lands at other times because Christians did not rise up to meet the challenge of the hour. The success or failure of the Church in Canada may well depend upon the response of God's people today. Will 1967 be known as the time of the church's awakening to face the challenge of the next 100 years?

COMING EVENTS

September

- 5 Arrival of all students
- 15 Faculty Reception for new Students
- 25-29 Fall Bible Conference with
Rev. Bernard Crooks
- 29-30 Alumni Homecoming

October

- 14 Careers for Christian Youth Conference

December

- 16-17 Parents' Weekend
- 17 Christmas Musicale

January

- 24-26 Missionary Conference

March

- 6-8 Academic Lecture Series with
Dr. Merrill F. Tenney

April

- 5 Graduation Banquet
- 6 Spring Musicale
- 26 Baccalaureate
- 27 Thirtieth Graduation. Guest Speaker:
Dr. Hudson T. Amerding