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MISSIONS AT LCBM

OUR MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

"I have never attended a missionary conference like this one before . . . why missionaries are real people with real problems and as they trust the Lord He helps them".

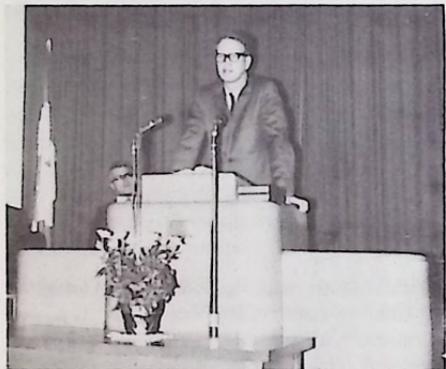
"I had no idea Islam was such a good imitation of Christianity — Satan's counterfeit".

"God renewed my missionary vision. It's just a question to which of three boards He would have me apply".

For three weeks 20 - 45 students had been meeting voluntarily early three mornings a

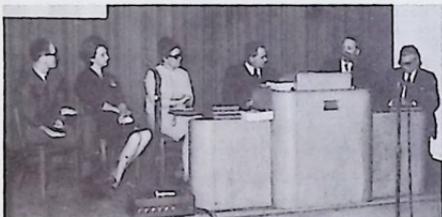
week to pray for God's blessing during our annual missionary conference. The Lord heard! Dr. Francis Steele's pre-conference lectures in Archaeology provided a confidence in the authority and reliability of God's revealed Scriptures. Our conference theme was "Christ or Mohammed — the Cross or the Crescent". Facts concerning Islam, the challenge of taking the Gospel to them and reports from LCBM alumni on furlough from the field highlighted three days when we heard God speaking clearly, unmistakably.

W. J. Wallace
Director of Missions



Dr. Francis Steele, North African Mission, the main conference speaker, addresses the student body on "Islamic Culture and Society".

Margo Fraser, a student, talks to Miss Marion Lankin, a graduate, concerning contacts with Muslims.



A panel on variations in Islam's beliefs and practices.



ACTING PRESIDENT'S CORNER

* **Our Missionary Conference** on January 24-26 brought to our campus a great host of alumni and missionary representatives. The emphasis this year centered upon the religion of Islam, and our responsibility to reach these people who compose about 1/7th of the world population. This concentrated period brought all of us to an awareness of the great challenge which we face as Christians in our modern world.

* At the end of January we were \$16,500. behind our projected goal for income. We are concerned that God's people may pray faithfully and regularly that all of our needs will be realized by the end of our fiscal year on May 31. We need more people to join with us in regular support in order that we may be able to keep up with rapidly increasing expenses. If everyone who receives this News were to send a small gift of \$5.00 to the College, this urgent need would be met.

* **Our Chorale** has begun its ministry in the churches on weekends, and will be touring throughout Ontario from Windsor to Ottawa. There are services scheduled for most of the larger areas in Southern Ontario, and I trust that you may be able to hear them in the ministry of sacred music. The chorale program centers in the 37th Psalm, and the music and messages from the Scripture will provide a time of rich blessing.

* **Our Day of Prayer** was held on January 23, and our hearts were blessed abundantly by this time of refreshment. Dr. Francis Steele of the North Africa Mission challenged us to make our prayers specific and informed. Regular and faithful prayer for specific needs will lead to effective praying. Testimonies and prayers of the students and faculty were climaxed in the blessed experience of meeting about the Lord's Table as Rev. C. R. Evans of Maitland Street Baptist Church led us in the observance.

ORGAN

TO DATE \$5,700. of the \$7,000. needed to purchase our organ has been given or promised.



CHRISTMAS MUSICALE

Built around the theme of a Centennial Christmas, the Annual Christmas Musicale was a time of real blessing to all. Over 1,400 people filled Beal Secondary School to overflowing to hear the choir and student groups sing. An offering of almost \$2,000. was received for the Organ Fund. The centennial costumes and setting added much to the enjoyment of the afternoon.



URBANA

On Tuesday, December 26 some 25 students from LCBM along with other Christian young people boarded two buses bound for the campus of the University of Illinois. The occasion was the Eighth Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention under the theme "God's Men — From All Nations to All Nations".

Bible Study was held following breakfast in small groups enjoining those who had come from all parts of the earth into a more personal relationship.

Following this John Stott addressed the entire assembly with his expository preaching on II Timothy. Varied missionaries then had the opportunity of presenting the work of their country and its particular needs. Nationals from Japan, Africa and Latin America rose to challenge the youth in this session.

ALUMNI CORNER

ON FURLOUGH

Grace **Bartja** '49 from Ethiopia; Roy and Beverly **Gellatly** '57 from Nigeria; Ray '52 and Ruth '51 **Nicholson** from New Guinea; Esther **Rowe** '49 from Puerto Rico.

GOING TO THE FIELD

Sylvia **Kinsman** '56 to Kenya; Paul and Carol **Brownson**, undergrad '66 to Columbia with Literature Crusades.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Bill **Adkins** '62 to Westbourne Fellowship Baptist Church in Calgary, Alta.; Grant **Gordon** '64 to Bowmanville Baptist Church in Bowmanville; John **Meenik** '67 to Grace Gospel Church, Paris, Ont.; Bruce **Vincent** '65 to Temple Baptist in Sarnia as Christian Education Director.

PARENTS' WEEKEND



The Banquet

Ninety-eight parents of our students registered on Saturday or Sunday, December 16 and 17. The program included sessions with the faculty, a special musical presentation, historical highlights of the College, a faculty-parent banquet and faculty-student basketball game. The program climaxed with the "Centennial Christmas" Musicales on the Sunday afternoon. Hosts for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. R. Dobson from Woodbridge, whose two sons are students at LCBM.



Parents Meet Parents

Thus the students of the College returned with one thought, one desire gripping their minds. These are destined to be "God's Men from all Nations to all Nations".

Charles Congram
President, Students Council

The conference was far beyond what I ever had expected it to be. I received a life-lasting impression, although not quite sure of all the implications.

To me personally one of the most impressive features of the whole conference with its aliveness, lectures, Bible-studies, forum questions, workshops, prayer times, and sing-songs, over 9,000 participating, was, that the awareness of God's presence was never lost in the seriousness and reverent attitude of worship and praise.

This was climaxed in the watchnight service where we partook of the Lord's supper, and afterward sang that great hymn, "We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender" and praised God into the year 1968. The recalling of this event still burns in my heart.

E. Pointner
President, Students' Missions
Fellowship

The following was written during the Missionary Conference by Madeleine Charlton, one of our students.

STEP OUT IN FAITH

Step out in faith - the challenge of Christ,
To love Him, to serve Him, to teach His way,
Christ for the world - the missions' call,
To follow the way to the ends of the earth.

Step out in faith - accept the call,
To the friends next door who know not Him,
To the Muslim man in the crescent's shade,
Fight in God's army, the cross will win.

Step out in faith - the Lord will guide,
Walk close to Him, your path is bright,
Live in His way till He calls you home,
Step out in faith - you'll earn His praise.

PLAN TO HEAR THE LCBM CHORALE!

Weston

Hilltop Chapel
243 LaRose Avenue
February 22, 8:00 p.m.

Kingston

Bethel Church
Johnson Street at Barrie
February 23, 8:00 p.m.

Perth

Free Methodist Church
February 24, 8:00 p.m.

Ottawa

Gospel Tabernacle
600 Bank Street
February 25, 11:00 a.m.

Metropolitan Bible Church
453 Bank Street
February 25, 7:30 p.m.

Woodbridge

Calvary Baptist Church
Bruce Street South of No. 7
March 1, 8:00 p.m.:

Kitchener

Benton Street Baptist Church
90 Benton Street
March 2, 8:00 p.m.

Waterloo

First Baptist Church
Caroline and John Streets
March 3, 11:00 a.m.

London

Central Baptist Church
Queens and Adelaide
March 3, 7:00 p.m.

Peterborough

Ferndale Bible Church
25 Ferndale Avenue
March 9, 8:00 p.m.

Oshawa

Calvary Baptist Church
Centre and John Streets
March 10, 11:00 a.m.

Simcoe

Bethel Baptist Church
22 Richard Avenue
March 29, 8:00 p.m.

Sarnia

Temple Baptist Church
Talfourd and Harkness
March 31, 11:00 a.m.

London

Wortley Baptist Church
250 Commissioners Road East
March 31, 7:00 p.m.

Burlington

Park Avenue Church
Park Avenue at Townsend
April 7, 11:00 a.m.

Woodstock

Oxford Street Baptist Church
Oxford and Hunter Streets
April 7, 7:00 p.m.

COMING EVENTS

Academic Lecture Series, February 28 -
March 1 with Dr. Merrill C. Tenney. Morn-
ing Topic — The Gospel of John. Sessions
10:30 a.m. - College Chapel. Evening ses-
sions 8:00 p.m., Central Baptist Church.
Topics —

Wed. - "The Popular Reactions to Jesus"
Thurs. - "The Spiritual Growth of the Dis-
ciples"

Fri. - "The Johannine Teaching on Belief"

Graduation Banquet, Friday, April 5 with
Dr. J. C. Macaulay as guest speaker.

Spring Musicale, Saturday, April 6.

Baccalaureate, Friday, April 26 at 8:00 p.m.

Thirtieth Graduation Exercises with Dr.
Hudson T. Armerding. Saturday, April 27 at
8:00 p.m.