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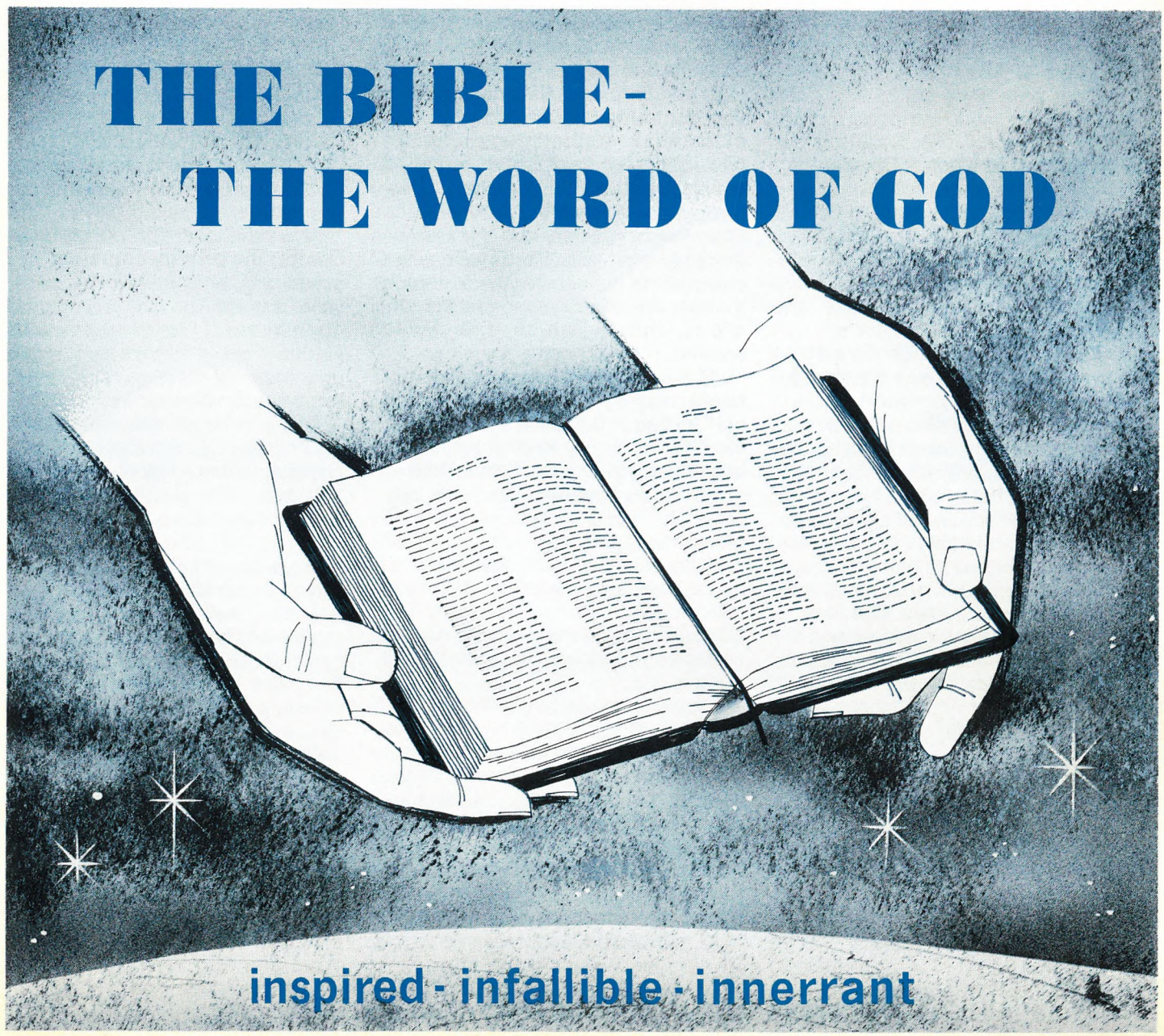


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# RECORDER

**THE BIBLE -  
THE WORD OF GOD**



**inspired - infallible - innerrant**



## A PLEA FOR BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

### FRANCIS SCHAEFFER: 'EXISTENTIAL METHODOLOGY' MAY UNDERMINE CHURCH

# EDITORIAL

THE BIBLE IS INERRANT,  
INFALLIBLE AND INSPIRED  
HERE O.B.C. STANDS

A recent book, "The Battle for the Bible" by Harold Lindsell (Zondervan) Price \$6.95, has called for a reaffirmation of the Bible as the Word of God.

The editor of Christianity Today has done a big service in opening up such discussion for such a declaration.

One quotation that speaks for O.B.C. is:

"Once infallibility is abandoned . . . it always and ever opens the door to further departures from the faith. . . . Down the road, whether it takes five or fifty years, any institution that departs from belief in an inerrant Scripture will likewise depart from other fundamentals of the faith and at last cease to be evangelical . . . numbers of our evangelical schools that at one time were on a platform now are on a slope. And a slope soon becomes a slide, and it does not take long for people and institutions to hit the bottom. . . . Once biblical infallibility is surrendered it leads to the most undesirable consequences. It will end in apostasy at last."

Ontario BIBLE College, with Bible in its name, at its heart, and in all its courses, stands committed to the inspiration, infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture. All the Board of Governors, Corporation and Faculty must sign, annually, a statement attesting to this great fact of Biblical inerrancy. This is our course and our goal. Please God, it will ever remain thus. This is our solemn pledge.

"There are hard days ahead of us—for ourselves and for our spiritual and our physical children," Francis Schaeffer writes in the Fall Action. **"And without a strong view of Scripture as a foundation, we will not be ready for the hard days to come."**

Schaeffer issues his warning, and his plea for a high view of an inerrant Scripture, in the belief that we are living in a post-Christian society, no longer protected by biblical convictions from the degeneration of freedom into license.

Regrettably, says Schaeffer, **such a view is being undermined by "the existential methodology (which) has infiltrated that which is called evangelicalism. . . .** It began a few years ago like this . . . : Where the Bible touches history and the cosmos there are mistakes. But . . . we can still continue to hold onto the meaning system, the value system and the religious things which the Bible teaches."

**"But let us realize that one cannot begin such a process without going still further,"** Schaeffer cautions: "In the last five or six years the situation has moved . . . to the further step of still trying to hold onto the value system, the meaning system and religious things, but now lumping moral commands along with the things of history and the cosmos as culturally-oriented. There is no end to this. **The Bible is bent to the culture instead of the Bible judging our society and culture.**"

**"If we acquiesce to this view,"** says Schaeffer, **"we will no longer be the redeeming salt for our culture—** a culture which is committed to the concept that both morals and laws are only a matter of cultural orientation or statistical averages. That is the hallmark . . . of our age. And if we are marked with the same mark, how can we be the redeeming salt to this broken, fragmented generation in which we live?"

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*"By prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God." (Phil. 4:6)*

### OUR HIGH PRIORITY

The President confronted the faculty, staff and students in the early days of this new school year.

"We have one high priority" he declared, **"the priority of prayer.** All our scheduling and programing will revolve around Tuesday morning, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. We will stop classes, close offices and maintain only essential services, while we take this time as a College family, to pray."

This is to be an hour, not of preaching and singing, but of prayer and supplication. It is evidence of our realization that "unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."

There are other times and places for prayer in our College life. But for this one hour, there will be the concerted, closely knit fellowship of united prayer by all connected to the College. Only thus can we be assured of God's blessing, God's provision and God's direction.

Our prayers will not be isolated to O.B.C. We will pray for one another; for our Alumni; for friends and supporters; for names and needs that are brought to our attention. We will pray for you!

Will you pray with us?

Let us keep our priorities clear and the channel to God open. Then God's Word and God's work will be all that He intends them to be, in this our day and generation.

# DON'T TAMPER WITH THE SCRIPTURES!

It is subtle.

And unfortunately it is happening more and more.

Some Christians who love the Lord Jesus and truly want to point men and women to him, and believe that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, inspired Word of God, are doing something that is frightening. They are beginning to use the Bible to say what they want it to say, and seem to think that their blending and shaping of scriptural texts is helpful to the teaching of God's Word.

There have always been people who water down the Scriptures or take passages out of context. But most who do that don't put much stock in inerrant inspiration anyway. And, as Francis Schaeffer points out in his lectures, and as Harold Lindsell shows in his book **The Battle for the Bible**, there are always some who claim to believe in the inerrancy of Scripture but hold certain reservations which in practice negate their statements of belief.

But we are referring to Christians who claim to believe in inerrancy, then take the Scriptures out of context—not because of reservations but in an attempt to clarify or teach the meaning of the Bible. Their intentions are good, but the results are bad.

These are teachers who take a Biblical idea, then make it into something other than what the Bible actually teaches. They draw conclusions that are close to but not quite Biblical.

Here are a few distortions that have come from sections of Scripture being linked together into quasi verses:

"Through people we learn who God is"—Luke 17:21; Romans 8:10, I Corinthians 3:16; I Thessalonians 5:5.

"Love is the proof of our salvation"—Galatians 5:16-25; I John 4.

"Suffering works patience so it is good that you are suffering, because God is making you patient"—Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 5:1-5.

And one teacher told wives to accept their husbands' beating them as God's way of molding their lives—Ephesians 5; Hebrews 12:1-15; I Peter 2 & 3.

by Roger C. Palms\*

These were given by people who love the Lord and feel that they are drawing good Biblical conclusions from Scripture. They have the best intentions and are trying to supply needed teaching on important subjects.

No one would doubt their reverence for the Word or their intense desire for people to follow Christ. But when we think carefully about what they teach, study and reread the Biblical passages presented, we have to say, "Hey, wait a minute!"

Most Christians feel uneasy when an unbeliever draws conclusions from Scripture based on passages chosen to support what the teacher already believes. Is this any less a problem when a believer does it?

Are we careful about what we teach? Are we systematically following what the Word says in our explanations of it? Are we prayerfully alert to the danger of using passages of Scripture to say something in composite form that none of the verses say individually?

A comment often heard in Bible study groups is, "I like this passage; it really speaks to me." It is good, of course, that the passage speaks to the reader and it is good that the reader likes what he reads, but is the value in a passage of Scripture measured by how little or how much it speaks to the person reading it? Someone might say, "I don't like this passage because it doesn't speak to me." Someone might even say, "I like only the passages that speak to me."

God's Word is God's Word, whether or not it speaks to us at the moment. Certainly the Holy Spirit Who inspired the writing of the Word can and will inspire the reading of it and give the reader understanding. But the value of God's Word is not dependent on our receptivity to it.

If what we like about a Bible passage becomes the measure of its value, or if the variety of passages that we link together become God's Word for us, or if the worth of a passage is determined by the emotional stirring generated when we read it, we're in trouble.

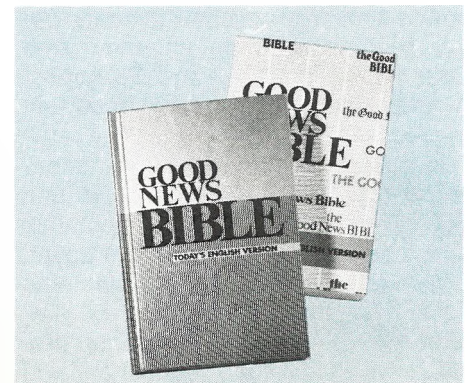
When this happens to a teacher of the Bible it is even worse. He generates pleasant feelings, but without Biblical substance his teaching will have no lasting value. If teaching is not based on what the Word says, then when the time comes for needing an anchor in the Word, his hearers will have no anchor.

The Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God, but there is no similar guarantee for our words about the Bible. God's Word will not return void if it is taught accurately. We can depend on God honoring the faithful teaching of His Word, "For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

If in teaching I start to add a little here and a little there, or tie together unrelated passages in order to support what I have already decided it says, then no matter how spiritual I sound, or how good my intentions are, what I proclaim is something other than the Word of God. Being close to the Truth or sounding like the Truth is not enough.

We stand on holy ground when we open the Bible. It cannot be filtered lightly through our own emotional systems as if anything we say about it is correct, even if we mean well and love the Lord. Evangelicals need to study the Word systematically, pray it through, and teach it with reverence.

Perhaps we all should pay attention to what one Decision editor wrote in the margin of a manuscript submitted to us for possible publication: "Don't tamper with the Scriptures."



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## ARCHAEOLOGISTS UNEARTH GENESIS-ERA TABLETS

William Sanford LaSor

Recently the **Los Angeles Times** broke a story that has had biblical scholars and archaeologists excited for several months. It is the story of the almost incredible discovery of about 15,000 tablets at a place called **Mardikh**, believed to be the ancient city-state of **Ebla**, located about 25 miles south of **Aleppo**, **Syria**. Even more exciting is the prospect of finding the full library when the palace is excavated in the near future.

Since the news broke, biblical scholars have been bombarded with questions about the significance of the finds for biblical studies. Since the texts have not yet been published, it is too early to try to answer these questions. However, there are certain known facts that indicate the importance of the new discovery.

The tablets are from the era of **Sargon I of Assyria** (approximately 2300 B.C.), two to five centuries before the time of **Abraham**. They are written in a western dialect of **Semitic**, a language closely related to **Canaanite** and **Hebrew**. The tablets contain many different kinds of material: letters, economic texts, law codes, mythological texts, etc. They contain many geographical and personal names, including **Urusalima** (**Jerusalem**), **ab-ra-mu** (**Abram**), **is-ra-ilu** (**Israel**), **e-sa-um** (**Esau**), **sa-u-lum** (**Saul**), **da-u-dum** (**David**) and many others.

Historically, these tablets will probably fill a much-needed gap for the region between **Assyria** and **Egypt**. The new discovery furnishes a treaty between **Ibrum of Ebla** (cf. the name **Eber** in **Gen. 10:24**) and **Sargon of Akkad**, giving us a new and important chronological detail.

Language experts now have material that ranks in age with **Assyrian** and **Sumerian** tablets from **Mesopotamia** and hieroglyphic materials from **Egypt**. Bilingual word lists in **Eblaic** (the name coined for the language of the **Tell Mardikh** tablets) and in **Sumerian** provide us with a valuable dictionary and



pronunciation guide. Most important, we have written material which includes vowels, a rare find in ancient languages of this area. This should facilitate great progress in the study of the actual vocalization of **West Semitic** languages.

As far as religious significance is concerned, we hardly dare to suggest the importance. For one thing, there are indications the name **Yah** or **Yahweh** was known long before the time

of **Moses** (cf. **Exod. 6:3**). If the reports are true that there are "Creation" stories and "Flood" stories among the discoveries, we can only speculate what effect this will have on biblical studies.

With these findings, no longer is it possible to think of **Abraham** as the creation of postexilic writers. The **Tell Mardikh** discoveries will probably throw a great amount of light on some of the background of the book of **Genesis** and the events recorded therein. **David Noel Freedman** calls the new finds "one of the most important archaeological discoveries of all time." He may well be right!

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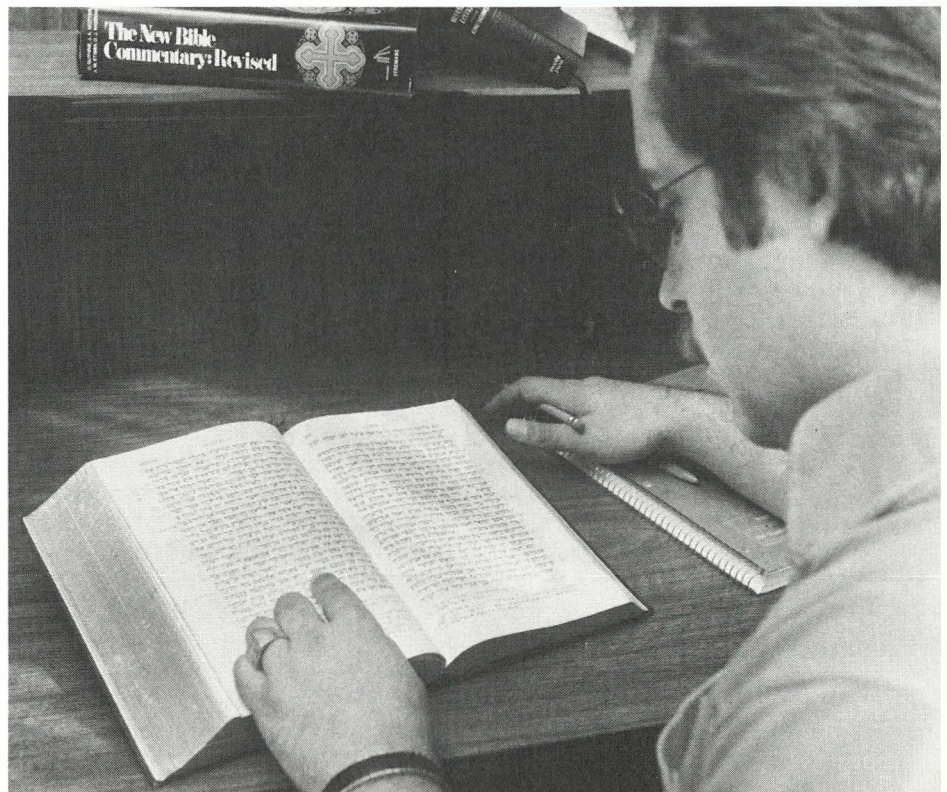
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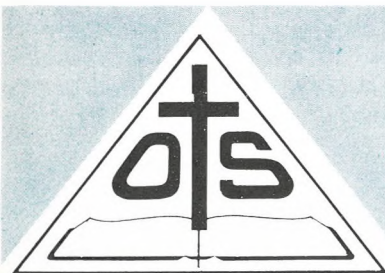
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*The Bible is at the heart of all O.B.C./O.T.S. teaching*





## SEMINARY NEWS

### Not All Ministers Start out as Ministers

#### First entering class Ontario Theological Seminary

A recent advertisement in a Christian periodical for a Seminary in the United States bore the above caption. It went on to explain that not all people training for the ministry start out with the professional ministry as a goal, but rather head that way after successful careers in other areas. The statement, “**not all ministers start out as ministers**” would be a fitting label to place over the first entering class of Ontario Theological Seminary. Occupations as varied as high school teacher, farmer, doctor, nurse and computer programmer represent the backgrounds from which the students come. Such a phenomenon is not unusual since God called an Amos from the farm, a Matthew from the world of finance and a Luke from a busy medical practice centuries ago. It is encouraging to see that He does the same today.

When Seminary registration was completed, 42 students had enrolled for graduate studies. The full-time students numbered twelve and the part-time students thirty. The students in the full-time programme are all university graduates (half of them are alumni of the University of Toronto). The majority of the part-time students are enrolled in the Master of Divinity degree which will be spread over several years. This is due to the fact that most

of these part-time students who drive in for classes on Monday are already involved in full-time work as pastors, missionaries and other full-time workers. This group of Monday students represents both University and Bible College backgrounds.

Enrolment statistics never tell the complete story. Each student is a unique individual called of God in his own way. Two student testimonies are included on these pages which give a more personal portrait of the entering class at O.T.S.



*Dr. R. R. Matheson, Dean of Faculty (right) counsels with graduate student (O.T.S.) Al Hamilton*

### WHY THE BIBLE?

In a penetrating interview with Dr. Carl F. Henry, the noted theologian, Eternity magazine (October/76) asked some searching questions. Among them was this one, with Henry's gem of an answer:

ETERNITY: Why have evangelicals insisted so strenuously on the authority of the Bible?

HENRY: God has so identified His redemptive revelation with the prophetic-apostolic Scriptures that the loss of scriptural authority clouds salvation itself. The demeaning of biblical authority with the consequent dwarfing of the content of Scripture inevitably warps the Christian system of doctrine.

In one of his earliest epistles the apostle Paul emphasizes, and indeed reiterates, that the Christian fundamentals are biblically controlled: “Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures** and was buried and rose again the third day **according to the Scriptures**” (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

Many modern commentaries swayed by critical theories seem merely to gloss over this emphasis, proffering some such innocuous comment as that these phrases indicate “an important aspect” of the early Christian message. But the four-letter Greek preposition **kata—kata** (according to) the inspired writings, repeated for inescapable emphasis—declares the Christian Good News (the “evangel”) to be scripturally-licensed and authorized. We affirm not humanly originated doctrines, but spiritual truths and historical facts long anticipated and foretold by divinely chosen prophets whose authoritative writings were fulfilled in the very lifetime of Paul and his contemporaries!





*Dr. M. DiGangi teaching graduate class in Pastoral Theology.*

**O.T.S. HAS 41 MEN ON THE MOVE.  
HERE ARE TESTIMONIES FROM 2 OF THEM.**

*David Hine is presently the pastor of Grace Missionary Church in Port Hope, Ontario. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts and Emmanuel Bible College. He is presently enrolled in the Monday programme for pastors.*

**“It Became Very Clear . . .”**

Several years ago, the Lord made it plain to my wife Dianne and me that further study and training was His will for my life. So it was that we began the task of collecting catalogues from various seminaries throughout North America where we knew the Word of God to be honoured and Christ to be central. We also began talking in earnest to everyone we met who had been to seminary.

We found those we spoke with to be very free with us in discussing their seminary experience. It became ap-

*see col. 3*



*Dr. Don Leggett, prof. of Old Testament in O.T.S. (light suit, centre) shares lunch hour with graduate students.*

**O.T.S. FACULTY**

The men who teach in the Graduate School are good communicators and spiritual men.

You already know:

**Dr. Victor Adrian**, President O.B.C./O.T.S.

**Dr. R. R. Matheson**, Dean of Faculty

**Dr. D. A. Leggett**, Old Testament

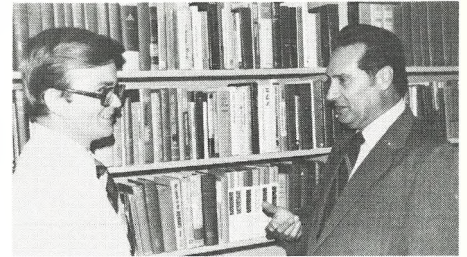
Added to these are:

**Dr. Mariano Di Gangi**, B.A., M.Div., D.D.

He shares his talents between O.T.S. and the Bible & Medical Missionary Fellowship of which he is Canadian Director. At O.T.S. he is Director of Pastoral Studies.

**Mr. K. Bruce Edwards**, B.A., M.Div.

Youth Pastor at Bayview Glen Church (C. & M.A.). In O.T.S. he is Instructor in Greek.



*Rev. David Hine, pastor of the Missionary Church, Port Hope talks to Dr. M. DiGangi, chairman of the pastoral dept. of O.T.S.*

parent from these conversations that not all seminaries standing within the framework of historic Christianity have succeeded in maintaining a balance between the scholarly and the practical that is so necessary if such preparation is to make a real contribution to being an ambassador for Jesus Christ in the world.

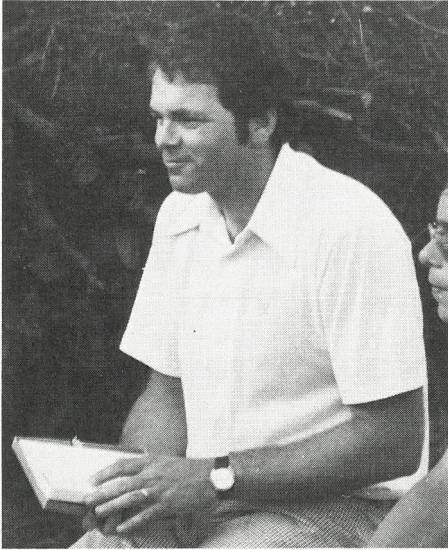
Having grown a bit wiser with the help of Christian friends, Dianne and I tackled the mountain of seminary catalogues which grew higher and higher in our living room, carefully reviewing curriculums to see if the training offered was a word and deed preparation for Gospel ministry. Narrowing the possible choices down, we spent one summer's holiday travelling through the Eastern U.S.A. visiting campuses and talking to faculty, students, and the wives of students. One school in the Southern U.S. in particular seemed to be the Lord's choice for us. Though I applied and was accepted, it became apparent that the Lord was not going to direct us there. We found ourselves at a loss to know what we should do, but we were confident that in due time God would make plain His plan for our future.

Word then came to us of O.B.C.'s plans to begin a new graduate school of study—O.T.S. Dianne and I were eager to learn more about such plans because of O.B.C.'s firm stand for historic Christianity and its reputation for a steady balance between scholarship and practical work. Over the months that followed, it became very clear to us why the Lord kept closed the way that led to the Southern States. O.T.S. was to be the Lord's open door for us. We saw O.T.S. as an open door for personal growth and development so that Christians might more ably press the claims of Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. O.T.S. was the Lord's open door for professional training that will strengthen the cause of Christ



as pastors and teachers more ably equip the saints of God for the work of the ministry.

O.T.S. . . . the Lord's open door for me and others who would give ourselves to serving the Lord with gladness all the days of our lives out of thankfulness for His bounteous goodness to us especially seen at Calvary.



Mr. David Halse

David Halse is a full time student at O.T.S. He has an honours B.A. from York University and the M.Ed. degree from O.I.S.E.

## OPEN TO THE LORD'S LEADING

I grew up in a fine Christian home. My father had always been heavily involved in the church and entered the ministry full-time when I was about 12. As with many second and third generation Christians I failed to see the relevance of Christianity to my own life as a teenager. My great concern through high school and university days was popularity. My parents' faith was not relevant in pursuing this goal, although I still claimed to be a Christian and continued to attend church services.

Having completed a four-year Geography degree at York University I began teaching high school in 1968. God was good to my wife and me as we gradually began to give Him more and more of our lives. In eight years of teaching God gave three promotions. When I resigned from teaching last

June I was coordinating a Social Science Department of nine teachers. For some time I had set my sights on a promotion into administration though I was never really convinced that I would be happy in a vice-principal's office.

Throughout this time God was preparing us for something better. God blessed us with opportunities to serve Him, and as we have served we continued to grow in Him. My wife and I have worked as Youth sponsors and in the teen Sunday School Department during this time. We had a variety of responsibilities in the high school including teaching, administering, coaching and counselling. Last year we were involved as the leader of a school I.S.C.F. group, chairman of a youth committee for a Barry Moore Crusade, working with a basketball team as an evangelistic outreach and directing a summer camp program.

The point of all this is to illustrate that I became so over-extended that I really was not doing any one thing well. The Lord used this over a two-year period along with many other factors to lead me out of teaching.

When I determined to resign, the next consideration was to discover where the Lord was leading us. A number of opportunities presented themselves immediately but as my wife and I investigated them, the Lord closed the door on each one. Through the interest of Dr. Boehmer the Lord directed me to Ontario Theological Seminary.

At age 30 we are beginning a new life. Armed with a sincere desire to serve the Lord, the knowledge that we are in His will, and Matthew 6:33, we attend Ontario Theological Seminary in the Master of Divinity program. We are open to the Lord's leading and are genuinely excited as we contemplate the world of opportunities that lies ahead. We continue to seek His perfect will for our lives day by day, thanking Him for His faithful direction to this point. A good income, security and popularity do not satisfy in themselves. We are discovering that God has something far better as we yield completely to Him. My motivating force has now changed to Matthew 9:37. I thank God for giving me a life-purpose. It is a great feeling to know the joy that is in Christ and to share it with my parents, my wife and my three-year old daughter. I pray I can give her the heritage given me.

*Fifty years ago, longtime O.B.C. principal DR. JOHN McNICOL preached a sermon: "The Cross—The Great Divide."*

*One of his listeners was Rev. Dr. Moir A. J. Waters, son of the beloved Dr. J. M. Waters, lecturer and secretary of the College for many years.*

*Dr. Moir Waters recently sent the poem he wrote after being moved profoundly by Dr. McNicol's message.*

*Since this is still the message of O.B.C. we are happy to pass this delightful hymn on to our readers.*

### T H E THE CROSS G R E A T D I V I D E

Once in mankind's tragic history  
Stood a Cross on Calvary,  
Still the Cross proclaims the message  
God loves man eternally.  
The Cross, the Great Divide of history  
Marks the centre of our earth,  
This the place of our surrender  
Where in Christ we find new birth.  
The Great Divide is personal history,  
Each one writes his story here,  
Each one makes his own decision,  
Is offered Love that casts out fear.  
The Great Divide confronts each  
person,  
Every man must face the Cross,  
Acceptance or the great refusal,  
Glorious gain or abject loss.  
The Cross proclaims a great division,  
Light or darkness, right or wrong,  
Life or death, defeat or victory,  
Out of weakness men made strong.  
Still stands the Cross, the Great  
Reminder,  
Showing us the heart of God,  
God in Christ: the Christian message,  
Proclaims good news the world  
abroad.  
At the Cross man is confronted,  
Meets his Saviour face to face,  
Is received as he seeks pardon,  
Leaves behind his guilt for grace.  
The Great Divide marks every  
pathway,  
We must make the Cross our own,  
Making our renunciation,  
Giving Christ His rightful throne.

Moir A. J. Waters



# JANUARY INTER-SESSION ONTARIO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY JANUARY 10-21, 1977

THE SCRIPTURES AND THE EVANGELICAL TRADITION  
Carl F. H. Henry, Roger Nicole and Ian Rennie

### Visiting Faculty

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry is presently associated with World Vision and is a contributing editor to Christianity Today. He has authored numerous books and holds doctoral degrees from Northern Baptist Seminary and Boston University.

Dr. Roger R. Nicole is Professor of Theology at Gordon-Conwell Semi-

nary. He holds the Th.D. degree from Gordon, and the Ph.D. from Harvard.

Dr. Ian Rennie is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and holds the Ph.D. degree from the University of Toronto. He was formerly pastor of Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver and is currently Associate Professor in Church History at Regent College, Vancouver.



*Dr. Carl F. H. Henry*



*Dr. Ian Rennie*



*Dr. Roger Nicole*

### Course Descriptions

<p>Doctrine of Scripture 531a A study of the revelation of God that He has communicated to man centred in an inspired and inerrant group of sacred writers. Taught by Dr. Roger Nicole O.T.S. Faculty Dr. Carl Henry</p>	<p>2 semester hours credit (Jan. 10-14) (Jan. 17-18) (Jan. 19-21)</p>
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Periods 2 and 4.

<p>History of the Evangelical Tradition 552 An examination of movements of the past which have made a significant contribution to what is known to-day as Evangelical Christianity. Taught by Dr. Ian Rennie (Jan. 10-21). Periods 1 and 3.</p>	<p>2 semester hours credit</p>
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### Schedule

- Period 1 9:00-10:15 A.M.
- Period 2 10:45-12:00 NOON
- Period 3 1:00- 2:15 P.M.
- \*Period 4 2:45- 4:00 P.M.

\*For Dr. Henry's lectures, January 19-21, period 4 will meet at 7:30 P.M. to allow the public to attend.

### Costs

Academic Credit	\$60.00 per course
Audit Fee	\$20.00 per course
Evening Sessions with Dr. Henry	No charge

For further information and registration form, write:  
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## BOOK REVIEW

Studies in Theology, by James Denney, Baker Book House, Price \$3.95. A series of lectures on basic doctrines of Scripture written by an evangelical of a past generation. One of the values of this reprint is the concise introduction written by David Welles, outlining the strengths and weaknesses of Denney's theology.

R. R. M.

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*Rev. Matthew Francis, M.A., B.Litt. is now freelancing through several media (radio, writing, lecturing, preaching) after a lifetime of teaching. This and some subsequent articles are about the hidden wealth found in old volumes. You will enjoy his insights.*

## SHELF WEALTH

### "CLIENTS OUT OF HELL"

by Matthew Francis

**M**y formal training for the Christian ministry began in the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, U.S.A. As I came out of the 'old 153 building' one snowy day, I was surprised to see 'Rod—the Bookseller' just around the corner with his battered suitcase of books. Sympathy and curiosity made me slither across to him. He opened his case.

In the corner was a tattered little book. When I picked it up some of its pages fell out, its covers were water-stained and dangled dangerously. It had no title on the spine. But then I saw the title page, and then its pencilled price, '25 cents'—one shilling'5p. Far too much for a brokendown volume; but, 5p for a Stephen Charnock! It was like trading in a Penny-farthing for a Rolls Royce.

Stephen Charnock was born in London in 1628. His father was a solicitor in the Court of Chancery, and, after some private tuition, sent his son to Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His tutor was Dr. William Sancroft, who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury.

While at Emmanuel, Charnock had a deep spiritual experience: a personal encounter with God. He underwent that change of heart which makes a man essentially Christian.

On leaving the University, Charnock spent some time as a chaplain to a private family, and just as the Civil War broke out he became the minister of a

church in Southwark. At twenty-one years of age he became a Fellow of New College, Oxford. Three years later he was made Senior Proctor, and, four years after that, he was appointed chaplain to the Governor in Ireland.

### Inspired Preaching

When Charles II was called back from his exile in Holland in 1660, Charnock had to relinquish his chaplaincy in Ireland, and to return to London, and was not given any pastoral charge. Fifteen years later, regulations were relaxed and Charnock became the co-pastor with the Rev. Thomas Watson, of **A Body of Divinity** fame.

Charnock and Watson worked together for five years. The work grew, and Crosby Hall, as the church was known, became a famous centre for Biblical preaching.

In 1680 Stephen Charnock died: he did so before completing what would have been a classic series of expository sermons on the 'Attributes of God.' Yet, fifteen of these sermons have been published. They were taken from Charnock's manuscripts. Clear, concise, comprehensive, these sermons would qualify as a text-book for theological students. At the same time, they are simple and direct enough for the ordinary reader to understand.

It is, however, remarkable that we have so much of Charnock's work in print today. The great fire of London in 1666 destroyed the whole of his library and much valuable manuscript. He strove intensely after that fire to re-write as much as possible of his works.

To cite quotations from his works is almost impossible. There is an embarrassment of wealth. A few must suffice.

In writing about the evil that befalls the church of God, and how God overrules this for the good of His church, Charnock says: "God many times serves His people by suffering. . . . The church grows by tears, and withers by smiles. God's vine thrives the better for pruning. . . ."

In **The Chief of Sinners**, he makes two main points. The first, "The salvation of sinners was the main design of Christ's coming into the world." The second, "God often makes the chiefest of sinners objects of His choicest mercies." Charnock goes on to de-

scribe the sinner weighed down with sins: "They had such great weights lying on them, that they were unable to stir; or laden with it, as some crabtree is with sour fruit. . . ." Then he shows how obstinate and rebellious man is against God, and rushes on to add how determined Christ was to change men's hearts, to change their direction: "His design was to get clients out of hell itself."

Only a Charnock could be as terse and imaginative with the greatest of truths.

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## FRIENDS HELP NEW CAMPUS

Good friends have rallied to the aid of the College as the new campus facility gets its face-lift and equipment.

Pews for the Chapel, furniture for lounges, a complete residence floor, pianos, desks, library equipment and office equipment—all these and much more have been provided for our growing College.

Some of the above are Memorial contributions, and a plaque commemorates the gift. Others are simply a desire to share and help.

Perhaps you want to be a part of a fast growing work for God. There are still many items needed and projects available if you are interested. Some are large, some are small. All are very necessary.

If you would like to help, write or call Mr. M. L. Steinmann or contact someone at the College for a list of suggestions.

## WE MOVED . . . REMEMBER?

Despite the fact that we have sent out notices, publicized our new address and even sent out change of address cards, much mail is still filtering (slowly) up to us from Spadina Road.

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## GOD HATH GIVEN A NEW THING . . .

Nancy Black\*

*\*Miss Black is Director of Admissions at O.B.C.*

As we worked in the midst of the summer's bustle of activity, I am confident that each of us secretly asked, "Will it ever be ready? Will we truly be prepared to receive them?"—the Fall of 1976 students to Ontario Bible College. There were days when it seemed we would not be greeting them with smiles of welcome. "Couldn't we have just a few more days, Lord?"

Yet, deep within us, we were consciously aware that God was doing a "new thing". We rejoiced. Because God had given us a new campus, we knew it would be good. Because God was overseeing the multitudinous tasks, we knew they would be accomplished. Because God was in control, we knew we had all the resources to be ready for the arrival of the students. He would enable us.

Until 9:00 a.m., September 9, 1976 (Registration Day), our new campus was merely a physical structure. I didn't realize just how true this was until I looked over the rows of faces, eager with anticipation for God's new thing in their lives. I then understood what had been the missing factor in our busy summer. It is the students who make that physical structure a college. A college is people, not buildings.

Joy welled up within me as I realized that here before me, God had performed another "new thing". This time it was in reality, the first freshman class of the Bayview campus. Indeed, they are marvelous in our eyes.

What cause for rejoicing! One hundred seventy-eight (178) young men and women from all walks of life, of various ages, committed to training by God to be effective witnesses wherever He might desire—the choice is His!

We have been with them for awhile now. Our lives have been blessed by their keen desire to learn, their willingness not only to receive, but also to give of themselves and their ministry within both college and community.

Once again they come from all over the world, literally. To some, a solid grasp of the English language does not "come easy." A few have some-

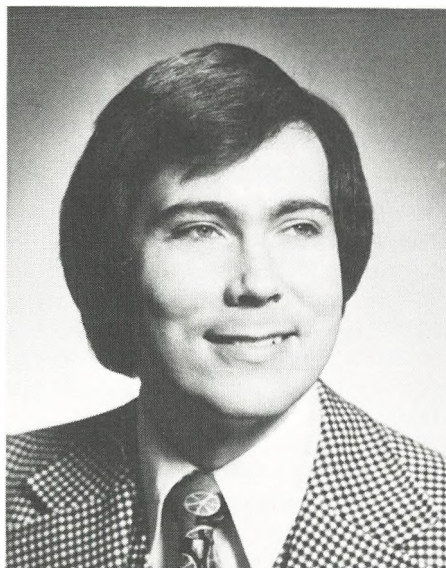
what recently claimed Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour and Lord. A solid grasp of Biblical truth does not "come easy." The majority do not have great financial resources. Release from the burden of monthly payments does not "come easy." Does anything in the spiritual life "come easy"? I think not. Therefore, the reality of God's promised faithfulness becomes so much more precious.

One hundred seventy-eight freshmen plus upperclassmen and seminarians inhabit our facilities. They are becoming mature in their Christian faith or are developing greater maturity. They are committed to God's will. Would you be committed to praying for them?

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## PEOPLE YOU SHOULD KNOW

As the college continues to expand its program and effectiveness, new people come to help share the mounting responsibilities. Among those new on staff for this year are:



**John H. Wilkinson, B.A., M.A.**

John is the son of alumna Mrs. Ruby (Barnes '36) Wilkinson, and comes from a full ministry of 6 years as Director of Keswick Youth Camp. He is teaching in the Christian Education Dept. and assisting in Christian service and other areas, where his gifts and skills are being utilized.

**Alan Charles Davey** is teaching in the Music Dept. as he pursues a B.F.A. degree at York University.

**Douglas D. Webster, B.A., M.A.**

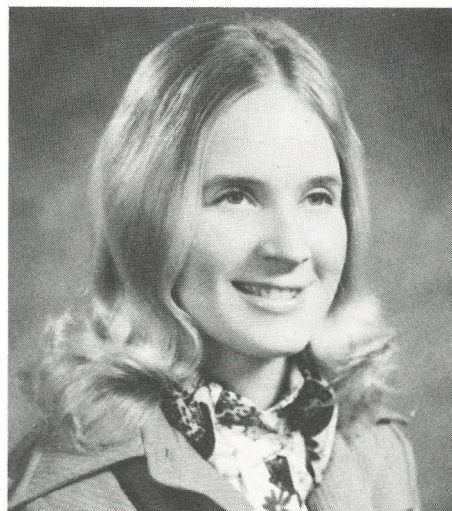
Douglas comes with varied experience at Wheaton College, Chung Yuan Christian College, Taiwan and a church in Illinois. He has been accepted for doctoral studies at Toronto School of Theology. He is teaching in the Dept. of General Arts.



*Rev. Martin O. Wedge*

**Rev. & Mrs. Martin O. Wedge**

Another husband and wife team (we have had a few others) come to us while still ministering at Churchill Heights Baptist Church. Mr. Wedge has had pastorates in Texas, Ontario, Michigan and now Scarborough. They will share their experience and expertise in the Christian Education Dept. in part time capacity.



*Mrs. Beth Davey*

**Elizabeth Ann Davey, B.A., M.A.**, the other half of the husband/wife team is also teaching in the Music Dept. plus a speech course in General Arts.

These folk are warmly received and welcomed into the O.B.C. family.





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Each year we show you our Freshman Class. Three, four or five years later, at Graduation you see them again. It's a sort of BEFORE and AFTER panorama of student life.

They are the same people both times. But in between they are exposed to the Bible, to spiritual maturing, to intellectual stimulus, to Christian fellowship, and the whole process of presenting "every man and woman mature in Christ."

These young people need prayer, encouragement and support. Some of them may be from your family or your church. They are your sisters and brothers in Christ. Why not be part of the process of helping them to "grow up in Him" so that they will be effective "in every good work to do His will"?

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\*Single and Human, by Ada Lum, InterVarsity Press. Price \$1.95.

A few years ago that book title would doubtless have raised the eyebrows or hackles of those enduring "single bliss" and seeking to be responsible to God and to society in that context. Not too long ago, marriage was considered the only estate for women and the probable condition of men.

Somewhere, somehow, the long list of unmarrieds who have enriched their times and lived useful lives, was lost.

Now Ada Lum, a staff member with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (in Southeast Asia), has written with humour, forthrightness (and, let's face it, pathos) of the life that she and countless other women are living in the will of God.

Miss Lum deals fairly and frankly with all the issues: biological, sexual, social, relationships, family, children, work, and perhaps beyond these, creative living.

The world would be a mean place indeed, were it bereft of those lives that were lived in aloneness, but for others. And the Church would be poverty stricken without those men and women who could accept what Paul said:

"I wish that all were as I myself am (single). But each has his own special gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. . . . I want you to be free of anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to please the Lord. . . . And the unmarried woman or girl is anxious about the affairs of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit." (1 Cor. 7:7, 32, 34)

In a letter, a friend, who was left alone with three children, could write to me: "I thank the Lord daily for His support and His gifts of native intelligence, determination and sense of humour. He didn't let me hit rock bottom, although I scraped it a little!"

The question of being single has no easy answer, no glib reply. But there is in the will of God and complete submission to Him, a position of rock solid confidence, help and hope.

Miss Lum in this book will help the groping singles, particularly women. As editor of this magazine, I would be delighted to receive expressions from others who have found some solutions

to this most personal of all conditions. Perhaps like Miss Lum, you might have an answer to help someone else.

### "AND WHEN YOU TURN . . . THERE ISN'T ANYONE THERE."

In reading material on the pleasure and pain of being single, a telling comment by Mayo Mobs, a freelance journalist, put the problem in these terms: "The lack a single person feels most acutely is when he leaves his group to go off somewhere on a trip, one of those trips his single status can enjoy. It can occur in front of a castle, or on the quiet deck of a boat, or on any overlook anywhere, looking at a sunset. Faced with such a sight the natural tendency is to want to turn to someone to say, 'Isn't that beautiful!' and to enjoy it together. *And when you turn, there isn't anyone there.*"

Here is where the Christian stands high above others. Whether single or married, even aloneness is "no, never alone. He promised never to leave me, never to leave me alone." It is the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ, saying, 'I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you.'

When you turn, whatever the situation, wherever the place, whatever the time, you can know He is there.

And take courage.

### CANADIAN ORGANIZATION CONCERNED ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL

Recently we published information regarding "Do It Now Foundation" of Phoenix, Arizona and their fine work in warning and informing about drug addiction and alcohol.

We did not know that a fine Canadian organization is doing the same.

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Indeed, Rev. David E. Reeve, Executive Director of A.D.C. has written:

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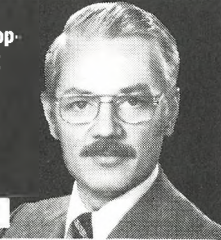
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## JUDGED BY THE WORD

W. C. Fields was a famous comedian of a past generation who made himself a reputation as curmudgeon and huckster to enhance his "image."

As he grew older, he grew more mellow. One day a friend found him reading, almost surreptitiously, a copy of the Bible.

Pressed into answering "what are you doing?" Fields wryly commented,

"I'm looking for loopholes."

Perhaps his life as a comic was revealed there. But many folk are in the same straits, and are looking for loopholes to get around the righteous judgment of God. But the Bible says: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

There are no loopholes. We will be judged by the Word. Why not read it and accept its message now? In Christ, there is the Way!



# A COLUMN OF TRIVIA

## "TRIVIA" GOT THE FOLLOWING CHAIN LETTER IT'S REALLY TONGUE IN CHEEK! AND CHEEKY!

Dear Sir:

This chain letter is meant to bring happiness to you. Unlike other chain letters, it does not cost money. Just send a copy of this letter to six other churches that are tired of their rectors. Then bundle up your rector and send him to the church at the bottom of the list. In one week you'll receive 16,436 clergy, and one of them should be a dandy! Have faith in this letter, don't break the chain; one parish did and got its old rector back.

## SAY "NOODLES" FOR AN HOUR.

**The Interpreter's Bible** was never clutched to the evangelical bosom because of its liberal conclusions and criticism of the Scriptures. But even the most conservative readers can respond to comments from George Buttrick (**Interpreter's** editor) when he sounds off on Transcendental Meditation. A sampling from **The Christian Century**:

"So TM lowers our blood pressure? Isn't that wonderful? What we need in this plastic culture is a faith that will **raise** our blood pressure.

"And when did any guru have the right to prescribe for each neighbor a **mantra**, a key word to govern all his quietude? Talk about invasion of privacy. I learned my mantra years ago. It is the name of Jesus. He did nothing to force it on me, and set no fee. I accepted it in joy from His life, His atoning death, His resurrection and His present Spirit. I've meditated on Him for decades, not least in morning and evening prayers, and in long bright morning hours in the study. It's a better mantra than, say, 'om', or 'noodles' or 'jackpot' repeated and repeated until the mind goes blank."

(*Eternity Magazine*)

## THINK OF OUR LORD SPEAKING TO YOU AND SAYING . . .

You do not have to be clever to please me; all you have to do is to want to love me. Just speak to me as you would to anyone of whom you are very fond.

Are there any people you want to pray for? Say their names to me, and ask of me as much as you like. I am generous and know all their needs, but I want you to show your love for them and me by trusting me to do what I know is best.

Tell me about the poor, the sick, and the sinners, and if you have lost the friendship or affection of anyone, tell me about that, too.

Is there anything you want for your soul? If you like you can write out a long list of all your needs, and come and read it to me.

Just tell me about your pride, your touchiness, self-centredness, meanness and laziness. Do not be ashamed; there are many Saints in Heaven who had the same faults as you; they prayed to me and, little by little, their faults were corrected.

Do not hesitate to ask me for blessings for the body and mind; for health, memory, success. I can give everything, and I always do give everything needed to make souls holier.

What is it that you want today? Tell me, for I long to do you good. What are your plans? Tell me about them. Is there anyone you want to please? What do you want to do for them?

And don't you want to do anything for me? Don't you want to do a little good to the souls of your friends who perhaps have forgotten me? Tell me about your failures, and I will show you the cause of them. What are your worries? Who has caused you pain? Tell me all about it, and add that you will forgive and forget, and I will bless you.

Are you afraid of anything? Have you any tormenting, unreasonable

fears? Trust yourself to me. I am here. I see everything. I will not leave you.

Have you no joys to tell me about? Why do you not share your happiness with me? Tell me what has happened since yesterday to cheer and comfort you. Whatever it was, however big, however small, I prepared it. Show me your gratitude and thank me.

Are you determined to run into no temptations? Have you made up your mind about bad books and bad friendships? They disturb the peace of your soul. Are you going to be kind to that one who has hurt you?

Well, go along now. Get on with your work. Try and be quieter, humbler, more submissive, kinder; and come back soon and bring me a more devoted heart. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" I John 4:10.

(*Good News Publishers*)

## NO! IT'S NOT O.K.!

The huge button on the sweater glared like a cyclops; its angry red paint giving all the appearance of a bloodshot eye. Then as I came closer I read:

I LOVE YOU  
Is That O.K.?  
Jesus C.

I shuddered. Must the High and Holy One, Who became man to redeem us, be treated so casually or off-handedly? At His Name, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that HE IS LORD, to the glory of God the Father."

Surely He will be more than an abbreviation, an initial. HE IS GOD!

## INTERESTING POLL!

According to a Gallup Poll (the American Institute of Public Opinion) in September, there are some interesting "religious" statistics. Out of 1,553 people polled, a nationwide religious response is projected as follows:

34% say they have had a "born again" experience.

58% have done "personal witnessing" to encourage other people to



believe in Christ or accept Him as Saviour.

Nearly 50% (4 out of 10) believe the Bible is to be taken literally, word for word.

Now if only all this were true of the professing Christian community . . .!!

### “MESSIAH WILL RETURN!”

Recently the Church of the Messiah, Toronto, was completely gutted by fire. Under Canon Desmond Hunt, the church people are responding to the challenge to rebuild for the greater glory of God in that central Toronto location. Why not pray for them? Perhaps support them?

Along the way, some rather humorous things have been heard.

Taking advantage of the fire scarred shell, Canon Hunt has erected signs for all to see:

“O YE FIRE AND WATER,  
PRAISE YE THE LORD.”

Triumph over tragedy!

When Mr. Hunt asked a sign painter next to do a notice saying,

“MESSIAH WILL RETURN!”

he meant to emphasize that blessed hope.

The artist, mistaking the idea, said: “You mean ‘MESSIAH WILL REBUILD’ don’t you? Replied Hunt: “I’ll give the message. You do the sign!”

When another man heard about that sign, his impromptu comment was: “Can we afford it?” Then he suddenly realized the portent of the words, and gulped visibly.

Whether the Church of the Messiah is rebuilt or not, depends on a host of things; money, skill, need, response.

**BUT WHETHER THE MESSIAH WILL RETURN OR NOT, THERE IS NO QUESTION OR DISCUSSION. “I WILL COME AGAIN,” HE SAID. THIS IS THE BLESSED HOPE.**

### NO SMOKING ALLOWED

Some gilet-eyed friends noticed some ash trays in pictures of our lounges. And were horrified!

Be unhorrified! Those pictures were taken BEFORE we got possession. We still have NO SMOKING rules at O.B.C. since it is bad for both health and testimony!

Be assured that we have strong principles and Christian standards at O.B.C.

### FAMOUS CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER, D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD FINDS ‘MOST IMPORTANT WORD’

The conjunction “and” is the most important word in the New Testament, according to Quaker philosopher D. Elton Trueblood.

The former president of Earlham College told Church of the Brethren educators that the word is a “holy conjunction,” because the word “and” puts equal emphasis on serving both God and neighbor, on evangelism and social action, on heart and mind.

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Wiig (Margaret Sams '47) were privileged to have a retarded daughter whom they loved deeply. When she died, the Wiigs received this poem, and pass it on for others to find comfort too.

### YOU HAVE LOST A CHILD

You have lost a child?

Nay, she is not lost to you,

Who is found to Christ.

She is not sent away but only sent before

Like a star which, going out of our sight

Doth not die and vanish

But shineth in another hemisphere.

You see her not, yet she doth shine

In another country.

If her glass were but a short hour,

What she hath wanted of time, she hath

Gotten of Eternity.

And you have to rejoice that you

Have now some treasure laid up in heaven.

Your daughter was a part of your self, and you

Being, as it were, cut and halved,

Will indeed be grieved.

But you have to rejoice that when a part

Of you is on earth, a great part of you is glorified in heaven.

—Samuel Rutherford

**GOD BLESS YOU  
AND KEEP YOU  
EVERY DAY.**

### TWELVE QUESTIONS TO ASK BEFORE YOU BUY

Consumer urges need to be curbed with a biblical perspective on possessions, Brian G. Humphreys writes in **The Alliance Witness** (July 14). He suggests twelve questions for Christians to ask themselves before each major expenditure:

1. **Can I afford it?** “If our families have to go without the things they need in order for us to have what we want, then we stand in violation of the law of love (I Tim. 5:8).”

2. **Can I be content without it?** “When we want more than we need, we run the risk of becoming unthankful and developing a craving for even more.”

3. **Will I still be able to be generous?** “We are instructed to honor the Lord from our wealth (Prov. 3:9), not to be conceited or to fix our hope on the uncertainty of riches but on God, to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share (I Tim. 6:17-18).”

4. **Will I still love God?** “. . . the affluent person will probably find it harder to concentrate on the things of God than someone who has less. It is not wrong to have riches; it is only wrong to love them.” We should “use our wealth for the enrichment of others, as God intends. . .”

5. **Will it make me anxious?**

6. **Am I being greedy or proud?**

7. **Am I being hasty?** “We are almost certain to make a mistake if we rush right out and buy something without stopping to consider if it is really what we want or need and if we can afford it.”

8. **Is it a necessary debt?** “Installment buying often goes against God’s clear instruction to stay out of debt. (Rom. 13:8). We may not be able to avoid some long-term monthly payments, but even then this principle applies. We are not to take on any debt that is more than we can afford.”

9. **Do I have all the facts?**

10. **Have I sought advice?**

11. **Have I prayed about it?**

12. **Will it honor God?** “It certainly does not honor God for us to buy things that make us appear foolish or materialistic. We want others to know that God comes first in our lives and means more to us than possessions.”



*What happens when an older student prepares for the ministry? Calvin Dadian was a missionary in the Middle East before God brought him home. Now he is studying, and his wife Diane is*

## SHARING THE VISION

**Diane Dadian**

"Aren't you a minister by now?" the old woman asked.

My husband tried to laugh it off, but I saw a look of real pain on his face.

"Oh, I guess it's too late for that!" he answered. Then he changed the subject.

Driving home, I looked at my husband thoughtfully. Our two children were asleep in the back seat. We loved them a lot. Now, however, I looked at them and myself differently. Are we just three dead weights around Calvin's neck? Are we keeping him back from the ministry?

"You really want to be a minister, don't you?" I challenged him.

He looked at the road straight ahead. After a long silence, he replied, "Yes, but it's too late now. I'm too old!"

We left it there. Later, at my urging, he visited Ontario Bible College to find out just how many courses he did need to get his degree in theology. The answer? Much less than we expected.

Lord, we prayed, show us what to do. Calvin needs a job he can fit around class hours. We need more money than we have. We need miracles of scheduling classes and work and finding time for sleep. We need strength. We need things that only You know we need.

Almost overnight, though, those needs were met. Heart pounding, twice the age of most students, Calvin went off to school. And liked it! More than that, by very great effort, he became good at it. He got good grades. People praised his struggles to become a minister and hold down a full-time job at the same time. They said lovely things about him.

Meanwhile, left alone at home, I soon had company. A small green-eyed monster named Envy joined me.

Poor me! Lucky him! I moaned to myself. There he is, out there getting fulfilled. Here I am, stuck at home. Everyone praises him. Nobody sees the sacrifices I'm making! The chorus

goes on, but any housewife can supply the words. We all know it.

Then—I was stopped short by the question: What kind of game am I playing? I say "Go ahead, honey!" with one breath. Then with the next I undermine him subtly. "Go ahead, you beast. I can take being neglected and poor!" Thus, while he thinks I'm being brave and for him, somehow indirectly he is being given the message that he should quit. This isn't fair!

Refusing to feel sorry for myself on Calvin's "long days" requires self-discipline. It is hard to stay on top of things at home. I need to learn to do more for myself and to plan ahead more. He used to take me grocery shopping. Now I must do it myself without complaint. The furnace tends to make funny noises or quit altogether when he's gone, too. I must develop mechanical skills as well.

Our children are small. Usually they are asleep when he finally comes home. A positive approach goes a long way. If Daddy will miss both lunch and supper with us tomorrow, then let's bake him a surprise for his lunch box today. Rolls made by a four-year-old say "I love you!" So do little notes in crayon.

I use the long solitary evenings constructively now. No more raiding the refrigerator, either! No husband around can be an advantage if I want to set my hair in rollers. I can be lazy if I wish, unwinding from the strain of a day spent with normal children. I can always find something to do.

The end of our school days is in sight. Soon the long-desired degree will be in his hands. The stack of

books will be off the dining room table, too. We can sit down together as a family and have a place to sit!

He will have learned much during these years as a student. However, I have learned as well. It is not enough to inspire your husband to respond to the Lord's call and to say the necessary encouraging words. In our hearts we must play fair, too. We must share the vision all the way.



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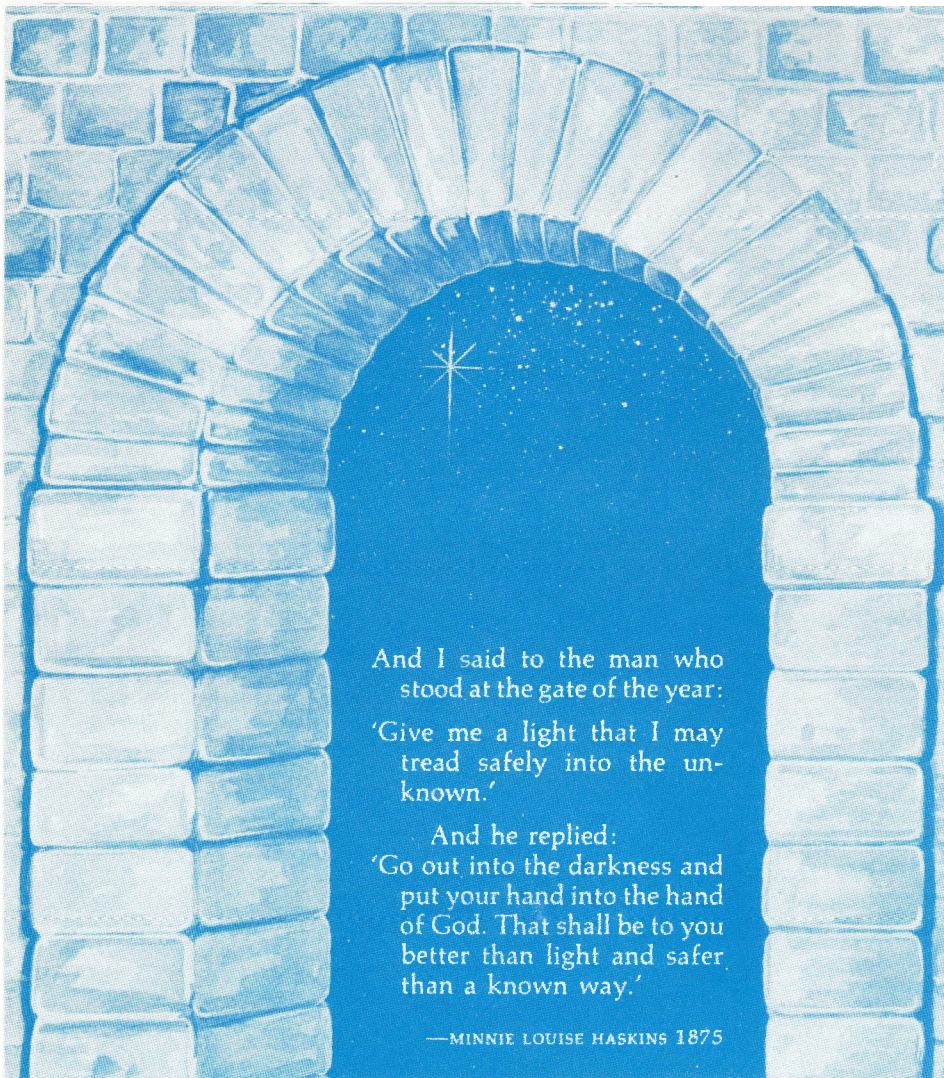
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And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied:  
'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'

—MINNIE LOUISE HASKINS 1875

## NEW DISCOVERY TURNS SOUR FOR MORMON CHURCH

Mormon bigwigs were elated when original copy of "book of Abraham" Joseph Smith translated into Pearl of Great Price was discovered; asked Mormon Egyptologist Dee Jay Nelson to translate it again. He agreed to tackle hieroglyphic text if result would be publicly printed, but **discovery hasn't gotten much publicity since Nelson announced book was nothing more than Egyptian burial service**—certainly not what Smith had claimed to translate. Nelson family has resigned from Mormon church; higher-ups are keeping mum.

*(Evangelical Newsletter)*

## WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN GIVES LIFT TO NEEDY YOUTH

The powerful neck and shoulder muscles bulge, the biceps stand out like massive chunks of marble as Paul Anderson, fingers hooked under the front bumper, raises the car off the ground while a helper changes the front tire.

Despite being billed as the "strongest man in the world" with the Guinness Book of Records, for a backlift of 6,270 pounds, Anderson confesses that "being a Christian is the greatest thing in my life."

An Olympic champion who weighs in at 375 pounds of muscle and sinew, the burdens he tries to lift are spiritual, not just weights.

Concerned about young people, he travels widely, demonstrating his skills and techniques to help raise money for the two Paul Anderson Youth Homes in Georgia and Texas.

These are largely for troubled youth, particularly from broken or one parent homes. To them, he and his staff talk freely about a "personal relationship to God through Jesus Christ."

He continues to train and strain to maintain his position as the world's strongest man, since "I'm quite interested in maintaining my strength because I use it for the glory of the Lord."

**You** may not be able to jerk and lift a thousand pounds (or even fifty!), but you can help lift burdens from people. Are you doing that?

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There was rain, mud and cold winds, as Dedication Day (September 26) dawned. And that, we said, would effectively frustrate our plans for the Official Opening and Dedication of our new OBC/OTS Campus.

How wrong we were. Not only did 1600 turn up to share this happy, significant day, but many more were turned away as parking became impossible.

Instead of meeting outdoors on the beautiful green lawn, the service was moved indoors to the freshly renovated Chapel, while the overflow followed the program on closed circuit TV in the Dining Room and Gymnasium.

It was a time of solemn dedication and joyful praise, as in reviewing all that God had wrought, College and friends made public their vows of dedication in these words under the direction of Dr. Victor Adrian, the President:

#### ACT OF DEDICATION:

The Chairman shall say:

"Dearly beloved Brethren: Forasmuch as it pleased Almighty God to put it into the heart of His servants to purchase this College Campus for worship, instruction, fellowship and service; let us now fulfill the noble purpose for which we are assembled, to dedicate these buildings and all of their facilities and functions

To the glory of God, the Father,  
Who has called us by His grace;  
To the glory of the Son, Who loves us and gave Himself for us;  
To the glory of the Holy Spirit, Who illumines and sanctifies us;

The people respond:

"We dedicate this College Campus."

The Chairman:

"For the worship of God in praise and prayer; for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ crucified, risen, exalted and returning:"

The people:

"We dedicate this College Campus."

The Chairman:

"For the instruction and training of men and women in the Word of God and the work of God, that we might give full proof of our ministry:"

The people:

"We dedicate this College Campus."

# 1600 ATTEND DEDICATION SERVICE



*Dr. Adrian served as Chairman of Dedication Service from main Chapel. (Photo Courtesy Toronto Star)*

The Chairman:

"For the work of evangelism, for the ministry of music, the task of missions and the ministry of the church:"

The people:

"We dedicate this College Campus."

The Chairman:

"For the teaching and guiding of the young; for the upbuilding of all who believe, and the perfecting of the saints; for the hallowing of family, community and national life:"

The people:

"We dedicate this College Campus."

The Chairman:

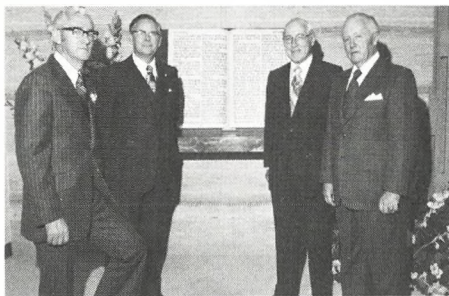
"I, therefore, call upon the Faculty and Staff to add their response in this moment of dedication."

Faculty & Staff:

"We dedicate ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, to the Living Word that abides forever, and to faithfulness to His infallible written Word; to the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God, to evangelism, prayer and missions, that we might set a good example and be good overseers of the flock of God.

We dedicate ourselves to His work at Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary, to





*In Prayer Chapel, Dr. V. Adrian, President, Mr. L. C. Simmonds, Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. McClintock, Chairman, Dr. S. L. Boehmer, Chancellor.*

serve as He gives strength and wisdom."

The Chairman:

"And now as a people within the household of God;  
In the unity of faith;  
In the communion of saints;  
In love and goodwill to all; and  
In gratitude for the gift of this College Campus to be an habitation of God through the Spirit, I would call upon all who know and love Him to also dedicate yourselves."

The people:

"We too pledge ourselves to Christ and to His work around the world; to pray continually for the ministry of this institution, to support it faithfully, and to strengthen the hands of our brethren;

In the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen."

**DECLARATION OF DEDICATION:**

"These things having been properly done, we now, the Board of Governors, the Corporation, Faculty and Staff of Ontario Bible College and Ontario Theological Seminary, do declare this building and campus to be open to the Glory of God. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen"

Thus the Official Opening and Dedication was not simply a required function, but a deep, heart moving declaration of commitment to the Lord, Whose we are and Whom we serve.

During the service, the Chancellor Dr. S. L. Boehmer, gave an historical resume that covered 82 years of growth and service. Other members of Faculty, Alumni and Board of Governors helped to verbalize what was so

deeply felt: "This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes."

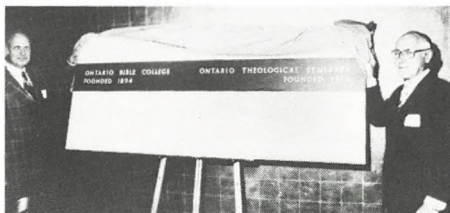
After the service, friends toured the new campus complex to see what God had provided for this new day. The tide of enthusiasm and holy glee made the day an unusual combination of solemn dedication and joy. In itself it was an indication that Ontario Bible College/Ontario Theological Seminary is continuing to fulfill the ministry for which it was raised up 83 years ago.

If you did not see the school at this time, you are welcome to visit us at your convenience and rain or shine, to see and taste for yourself that "the Lord is good."

This is God's work. It is also your College because it is His.



*Dr. Boehmer gives historical review of O.B.C.*



*Unveiling the new name plaque, Mr. L. Millar, Mr. R. McClintock*



*Overflow crowd views Dedication ceremony by closed circuit TV in Dining Room*



*More than 500 crowd into the gym to watch Dedication service on TV*



*Fraternal greetings brought by Dr. Jack Scott, President of Central Baptist Seminary*



*Mrs. Eloise Wright represented the Toronto Ladies' Auxiliary*



*London Ladies' Auxiliary is represented by Mrs. Sally Suchard*



*Rev. W. Tyler, Vice Chairman of the Board closed a moving ceremony by pronouncing the benediction.*



*Some of our students live in apartments. One of them, Dave Roberts and his wife, now serving part time on the College staff as well as studying, have had some unusual experiences in their high rise. We asked them to tell us about*

## APARTMENT WITNESSING

**Marian Roberts**

**R**elating Christ to neighbours in an apartment building certainly differs from evangelization in a Christian Service setting. Apartment evangelization is being a normal neighbour with an attitude of availability to God and sensitivity to open hearts. It's discipleship in action.

We believed God directed us in choosing our apartment. He led us to our first convert within the first two months. She was eight and a half months pregnant when I met her in the laundry room. We talked on general topics and immediately felt drawn towards one another. She confided in me of some marital problems, and the Holy Spirit led me to relate something of my relationship with God. Because of her needs, the topic touched a chord deep inside her. In a few weeks, mostly through my being available to listen to her and serve her, she committed her life to Christ.

The proof of her new birth is seen now, one and a half years later, as she continues to grow spiritually, and influence several other people in the building. She was close enough to her "pagan" friends to keep up a friendship with them and they were attracted to Christ through the change in her life.

We have had opportunity to relate to several other couples and single people in the building, most of whom live or have lived on our floor, but as yet we have not seen any other conversions through our direct contact.

There are as many different ways to meet people as there are different neighbours. David jogged with one fellow, shot pool with another, met one at the swimming pool and sauna from time to time, showed interest in one fellow's hobby and listened to another who liked to talk. As we met each person or couple, we started praying for them by name. We also initiated getting together, usually spontaneously dropping over for coffee was the best

way. We would then take the opportunity to share our faith in Christ as the opportunity arose. David, being at Ontario Bible College, had a natural lead as we always seemed to begin by finding out where a person was employed. We soon learned, however, that in sharing we could not overstep a person's right to privacy. So in a sense, relating to neighbours in your own living territory is a slow friendship evangelism.

Interestingly, it has been couples on our own floor with whom we have had the deepest friendships. We couldn't predict who would be the most open to the gospel—in fact we were surprised that the couple we least expected to be, are the ones who have the warmest, growing thirst and openness for a relationship with God!

We often met the daughter of this particular couple as we travelled on the elevator. It was almost a year and a half later that the parents invited us into their home. As the husband did most of the talking (he was proatheism without too much knowledge), we felt we weren't getting to first base in relating the gospel. Over a period of months, with prayer and persistent friendship, however, our last visit saw him listening as David clearly presented the gospel. In the meantime, the daughter had started Sunday School at the local Salvation Army, and this couple from a communistic country had begun reading the Bible for the first time in their lives.

One of the problems in witnessing in a rental apartment building is that many tenants are transient dwellers. Once a couple has moved away, because of the business of life and the distance to travel, even in the city, it is difficult to keep up contact. On the other hand, we feel that a contribution has been made in planting the seed of the Word of God, and who can tell when new life will begin?

In looking back, it seems that when we have just reached a point in the relationship where we could introduce a Bible discussion, the party has moved. Perhaps we should honestly evaluate our hesitancy to introduce Bible discussion earlier in our relationships. Sometimes it's difficult to know just when the best time would be.

Peter, in I Peter 3:15, pinpoints the positive approach to personal evangelization. We are to imitate the life of Christ and be prepared to give a clear defense for our faith and hope in God.

There is no special calling to be a Christian witness to one's neighbours outside of this being our privilege as God's children. God is faithful to use us as ambassadors in spite of our weaknesses and gives us joy immeasurable when we respond to His leading in this matter.

It has been a tremendous experience and benefit for our own lives, to relate to the non-Christians in our apartment building. We trust God for more impact in the future as we continue to learn new methods of effectiveness in this vast opportunity.

## OURSELVES—YOUR SERVANTS

**S**ome weeks ago I made an idle comment to my boss, the editor of the Recorder, that I thought someone should introduce the College Staff to our readers and friends. His reply—"Go ahead!"

So here I am to introduce to you a group of men and women with whom I've worked for some years now.

As I tried to formulate ideas in my mind, I went, as I often do, to the dictionary to find the real meaning of the word "staff." I found three, all of which can be applied to the Staff of O.B.C.

The first two are closely related: "a support"; "a group of assistants". These words indicate in a small way our role here at O.B.C. We are helpers, those on whom the faculty, administration and students can lean for support, for the behind-the-scenes work that will aid the ongoing program of the College.

The third meaning the dictionary listed is "a group of officers not having command, but having executive and administrative duties." We are the "non-commissioned officers" of God's army, not in command, but happy and fulfilled in our service for Christ, nonetheless.

Having found out what Webster had to say about us, I turned to the Book of Books, to see what God had to say about His "non-com's." I found, listed among all those wonderful gifts God has given to His people, one very simple one: "Those who can help others."



(I Cor. 12:28). This can and surely should be a gift that all can claim. It is one that we who work here at the College are happy to claim as our own.

God has called His army over the years from different levels of society, from widespread locations, and from varying training grounds. Digging into some background facts about our Staff here has brought to the surface some interesting items.

Of the 38 Staff members, 23 have come up through the ranks of past student or graduate of O.B.C. Ten of them came to us from previous Christian service; some overseas, some at home. Our Comptroller and several members of the Stewardship Dept. left careers in business to join us.

Geographically, they have come to us from Quito, Ecuador; the United States; the Maritime provinces; and—the overwhelming majority—from Ontario itself.

Our length of service in the army varies greatly. Our President's secretary leads the way with 23 years of service. Our Alumni secretary is a close second, with 20 years to her credit. Others have 13 and 16 years; and many have been on staff from five to ten years.

One thing is sure. Wherever we have come from, and whatever our previous experience has been, we are at O.B.C. because God has directed us here. We are here to serve God and others, seeking to follow His directive, "If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well" (Rom. 12:6).

Paul spoke of himself and the other apostles as "your servants for Jesus' sake." That is what we, the staff of O.B.C., would like to be: servants, not only of our particular "boss", but of all those connected with O.B.C., both inside and out.

As parts of the body of Christ, all of us have a duty to help, encourage and build up the other members, that together we may be strong. In I Cor. 12:27 Paul says, "All of you together are the one body of Christ, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it." And then going on to list the different parts, he includes: "Those who can help others."

We, the Staff of Ontario Bible College, thank you for your prayers and support as we seek to fill that role in the body of Christ.

*Marlene Williams*

## OUR STAFF



*Sheila Burgess, Cashier; Muriel Flanagan, Stewardship Dept.; A. E. Davidson, Comptroller; Betty Phillips, Accounting Clerk; Lorna Arndt, Accountant; Catherine McCaugherty, Registrar's Secretary; Sharon Dickinson, Stewardship Dept.; Connie Sheppard, Registrar's Office; J. Harry Frogley, Exec. Director of Stewardship; Ruth Oliver, Admissions Secretary; Wilson Flanagan, Minister of Stewardship; (Absent from picture: M. L. Steinmann, Consultant & Assoc. Director of Stewardship; Elmer Cassidy & William McNair, Ministers of Stewardship).*



*Front: Jean Williams, Secretary to Dean of O.T.S.; Esther Penny, Music Secretary; Doris Warren, Alumni Office; Marlene Williams, Public Relations Secretary; Colleen Smith, Secretary to Exec. Vice President;  
2nd Row: Brenda Headrick, Faculty Secretary; Lilian Softley, Secretary to the President; Eileen Pettit, Community Life Dept.; Lone Essery, Alumni Secretary; Helen Hofstetter, Secretary to Dean of Community Life; Shirley Brush, Secretary to Academic Dean; (Absent from picture: Mary Cassell, Library).*



*Front: Betty Franco, Supervisor of Library Services; Pearl Dobson, Bookstore Manager; Mary Winborn, Library; Elizabeth Spencer, Bookstore; Helen Sanderson, Library; Jean Gast, Receptionist;  
2nd Row: Ernie Harrison, Office Services Manager; George Caines, Asst. to Building Supt.; David George, Asst. to Building Supt.; Loren Gast, Building Supt.; (Absent from picture: Sam Reynolds, Supervisor of Campus Operations).*





*Alumnus of the year, Alex M. Deans Responds to the presentation. Seated: Rev. Gordon W. Dorey.*

# Alumni News

*Compiled by: Ione Essery*

## ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

### ALEXANDER M. DEANS, M.C. "A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST"

The official citation read: "Lieutenant Deans' coolness, disregard for his personal safety, initiative and leadership were undoubtedly the controlling factors in the capturing of the objective by his depleted platoon. His unflinching disregard of enemy fire and his cheerful manner were an inspiration to his men who remained in this hazardous position for twenty-four hours before being relieved."

The writer of this military citation that accompanied the awarding of the Military Cross to Lieutenant Alex M. Deans, used phrases that are also typical of a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Shortly after the above citation and award were made, Alex Deans was promoted to Captain in the Canadian Armed Forces, and almost promoted to glory as a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ.

Due to his wounds, this good soldier of Jesus Christ found himself in a hospital, and for a long time there was little hope of complete recovery. One lung was removed, and part of the other, and his life hung in the balance.

But God was not finished with His soldier, and through what can only be termed a miracle of God and the use of some newly discovered miracle drugs, Alex began to recover. He personally attributes his recovery to God and a praying O.B.C. family.

Mr. Deans had graduated in Evening School in 1939, then entered O.B.C. (Toronto) day classes in 1942, but war service intervened and for the next three years he was overseas, first as a non-commissioned officer in the Medical Corps, then was commissioned as a Lieutenant and promoted to Captain in the Queen's Own Rifles.

On his discharge from the Army and from his long drawn out medical battle, he again enrolled and graduated in 1949.

Just to keep this very active soldier's activity in proper order, it should be said that he again returned to O.B.C. and completed the work on a B.R.E. degree, to graduate in 1974.

Then have followed two years of study in Knox College, as he prepares for ordination and ministry in the Presbyterian Church.

In between studies, and concurrent with them, Alex served his Alma Mater from 1956 to 1960 as O.B.C. Field Secretary. In 1960 he was appointed Assistant Secretary of the Board of Stewardship and Budget of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. In 1974 he became Associate Secretary of the Board of Congregational Life, counselling and training leaders at Presbytery and congregational levels.

He travels constantly across North America, involved in services, ministry, conferences and workshops. For instance in 1964, he represented the Presbyterian Church of Canada at an

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*Class of 1926 enters the Golden Mile Chapter.*



International Stewardship Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

He is a wise and judicious counselor, a competent administrator, a gifted speaker and a loyal friend.

In contacting his associates and friends to present this brief summary of a good soldier's life and work, the consensus is that it would be impossible to measure the impact on the life of the Church and many people, of this one man.

Alex had the foresight to marry another graduate of the College, then known as Clara Hicks. With their son and two daughters, they have served the Lord faithfully and well.

Alex Deans' wartime citation read: "disregard for personal safety", "initiative and leadership", "unflinching disregard of the enemy", "his cheerful manner was an inspiration".

These are words that we would use today in our citation for our O.B.C. Alumnus of the Year for 1976. For all these are indicative of the man, whom we proudly present today as  
"A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST."

## ON THE HOME FRONT

\*MR. RALPH ANDRUS '67-'68 commenced his pastoral ministry at Minnedosa Baptist Church, Minnedosa, Man. on October 1.

\*REV. PERCY R. BAILEY '37 was inducted as pastor of the Alliance Church at Gull Lake, Sask. on September 26.

\*REV. BERT BASKIN '50 has accepted a call to the pastorate at Lake Gospel Church in Hamilton, Ont.

\*MR. MARK BRONSON, B.Th. '76, commenced his ministry as Christian Education Director at Bethesda Church in Winnipeg, Man. on October 1. REV. GRANT WRIGHT '49 is pastor.

\*MR. PETER BURRITT, B.Th. '76, began his pastoral ministry at Glenelg Centre and Durham Baptist Churches, Durham, Ont. on September 19.

\*MISS LINDA BUSSEY '69-'71 (W.B.T.) began work at the International Administration office at the Wycliffe-JAARS Center in Waxhaw, N.C. in October.

\*MR. & MRS. BOB CARTWRIGHT '68 (NANCY BROWETT, B.R.E. '68) are house parents at Parkhill Girls' Home in Parkhill, Ont.

\*MR. WARREN CHARLTON, B.Th. '76, commenced his ministry at the

Evangelical Baptist Church at Blair, Ont. on August 8.

\*MR. GORDON COX, B.Th. '73, commenced his pastoral ministry at Faith Baptist Church, New Hamburg, Ont. in August.

\*MR. ROBERT DAVIS, B.Th. '70, has been appointed to stay in Canada for two years as Secretary-Treasurer of O.M.F. as of September.

\*MR. LLOYD DRURY, B.Th. '75, began his ministry at Mayerthorpe Baptist Church, Mayerthorpe, Alta. in August.

\*REV. FRED GOULD '54 commenced his ministry at Faith Bible Church, Stratford, Ont. in August.

\*MR. JOHN GRAY '51 has been appointed U.S. Associate Director for Gospel Recordings in U.S.A. and Mexico.

\*REV. MURRAY HICKS, B.Th. '58 commenced his ministry at Lake Harriett Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn. on November 1.

\*MR. VOLKER KLAUE, B.R.E. '69, commenced his pastoral ministry at Altona Missionary Church, Altona, Ont. in September.

\*REV. CHARLES LONG, B.Th. '64, began his ministry at Hope Baptist Church, London, Ont. in August.

\*REV. WINSTON MARTIN, B.Th. '66, started his ministry at Pleasant Valley Mennonite Church, Hammondsport, N.Y. in September.

\*REV. MATTHEW MILLAR '39 has commenced his pastoral ministry at Faith Baptist Church, Watford, Ont.

\*REV. EDWIN MITCHELL '54 has commenced his ministry as Minister of Christian Education at Calvary Baptist Church, Oakville, Ont.

\*MRS. C. PAYNE (BEVERLEY MAYNARD, B.R.E. '71) received the degree, Master in Social Work, in May, from Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ont.

\*MR. & MRS. HAROLD PENNER (MARGARET JANZEN '75) began their ministry at Sardis Community Church, Sardis, B.C. in October.

\*REV. JACOB SMALL, B.Th. '65, commenced his ministry at the Memorial Congregational Christian Church, Stouffville, Ont. in September.

\*REV. KENNETH SQUIRREL, B.R.E. '74, began his ministry at Burks Falls Baptist Church, Burks Falls, Ont. in June.

\*MR. R. WILLIAM SMITH, B.R.E. '72, was inducted into the ministry at the Ohsweken Baptist Church, Six Nations Reserve, Ohsweken, Ont. on

October 5.

\*MR. TIMOTHY ROBERTS, B.S.M. '75, commenced his ministry as Music Director at Dovercourt Baptist Church, Toronto, on October 1.

## ON FURLOUGH

\*MISS VELMA FOREMAN, B.R.E. '59 (W.B.T.) from New Guinea in August.

\*MR. & MRS. WALTER ISMAY (ELIZABETH JOHNSTON '36) from Argentina, S.A. (C.M.M.L.) in September until January, 1977.

\*MR. & MRS. DAVID MORRIS (ANGELA SMART, B.Th. '66) from Tunisia (O.M.) in June.

## TO THE FIELD

\*MISS BARBARA FORSTER '64 (S.I.M.) to Jos, Nigeria in September, following furlough in Canada.

\*MR. & MRS. EDWARD GRIMSHAW (JO ROGERS '52) to Nigeria, W.A. (S.I.M.) in September.

\*MR. & MRS. ROY HARRISON '41 (MARGARET BARNEY '43) to Mexico (W.B.T.) in September, following furlough in Toronto.

\*MR. & MRS. JIM HUTCHISON '69-'70 to Mankayane, Swaziland, Africa (A.E.F.) in September.

\*MR. & MRS. CHRISTOPH KOEBEL (ANDREA McCOLL '65-'67) to Austria, following furlough in Canada.

\*MR. & MRS. DONALD MCKENZIE, B.Th. '58 (DORIS VANCE '46) to Kenya, E. Africa (A.I.M.) in September.

\*MR. & MRS. MALCOLM MCKENZIE (RUTH MURPHY '44-'45) to Natal, S. Africa (T.E.A.M.) in November.

\*MISS SUE McLEOD, B.R.E. '74 (S.I.M.) to Nigeria, Africa, in September.

\*MR. & MRS. JUDSON H. MERRITT (KATHLEEN HENDERSON '35) to Umtali, Rhodesia, Africa (A.E.F.) in November.

\*REV. & MRS. DAVID MITTON '55 (SHIRLEY JANES '54) to the French Island of Reunion in the Indian Ocean (A.E.F.) on September 14.

\*MISS IRENE QUICK '48 (A.E.F.) to Natal, S. Africa, in August.

\*MISS GAIL ROADKNIGHT '71-'74 (A.I.M.) to Rift Valley Academy, Kenya, E. Africa, in August.

\*MISS FLEDDA VEALS '46 (S.I.M.) to Ethiopia in September.



\*MR. & MRS. MAC WIGFIELD, B.Th. '73 (MARLISE GEISSBERGER, B.R.E. '72) to Switzerland in July for language study enroute to Ivory Coast, W. Africa (W.B.T.).

\*MISS PEGGY RADCLIFF, B.R.E. '69 (G.M.U.) to Brazil, S.A. in October.

\*MISS LILY MAJAK '59 (S.I.M.) to Benin Republic, W. Africa, in December.

\*MR. & MRS. TOM PHINNEMORE, B.Th. '69 (PENNY, B.Th. '70) to Papua, New Guinea (W.B.T.) in October.

\*MR. & MRS. LESLIE GREER, B.R.E. '74 (NORMA KIERSTEAD '58) to Nigeria (S.I.M.) in September.

## MARRIAGES

\*MRS. SHERRY ANTHES '75-'76 to MR. GORDON RUTLEDGE '79 in Dorset Park Baptist Church, Toronto, Ont. on June 26. MISS SUSAN REED '79 was Maid of Honour and MR. WARREN ADAMS was the soloist.

\*MISS VIRGINIA GOUDEY '75-'76 to MR. DAVID RHUDE '72 on August 21 at Lakefield Baptist Church, Lakefield, Ont. MISS RUTH COLLETT '78 was Maid of Honour and MR. DOUGLAS RHUDE, B.Th. '74 was Best Man. MR. RANDY MACE '77 was an Usher.

\*MISS MARGARET JANZEN '75 to MR. HAROLD PENNER in Scott St. Mennonite Brethren Church, St. Catharines, Ont. on October 8.

\*REV. JIM LONGWORTH, B.Th. '74 to MISS BARBARA WRIGHT in Khandi, Benin, W. Africa (S.I.M.) on September 24. MISS GRACE BIRNIE, B.R.E. '70 was the Maid of Honour. Guests were MISS MARGARET BEVINGTON '56, the bride's parents MR. & MRS. J. WRIGHT of Toronto, and the groom's parents, MR. & MRS. D. LONGWORTH of Costa Rica, C.A.

\*MISS ANDREA McCOLL '65-'67 to MR. CHRISTOPH KOEBEL at Grant Memorial Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man. on September 11.

\*MR. DAVID McCAUSLAND, B.Th. '70 to MISS ANNE WEBSTER in Knox Presbyterian Church, Midland, Ont. on August 7. MR. ROBERT DAVIS, B.Th. '70 was Best Man.

\*MISS DONNA O'BRIEN, B.R.E. '74 to MR. GLENN MATHEWSON on August 21 in Westmount Park Church. MRS. STEPHEN SYMES (SUZANNE BLACK, B.R.E. '73) was the Matron of Honour. MISS MARGARET ANDREWS '71-'72 was a Bridesmaid, and MRS. BRIAN WALSH (WENDY BARTLEY '70-'72) was the pianist.

\*MISS ANN PECK '72 to MR. GEORGE BELL on May 15 in Portland Community Church, Napanee, Ont. REV. JOHN CRAIG '60 officiated.

## BIRTHS

\*To MR. & MRS. GEORGE ANIM-ADDO B.R.E. '66 a son, Kwame Nyamekye, in Winfield, Ill. on July 24.

\*To MR. & MRS. DAN BIGGAR, B.Th. '75 (JOAN GALE, B.R.E. '75) twins, a son Matthew James and a daughter Anne Ruth, on July 13 in St. Catharines, Ont.

\*To MR. & MRS. JON BOLTON (PEGGY FRAZIER '67) a daughter, Jessica Marie, on June 15 in Nokesville, Va.

\*To MR. & MRS. KAMYL CADINOUCHE, B.Th. '73 (LORRAINE MORRIS, B.R.E. '73) a daughter, Corrine Ruth, on August 31 in Quatre Bornos, Mauritius.

\*To MR. & MRS. MARVIN CLARK (RUTH SINCLAIR '67-'69) a son, Jonathan Sinclair, on January 3 in Hanover, Ont.

\*To REV. & MRS. RAYMOND CROSS, B.Th. '70, a daughter, Andrea Melissa, on July 17, in Peterborough, Ont.

\*To MR. & MRS. RICHARD KNARR '64-'65 (MARGARET RODGERS '63-'66) a son, Shane Timothy, on October 16, 1974 a son Joel Daniel on April 22, 1976 in Toronto.

\*To MR. & MRS. JEFFREY LITTLETON (DIANE WHYBOURNE '67) a daughter, Susan Joy, in Minneapolis, Minn. on December 1, 1975.

\*To MR. & MRS. IAN MacLEAN, B.R.E. '68 (COLLEEN PEASE '66) a daughter, Haley Elizabeth on February 3, in Stirling, Ont.

\*To MR. & MRS. ROSS MATHEWSON (JANET BEACH '70-'71) a son, Curtis Benson, in Winnipeg, Man. on August 31.

\*To MR. & MRS. BRIAN MAXWELL, B.R.E. '73 (HEATHER FOSTER '71-'72) a son, Kent on July 22 in Huntsville, Ont.

\*To MR. & MRS. DONALD ROTH '71 (CONSTANCE CAVANACH '67-'68) a son, Jonathan Donald, on August 26 in Toronto.

\*To MR. & MRS. STEPHEN SMITH, B.Th. '71 (LINDA LEWIS '69-'73) a daughter, Lydia Ruth, in Toronto on August 19.

\*To DR. & MRS. MILAN SPRINGLE '72-'73 (BETH '72-'73) a daughter, Stephanie Joy, on August 30 in Zam-

bia, W. Africa.

\*To MR. & MRS. SAMUEL VALLOOR, B.Th. '71, a daughter, Joyce Ann, in Philadelphia, Pa. on September 16.

\*To MR. & MRS. FRANCIS VI-SCOUNT (HILARY BALLANS, B.R.E. '70) a daughter, Rebecca Barbara, in Falls Church, Va. on May 28.

\*To MR. & MRS. PETER VON ZUBEN '69-'71 (LOUISE PETTIT, B.R.E. '73) a daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, on September 2, in Yellowknife, N.W.T.

## DEATHS

\*MR. GARTH BLAKENEY '38-'40 in West Jeddore, N.S. on May 16.

\*REV. CHARLES E. BRAY '16 in Penticton, B.C. on August 8.

\*MRS. MILES COOK (GLADYS PIM '20) in Santa Clara, Ca. on July 12.

\*REV. C. ERNEST FALCONBRIDGE '33-'34 at Fair Havens Bible Conference, Beaverton, Ont. on August 15.

\*DR. WILLIAM LAWRENCE '45 in El Paso, Texas on June 10.

\*MRS. W. G. OCKENDEN '48-'49 in Downsview, Ont. on March 2.

\*MISS HELEN STRUTHERS '15 in Toronto, on July 2.

\*MR. GLEN THOMPSON, husband of BETTY (DANCY '55) THOMPSON, in August, in Lakeside, Ont.

\*MR. NORMAN E. WALKER '18 in Toronto on September 26.

\*MRS. MICHAEL TWILLEY (VALERIE PUGH '59-'61) in Whitby, Ont. on October 8.

## MISS ERIA ROBINSON ONETIME REGISTRAR

For four years Miss Robinson returned to her Alma Mater to teach in 1952, and then to serve as Registrar from 1954-1958, when a heart condition necessitated retirement.

Eria graduated in 1939, then earned a B.A. degree at the University of Western Ontario. For some years she was pastor of several United churches, carrying the full burden of preaching and leadership, until she came to O.B.C.

On leaving the College she worked on a limited basis at the Africa Inland Mission office. Her unexpected home-call left bereaved parents to whom the O.B.C. family sends love and sympathy.

Eria died on August 28, 1976.



## ALUMNI HOMECOMING OVERWHELMING SUCCESS

Over 500 Alumni gathered at the new College campus for Annual Homecoming. Some came to see all the new things. Others came to renew acquaintances. All came for the wonderful O.B.C. family fellowship.

No one was disappointed, and it was good to see the enthusiasm and to feel the love spilling over. Miss Esery and her committee had arranged a good program, and it was well carried out.

The Golden Mile Chapter (Class of 1926) was welcomed; Alumnus of the Year (Alex Deans) was chosen; Grads gave testimonies; Marion Newby and Loren Gast sang; everyone ate at the smorgasbord; and everyone had fun and fellowship.

Why can't every Homecoming bring out the crowds? If you missed this one, try for next year. You'll really like it!

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Smorgasbord*



*Homecoming—  
Crowded Fellowship*



*Alumni sing heartily under Ron Unruh 69' at Homecoming.*

## IT'S ANOTHER GENERATION!

Something special for us this year are the 23 freshmen who have followed in the family footsteps. We thought you'd be interested in these second generation students and their Alumni connections.

May their tribe increase!

### Freshmen

Gordon Beilby  
David Bucknam  
Barbara & Donna Cassidy  
Janet Eagleson  
Paul Friesen  
James Gould  
Steve Halliday  
Deborah Hawkins  
Luella Holley  
Karl Janzen  
Paul Lymburner  
Diane McIlmoyle  
Sandra Mitton

Corinne Moulton  
Rosemary Pauls

Philip Pavey  
Wendy Pilsworth  
Michael Sherbino  
Barry Smith

Philip Wasnidge

Wendy Weber  
Lorna Weller

### Alumni Relationship

Sisters: Janice '74-'75  
Gwen (Mrs. Randy Weber) '74-'75  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Earl Bucknam '41  
(Marion Gray '42)  
Brother: Paul '75  
Sister: Dawna '66  
Parents: Rev. & Mrs. Elmer Cassidy '53  
(Marjorie Ross '53)  
Dr. & Mrs. Wm. Eagleson '41-'42  
Sister: Lois '72-'73  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Henry Friesen  
(Birdie Hill '46)  
Parents: Rev. & Mrs. Fred Gould '54  
(Helen Mitchell '54)  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Halliday  
(Joan Hoag '52)  
Parents: Rev. & Mrs. Ron Hawkins '58  
(Marilyn Wardle '55-'56)  
Rev. & Mrs. Raymond Holley '50  
Sister: Margaret (Mrs. Harold Penner) '75  
Sister: Debbie Lymburner '74-'75  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Gordon McIlmoyle  
(Ruby Pastorious '50)  
Parents: Rev. & Mrs. David Mitton '55  
(Shirley Janes '54)  
Grandparents: Mr. & Mrs. Russell Mitton  
E.C. '58  
Sister: Carolyn Moulton '76  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Pauls  
(Ann Baker '48)  
David '70-'71  
Brother: David '70  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Royce Pilsworth '50  
Brother: David '70  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Barclay Smith  
(Bernice Comber '47)  
Parents: Mr. & Mrs. Lorne Wasnidge '53  
(Jeanette Hardison '52)  
Brother: Randy '76  
Parents: Rev. & Mrs. Cyril Weller  
(Doris Leonard '45)





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On Oct. 14, students & faculty had a community visitation blitz. Student president Kevin Fleetwood gives instruction.



An invitation to Open House and a Gospel of John from the Canadian Bible Society were given out.



Students pick up material for visitation.



Laurie & Joan visiting one of 5000 homes. (Visitation Pictures courtesy of Rev. E. J. Heuer)

## 80 YEARS WITH GOD ON YONGE STREET

In 1896 the Yonge Street Mission was founded, and for 80 years has been the ministering heart of Toronto to needy people. And for 80 years O.B.C. has been associated with Yonge St. Mission.

To celebrate this significant anniversary here are a couple of events you will be interested in.

### 1. GOD ON YONGE STREET,

by Douglas C. Percy. Price \$1.50.

With foreword by Dr. J. H. Hunter, and well illustrated, this history of Yonge St. Mission will show again, what God hath wrought through His people. May be secured through O.B.C. Bookstore or the Editor of the Recorder.

### 2. 80TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

Eaton Auditorium

November 13 at 7:45 p.m.

\*InterChurch Choir and other special music

\*Testimony by Mission Converts, including Alex M. Deans, O.B.C. Alumnus of the Year 1976

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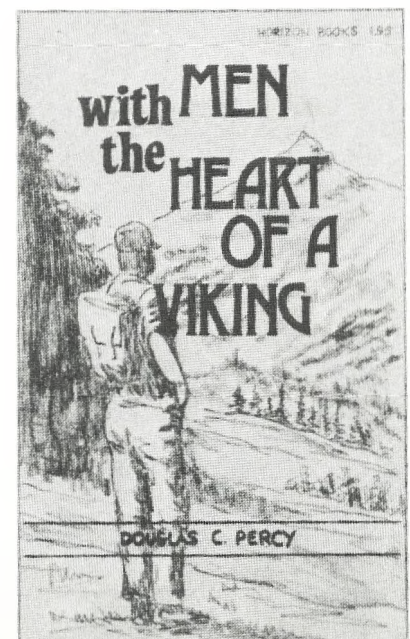
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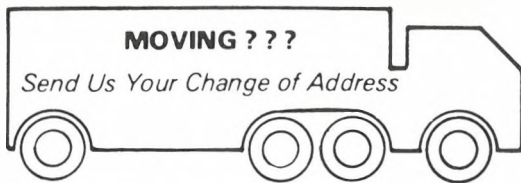
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