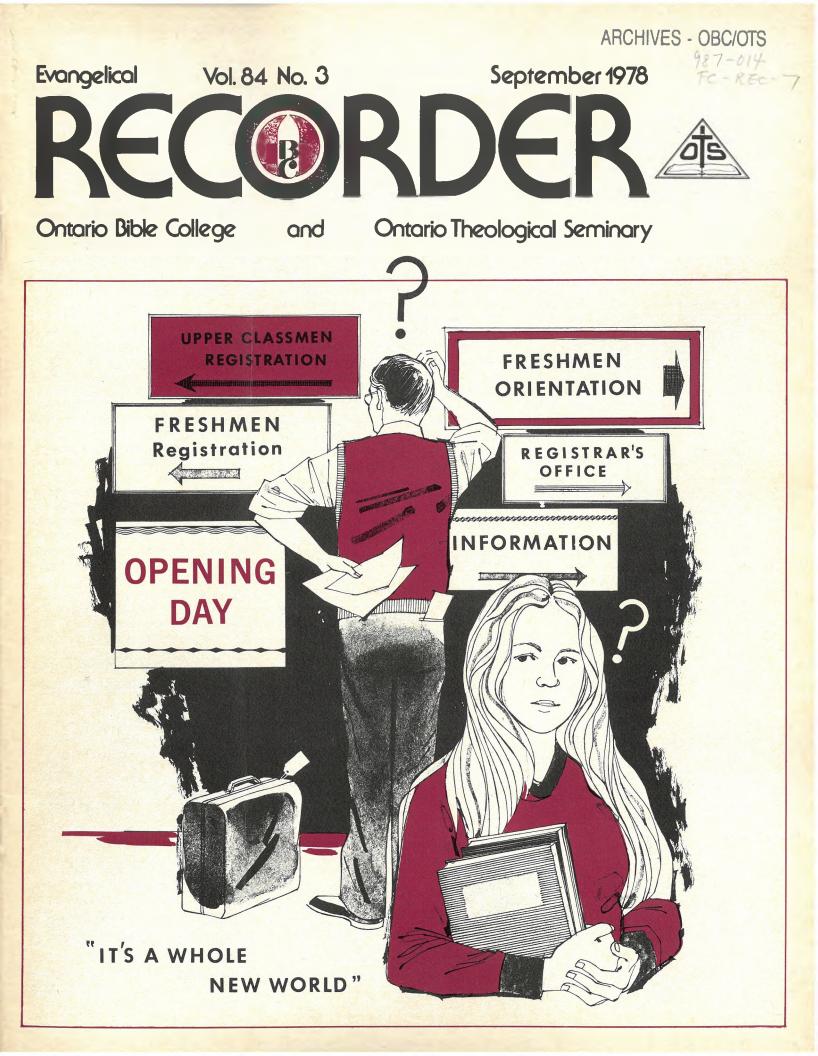


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## **EDITORIAL**

**ONTARIO**—literally: "The Land of Shimmering Waters."

It is not only a province with its four hundred thousand lakes; it is also the identification of a Bible College whose ministry is to lead people to "living fountains of water" (Rev. 7:17). See the article in this issue "Evangelism at O.B.C."

"Water," "water of life," are words used often in the Scriptures. It has great symbolism. People can live for long periods without food. They cannot subsist even days without water. Jesus called the thirsty people to come unto Him. John says His voice is the voice of "many waters," (Rev. 1:15; 14:2; 17:1; 19:6) and He is calling, calling still.

**BIBLE**— is the middle word of the College name.

And the Bible also speaks of the water of God as a "spring opened for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1).

The Bible is in the middle of our name, but it is also the heart of all our study programmes. It is the Word of God, inspired, infallible and inerrant.

#### COLLEGE—COMPLETES OUR NAME

One of the definitions of the word is "A school for special instruction." We are indeed: a Christian College committed to training men and women for the service of Christ at home and abroad, teaching the Bible, training men and women to carry the water of life to thirsty, dying souls. Academically accredited; spiritually alive; evangelistically motivated.

What's in a name? For us, just three words which, put together, spell out the great task God has given to us. The above three words are not idle or whimsical. They make up our name and the seriousness of our purpose. Are you with us in it?

#### LIMITED FOCUS?

When the great ship, the Titanic, was sunk in 1912, more than 1500 people lost their lives.

But when the news laboriously circled the globe (in the pre-radio, pre-T.V. and pre-satellite days) it affected people more closely if a loved one or fellow countryman had gone down with the ship. To them it was not over a thousand people lost. It was one or two.

An illustration of this was recalled recently, when some theologues and missionaries gathered to discuss the problems of preaching the gospel to the whole world. One of the speakers recalled a newspaper headline:

"Aberdeen man lost at sea!"

It was not that the Scots were unconcerned about the great host of others also lost at sea. They just focussed on one of their own.

And isn't this often the way we do the Lord's work? We don't see the world with the eyes of Christ. In his second letter, Peter talks about people who lack certain dimensions of spiritual life, and are therefore "blind and cannot see afar off" (2 Pet. 1:9). That's a limited focus.

When the Holy Spirit fills and quickens us, one of the first things He does is to make us "lift up our eyes and look on the fields white already unto harvest." He helps us to see men and women, boys and girls as they are, without God and without hope.

Christianity is neither selfish in its outreach nor limited in its focus. It has the love of God at the heart, and we know that

- "The love of God is greater far, Than tongue or pen can ever tell.
- It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell.
- The guilty pair, bowed down with
- care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.
- "Could we with ink the ocean fill, Or were the sky of parchment made:
- Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;
- To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry;
- Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

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- "When hoary time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
- When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call;
- God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
- Redeeming grace to Adam's race, the saints' and angels' song.
- "Oh Love of God, how rich and pure, how measureless and strong,

It shall forevermore endure, the saints' and angels' song."

How broad is your vision?

#### FOR GOODNESS SAKE!

Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as ever you can.

-John Wesley

#### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!

"We're making cannibals of ourselves by forcing some of the world to starve."

from the "Latin America Evangelist"

## **GOD'S PLAN FOR WOMEN**

#### **By NINETTE DI GANGI\***

Can a still, small voice be heard? Within the church as well as the world the battle rages on as to the place of women. Perhaps it is time to retreat for awhile to the Word of God to see some absolutely clear teaching concerning God's plan and purpose for women.

In Genesis 1:26 and following we read:

"Let us make man in our image, after our likeness and let THEM have dominion over the created world. So God created man—in his own image, in the image of God created he THEM, male and female created he them."

On this clear statement, repeated three times for emphasis, I, as a woman, just as much as a man, am made in God's image and after His likeness. Men and women are different as to function, but there is no doubt as to the equality given by God at creation. Therefore to put a woman down in any way-intellectually or spiritually-is to make her less than what God intended her to be! We need to see again that it is TOGETHER, as men and women, that we show forth the whole character of God. Something of His knowledge, righteousness and holiness should be seen in both men and women. If the church were made up only of men, the world would have a distorted view of God and vice versa.

In verse 28 we read:

"and God said to THEM—be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, subdue it, have dominion over every living thing ...."

This commandment is given to THEM—it is a joint responsibility to multiply and to subdue the earth. Naturally each has his own function, but without the other this command cannot be fulfilled. So, at creation there is a wonderful equality of gifts and purpose. Now the fall caused everything good to change dramatically and the Old Testament is surely proof that when sin came into the world, neither sex had a monopoly on it! There are as many disobedient men as women, beginning with Eve who ate of the forbidden fruit and Adam who also will-

ingly partook of it. They both sinned, and God treated them in exactly the same way-He put them both out of the Garden. Adam was just as accountable for his actions as Eve was. We have a repetition of this in the story in the New Testament of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5: 1-10. where the roles are reversed, but the punishment is the same. Sapphira was struck dead not because her husband had sinned-but because she chose to lie too. God is absolutely just. He does not make excuses for us on the basis of sex! We shall be judgedall of us-on whether we have BE-LIEVED and OBEYED His word. We shall all be judged by our FAITH. This is the great theme of Hebrews II. The men and women listed are there for one reason alone, not because they happened to be men or women, but because they dared to believe God and acted upon it.

We see, then, that at creation man and woman are equal in God's sight. It is sin that caused the problem both between God and His creatures, and between man and woman. God's plan has always been to bring men and women back into a loving relationship with Himself, and through Him with each other. So it is not God who has put woman down, but sin, from Genesis to this present day. Eve blamed the serpent and Adam blamed the woman the Lord had given him!

Beginning with the New Testament, we see God revealing Himself in a personal way to individual women. He had promised immediately after the fall that the seed of the woman would bruise the serpent's head. How marvellous to see the plan that God had for the descendants of Eve through the coming of the Messiah! In Mary, chosen to be the mother of the Saviour, we see a young, innocent, inexperienced girl who shows more faith and trust in the angelic messenger than Zechariah the priest. Right at the beginning of the gospel we have two tremendous women of faith. This is the only instance of women being specifically called because of their sex. and it is only because their childbearing function is needed for the fulfillment of prophecy. If Jesus was to be truly God and truly man, He had to be

born of a woman. God had also promised that before the Messiah came, He would send a forerunner to prepare the way. Elizabeth and Mary were fully able to comprehend the purpose of God, and both confessed Christ Lord before He was even born! They were chosen and favoured and blessed not because of their sex but because they BELIEVED. Jesus makes this abundantly clear in Luke 11: 27 and 28 when a woman in the crowd shouts,

"Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that you sucked!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Read for yourself how Jesus dealt with the women of His day. He saw them as persons, individuals with spiritual needs, rather than as women. He healed men and women, raised from the dead the son of the widow and the daughter of Jairus. And as we come to the climax of His life, surely women play such a large part that they can hardly be ignored. They were among the last ones at the cross, the first at the tomb. The first person to see the Risen Lord is Mary Magdalene, and she is given the first command to go and tell His brethren. The fact that the disciples didn't believe her doesn't detract from her immediate obedience.

In Acts 1:14 we read that among those who were praying together awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit were the women, including Mary, the mother of Jesus. And the Holy Spirit with all His gifts came down upon all that memorable day. All the gifts are for all the disciples to be used for the good of the whole body. God has given gifts that differ and they differ according to the grace given us. They are distributed by Him who is sovereign and we cannot limit Him.

So God's plan for women is surprisingly the same as for men. We are called upon to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved. God is no respecter of persons—in Christ there is no male or female. When I believe, I am to obey and part of my obedience consists in witnessing to what I have personally seen and heard and experienced in my life. Elizabeth Ellioitt Leitch says, "The fact that I am a woman does not make me a different kind of Christian. The fact that I am a Christian makes me a different kind of woman!" And it should make men different, too.

Christianity has the answer to the battle of the sexes. Christ came to be our peace. He did not look on people as necessarily male or female, but He looked beneath and saw their real needs. He saw their need of forgiveness, of cleansing, of restoration and of constant and abiding love. This is still what men and women need today. Underneath the cries for liberation and equality is a deeper cry-"I want to be understood, to be loved, to be accepted for what I am." Actually this is the heart's cry of all of us. The Church should be leading the way. It has the answer. While men and women strive against each other, we need to show that it is in denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Him that we will find our true roles in this world. While Satan instigated the battle between men and women in the Garden of Eden, Christ by His death and resurrection has restored to us what was lost. Paradise has been regained and we are now "new creatures". May we who profess to be His disciples witness to the fact that we are reconciled not only to the Father above but to each other here on earth!

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## "LAST AT THE CROSS, EARLIEST AT THE GRAVE"

The contemporary conflict called "Women's Liberation" is gradually (and thankfully) petering out. Perhaps it has been necessary for the voice of woman to be heard in the land. Sometimes they were too vocal!

And far too often, the discussion has moved from positional to heretical; from sensible to nonsensical; from practical to puerile. It is to be hoped that some help ensued, else a lot of time, energy and money have been wasted.

It is when we see headlines such as "Is God a Woman?" with the comment that "God Himself (or Herself) may be alive and well after all," that we begin to wonder how far the human intellect will carry us, particularly in ignoring God's revelation of HIMSELF as **Father** God, "the God and **Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"Search the Scriptures," said our Lord, and this we would encourage our brothers and sisters in Him to do.

It becomes increasingly surprising that some well intentioned church and religious leaders are not doing just that. If they were, would we read such things as, "God is a Spirit, neither masculine nor feminine in human terms. We have anthropomorphized God into male and this is the ultimate put down to women," from Dr. K. Teegarden, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); or "To speak of God in exclusively male terms distorts and limits our perception of God" (Church of the Brethren task force on the problem of nonsexist language in worship and literature). Those two quotes are in the public domain as reproduced in the Redbook Magazine, March/78 in an article entitled, "God and Woman, The Hidden History."

While the article is interesting, full of historical research and data, and written with keen perception, it still leaves the reader without much room for reference to God in understandable (if human) terms.

Its almost natural conclusion is the danger of introducing God, not as Personality and Being ("Power and Godhead" as in Romans 1:20) but as the world soul, the world force that anthropologists and some scientists identify as **mana** to indicate an occult force which animistic, pre-literate people thought emanated from objects and experiences of wonder and awe. Many of the religions of the world (e.g. Theosophy, Animism, Shintoism, Hinduism, Naturalistic Humanism) have this concept, which has already flooded the western world in Eastern Mysticism, Hare Krishna, Transcendental Meditation, Yoga and a host of other names that all lead the same way—to the nothingness of Nirvana.

All this from discussion about the masculine or feminine definition of God? Unfortunately, yes. Any movement away from scripture is a movement away from the God of revelation.

And nowhere in scripture is woman denigrated, down-played or denied her dignity in God's plan and purpose for His people, His world.

To the contrary, women find true dignity, life fulfillment and personal wholeness in the Incarnation of God's Son, and in the new life He promises to all—not male or female, but "ALL".

The discussion that has led to the present situation regarding the status of women is not new. It is as old as time and began at the creation, was evidenced at the fall of our first parents, and has been a burning issue ever since.

Some great people have kept the record straight. Mrs. Catherine Booth, wife of the founder of the world famous Salvation Army, wrote, as far back as 1891:

'Not she with traitorous lips her Saviour stung;

Not she denied with unholy tongue; She, whilst Apostles shrunk, could danger brave.

Last at the cross, and earliest at the grave."

She wrote this in a splendid booklet, **Female Ministry**, before the end of the 19th century. In it, she declared for women's rightful place in Christian ministry, but at the same time insisted that she and her fellow women should not usurp any false position of authority, as set out in the Bible.

"The people of God" provided a better milieu for women than did the surrounding pagan nations. It is interesting to read in Numbers 27 of how the five daughters of Zelophehad received justice and rightful inheritance at the hands of Moses, the elders of Israel and ultimately by the direct command of God.

While scripture does lay down a "chain of command" for the ordering of society and its welfare, God never permitted, nor does He now permit, the abuse of women and their rights.

Even during the Victorian era, when, so we hear, women were not allowed personal privilege or right, history is replete with the forthright work of women. As Mrs. Booth declared, women stayed at the cross when men fled. They arrived first at the tomb on the resurrection day, and received the angelic injunction to "go tell Peter and the disciples." And they have been going ever since.

In church, in mission, in service, in prayer, in giving and in caring, in sacrifice and in love, the company of women has been great (Psalm 68:11, N.A.S.V.). God bless every woman, who in love, humility and sincerity, seeks to honour and serve Him.

#### "WHERE IS THAT DYNAMIC PERSON?"

A recent letter to the editor of the Toronto Star was headlined, "Does it matter who wins the election?' very disillusioned teenager asks."

"Does it really matter?" the correspondent went on. "It's a shame. Where is that dynamic person who can fill us with hope and get us on the right track again?" (Emphasis is ours).

If the correspondent, or other teenagers, or anyone else for that matter, look for help, hope and solutions to politicians or to any other man or woman, they are doomed to disappointment.

But the Bible talks about a Person Who leads no party, but is Head of the Church, Militant and Triumphant.

His platform is the Scriptures; His promise is Salvation from sin; His hope is eternal life for all who believe and receive.

If you are disillusioned with the plans and promises of man, try the promises and purposes of God. No disillusionment in Him.

"Behold the Man!"

"Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

"Behold, I come quickly."

#### McCALL'S MAGAZINE SURVEY OF WOMEN: 90% BELIEVE IN GOD, 67% PRAY DAILY

NEW YORK (EP)—A survey by McCall's magazine, based on a record 60,000 responses from women readers, reports that 90 per cent of the women participating believe in God, 80 per cent believe in a soul that survives death, and 67 per cent pray daily.

However, only 17 per cent identified organized religion as "the principal influence of their morality" and only 6 per cent cited their church or synagogue as having "major responsibility" in shaping their moral outlook.

The report on McCall's survey of religion and morality was carried in the May issue. The editors said the "outpouring of mail" that came in response to the questionnaire was greater than in any previous survey.

Covered in the questionnaire were items on personal faith, church and synagogue attendance, and attitudes on such key moral issues as premarital and extramarital sex, abortion, suicide and homosexuality.

A wide range of differences were found on moral values among women respondents, but they were "virtually united in their conviction that the family is the most important institution in shaping people's moral outlook," the report said.

Some 99 per cent of the women said parents bear the major responsibility for the morals of children.

#### HAVE YOU LET TIME SLIP BY?

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and WE ARE NOT SAVED!" (Jer. 8:20)

#### **GOD IS FAITHFUL**

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease." (Gen. 8:22)

#### NOW!

"Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2)



Dr. H. Ockenga, Baccalaureate Speaker, with President Victor Adrian

#### MORE SPARKS FROM SPURGEON'S ANVIL

#### selected by Dr. M. A. J. Waters

"You cannot stroll into heaven with your hands in your pockets."

"It is enough for a praying heart that it has a hearing God."

"I do not give much for a faith that lives on past experience."

"If thou art such a fool as to be tying knots and wanting to get them untied before thou wilt believe in Jesus, then I have nothing to say to thee, except it were, beware lest thou tie a knot that shall destroy thy soul."

"There is enough dust on some Bibles to be able to write 'damnation' on them with your fingers."

"The Lord knows that bad as men are, the key to their hearts hangs on the nail of love."

"So paradoxical is man that when his heart is unbroken it is divided, and when his heart is broken, then for the first time it is united."

"Man is made of soul and soil. Alas the soil terribly soils the soul."

"Man comes from both dust and divinity."

"Faith is precious; feeling is fickle. Believing we stand, but by feeling we are tossed about."

"Do not think that in the moment you believe in Christ the conflict is over, or you will be bitterly disappointed."

"Doubts are among the worst enemies of the soul. Do not entertain them. Do not treat them as though they were mere forlorn travellers, but as rogues and vagabonds to be chased from the door."

## NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AT O.B.C.

by Robert C. Duez Academic Dean, O.B.C.

Ave you ever regretted lost opportunities? I think we all have. Try to recall an occasion when there was a good opening to advance the cause of the Gospel and you did not capitalize upon it. Remember the chance to change employment and you hesitated until it was too late. Some of you can reflect upon wasted years of youth when your educational opportunities were also squandered. If only the calendar could be turned back, granting the privilege of starting over and making the best of those vanished years!

Being realistic, we know that there is no device or mechanism (except in science fiction) capable of transporting us back into the past. Yet we should not permit a nagging conscience to keep us in a state of guilt and depression over past failures. With the apostle Paul, we must forget (by God's grace) the things behind us and be good stewards of the present situation.

#### A New Opportunity for You

ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE is inaugurating a special degree program in our Evening School. This program will commence in September 1978, on the Bayview campus. If you have a spare evening or two during the fall and winter months, and if you have a desire to "catch up" on Bible study, as well as possibly earn a degree, this new program will meet your needs.

Classes will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for a three-hour session. Full credits can be earned by completing the requirements for a given course each evening. Thus you could earn two full credits each semester and four credits during the academic year (September through April). To be in class for three hours, two evenings a week for thirteen weeks in the fall and again in the winter term may seem to be too heavy. If your time and energy will not permit such a strenuous program, you can work at a slower pace and take one credit course each term on either Tuesday or Thursday evening. They

will be available starting September 12th and 14th.

#### **Application Information**

Is the program open to anyone? Not exactly. Because it will be a credit program and will lead to an accredited degree, we must comply with the standards established by the American Association of Bible Colleges. Normally a grade 13 education is a prerequisite for admission to a degree program. You could enroll with grade 12, but you would be expected to pick up grade 13 along the way, or else take an additional full year of evening school for graduation. Individuals who have not completed grade 12 or 13 can apply for admission as mature students. This latter category is restricted in numbers, but anyone who is really interested should feel free to apply.

#### What Is Offered?

At the outset of our program we are offering a Bachelor of Religious Education degree (B.R.E.) with a major in pastoral studies. An option is also open to pursue a Bachelor of Theology degree (B.Th.), but this program is much more intensive and would require eight additional credit courses including a study of New Testament Greek. In an Evening School degree program, you would need twenty-four credit courses beyond grade 13 for graduation. A diligent student, attending two evenings a week, could complete four such credits in a single year. This means that one could secure a college degree in only six years of evening school studies. In addition there will be some opportunities to pick up credit courses during summer school. The six year minimal program could thus be reduced by using part of one's vacation for Summer College. There is no time limit to the program, and you could pursue the program as your time and circumstances permit.

Most of the credit courses available through our Evening School will be taught by our present faculty. In some cases Day Courses will be shifted to the evening. Although we have not finalized our offerings for the evening school during 1978-79, the following are some of the courses which may be available:

Fall Term: Starting September 12 and 14

Studies in the Book of Acts

Man's Search for Meaning

Understanding the Old Testament Winter Term: Starting January 9 and 11

The World and Thought of C.S. Lewis

Christian Outlook on Life

Theological Studies: The Person and Work of Christ

The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

If we have whetted your appetite for further study, why not write to the Director of our Evening School, Rev. Gordon Dorey, c/o Ontario Bible College, 25 Ballyconnor Court, Willowdale, Ont. M2M 4B3?

A full brochure of our course offerings at the credit and popular levels will be available. Costs, dates and program will be clearly set out for you.

Why not recover those lost opportunities through this new venture in Christian higher education?

#### And Even More Opportunities

If time and/or inclination do not make the above possible, there will also be a regular Evening School program leading to a diploma. These subjects are given in units of 6 weeks' length. The cost is only \$15.00 per subject.

Why not write for information on both opportunities? Then pray regarding what God would have you do with these opportunities.

Remember: "Redeem the time ...."

When you say that your troubles are as great as my own,

I'm forced to admit that is true;

But consider the fact that mine happen to me,

While yours merely happen to you.

Fellowship with God transcends and transforms suffering.

## **O.B.C. EVENING SCHEDULE**

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A six week course will be offered in the fall and spring at the **M. M. Robinson High School.** For the fall term courses will be: LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM THE PARABLES, Instructor, Rev. C. St. Clair Robinson. Dates and times will be announced later. Watch for Spring Term notice.

#### Quote of the Day

"It isn't too late to save the world! Look at how much can be done in the last two minutes of a football game!"

Victor Hugo once said:

"Sometimes even thoughts are prayers. There are moments when, whatever be the attitude of the body, the soul is on its knees."

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## ARE WE GROWING MUSHROOMS, OR OAKS? A word to Prospective Maniacs

#### by Vance Havner

am convinced that if the devil cannot make us lazy, he will make us so busy here and there, that the best is sacrificed for the good. I once thought that every invitation I received as a speaker was the leading of the Lord. But I discovered that I was sometimes invited to speak at two different places at the same time, and I knew that the Lord knew I was singular, not plural! From that, I went on to learn that I had been given some common sense and was expected to use it under the Spirit's direction.

#### We Have a Choice

We display the Lord's leading as much by what we refuse as by what we accept. The Lord is not interested in mere quantity production. We can often do more by doing less. It is no mark of godliness to be forever running about in a fever, our tongues hanging out, in a glorified St. Vitus' dance. Those dear souls who argue that the devil never takes a vacation should remember that we are not supposed to imitate the devil. We follow the Lord, Who was unhurried and Who said, "Come ye yourselves apart and rest awhile."

It is high time we learned that in this nerve-wracking, maddening modern rush, we have let the spirit of the times rob us almost utterly of meditation, devotion, rest, the passive side of our Christian experience without which we cannot be truly active to the glory of God. There is no depth to us. We are all whizzing around from preacher to preacher, meeting to meeting with pad and pencil, hiding the Word in our notebooks instead of in our hearts. A lot of our Christian life and work is frothy, superficial, thin. We are growing like mushrooms, not oaks.

#### A Good Healthy "No"

I have learned long since, that when I arrive in a place, and calls descend like locusts to come to this meeting, grab a sandwich and hop to another, address the Whoozits at ten and the Whatsits at eleven, only to arrive at the main meeting woozy and exhausted, that part of a preacher's best equipment is a good healthy "no". An invitation looks good but it can be a subtle snare, and both we and the good people who invite us are unwittingly deceived by it. If either we or they took second thought we could see that we defeat our own purposes when we spread ourselves too thinly, striking everywhere and hitting hard nowhere. We Christians often lead dissipated lives, squandering our energies in a multitude of good things but becoming so exhausted that none of it counts for much.

#### Only A Hercules Can Do It.

The temptation is great for an aggressive preacher to run a church, hold outside meetings, carry a radio program, put on a Bible school, edit a magazine, write books, and from there on add a new sideline every little while, until he ends up in a hospital. Once in a while there is a spiritual Hercules who can stand it, but is it the best way? The old saints did a few things well, as a rule. They took time to be still, and we go back to them now to feed our souls. They produced cream, and it takes time for cream to rise.

If our lives and ministry are to count for anything today, we must solemnly resolve to make time for God. It is not easy. Some people won't like it, but somebody else wouldn't like it if we did it some other way, so that doesn't matter. We must make out a schedule and work a program at all costs that will eliminate the nonessential (including a lot of things some dear souls will think are very essential), put first things first, and make a lot of second-rate things stay in line, no matter how much they clamor for first place.

It is the best way to get to heaven without detouring by an insane asylum. And you will make a life as well as a living, and stay, not only clothed, but in your right mind.

Be something for God that is productive, strong and long-lasting, like the oak tree and not the mushroom.

#### BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE WHERE "HOW GREAT THOU ART" WAS BORN

There are many popular hymns sung by the Christian Church, but few have reached the popularity of "How Great Thou Art."

- O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
- I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
- Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
- When through the woods and forest glades I wander
- And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
- When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
- And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
- And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
- Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
- That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
- He bled and died to take away my sin.
- When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
- And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
- Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
- And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.
- Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
- How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
- Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee:
- How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

It was September, 1955. Billy Graham, Cliff Barrows, Bev Shea, Tedd Smith and Paul Mickelson comprised the Billy Graham team invited for four weeks to Toronto.

The Coliseum of the C.N.E. was transformed from a horse and cattle ring, to a sanctuary for Toronto's first inter-church mass evangelistic crusade.

No one who was there will forget the night that Cliff Barrows introduced his



Billy Graham in typical pose in Maple Leaf Gardens at the Metro Toronto Crusade, June 11-18, 1978.

"new found hymn."

Assisted by Bev Shea, "How Great Thou Art" was sung by the Toronto audience. As the tune and the tempo were picked up, thousands of voices were raised in this triumphant paean of praise.

Billy Graham and his team gave much to Toronto, as they have done to the world. But it will be a rare occasion that can overcome the night when Christians learned to sing with praise and worship, a song that now is heard around the world.

And it all began in Toronto.

In June, 1978, the Billy Graham Team returned to Toronto for eight days. The first four days filled the Maple Leaf Gardens. Several times an overflow crowd had their own special service on the street.

The last four days were held in the renovated C.N.E. Stadium which holds over 40,000 people. At the final service, this too was almost completely full as Toronto turned out for the final rally.

At the campaign in 1955, when "How Great Thou Art" was introduced, the campaign covered four weeks and five Sundays. They were great days and about 8,000 decisions were made for Christ.

In the shorter 1978 crusade of only 8 days, more than 9,000 made commitments to Christ. There seems to be a deep, spiritual hunger in the Queen City and throughout Ontario and Canada. This could be the precursor of great things for the work of God in the Dominion.

Many Canadian evangelists: Barry Moore, Meryle Dolan, Marny Patterson, Terry Winter and others, are seeing unprecedented responses in the crusades. Can God move the hearts of staid, conservative Canadians? He can, and He will if we permit the Holy Spirit to do His work in our lives and hearts.

OBC/OTS were grateful for the privilege of sharing in the great Metro Crusade. Serving as Co-Labourers, Counsellors and Advisors, as well as a host of other tasks, we became part of a great effort for God.

What will the aftermath be? A let down? A slackening? A feeling that the Crusade has done it all? No! A thousand times, No! Let us all now gird ourselves up to serve God more wholeheartedly, more effectively, more dynamically than ever.

Let new converts get into the Word, study the Bible, grow up in God! (See our Evening School ad in this issue. It could be what you need!) Let the older, revived and quickened Christians be more zealous, more willing, more obedient to the Lord than ever before. Then we will all sing with new emphasis:

"HOW GREAT THOU ART!"

#### PLEASE LORD!

Mrs. Massimilla (the author of this poem) has a retarded daughter. Her husband is a pastor, and chaplain in a hospital for the mentally retarded. She has written this very lovely poem for the retarded child.

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In many ways he won't adapt And he'll be known as handicapped. So let's be careful where he's sent. We want his life to be content. Please Lord, find the parents who Will do a special job for You. They will not realize right away The leading role they're asked to play.

But with this child sent from above Comes stronger faith and richer love. And soon they'll know the privilege given

In caring for their gift from Heaven. Their precious charge so meek and mild

Is Heaven's Very Special Child." —Edna Massimilla



The C.N.E. Stadium was packed with more than 40,000 people at the final Sunday afternoon meeting.



The Crusade platform and crowd in the Maple Leaf Gardens.



At the C.N.E. Stadium.



#### WELCOME BACK, CHARLIE!

The Rev. Charles Tipp, Director of Christian Service and teacher in the Missions Dept. has been on a sabbatical, studying Missiology, Theology and Church History, working towards a doctorate.

Now he is back home and already settling in to his work.

Welcome back. God give you a good and profitable year.



Rev. C. A. Tipp

O how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day; So when life is dark and dreary, Don't forget to pray.

You may not be required to finish the task, but you are not permitted to lay it down.

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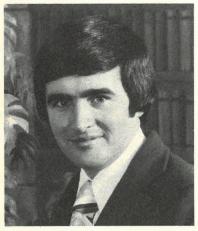
#### A FACULTY NEWCOMER

o replace Dr. David Benner, who has left us for service at Wheaton College, O.B.C. is happy to announce the appointment of a Director of Counselling Services, MR. ROD WILSON, B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D. (candidate).

Mr. Wilson is a Canadian, although born in Dublin, Ireland. He will rejoice the hearts of the other Irish immigrants around here.

Mr. Wilson studied at the University of Toronto (B.Sc.), and then at York University (M.A.). At present he is a candidate for the Ph.D. at York University, which he hopes to complete in 1979. His work at O.B.C. will be in the area of counselling in the Community Life Dept., and teaching in the Departments of General Arts and Pastoral Studies.

We welcome our new colleague to the College and are happy to introduce him to our wide Christian constituency.



Mr. Rod Wilson, B.Sc., M.A.

#### **PLUS PART-TIME FACULTY**

MRS. HELEN DALZELL, who is the wife of Rev. Gordon Dalzell, Pastor of Spring Garden Baptist Church, Willowdale, Ont., will teach Old Testament Survey both semesters of 1978-79. She has a B.A. with a major in Geography and Theology from St. Mary's College, Durham University, Ireland, and has taught Old Testament at Belfast Bible College.

MR. JAMES CUNNINGHAM will be teaching Christian Education. Mr. Cunningham has the B.R.E. and M.Sc. degrees. He has served with the Christian Service Brigade in British Columbia for eight years. Presently he is engaged in doctoral studies at O.I.S.E.



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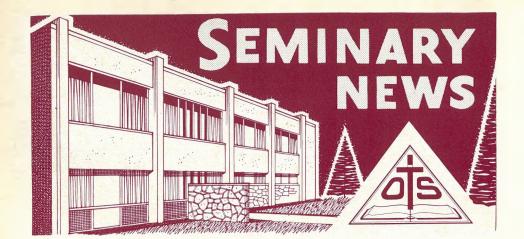
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SHOOT THE PREACHER!

by Roy C. Cook, D.D.\*

During the summer of 1929, I acted as student supply on a now-defunct mission field between North Bay and Timmins, in Ontario. It was a comparatively primitive community in those days, largely settled by squatters who had been attracted by cheap crown land. One of the interesting characters in the area was a man who lived several miles up the railroad. My little congregation warned me to stay away from his place because he threatened to kill any preacher who stepped on his property! Why he felt that way, I have forgotten-if I ever knew.

If that stern fellow is still alive, he will find himself in excellent company today. Many writers, laymen, and even clerics are on his side: they want to be rid of the preacher. Not the pastor! Just the preacher! Down with the sermon, they cry. It is the cause of all our churchly woes.

For pathetic old fossils like me, that sounds very strange. We grew up in the great day of the sermon. In the absence of electronic entertainment, the preacher was every favourite T.V. personality rolled into one. Above all, he was our prophet. The churches were packed, especially on Sunday evenings. And on Mondays, the big city dailies vied with each other in providing a condensation of the previous day's best sermons. In Toronto of the late twenties, the best known men in town were the pulpiteers-W. A. Cameron at the Uptown Theatre, Dr. John MacNeill at Walmer Road, Dr. T.T. Shields at Jarvis Street, Dr. G. Pidgeon at Bloor Street. How these men could preach! After a sermon by John MacNeill, I often avoided my friends in order to walk home alone, savouring the experience.

But the preacher has gone out of style. The new day calls for ministerial counsellors, novice therapists, experts in the gadgetry of electronic communication, coaches for the "team," organizers and administrators. In some churches, the sermon is fading out into dialogue, or being replaced by group discussion.

Admittedly, there are several very good reasons for the change. There were significant weaknesses in the old preacher-oriented church.

Occasionally it attracted egocentric personalities who had little interest in pastoral concerns. The church is indebted beyond measure to men like Holman, Rogers, and Cabot for reawakening an interest in pastoral matters by pioneering the church's use of psychological techniques. Young people training for church service today are vastly better equipped for a ministry to persons than we who were trained under the shadow of a preaching ministry.

In that era, there was little emphasis upon a lay ministry. The preacherpastor stood alone down front center. Good lay people were prepared to assist him with some funds and some committee work; but the church prospered or faltered according to the preacher's zeal and talents. The contemporary pastor should thank God every day for the modern emphasis upon lay ministry, and gladly set about the work of inspiring and training people for their tasks.



Dr. Roy Cook

Perhaps the most serious criticism of the old preacher-oriented church is directed against the tendency to put bigness before persons. In that era, the successful minister was the man who filled the pews, rather than the one who cared for others. Today there is a much greater tendency to measure a ministry by one's concern, and to judge a church by its service. This is much more Christian, since it is the spirit of Him Who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

Yet, in spite of all the improvement, I miss the preacher. This sense of loss is not a case of mere nostalgia. Proclamation is fundamental to the Church's mission. Inspiration and challenge are vital factors in the Christian life. None of these are adequately served by modern substitutes for the preacher.

Consider the matter of proclamation. Apart from a few contemporary individuals who see the Church's work almost entirely in terms of social action, it has been recognized from the beginning of the Christian movement that the central task is to announce something: What God has done in Jesus Christ. No careful reader of the New Testament can deny that this was the primary work of the early Christians in the Book of Acts. And an announcement requires an announcer! Admit that, and the stage is set once more for the preacher! Apart from him and his message, there is no reason for the church's existence. The entire Christian enterprise grows from his work. The teacher expands the preacher's message. The counsellor applies it. The social activist is moti-

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vated by it. Everything rests upon the message and the messenger. Of course, this does not mean that the twentieth century spokesman must employ the medium of the Victorian sermon. He will use the speech and the techniques of the new age. But there must be a herald at the heart of the Church, a compelling, mind-convincing, soul-stirring herald. Otherwise, there is no Church. Discussion about the Gospel, no matter how wise, can never take the place of the announcement of the Gospel, and the call to accept it.

Nor can the Christian community get along without the inspiration and challenge that the preacher provides. The Christian life is more than an exercise in understanding. Essentially, it is a passionate love affair with Him "Who loved us, and gave Himself for us." Like all passions, this one can cool. It needs to be rekindled at another warm heart. And while such rekindling is generated in person-to-person encounter, for multitudes God's agent has been the heart and voice of the preacher. Each of us has come to God's House from time to time spiritually cold, and experienced the fall of new fire from heaven at the touch of the preacher's finger on our heart. We cannot do without the ministry.

Nor can we do without the healing ministry of the sermon. True, this is an area for private pastoral care; but there are thousands of people in the churches who will never avail themselves of a more personal ministry. The sermon is their hope of restoration. I doubt if any pastor has preached upon some comforting theme without being told by someone that this was the very word which his or her spirit needed that morning.

It seems to me that there has been a genteel feud between preacher and pastor for as long as I can remember. When one has risen to prominence, the other has declined in popular esteem. Why? Each is a fundamental form of ministry; neither is sufficient alone; God gives each one whom He calls, his or her own peculiar gift; but hard work and earnest prayer will shore up everyone's weaker side. Let us not do away with either pastor or preacher. Let every man called to minister, strive to be both.

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## **CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM ONTARIO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

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Dr. McBurney says he believes God does "call" individuals into His service. "God is still capable of speaking quietly to those who seek His direction."

But he says over-anxious parents. preachers, Sunday school teachers and others often apply undue pressure for young people to enter the ministry. Pastors, or any other Christian workers, need good counselling and Holy Spirit guidance.

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ohn Wesley once dramatically declared: "I want to know **J** one thing, the way to Heaven and how to land safe on that happy shore. God, Himself, has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came down from Heaven. He hath written it down in a Book. Oh, give me that Book! At any price, give me the Book of God. I have it: here is Knowledge enough for me. Let me be 'homo unius libri' - a man of one Book!''

<sup>\*</sup> Dr. Cook graduated from O.B.C. in 1931, and has been a former President of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES THAT PEOPLE HAVE

So many needy people. So much to do. A plenteous harvest, but so few labourers. You can fit in somewhere.

**THE DEAF:** Dr. Robert Rumball was a professional football player (Ottawa Rough Riders and Toronto Argonauts) when God called him to minister to the deaf.

This massive man, who knew the bone crunching tackles of the football field, is a gentle, sensitive servant of God. To see his tenderness in ministering to the deaf, is to recognize the miracle of the grace of God, making a man a whole new creature (2 Cor. 5:17).

Not contented just to preach at the Evangelical Church of the Deaf, he represents "his" people in courts, has established recreational facilities (a farm, a camp, cottages) and recently ventured into a multi-million dollar building programme to provide a centre for all their activities plus a Senior Citizens' Home for the Deaf on Bayview Avenue in Toronto.

Honoured with two Doctor of Divinity degrees, Rumball counts his highest accolade, his title of "Minister to the Deaf." He could do with some prayerful, financial and practical help. What are you doing for handicapped men, women and children?

Not content with his very practical outreach, Dr. Rumball sparked a technological marvel that will give the deaf an opportunity to "see" a phone call conversation. It is a portable device that can be hooked into any telephone. The actual work on this marvellous new instrument (to be retailed at around \$300) was developed by the Ontario Mission to the Deaf and Bell Northern Research. The latter organization is refining the device and it should soon be available, enabling the deaf to dial a number (or receive a call) of another person handicapped by deafness, and then type the usual "Hello" or message that is flashed onto a visual display strip on the device (see MacLean's magazine for May 29/78, pages 64a and 64b).

"The government, the telephone company and Rumball are all convinced that the Visual Ear (delightful name!) will be a communication breakthrough for the deaf." Good for all three activists in helping the needy.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE**

This is the adjective used for the cold, unkind word "retarded" that has been and is used so frequently.

Here again, Christian concern, love and sympathy, have been evidenced by such groups as Christian Horizons Inc., R. R. #6, Milton, Ont. L9T 2Y1, founded by Jim Reese, and growing rapidly as an aid to children and young people with learning disabilities. Jim has a healthy, helpful, spiritual organization to bespeak the compassion that Christ demonstrated to needy people.

THE BLIND, THE CRIPPLED, PA-TIENTS IN HOSPITALS, PRISON-ERS IN JAILS, SEAMEN, UNMAR-RIED MOTHERS, ORPHANS, THE ABUSED AND NEEDY CHILDREN all are finding help through Christian kindness, courtesy and love. We will be glad to hear of any alumni or friends who are really caring for people. Write and tell us. (See June Recorder, "If We Had Only Known".) It is good for others to hear, to be encouraged, to pray and to support such work. Let the Christian minister to the whole man in the whole world, and fulfill our Lord's command to "preach the gospel to every creature."

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There were no rooms for counselling at the C.N.E. So they just sat on the grass. Many ethnic and language groups were dealt with by fellow countrymen.

## **EVANGELISM AT O.B.C.**

**"E**vangelism!" The word is not found in the Bible, but "evangelist" is found three times in the New Testament. It is derived from the word "Evangel," which in turn means "a good message"—the Gospel—the Good News. One who declares the message is a messenger or an "evangelist." His activity is "evangelism."

While "evangelism" is not found in the Bible, its activity certainly is, and the Christian is exhorted to practise it. And "evangelism" is found at OBC/OTS, and is a major activity of students and faculty.

This was demonstrated at the semiannual meeting of the Corporation of OBC/OTS held at the end of May on the College campus.

After testimonies in word and song by staff members, Rev. R. Duez, Academic Dean of O.B.C. and Dr. R. Matheson, Dean of O.T.S. gave a fine report on the evangelistic activities of the students from the undergraduate and graduate schools. Mr. Duez gave the Recorder the following report:

#### I. OUR POSITION ON EVANGELISM

It is often assumed that most evangelists are not overly interested in theology. The common notion is that the evangelist is marked by enthusiasm, a burning heart, and practicality. Conversely, it is supposed by some that most theologians are not very interested in evangelism. Theologians tend to be absorbed with abstract ideas, are heady and intellectual, and often cold and impractical.

While this superficial division between theology and evangelism may be displayed by some people or organizations, the desire and design of O.B.C. and O.T.S. is a happy wedding of the two in our students. We want our students to be committed, both theologically and evangelistically. Students who are deeply conscious of the utter bankruptcy and spiritual emptiness of man, are motivated toward evangelism. Our prayer is that this vision will be communicated to all our students. Coupled with this vision must be a profound conviction of the adequacy of the Gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation. United with a clear vision of human need and a conviction of the Gospel's sufficiency to meet that need, is a commitment to the task of spreading the Gospel. We trust and pray that our students will live out of a sense of their indebtedness to "both the Jew and the Greek."

#### II. OUR INVOLVEMENT IN EVANGELISM

Our presentation to the Corporation (and now to you our readers) was divided between a statistical report on student activity during the past two years, and three special reports on projects undertaken during the current year. There is much more done than a report can show. But the following should encourage and thrill you as it does us.

A. Statistical Reports

- 1. Evangelistic reports covering 1976-77
  - a) Professions of faith recorded through Student Christian Service opportunities: 337 decisions
  - b) Types of Christian Service during which these commitments to Christ were made: Pastoral Students 76 72 Summer Internships 46 Children's Work Youth Work 35 Sunday School 32 Mission Work 28 19 Musical Groups 29 Miscellaneous
- 2. Evangelistic reports covering 1977-78
  - a) Professions of faith recorded through Christian Service opportunities (this figure does not include summer internships which are now in operation, and with other types of service, are fruitful in evangelism): 104 decisions
  - b) Types of Christian Service during which these commitments to Christ were made:
     Pastoral Students
     16 Children's Work
     37 Youth Work
     21 Sunday School
     Mission Work
     8 Musical Groups
     9

The breakdown into various types of ministry is not a total accounting of the decisions recorded, but only an enumeration of major areas of ministry which reported commitments. Much more is done by both students and faculty.

B. Special Reports

Three reports were given relative to special evangelism projects undertaken during the present school year.

1. Ethnic Evangelism:

Isaac Amorim, a member of the class of 1979, shared the involvement of O.B.C. and O.T.S. students in an outreach programme with Portuguese in Galt, Ont. Numerous homes were contacted and substantial groups attended the preaching of God's Word. An effectual door has been opened, to be followed up by personal evangelism. See Isaac's report in this issue.

2. Visitation Evangelism:

Rev. George Bell, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church, Toronto, reported on a visitation ministry conducted with the assistance of seven O.B.C. students among Italian citizens. A number of meaningful contacts and decisions were made. The students became excited and their enthusiasm became contagious with others in this fellowship.

3. Hospital Evangelism:

Robert McRoberts, a student at O.T.S. reflected on his new experience of visiting terminally ill patients in the hospital without previous contact. While the assignment was difficult, it opened some doors for a meaningful witness of the Gospel.

We thank God for the opportunities given to share the Gospel. One could not begin to calculate the instances where the seed of God's Word was sown or watered by student endeavours. Yet we are sure that God's Word will not return void, but He will give the increase. Pray with us that God's Word will be planted in the minds of our students, and that it will cause their hearts to burn for the salvation of men.

Evangelism + O.B.C./O.T.S. = God's will and blessing.

So concerned is the College regarding Personal Evangelism that every Freshman must take a 2 hour, 2 credit course in Personal Evangelism, and also participate in a practical evangelistic outreach.

#### MORE STUDENT EVANGELISM

In the early part of the year, O.B.C. students had a three-day campaign for the Portuguese community in Cambridge, Ont. area, estimated at about 12,000. The preacher was a Portuguese student, Walter De Sousa, B.Th. '78 (see June/78 Recorder for his graduation testimony).

It was a plea from Portuguese Christians in Cambridge that led to the campaign. The request came to Walter and Isaac Amorim (also Portuguese) of our student body, and when Forward Baptist Church, Galt (pastor is Rev. Ernest Kennedy, B.Th. '66) offered to sponsor the endeavour, they felt that it was of God indeed. A work was already being done among the Portuguese by Rev. Manuel Matthews of Scott Mission, Toronto.

Several men got together to pray about and plan for the special effort. These included Walter, Isaac, Bill Fietje (from O.T.S. and a member of Forward), Rev. W. Wallace (O.B.C. Faculty), Mr. Matthews and a few others.

In preparation, 170 O.B.C. students and members of Forward Baptist held a visitation and invitation programme. Radio and newspaper ads and personal invitations drew between 35 and 70 people each night. O.B.C. students provided special music, and the whole College prayed for the new venture.

Many unchurched people attended, and expressions of blessings and appreciation came from a number of believers.

Canadian Christians need to be awakened to the need of the new Canadian ethnic groups to be found in many areas of Canada. These reports indicate that Ontario Bible College is concerned, and doing something about it.

#### PRACTICAL EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

he Rev. George Bell\* is pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church. In the midst of a growing ethnic community, he and his people have become increasingly burdened to reach this great cosmopolitan section of Toronto.

So he turned to O.B.C., and an evangelistic team of students volunteered to work in the area: Bob Drumm, Paul Hurst, Jim Loney, Paul Olmstead, Wendy Gibson, Marg Buchanan and Lorna Weller (now Garrison).

In reviewing the work done by the O.B.C. Team, Mr. Bell reported on the task and its accomplishment:

"When the seven students from O.B.C. arrived at Oakwood Baptist Church for a visitation evangelism programme, they faced an enormous task. One social worker had told us that the high density area (of high rise apartments) had the second highest prostitution rate in Metro. This, plus savage vandalism and domestic feuding, was common.

"Since most of the residents were new arrivals in Canada, or people living on or below the poverty level, the task was both big and urgent.

"We paired the O.B.C. students with church members and set out. Initially they canvassed the area by offering bus service to the church. This produced 35 new Sunday School students. These were all welcomed by the College students, and enthusiasm and exhilaration were very evident.

"Every Thursday evening, we held a brief instruction class on visitation, using Kennedy's "Evangelism Explosion" (the Coral Ridge programme). The students observed the methods of experienced visitors as well, and soon they were ready for the big plunge.

"Some were nervous at first, as they sought to present Christ, but their genuine concern both showed and produced results.

"Several adults received Christ as Saviour as the students witnessed for Him, and just recently one family requested baptism and church membership.

"For four months, we, the church and students, prayed and laboured, and over nine hundred families were canvasced, and scores of 'call back' visits were made.

"Then the College students asked if they could also share in the morning church services. I was delighted to accept their help, particularly for Junior Church. Here they had attendances of 50 to 90, with the majority from new immigrant families, representing nearly 20 different countries. They led the singing, helped with memory verses, told Bible stories, used puppets and generally threw their whole hearts and all their skills into this ministry.

"Our church has been thrilled and enriched by the student team work and their dedication. We are glad **O.B.C. has such a strong emphasis on evangelism.** It shows in student lives and work.

"On the final Sunday of their work, Mr. W. Wallace (Acting Director of Christian Service at O.B.C.) was present to observe their work. Instead he found a Spanish speaking couple and sat beside them in the church service, translating the English into their language. When I spoke to Mr. Wallace, his reply was, 'I wanted to be with our students, but I couldn't bear to see those people miss the message.'

"With that sort of missionary vision, I could see where the students were getting their zeal."

Mr. Bell also reports that the same Spanish speaking family had been visited by the students, had come to church by bus and were helped by the O.B.C. teacher. Now that is service. That is evangelism. That is O.B.C.

"We praise God for the team as individual people, and for their selfless service in our church."

\*At the time of writing Mr. Bell was pastor. He has now resigned to take up a position with the Baptist Fellowship.

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- \* There are more than thirty thousand two-by-two missionaries in the field.
- \* An eight-page insert in April *Readers Digest,* on the Mormon Family-Nightat-Home theme was read by fifty million people in America and Germany. This is the first of four such *Digest* inserts! (Evidently not in the Canadian Edition yet)
- \* Each inquiry will be answered by the personal visit of a team of missionaries.
- \* 350,000 new converts joined the Mormons in 1977.
- \* There could be a million converts this year.
- \* Most of them will be recruited from the Christian denominations.
- \* 1,000 new ward chapels (parishes) will be opened this year.

\* Nearly \$3,000,000 in tithes come in to the headquarters in Salt Lake City EACH DAY.

GIDEONS

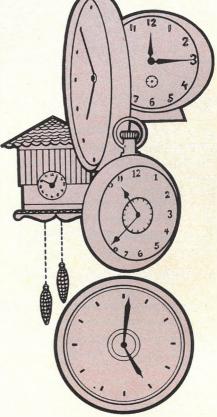
In Honor

- \* The Family-at-Home theme is unbeatable for today's family life problems—they don't tell you, however, that Utah has the seventh highest divorce rate in the nation. They don't tell you that a 24 hour a day rescue mission run by evangelicals is in operation six blocks from the Temple Square.
- \* Spencer W. Kimball, Mormon President, is aiming at the interest of the ladies. He announced at the last annual conference that the Mormons have always believed that there is a Mother God as well as a Father God in heaven. He did not mention that according to Mormon teaching God is polygamous. (See our article in this issue "Last at the Cross, Earliest at the Tomb.")
- \* The present Mormon drive is the best planned and best financed religious invasion in history. They are out to win.

When will the Bible-believing, Christ-honouring, Christian Church get with it? Read *Is Mormonism Christian* (\$1.75) by Gordon H. Fraser (Moody Press). It will open your eyes.

#### **GOD CAN USE ME**

I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do I ought to do And by God's grace I shall do. (anon.)



**SEVEN WATCHES** 

- 1. WATCH your *thoughts;* They can be a benediction or a curse.
- WATCH your eyes; Determine to see only those things that are good.
- 3. WATCH your *ears.* Train them to listen to harmony. Be selective in what you hear.
- 4. WATCH your feet; Plant them upon the solid rock of truth and keep them there.
- 5. WATCH your hands; Keep them busy with only those activities that will bring joy.
- 6. WATCH your *heart;* Set your affections on things above.
- 7. WATCH your *will;* The silent monitor of your life will help you make wise decisions. Be sure that it is controlled by the Holy Spirit.



#### by Ed Hindson

One of the greatest spiritual opportunities your family will ever have will be in the area of family devotions. Your children will be blessed beyond anything you can imagine by having the opportunity of praying with you and reading the Word of God as a family.

#### Dynamic Devotions for Your Family

This matter of devotions, or "family altar," is probably the most crucial area of spiritual responsibility that any family faces. Over the years, pastors across our nation have shared with us that this is the one key area that is the greatest failure of their church people. Most Christians agree that they need to have regular devotions but simply do not know how to do it effectively. Let me share these simple and practical suggestions with you.

#### **Getting Started**

Set a Definite Time. If you start wrong, you will fail. Start right and your devotions will be a success. The key in beginning is to set a specific time for your family devotions. Otherwise the time will slip by, and your "good intentions" will be wasted. You may have to get up earlier, stay up later, or reorganize your schedule. It will be worth any adjustment you must make.

Involve Everyone. What could be more important than the spiritual wellbeing of your family? There needs to be a time when every member of your family sits down together to share in family devotions. Select a time that is good for everyone, and give each person an opportunity to read the Bible and share in a time of prayer. You may want to rotate around the table (or a circle), giving each one a time of expression and contribution.

Be Consistent. Once you begin, do not quit! I would personally rather see you spend ten to fifteen minutes together every night than to attempt 30 to 60 minutes and become "weary in well doing."

#### **Growing Spiritually**

Develop a Meaningful Atmosphere. Turn off the television, loud distractions from the radio, etc. If necessary, take the telephone off the hook. Make this a concentrated time of spiritual emphasis. If you are having your devotional time in connection with breakfast or supper, let the entire mealtime become a spiritually meaningful atmosphere that is conducive to God's speaking to your lives.

Develop Better Bible Study. The real goal of family devotions is personal spiritual growth for your entire family. Much of this will come from reading and applying God's Word to your lives. Do not hesitate to read the Bible with your children. Let them see its significant place as the inspired quideline for your family. You may want to supplement this with an appropriate Bible storybook for your younger children. This is especially effective at bedtime. However, in your devotions with the entire family, use the Bible. Let even your first and second graders (who are learning to read) share in the actual reading of simpler passages. It will thrill them to know that they too can read the Bible. This teaches them that the Scripture is not a "closed book" to them. It lets them know that God will speak to them also!

In approaching a passage of Scripture, it is important that the father read it ahead of time in order to be prepared to guide the family's study. Let each person in the family take a turn in sharing the reading of the passage. In your study, you want to determine:

What does the passage say?

What does it mean?

How does it apply to me?

Always make a practical application of Scripture to your family's needs. Let me suggest some examples.

Some time ago, we were reading the Book of Judges in our family devotions. It is a series of accounts of Israel's battles with her enemies. So we decided to make a list of our enemies (such as "cry-baby," not eating well, etc. for the children). Every day during devotions we analyzed our battles with our "enemies" and listed our progress. It worked amazingly well as each of us made significant progress. As we read the accounts in Judges, we also noted that when Israel obeyed God, they were blessed, and when they disobeyed God, they were judged. We then applied this principle to our own daily conflicts.

You may want to read one of the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life, the story of the growth of the church in Acts, or a warmhearted book like Philippians or Psalms. In each case, the use of a family Bible study notebook is almost indispensable. An excellent study can be made in Proverbs of basic character qualities. This may be an excellent way to teach your children how to discern basic character needs in themselves and others. Here is an example. Several character types appear in Proverbs such as:

#### CHARACTER

sinners fools wise men "strange women"

#### DESCRIPTION entice refuse instruction

heed advice lure with eyes

## REACTION consent not

be not follow example avoid/flee

(continued on page 19)

#### More Prayer Time

Develop a More Powerful Prayer Time. Most people become bored in public or group praying simply because they are not praying for something specific. Specific praise and specific requests bring specific blessings. Do not make the prayer time unnecessarily long. Give everyone an opportunity to pray.

You may find it very helpful to develop a "Family Prayer Request Notebook," Your wife should handle the secretarial duties. Have one section of PEOPLE that you want to pray for on a regular basis (your pastor, church workers, friends, relatives, etc.) Rotate your way through the list each week by having each family member pray for one or two people per night. In another section, have a list of MIS-SIONARIES that you can pray for specifically. Write to them on their field and list specific needs for which your family may pray. In a third section, compile a list of DAILY REQUESTS. Be specific! Write down each day's prayer requests and then check them off as they are answered, like this:

#### DATE REQUESTS ANSWERED

In time you will have a notebook filled with hundreds of check marks. If your children browse through it they will be impressed that God answers prayer! This will also increase your praise to the Lord as you specifically recall how many prayers He is answering on your behalf.

#### **Giving Stability**

The end result of consistent devotions will develop spiritual stability within your family. Regular devotions will increase your children's respect for your leadership. It will build an attitude of repentance for sin and personal wrongs. A family cannot pray together while holding onto bitterness and grudges. The secure atmosphere of regular spiritual family communication will set your children at rest in their souls.

There is much to be accomplished in the lifetime of your family. So get to the task with discipline and determination. "O, how I love Thy word! It is my meditation all the day." (Psalm 119:97)

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#### MORE REVERENCE FOR CHRIST!

We receive much publicity regarding activities that involve the Christian community. That sentence almost included "Christian activities," but despite the phrasing much that passes for "Christian" does little or nothing to honour and to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, in Whom dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Words, spoken or sung, mean little if they do not exalt the Blessed One, or if, as is so often true, His Name is taken in vain.

We are encouraged to join in a "JESUS '76," "'77" or "'78"; or invited to participate in a "JESUS ROUNDUP," or a host of other "entertainment" functions that are simply the world's activity, or the ever present show biz, with a religious overtone.

"Jesus Christ Superstar"? "Godspel"?

Where is the reverence for the High and the Holy One Who inhabits eternity? How can we belittle or make common the name and title of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords? He is not just a celestial concept to be bandied about. He is God! Perhaps we need to sing afresh P. P. Bliss' great hymn----

"More holiness give me, More strivings within;

More patience in suffering, More sorrow for sin;

More faith in my Saviour, More sense of His care:

More joy in His service, More purpose in prayer."

"More gratitude give me, More trust in the Lord;

More pride in His glory, More hope in His word;

More tears for His sorrows, More pain at His grief;

More meekness in trial, More praise for relief."

"More purity give me, More strength to o'ercome;

More freedom from earthstains, More longings for home;

More fit for the kingdom, More used would I be;

More blessed and holy, More, Saviour, like Thee."

God grant that a fresh sense of holiness and reverence will come upon God's people.

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# A COLUMN OF \*

#### MANY BELIEVE IN PRAYER, BUT DON'T PRAY MUCH

TORONTO (EP)—An overwhelming majority of members of the United Church of Canada believe in prayer, but many don't pray much, according to a reader survey in the church's magazine, The Observer.

Eighty-six per cent of those responding to the survey said they believe God hears and answers prayers. Eighty-two per cent said they believe prayer can change their lives.

But only half said they pray regularly.

Among those who do, most pray for their families. One in four prays for the church's missionaries. Four per cent of the people responding belong to special prayer groups.

The United Church of Canada includes about 17 per cent of the Canadian population.

**Ed. Note:** What does prayer really mean to **YOU**, not just to United Church members?

#### TAKE MY WILL AND MAKE IT THINE!

There is no keeping true to one's appointed calling in life, whatever it may be, apart from a vigorously maintained decision of the will to carefully and constantly be obedient to the whole will of God for heart and life. Paul, in Philippians 3:13, 14, states how he had this issue definitely settled, how he kept his will set: "This one thing I do ... I press toward the mark."

There is no maintaining of a genuine devotional life in the reading of God's Word and the kind of praying that brings blessings and help, apart from a settled fixedness of the will to do this "in spite of" and "at any and all cost."

> God Awaits the Decision Of Our Will.

#### HE PUTS MONEY WHERE HIS MOUTH IS

NEW YORK (EP)—One churchgoer has become so exasperated at poor preaching that he laid out \$159 to complain publicly.

The money was the cost of an advertisement the anonymous "Concerned Churchman" placed in America magazine. The ad stated:

"We're sorry, Christ. We don't always hear your message. Why?

"Because most preachers don't realize how poor the acoustics are in their churches; they speak over or under the microphone but seldom into it; they often speak too rapidly to be understood.

"And yet, Christ, we do have hope that this problem will be recognized and—with Your help—corrected."

#### ATHEIST SUGGESTS "SHORT DAY" AS WAY TO "TAKE BACK" CHRISTMAS

AUSTIN, Tex. (EP)—Merry Shortday!

That would be the greeting you'd hear, if a "letter to the editor" correspondent to The American Atheist magazine were to get his way.

David Rhodell of Austin suggested "Shortday" because the Winter holiday was originally the celebration of the Winter solstice, the shortest day of the year.

Mr. Rhodell's idea for "taking back" Christmas from people would be worldwide. "Since the return of Spring is important to everyone, this would be a holiday that could be celebrated by all peoples and all countries."

Well, Mr. Rhodell can have a "Happy" or "Merry" Shortday, but we still think most people will opt for "Christmas" on Dec. 25th. If only everyone who does, would really put **Christ** back into Christmas, it would be a merry, joyous time indeed.

Editor

#### EDITOR REPORTS SOME IN RELIGION CAN BE 'NASTIEST, RUDEST' PEOPLE

HOUSTON, (EP)—A religious editor for a major daily newspaper said here that "some of the people in the media who oppose the coverage of religion, do so out of bad experiences." Louis Moore, religion editor of the Houston Chronicle, told a session of the 49th anniversary meeting of the Religious Public Relations Council that these experiences often involve unmet expectations in dealing with religious people.

Such individuals "can be some of the nastiest and rudest people when they want to be," he said, "and we expect religious people to be straightforward, honest, non-manipulative, and decent."

Mr. Moore related that "like all human beings, religious people have an image to uphold. And oftentimes they want to uphold that image regardless of what the real facts are."

While describing these problems, the Houston Chronicle writer said he has developed a relationship of trust with the religious community and its leaders in this city. "They know that I am going to cover the news thoroughly, and I hope they know I intend to be fair," he said.

Ed. Note: But what a memory to leave: of selfish, nasty, rude people who profess to follow the One of Whom it is said, "neither was any guile found in His mouth." He is a good example for us in all our life and work.

#### **GIVING GOD HIS DUE**

Sir Isaac Newton made a mechanical model of the solar system. One of his friends was intrigued with the device and asked who made it.

Newton assured him that nobody made it, but that the aggregation of matter had just happened to assume the form it was in.

"You must think I'm a fool," his astonished friend replied, "Of course somebody made it, and he is a genius."

Said Newton, "This thing is but a puny imitation of a much grander system . . . and I am not able to convince you that this mere toy is without a designer and a maker. Yet you profess to believe that the great original from which the design has been taken, came into being without either designer or maker. Now tell me, by what sort of reasoning do you reach such an incongruous conclusion?" God is the Creator of all things.

MAY GOD MULTIPLY PEOPLE LIKE THESE May God raise up a people who will consult their pleasures less and the great need more. I know of one successful layman who refuses again and again to take perfectly legitimate pleasure trips because he cannot bring himself to leave his class of adolescent Sunday school boys. May God multiply such men and women among us till the reproach of Egypt is rolled away and man's confidence in us restored.

-The Alliance Witness

#### WHAT RUMOURS CAN DO!

(From the Evangelical Press Association.)

Arriving out of breath for a T.V. program, Publisher Larry Flynt told M.C. Steve Edward he has not been born again as Christians thought, that "all Christians are hypocrites," that Hustler porno magazine will be more pornographic than ever, and that he is fighting for freedom of expression "upon which the U.S. was founded." His wife on the show said she was not worred about the alleged loss of \$10 million in revenue, because the reported plans of her husband to change the magazine were untrue. Observers noted that Flynt was "very bitter" on the telecast.

**Ed. Note:** Since the above news item, Flynt has been shot and perhaps permanently crippled. Sometimes God has to speak in strong terms to awaken people. We should pray for men and women in all walks of life, particularly those who exercize strong influence on people.

#### PROFESSOR BELIEVES STRONG CHINESE CHRISTIANS IN U.S.

MILL VALLEY, CA (EP)—A prominent author of Chinese Christian literature believes the cream of all Chinese Christians in the world is now living in the United States.

"If we can mobilize these Christians in America they will assert a great influence not only upon the churches back in Asia and China, but will have an impact on the Christian movement in North America," says Samuel Y. C. Tang, associate professor of Old Testament interpretation and Hebrew at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Tang says mission work in China before communists took power in

1950 was oriented more toward social ministries than toward building a strong church. "But after the communist takeover when they were forced out of mainland China to Hong Kong, Taiwan and other Southeast Asian countries, the missionaries began exerting more power toward training leadership in the Christian movement, and the church became very strong," he says.

We received the following at O.B.C. and read it with consternation.

#### WHAT DO YOUR STUDENTS REALLY KNOW ABOUT CANADA?

Most recent surveys indicate that Canadian students know distressingly little about their own country. For instance, the Canadian Student Awareness survey by Mel Hurtig revealed that

- -68% were unable to name the Governor General
- ---63% were unable to name any three of Canada's Prime Ministers who have held office since the end of the Second World War
- -61% were unable to name the B.N.A. Act as Canada's constitution
- —over 60% were unable to list Canada's ten provinces in geographic order east to west

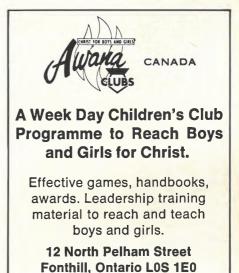
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## FOR MEN ONLY

In the last issue, the Editor promised the men who read the Recorder undying glory, family adulation and true chauvinism (look it up in the dictionary) by a simple experiment. Make the best Christmas cakes your family has ever eaten. And all for a mere few hours work. I know. I have been there, and now I share a culinary art with my peers—those happily married men who want to do that extra thing at home. So here is the recipe (and additional hints from one who looks for shortcuts and finds them) of a—

#### **NO BAKE CHRISTMAS CAKE**

The title itself is almost a poem. The result is a delicious confection. *Ingredients:* 

3/4 cup of Evaporated Milk

1/3 cup of Apple Juice

6 cups of Miniature Marshmallows 4-3/4 cups (14-1/2 oz.) crushed Vanilla Wafers

2-1/2 cups (7-1/2 oz.) crushed Ginger Snaps

2 cups of broken Pecans (or Walnuts. They're cheaper!)

1 cup of Seedless Raisins

1 cup of Mixed Candied Fruit

1 cup of halved Candied Cherries (mix red and green)

Have on hand blanched almonds, walnut pieces, extra candied cherries.

#### Procedure:

Put marshmallows, apple juice and evaporated milk in a large container. (I use a preserving kettle.) Let them stand for 3 hours, stirring occasionally.

After 3 hours (you can prepare the following during this soaking period) add crushed vanilla wafers and ginger snaps. (I use a blender to chop these. Not the old fashioned rolling pin.)

Add nuts (substitute walnuts for pecans if desired. Or mix them), raisins, candied fruit and cherries and mix well with marshmallows.

#### Prepare:

a receptacle (the above will fill a 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan. I double the ingredients and use angel cake pans. Looks nicer. Or use jelly molds for fancy shapes). Line receptacle with foil all around. When this is done, I sprinkle generously, nuts, cherry halves (mixed colours) and almond halves in bottom of pan. When it is turned out, this becomes the top of the cake, so you have it colorfully covered on top! Smart, eh? No one taught me that. Figured it out myself!

#### Finally:

With pans ready and mixture well mixed, pack into the pans, pressing in firmly. I use a solid ice-cream scoop for solid pressure. Use any-thing you have, except your hands. Cover the top (within  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch of pan rim) with more foil.

Let it refrigerate 4-6 days (I give it a week or two, or until I yield to family pressure and personal temptation). Then slice it (1 inch wedges if Angel Cake pan is used) and serve with pride (or coffee or cold drinks).

It must be kept refrigerated, and will last for months after being cut into, as long as it is well covered by foil and/or saran wrap.

This should give you all the glory and honour you can take during the festive season. Chauvinist males! Unite! Make your Christmas cakes the talk of home and office too!

God has a song to teach us, and when we have learned it amid the shadows of affliction, we can sing it forever.

If you would suffer patiently the adversities and miseries of this life, be a person of prayer.



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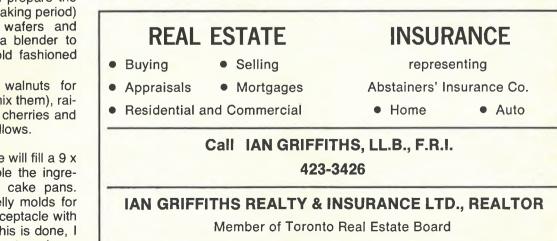
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# CARTOONISTS WANTED!

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Middle East Media is seeking to take advantage of this tremendous medium of communication. They are at present translating various western Christian comics into the major languages of the Middle East—but there is a shortage of suitable materials. It is their vision to develop their own team of talented comic strip writers and cartoonists who could clearly communicate the Gospel to the millions of young people in these Muslim countries.

The work would involve adapting (culturally) western comics and/or creating original comic strips from other stories and books, all with a Christian message. Because of the many cultural and language problems involved in the work, it would be ideal if all of the team could live and work in the Middle East. Minimum term of work 2 years.

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## **A PRAYER**

Lord,

make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred,

let me sow love;

Where there is injury,

pardon; Where there is doubt,

faith; Where there is despair, hope:

Where there is darkness, light:

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek To be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

-Francis of Assisi

#### WHERE THERE IS HATRED-

BELFAST—Bitter strife between Protestants and Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland has, since 1969, claimed over 1,700 lives.

In 1976, two women met. Mairead Corrigan, the aunt of three children who had just been killed, was a Catholic. Betty Williams, incensed by the deaths, was a Protestant. Together they started a march and a movement for peace that led to a Nobel Peace Prize for both.

"Violent deaths in Northern Ireland have dropped by 54 percent," said Mrs. Williams, who with Miss Corrigan had risked her own life. "We hope this has something to do with our movement. We have not yet brought peace to Northern Ireland. We have created a climate for peace to become respectable."

#### WHERE THERE IS INJURY-

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif.—Bob and Golden Bristol travelled 2,000 miles from their Michigan home to the prison where their daughter's murderer is serving a life sentence. They went to forgive him.

They made the trip, said Mrs. Bristol, because "we knew God could make something good out of this pain."

The prisoner, Michael Keeyes, later said, "People like the Bristols give meaning to the word 'forgiveness.' "

#### WHERE THERE IS DOUBT-

NEW YORK, N.Y.—In juvenile court, a desperate father said he and his wife felt that all they had done for their delinquent son had been in vain.

"Your Honor," said the father, "we'll have to give the boy up—disown him. I don't see what else we can do."

"If you desert your son now, you'll lose him forever," the judge told him. "You'll break the last thread of hope his faith in you. Without that faith, he'll be hopeless."

#### WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR—

CHICAGO—A wealthy young couple surprised officials of an orphanage here.

Seeking to adopt two children, they were interviewed and filled out all the forms. Then officials said, "Now we'll show you two of the nicest children in the orphanage."

"Oh, please no!" said the wife. "We don't want the nicest children; we want two that nobody else would take."

#### WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS—

LONG ISLAND, N.Y.—A young couple rejected the diagnosis of autism and possible institutionalization for their one-and-a-half-year-old son and made a desperate effort to bring the severely withdrawn child "to life."

Barry and Suzi Kaufman adjusted their lives and gave little Raun many months of almost constant loving attention and play, "totally accepting him." Communication developed and, at four and a half, Raun entered kindergarten.

#### WHERE THERE IS SADNESS—

LONDON—A woman with a dream of a special place to care for the dying has made it a reality.

Convinced that "you can live in dying," Dr. Cicely Saunders founded St. Christopher's Hospice which caters to the physical, emotional and social needs of the dying. It is a model for health professionals.

Families visit at any time, children

wander freely; even pets are welcome. Gloom is not. "It was so cheerful there . . ." said a visitor. "I saw people coping and helping each other."

#### NOT SO MUCH TO BE CONSOLED—

HOUSTON—When his wife died in Methodist Hospital, Charles Henderson decided to spend the rest of his life helping the sick there.

Known as "Uncle Charley," he cheers the patients, runs errands and makes phone calls.

"You'd be surprised at the things people need," said Mr. Henderson, in his 60's. "And I'm the man who can get it for them."

#### NOT SO MUCH TO BE UNDERSTOOD—

HOLLIS, N.Y.—Two subway motormen have blazed a trail in community race relations.

In the 40's, Russell Marks, a white man, and Herb Coddington, a black man, began a series of weekly neighborhood debates. The result was The Hollis Discussion Club which has celebrated its 35th anniversary.

"It's hard to believe now," says Mr. Coddington of their integrated neighbourhood, "but in those days if a black man and a white man walked down the street together, people would stare at them."

#### NOT SO MUCH TO BE LOVED—

TUSCUMBIA, Ala.—The young teacher of the blind and deaf Helen Keller lived at first with frustration and abuse from the child. But Annie Sullivan taught Helen what love is.

"I remember the morning," wrote Miss Keller, when "Miss Sullivan put her arm gently around me and spelled into my hand, 'I love Helen.'

"'What is love?' I asked. She drew me closer to her and said, 'It is here,' pointing to my heart ... 'You cannot touch love, but you feel the sweetness that it pours into everything ...'"

#### IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE—

DUMONT, N.J.—James Smith wrote in a letter to *The New York Times*:

"I have come to realize that it is indeed a great blessing to be able to help in any small way to touch those who suffer...

"There is a place in the city called Under 21 . . . Here you will see people who work with young street kids, nomads and run-aways. In trying to help these kids to find a new beginning, I also find a new beginning."

#### IN DYING WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE—

ASSISI, Italy—A richly dressed youth, Francis, rode his horse one day on the Umbrian plain.

As his horse shied he saw the sight he most feared. A leper stood before him. But he fought down his loathing, dismounted and gave the man money. Suddenly Francis was filled with love. He kissed the leper's hand, then embraced him.

In that moment he had turned to new life.

LET US SOW LOVE

#### HELPING MAKE GOD'S LOVE KNOWN IN HIS WORLD

NASHVILLE, TN. Using mass media campaigns to stimulate interest in the Bible is a primary thrust of the new **Christian Bible Society**. The Society is developing Bible promotion materials for television, radio, newspaper, direct mail, and other media to be used nationally and through local churches.

"We are looking for the *best ways* to show the American people that the Holy Bible meets their basic personal needs," said W. Maxey Jarman, Chairman of the new Society. "This includes modern research techniques, experimentation through various media, and other activities aimed at lifting up public awareness of the Scriptures."

At the recent launching of the Christian Bible Society, Jarman said further, "There are already millions of Bibles in America, but not enough people are reading them. We will be using the best of modern communications to promote interest in the Scriptures because we believe the Bible is a common banner under which all of Christendom can unite in mission to the world."

Jarmen is one of a group of influential laymen and foundations who have provided the initial support for the Christian Bible Society to develop, test and promote new ministries aimed at stimulating interest in the Bible. The work of the Society is non-denominational but based on the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God.

At the official April opening of the Society's new international headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, Jim Powell, Executive Secretary, said, "The trustees and staff of the Christian Bible Society are committed to substantially influencing the acceptance and love of the Bible through a small central organization rather than an extensive national staff. We are pledged to developing creative approaches to help churches, other Christian organizations, and individual Christians become more interested in the Bible.

"Many organizations have Biblerelated ministries," said Powell, "but this Society has been established for the one purpose of promoting worldwide interest in the Bible."

The Christian Bible Society already has several projects in various stages of development with several others tentatively planned for the near future. A few of these ministries are:

\* Developing creative advertising and editorial materials to be used both nationally and through local churches on television, radio, newspapers, magazines, and other mass media to promote interest in the Scriptures.

- \* Launching formal research to discover levels of Bible use and the best ways of increasing interest in the Scriptures.
- \* Maintaining regular communication with the membership, the Society's network of Bible emphasis groups and other Christian leadership through a periodical newsletter.

Every person involved in the management of the Society is being asked to subscribe to a statement of faith in the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The Society affirms that the Bible is a common ground on which all Christians can be unified as Christ's active Body in mission to the world.

Persons interested in further information about the Christian Bible Society and its programs should write Jim Powell, Christian Bible Society, Kermit & Vultee, Nashville, TN 37217.

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## "IF THE IRON BE BLUNT"

by Moir A. J. Waters

here is a text in the book of Ecclesiastes that every preacher might well frame and keep before him on his study wall. It is the tenth verse of the tenth chapter, and, freely translated, reads as follows, "If the iron be blunt and one do not whet the edge, then must one put forth all the more strength. It is an advantage to make wise preparation."

It is not hard to picture the scene. There are two men at work felling trees. The first is making a mighty effort. He is putting all his strength into every blow, but the axe seems to rebound from the tree, doing very little damage. Perspiration stands out on his brow, his hands are tingling and his back is sore.

Now look at the man at the next tree. He is swinging his axe with a grace and precision not found in the first woodman. There is no sense of strain about his workmanlike strokes, but the chips are flying fast. He seems to be putting forth less effort and yet he is getting the results. Wherein lies the difference? In this, for one thing, the axe of the first woodman is blunt and dull and the axe of the second man is whetted and sharp. He has taken the time and the trouble to keep his axe in good shape. He does not feel that time off to whet the iron is lost time, but rather part of the secret of his success. What a parable of life! What a parable for preachers!

As Shakespeare reminded us, "One man in his time plays many parts," and any minister would be willing to admit that from time to time he has played several roles. There have been times when through lack of adequate preparation of himself and his message, he has felt that he was just "beating the air."

On such occasions preaching is a strain and a man must work desperately hard, but it is a little late in the day; he would not have to work so hard in the pulpit if he had taken more time to "whet his iron" in the study in the previous week. It is the difference between "desperation", "inspiration" and "perspiration".

Isn't there a story about one preacher saying to another who had been worshipping unexpectedly in his congregation. "I wasn't so well prepared today. What do you do when you are not as well prepared as you might be?" and the other minister answered, with a twinkle in his eye, "I just do what you do. I bang the pulpit!"

But, thank God, we knew as well, days when we entered the pulpit feeling that we were not offering to God or to the people that which cost us nothing, but rather that the sermon was a sacrificial, and, therefore, a sacramental, offering.

We are told in Arthur Porritt's great biography of John Henry Jowett that on Saturday nights, the week's work in the study finished, the great preacher would join his wife and daughter around the fire with their books and would often say to Mrs. Jowett, with a glad note in his voice, "I have a great message for my people tomorrow." And why not? Should not a man who has faithfully spent the week in honest preparation enter the pulpit, to change the metaphor, "rejoicing as a strong man to run a race"?

"If the iron be blunt...." Wasn't that what Paul was counselling Timothy about when he wrote, "*Study* to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." If you "whet your iron," Timothy, you will have clean, deft, workmanlike strokes. If you do not, you'll have to work twice as hard with fewer results. Usually the battles are won beforehand in the study, not in the pulpit.

There are many ways in which we can "whet the iron." We can try to

keep abreast of the times in our reading, stimulating the mind as we think through the modern theological advances in scholarship. Above all, we can give ourselves to the Word, seeking to become "mighty in the Scriptures."

We can keep our friendships in repair. The wise man of Proverbs said, "As iron whets iron, so one man whets another." (Dr. Moffatt's translation.)

Holidays give us a great opportunity to "whet the iron." Jesus knew the value of a change of scenery and environment, with the opportunity to relax. "Come ye yourselves apart—and rest awhile" needs to be spoken to twentieth-century men as well as to the early disciples.

Finally, and not least, there is the nurture of our own private devotional life. How hard it is to find time to possess our own souls. Many Christians are wondering why life seems such a strain and a struggle. Part of the answer, at least, may be in the fact that they do not find time to "whet the iron."

There is a great chapter in "Pessimism and Love," a study of Ecclesiastes by Rev. David Russell Scott, with the subject, "A Plea for Self-Cultivation," in which he deals with this verse. Here are some of the closing words of the chapter: "But the soul may become blunt; it may lose its sensitiveness to eternal things; it may lose its hold of those great unseen forces of love and holiness, of God Himself, by which man truly lives. And then life becomes darker and harder with more weariness and less inspiration in it."

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## HOLD OCTOBER 14 FOR HOMECOMING

#### What Our Alumni Are Doing

#### PRESIDENT IS YOUNGEST EVER TO BE NAMED TO POSITION

David Cleland Staff Writer

Rev. Harold A. Wilson, 36, of Peterborough, was elected president of the Bay of Quinte Conference of the United Church of Canada at the 54th annual meeting here Tuesday.

He succeeds Rev. Basil Long, of Orono, as head of the conference which represents 190 pastoral charges in seven presbyteries, from Ajax to Brockville and north to Chalk River.

Mr. Wilson is the youngest president in the conference's history and is believed to be the only one who was not originally a United Church adherent.

He was received into the United Church ministry in 1971. Seven years earlier he was ordained a minister of the Reformed Episcopal Church and served at Pickering. A native of Toronto, he received his bachelor of arts degree at Laurentian University, Sudbury, and his bachelor of divinity degree from Queen's Theological College.

He completed his masters of religious education degree at Victoria College, University of Toronto.

Mr. Wilson is no stranger to the Kingston area, having served the United Church at Battersea—Inverary in the Kingston Presbytery. He has been minister of Mark Street United Church in Peterborough since 1971.

KINGSTON WHIG-STANDARD

**NOTE:** Mr. Wilson graduated from O.B.C. in 1964, and also B.A.— Laurentian University Sudbury 1967; B.D.—Queen's University Kingston 1970; M.R.E.—Victoria University Toronto 1974.

#### VITAL WORK OUR ALUMNI DO

#### THE RAJASTHAN BIBLE INSTITUTE, INDIA by Anand Chaudhari, B.Th. '69

What is Rajasthan Bible Institute? Is it a Bible School or a correspondence course school? Why do you attach so much importance to radio ministry? Why are you opening up evangelistic centres? What has the Bible Institute to do with relief work? Why are you interested in Sunday School and V.B.S. ministries? Such questions are often asked and need to be answered. So then what really is the Rajasthan Bible Institute?

About twenty years ago, the Lord made it clear to us what our life-ministry was going to be. It was a great vision and a definite call to obey the great commission—preach, teach, make disciples and baptize. As we thought and prayed, it became evident that we needed to have an institution where we could use and co-ordinate all the available means of mass-communication to fulfil this vision. The vision was clear but the time had not come. Eleven years were spent in praying, thinking, preaching, teaching and acquiring valuable experience in different phases of Christian ministry and then the time—God's time came.

In the early part of 1970, the Lord called us to Rajasthan. The Lord's time had come to implement the vision He had given years ago. After much prayer and waiting upon the Lord, in March 1970, the Rajasthan Bible Institute was formed to implement the four-fold programme of evangelism, follow-up, training young people for ministry and planting indigenous churches. During the past eight years the Lord has enabled us to implement this programme to a certain extent. Let me share with you very briefly what has been done and what we intend to do.

#### Evangelism:

No one will question the importance of evangelism in North India, where hardly 10 in 10,000 are Christian believers. R.B.I. is trying to reach the masses for Christ through radio broadcasts, correspondence courses and campaigns. Evangelism among children is being done through Sunday School and V.B.S. ministries. Scores of young people have come to know the Lord through these ministries.

#### Follow-up:

Our follow-up department handles hundreds of letters every month. We have also correspondence courses for new believers. Five evangelists stationed at three Centres—Jodhpur, Sagwara and Khairthal are carrying on follow-up work by contacting our radio listeners and correspondence course students.

#### Training of young people:

It has always been one of our burdens to build up a Hindi-medium Bible Seminary of B.Th. level. To achieve this goal we are training our own staff. Next year they will complete the B.Th. course and continue their studies to complete their B.D. course. We are planning now to start our regular Bible seminary programme from July 1979. This will be the first and only Evangelical Bible Seminary in the whole of North India which would offer B.Th. courses in Hindi. Various short term courses will also be offered.

#### Church planting ministry:

By the grace of God our local Calvary Bible Church is growing steadily. Six believers obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism on Easter Sunday. We trust, as a result of our various ministries local churches will spring up in different parts of Rajasthan in a few years.

In addition to the above mentioned ministries, R.B.I. is also involved in Relief work and Educational Institutions. Well known Mission High School of Jaipur is now fully supported by the Institute. A new School has been recently opened at Khairthal. This new venture has received such welcome in Khairthal that before long this School will be developed into a full-fledged High School.

#### Regions beyond:

In 1976, it was our privilege to be part of a world-wide missionary fellowship known as Christian National Evangelical Commission. What a wonderful fellowship we enjoy by sharing common concern and burden with the Christians of thirty countries of the world. CNEC is a unique fellowship and we are proud of it.

I have tried so far to give you a picture of the over all programme of the Rajasthan Bible Institute. All our ministries and all the means of communication that we are using are geared to implement this programme. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the Lord's gracious hand upon this work in that He has brought together a team of dedicated workers who pull together to share the burden of the Great Commission. However, our greatest need at this moment is an army of prayer-warriors who will stand with us because "yet there is much land to be possessed.'

This is the kind of Alumni we have, thank God!

### A VOICE FOR INDIA

Anand Chaudhari came to O.B.C. and graduated with a B.Th. in 1969. He was perhaps one of the most unusual students we have ever had at the College. (Send for the free booklet from the Recorder, "I Was a Shastri", containing his story.) A student of Hindu philosophy, slated to be a Hindu priest, Anand has a story that will startle, challenge and thrill anyone who rejoices at the miracles of God.

Anand's story tells of a pilgrimage

that led him first to the great mela (festival) on the banks of the Ganges River, then to some O.B.C. grads in North India, to O.B.C. for theology, then back to India where he founded the Rajasthan Bible Institute. He carries a formidable work load of evangelistic meetings, radio broadcasts, establishing Evangelistic Centres, Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools.

He was commended by the government of India for his leadership in a relief programme after the devastating floods of last year; and he continually seeks new adventures of Christian service.

And you thought you had a lot of work to do!

Now he is seeing expansion in evangelism, church planting and youth training. And with all this, he and his co-workers carry on service around the world in a global missionary fellowship under C.N.E.C. (Christian Nationals Evangelical Commission).

Anand concluded a recent communication by saying: "All our ministries and all the means of communication that we are using are geared to implement the work of evangelism and the Bible Institute. With grateful hearts we acknowledge the Lord's gracious hand upon this work in that He has brought together a team of dedicated workers who pull together to share the burden of the great commission.

"Our greatest need, however, is an army of prayer warriors who will stand with us because 'there is yet much land to be possessed'."

If you would like to read of the work of R.B.I. or hear from Anand write for "The Christian Call."

Mr. Anand Chaudhari, Rajasthan Bible Institute, Ajmer Road, Jaipur, India.

Our grads fill the gap mentioned in Ezekiel 22:30!

**CLASS OF 1977** please submit news of your current ministries and struggles to Mr. Mark Boughan, P.O. Box 368, Hamilton, Ont. L8N 3C8 by the end of OCTOBER.



Anand Chaudhari, Director of Rajasthan Bible Inst., Jaipur, India

#### **ON THE HOME FRONT**

\* REV. GORDON COX, B.Th. '73, was ordained at Faith Baptist Church, New Hamburg, Ont. on April 24.

\* REV. GORDON FINLAY, B.Th. '76, was ordained at Edward St. Baptist Church, St. Thomas, Ont. on June 18.

\* REV. & MRS. EARL HOLLAND, B.Th. '65, (INA GOULD, B.R.E. '66) commenced their pastoral ministry at South End Baptist Church, Owen Sound, Ont. in April.

\* MR. & MRS. CHARLES JOHNSON '51 in Durham, Ont. are home from Bolivia and have been appointed Canadian Representatives for New Tribes Mission in Canada as of September 1.

\* MR. & MRS. OWEN PEVERALL (PERRIE BECKON '71) commenced their ministry at Camp Homewood, Heriot Bay, B.C. with the Pacific Coast Children's Mission in June.

\* REV. VICTOR VEARY '23 received an Honorary Doctorate from Central Baptist Seminary at the Graduation service on May 2.

\* REV. HAROLD WILSON '64 was elected as president of the Bay of Quinte conference of the United Church of Canada on May 16. He is pastoring Mark St. United Church, Peterborough.

\* REV. & MRS. JIM WYLLIE (ANNE BLACK, B.R.E. '74) commenced their ministry in a 4 point Presbyterian charge in Tyne Valley, P.E.I. on August 1.

\* MR. BRYAN ROBERTS '68-'69 commenced his ministry as Property Manager of Camp Kakeka for boys, Haliburton, Ont. on June 1.

\* REV. RAY CROSS '70, pastor of Orchard View Baptist Church, Trenton, is rejoicing with his people and thanking God for the growth of the church that began in a home in 1977.

With the church growing, there have been 21 first time decisions for Christ. Recently at a baptismal service, nine obeyed the Lord's commandment to follow Him in this ordinance.

We rejoice at the news of what God is doing through His Spirit and the service of our Alumni.

#### **ON FURLOUGH**

\* MISS ELEANOR BOYES '57-'58 (W.R.M.F.) from Ecuador, S.A. in July.

\* MISS LENORE CATES, B.R.E. '68 (B.M.M.) from Jamaica, W.I. in June.

\* MR. & MRS. LARRY CLEMENTS, B.R.E. '69, (JOANNE HAYWARD '66-'67) from Kenya, E. Africa in July (A.I.M.)

\* MISS MURIEL DAVIS '50 (B.M.M.) from Jamaica, W.I. in July.

\* MR. & MRS. ANDY LAWRANCE, B.Th. '73, (SYLVIA '56-'58) from Brazil, S.A. (W.E.C.) in July.

\* MISS AUDREY LAWRENCE '56 (TEAM) from the Chad in August.

\* MRS. M. ROJAS (MARGARET CULP '49) from Bolivia, S.A. in June. \* MR. & MRS. HUGH ROUGH '72-'73 (MARY POPE '72-'73) from Zambia, Africa in July. (A.E.F.)

\* MR. & MRS. RALPH STINSON (DAWNA R. BUCKNAM, B.Th. '66) from Maui, Hawaii (H.I.M.) in August. \* MR. & MRS. PHILIP THOMPSON, B.R.E. '71 (BARBARA, B.S.M. '71) from Johannesburg, S.A. (A.E.F.) in May.

\* MR. & MRS. FRANK WIIG (MAR-GARET SAMS '47) from India (I.M.) in July.

\* MR. & MRS. HUGH GORDON '65 (I.C.F.) from Pakistan in July.

\* REV. & MRS. STEWART WEBER '46 (MARION PITTAWAY '42) from the Chad, Africa in April.

\* MISS FLORENCE PLETSCH '49 from India in June. (C.B.O.M.B.)

\* MISS\_RUTH TROYER '56 (C.B.O.M.B.) from India in May.

#### TO THE FIELD

\* MISS GRACE BIRNIE, B.R.E. '70, to Benin, W. Africa, (S.I.M.) in June.
\* MISS MARGARET BURT, B.R.E. '71, (S.A.) to Pakistan on June 28.
\* MISS EDNA CLYSDALE '54 to Nepal in March. \* MISS HEATHER FORSYTH '72-'73 to Kenya, E. Africa (A.I.M.) in August.

\* MR. & MRS. LESLIE GREER, B.R.E. '74, (NORMA KIERSTEAD '58) to Jos, Nigeria following a brief furlough in Canada. (S.I.M.)

\* MR. & MRS. JIM HEWER '72-'73 (O.M.F.) to Malaysia in June.

\* REV. & MRS. RALPH HINES '35 (W.E.C.) to Colombia, S.A. on July 10.

\* MR. & MRS. IVAN S. LEE '55 to Japan in June. (J.E.M.)

\* MR. & MRS. ROBERT MacFAR-LANE, B.R.E. '69, (DOROTHY MASON, B.R.E. '68) to Mexico (L.A.M.) in August.

\* MISS JUNE MARR '72-'74 (CBOMB) to Costa Rica in August for language study for 1 year prior to leaving for service in Bolivia.

\* MISS SHIRLEY MILLS, B.R.E. '77, (S.I.M.) to Nigeria, Africa in June.

\* DR. & MRS. MILAN SPRINGLE '72-'73 (A.E.F.) to Zambia, Africa in July. \* MR. & MRS. FRANK FREW, B.Th. '52, (MARGARET SCANNELL '51) to Kenya, E. Africa (A.I.M.) in July.

\* MR. & MRS. DAVID MORRIS (AN-GELA SMART, B.Th. '66), to Cyprus in June. (O.M.)

\* MISS DEBI DOYNE, B.R.E. '77, (G.O.I.) to Ireland in July for a two year term.

#### MARRIAGES

\* MISS ANNE BLACK, B.R.E. '74, to REV. JIM WYLLIE on May 27 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Islington, Ont. REV. ALEX McCOMBIE '52 officiated. REV. CHARLES CON-GRAM, B.R.E. '68, preached the message. MRS. HAROLD KOUWEN-BERG (JAN PHILPOTT, B.R.E. '75) was the Matron of Honour. MISS DONNA BURT, B.R.E. '74 was a Bridesmaid and MISS LYNN McEWAN '77-'78 was an Usher.

\* MISS DEBRA BOUSFIELD, B.R.E. '78, to MR. JAMES LOWE on June 24 at Guelph Bible Chapel, Guelph, Ont. REV. MURRAY MACLEOD officiated. MISS RUTH COLLETT, B.R.E. '78, was a Bridesmaid. Music was provided by DEBORAH JONES and KAREN BONISTEEL, B.R.E. '78.

\* MISS LOIS EAGLESON '72-'73 to MR. ROGER MELNYCHUK on June 3 at Bayview Glen Alliance Church, Thornhill, Ont. MISS JANET EAGLE-SON '76-'77 was the Maid of Honour. Bridesmaids were MRS. HAROLD KOUWENBERG (JAN PHILPOTT, B.R.E. '75) and MISS JANET POTZ, B.S.M. '74. MRS. ROBERT GOWING (MYRNA DORSEY '71-'72 was the Organist. MISS EDITH NORMAN, B.S.M. '76 was the Soloist. At the Reception special music was provided by MRS. DONALD FRY (SYLVIA PITTS, B.S.M. '74) and MR. & MRS. ROB-ERT GOWING '71-'72.

\* MISS JOY GARRISON '76-'77 to MR. DALE SIMPSON '77-'78 at Temple Baptist Church, Sarnia, Ont. on May 13. REV. LAMBERT BAPTIST, B.R.E. '64 officiated. MISS MARGIE GARRISON '74-'76 was the Maid of Honour. MISS VERONA BLAIR '77-'78 and MISS SHARON DER-BECKER were Bridesmaids.

\* MISS KATHRYN KELLEY, B.R.E. '69 to MR. BERNARD WURSTER on March 4 at Kenmuir Baptist Church, Mississauga, Ont. MRS. DAVID LEWIS (DOROTHY HAMILTON, B.R.E. '69), and MISS NORMA KEL-LEY '74-'75 were Bridesmaids. MR. DENNIS WELLMAN, B.Th. '72 was an Usher.

\* MISS RUTH ANNE KING '76-'77 to MR. KEN BREITHAUPT at Brimley Road Alliance Church, Scarborough on August 19.

\* MISS BONNIE PORTER '75-'76 to MR. HOWARD MARTIN at Bethany Baptist Church, Harriston, Ont. on June 3.

\* MISS BARBARA TREWIN '74-'75 to MR. BRIAN McKENZIE, B.Th. '77 on August 12 at Spring Garden Baptist Church, Willowdale.

\* MISS YEE NEE CHIU, B.S.M. '77, to MR. BERNARD LI at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, Toronto on June 17. MISS CAROL SMITH, B.S.M. '77 was the Pianist and MISS LOIS SNIDER, B.S.M. '77 was the Soloist.

\* MISS JOYCE WILSON, B.R.E. '75, to MR. RICHARD LEWCHUK, at Spring Garden Baptist Church, Willowdale on February 25. REV. JOHN STEVENETT, B.R.E. '73, officiated. MISS FERN HARTWIG, B.R.E. '77, was a Bridesmaid.

#### BIRTHS

\* To MR. & MRS. RAYMOND BAT-TAMS, B.Th. '77 (CHERYL '73-'76) a daughter, Melanie Beth, on May 17 in North Twillingate, NFLD.

\* To MR. & MRS. PAUL BICKLE (SHIRLEY, B.S.M. '77) a son, Matthew Paul, on April 15 in Newmarket, Ont. \* To MR. & MRS. MICHAEL DAHL-KOETTER (GLADYS MERRITT '65-'67) a daughter, Merriann Beth, on February 3, in Austin, Texas.

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\* To MR. & MRS. DAN JAMER, B.R.E. '78, a daughter, Mary Katherine, on May 7 in Toronto.

\* To REV. & MRS. KENNETH SQUIR-RELL, B.R.E. '74 (SHIRLEY HICK-SON '73-'74) a son, Aaron Christopher, on April 24 in Burk's Falls, Ont.

\* To MR. & MRS. PATRICK TERREL (BETTE LOU EBY, B.S.M. '70) a son, Peter Andrew, on May 16 in London, Ont.

\* To MR. & MRS. GILBERT DICKIN-SON, B.Th. '73, (MARILYN BRYANT, B.S.M. '74) a daughter, Beth Joanna, on June 17 in Brantford, Ont.

\* To REV. & MRS. BILL VIRGIN, B.Th. '74, a daughter, Amy on June 16 in Toronto.

\* To MR. & MRS. JIM TURPIN, B.R.E. '72 (RUTH REGNAULT '69-'70) a daughter, Sonya Jennifer, on February 4.

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\* MRS. SYDNEY BEST, wife of REV. SYDNEY BEST '37 in Los Angeles, CA. on April 30.

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\* MRS. RONALD NEVETT (ADELE RADKE '53) in Scarborough, Ont. on May 17.

\* MRS. HAROLD T. SMITH (ETHEL GARDNER '23) in Wayne, PA. on October 29, 1977 and REV. HAROLD T. SMITH '24 on January 20, 1978, in Wayne, PA. U.S.A.



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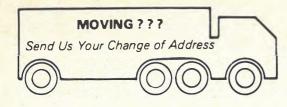
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