

PLANS FOR U.C.M. ARE NEARING COMPLETION

Stevenson Says Opportunity Seldom Offered As Now

"The University Christian Mission... It was excellent. Not too religious but just discussing questions and problems that most of us think about at one time or another."

That is how a student at Queen's University described the University Christian Mission held there two weeks ago. That is the same description it is hoped U. N. B. students will find applicable to their Mission from Feb. 4 to 8.

The University Christian Mission which will be held on this campus in the first week of February is the result of a year's planning by a committee composed of students and faculty members representing as nearly as possible all faculties and groups in the University. This representative group has in all its deliberations kept in mind what it was thought the average U. N. B. student would want in such an undertaking as this. The students were asked for suggestions for topics to be discussed during the Mission. All suggestions received were carefully considered and the Programme Committee was greatly guided by these suggestions in the drafting of the Mission program.

"How can you apply Christianity to your job?" "What about Christianity and the Scientific Mind?" "What about Christianity and the political ideologies?" Those are samples of the questions to be discussed and which YOU will have an opportunity to discuss during the mission. Such an opportunity does not present itself very often you will admit.

This is something that has been planned for the students of the University. I hope that the students will justify the confidence the organizing committee has had in them and will take advantage of the opportunities which the Mission presents.

Ronald C. Stevenson.

Writers Workshop

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descendants of the first... he gulped, his momentary defiance had forsaken him. Life stretched empty before him... he, he would do something drastic. He couldn't stand it. He thought of suicide and rejected it as too messy. A cocktail... that's what he would do... he would drink a cocktail and the devil with everyone and everything.

He straightened his shoulders and started up the street. A bar... you had to drink cocktails at something called a bar. He had heard the men at the warehouse talking about one somewhere on this street. Louie's they called it. Ah, that must be it!

He walked in and nervously sat down on a stool, his mustache twitching.

The bartender looked up and kept on polishing glasses.

Sebastian searched his mind for the name of a cocktail... he had seen some advertised on a billboard once when he went to a Sunday School convention in New York. Martini! that's what it was... he would have a Martini and Mrs. O'Hearn could just go... go... his courage failed him... jump in a mud puddle.

He slapped the "Woman's Home Companion" defiantly on the counter. "Whistler's Mother" stared back at him solemnly from the cover.

His face paled. "Mother", he whispered. "Mother".

"Well, what's you have", said the bartender indifferently.

Sebastian looked up slowly.

"Tea", he said in a low voice. "A cup of tea."

To be held from Feb. 4th. to 8th., (incl.) Four Outstanding Speakers to be Heard

Plans for the holding of the University Christian Mission here have now been chiefly completed, planners for the event announce. All missionaries have been contacted in connection with the program which was completely drawn up, and some have replied expressing acceptance of the Mission theme and lecture topics.

Among those items of procedure which have still to be dealt with is the preparation of a program booklet, which the publicity committee for the event promises shortly, and the holding of a tag-day on the campus.

The Mission is to be held from Sunday, Feb. 4 to Thursday, Feb. 8, inclusive, and the theme of those lectures which will be delivered by a panel of four outstanding Christian speakers has been tentatively chosen as the question: "Is Christianity Out of Date?" Supplementing the lectures, which will be held by special arrangement with the administration, from noon until 1 p.m., will be open "Bull-sessions", in the evenings, at which the lecturers will lead discussions on individual groups.

The Panel of Speakers

The speakers who will deliver the lectures include Dr. Gerald Cragg, M.A., Ph.D., present pastor of the Erskine American Church in Montreal, a well-known Canadian Church figure, who will be chief missionary; Dr. George Grant, a member of the faculty of Dalhousie University in Halifax; Rev. James H. L. Puxley, M.A., L.Th., General Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in Canada; and Miss Laura K. Pelton, a world traveller and eminent Canadian churchwoman.

Program Prepared

The program has been prepared chiefly on the basis of suggestions tendered the program committee by students at the university through suggestion boxes about the campus. Attention was given to each one of these, committee chairman Prof. H. W. MacFarlane said, and many of the topics on the tentative program attempt to include a number of these.

Following is the program which has been drawn up:

PROGRAMME

UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MISSION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

THEME: IS CHRISTIANITY OUT OF DATE?

FEBRUARY 4, 3:00 p.m.

Dr. G. Cragg — Teachers' College Auditorium — Is Christianity Out of Date?

FEBRUARY 5, 12:00 a.m.

Rev. J. H. Puxley — Geology Room 106 — Bible—Fact? Fiction? or What?

Miss L. Pelton — Civil Eng. Room J 10 — Christian Behaviour, Part 1.
Dr. George Grant — Memorial Hall — Christian view of Love, sex, marriage.

FEBRUARY 5, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Gerald Cragg — Memorial Hall — Who is this Jesus?

FEBRUARY 6, 12:00 a.m.

Rev. J. Puxley — Geology Room F 106—Bible—Fact? Fiction? or What?
Miss Laura Pelton — Civil Eng. Room J 10 — Christian view of sex, love, marriage.

Dr. George Grant — Memorial Hall — Christian Behaviour Part 2.

FEBRUARY 6, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Gerald Cragg — Memorial Hall — Why a Christian Church?

FEBRUARY 7, 12:00 a.m.

Rev. J. Puxley — Geology Room 106 — Christianity and the Scientific Mind.
Miss Laura Pelton — Civil Eng. Room J 10 — Christianity as applied to my job.

Dr. George Grant — Memorial Hall — Christianity and political ideology.

FEBRUARY 7, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Gerald Cragg — Memorial Hall — Christianity, Ethics? or Dogma?

FEBRUARY 8, 12:00 a.m.

Rev. J. Puxley — Geology Room 106 — Christianity and the Scientific Mind.
Miss Laura Pelton — Civil Eng. Room J 10 — Christianity as applied to my job?

Dr. George Grant — Memorial Hall—Christianity and political ideology.

FEBRUARY 8, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Gerald Cragg — Memorial Hall — Where do we go from here?

RECEPTION

There will be a reception for the Missioners on February 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the Maggie Jean Chestnut House. The reception will be open for all students.

WORSHIP

A period of worship will be held each day from February 5 to 8 in the Forestry Building from 5:30 - 5:00 p.m. for all who wish to attend.

Discussion Groups

At 8:30 p.m. after the conclusion of addresses by Dr. Cragg the main body will be divided into four groups with a Missioner in charge of the discussion for the purpose of discussing previous addresses or suggestions found in the suggestion boxes, if they are brought to the Missioner's attention.

MISSIONER'S OFFICES FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEWS

Ladies Reading Room — Miss Laura Pelton — Hours 2:430 p.m. Feb. 5-8
Observatory Art Centre — Rev. James Puxley — Hours 2:430 p.m. Feb. 5-8

S. R. C. Office — Dr. Gerald Cragg — Hours 2:430 p.m. Feb. 5-8
Forestry Library — Dr. George Grant — Hours 2:430 p.m. Feb. 5-8

WHY?

A University Christian Mission

By Stig Harvor

For some time now reports, news and articles concerned with a University Christian Mission at U. N. B. have appeared on these pages. All of us being avid readers of our campus paper, we have, no doubt become familiar with the form the Mission is going to take. (Just in case you accidentally, through sickness or other distracting factors such as keeping up with your studies, have missed some of the information on the U. C. M., you can find some facts about the Mission on Page 7).

When reading or hearing about the mission you may have asked yourself, "Why are we having this Mission anyway?" And you probably answered the question: "Simply because somebody thought we needed it." Having thus avoided any personal involvement with the Mission, you dismissed the subject and forgot it.

I am one of those "somebody" who think we need a U. C. M. at U. N. B. By "we", I mean every member on the campus, both student and faculty.

I think we need it because I feel the ones of us who haven't taken part in the S. C. M. and Newman Club program have never had a real opportunity to examine the validity and claims of the Christian faith.

Our University is supposedly neutral in its attitude toward religion and thus leaves the field open for the forces of the status quo, which are certainly not enthusiastically Christian. It is an established fact that Christianity has been one of the great formative influences in the development of our Western Culture. Thus none of us can afford to ignore the teachings of Christianity if we are to understand our heritage properly. In the words of our president, "No one can call himself educated if he is ignorant of the Christian faith." So much for the necessity of having a U. C. M. from an educational point of view.

But the reasons why I believe a U. C. M. essential for all universities and all places where thinking men and women congregate, go deeper than the mere necessity for learning about Christianity. Our battered world is in desperate plight of a vital, living and valid philosophy of life, which can provide a firm foundation for a better world. Ideologies based on the supremacy of material forces are truly locked in a great battle for power. Capitalism and Communism are the two mighty opponents. The tragedy of our Western stand against the onslaught of Communism is that we pretend it to be a stand of good against evil, a stand of spiritual and moral forces against materialistic forces. In reality, it is a stand of materialism versus materialism. In our quest for profits we of the Western nations have abandoned Christian values since these were only a handicap to "progress", in the form of our competitive free-enterprise

system. We have lost sight of the very cornerstone of our civilization.

This cornerstone is what we need to recover if the best of our Western heritage is to be saved in the face of the challenge of Communism. In the case of global war between the U. S. and Soviet power blocks it may be that our technical and material resources would be sufficient to overcome the Communist armies. Such a victory would not necessarily mean that spiritual forces would take their rightful place again. Our world could easily become more devoted to material pursuits than ever before—if there was anything left of it. To what avail would our hollow victory have been? It would simply be another "progressive step" toward the brink of the cliff.

No, the hope of the world does not lie in the defeat of Communism. Neither does it lie in the victory of Democracy. It lies in the acceptance of the teachings of Christ, in fulfilling the will of God. Only by reclaiming what we have lost will we find our way out of our present perplexion and chaos.

Since I believe the hope of the world lies in the acceptance of the dominion of Christ in every field of life, I believe the U. C. M. to be of the utmost importance. It will afford to each and every student and faculty member the opportunity of viewing the main principles of the Christian faith, and thus deciding for themselves the validity of the Christian claims.

The U. C. M. will be an open forum where questions having a bearing on the destiny of the world and on our individual lives will be discussed freely. Not that we can expect a ready blue-print for all the ills of the world from the Mission.

Far from it. It will, however, open up discussion on issues which we are facing right now, individually and collectively. It will point the way which, in my opinion, we eventually will have to follow if we are ever to achieve the pure and simple happiness we are grasping for in our own lives.

Remember the words of George Bernard Shaw, when asked if Christianity had failed: "It has just never been tried."

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