

newsletter from the staff and students of the Irish Baptist College



Christmas 2012

CAROL SERVICE Students organised an inspiring Carol Service at the



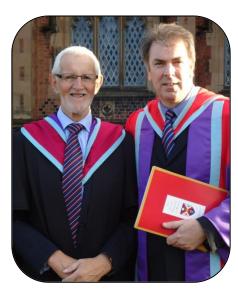
College on Tuesday 11th
December. With family
members, management
committee and other
College supporters
present, an opportunity
was given to see and hear
some of the students
taking part and also to
meet others. This year's
student chairman, David





Ellison (pictured below), brought a Christ-centered Christmas message from Luke 2. The singing of traditional and more recent Christmas songs, along with readings and the message from David was a very helpful reminder on who should be our focus at this time of year. An offering of £252.50 was also lifted for Baptist Aid and the support of children in Zimbabwe.

QUB GRADUATION Two of our postgraduate students graduated this December from Queen's University Belfast. Peter Firth, who lectures in Biblical Studies at the College, received his Doctorate in New Testament studies. Irvine Grey, who graduated with his Bachelor of Divinity in 2008, received his Master of Philosophy degree. Congratulations to Irvine (left) and Peter.





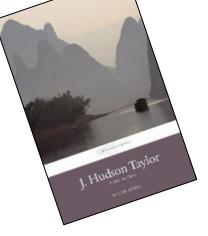


BOOK PRESENTATION We were delighted when the local Mobiliser for Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) contacted us with the offer



of a copy of the biography of Hudson Taylor, A Man in Christ by Roger Steer, for each student. Nathaniel Jennings came to College in November and distributed the books to a very happy group of students. Thank you OMF and thank you Nathaniel.





NEW YEAR As 2012 comes to a close; we look back on a very encouraging first semester for the 2012/13 academic year. There is a healthy spirit of unity and community in the College. It has been good to see how the relatively large group of first year students have settled and integrated well. Pray with us as we look forward to September 2013 and the new students whom God is preparing to join us.

THANK YOU for all your support and prayers, may you have a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.



