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CONTRIBUTIONS.—Any friends desiring to have fellowship in the work may send their contributions to the Treasurer, 16 Walmer Road, Toronto, or to any officer of the School.

## Our Annual Reports.

The attention of our readers is specially directed to the Annual Reports published in this double number of the RECORDER. They are of a most encouraging character, and show steady growth both in the number of students and the work accomplished. The two reports of the Treasurer are particularly gratifying—the Building Fund having sufficed to meet the entire cost of erecting and furnishing the new edifice, and the General Fund having an increase of receipts over previous years. Anew we raise our Ebenezer.

The names of other friends in important centres are yet to be added to the General Council.

Fifth Annual Meeting.

The closing exercises of the fifth session the Toronto Bible Training School occurred on Friday, April 28th. In the forenoon the Board of Incorporation and General Council held their fifth annual meeting, when the reports of the Principal and Treasurer were presented. These were of a most encouraging character, and called forth congratulatory remarks from several members. At the evening meeting the Assembly Hall of the new building was crowded with friends of the school, interested in the graduating exercises. The devotional service was conducted by Revs. Dr. Parsons and W. W. Weeks, and President Harris gave a brief summary of the work of the session. Interesting and helpful addresses were given by four members of the graduating classes—Mr. H. W. Barker speaking on "The Healthy Christian"; Miss Lucy Patterson, on "The Great Commission"; Mr. Wm. J. Hanna, on "Soul Winning"; and Miss Christina Smith, on "Christ our Mediator." Diplomas were then presented to the following ten graduates who have completed the two years' course of study and successfully passed the required examinations:—Mrs. Baillie, Misses Challener, Hill, Patterson, Sherlock, Smith; Messrs. Hanna, Mackintosh, Marshall and Taylor. Certificates were also given to the following three students who have pursued the three years' course of study in the Evening Classes or its equivalent, and passed successful examinations:—Misses E. Menge, A. Moyer, and Mr. H. W. Barker. The Principal, Dr. Stewart, gave some parting words of counsel to the graduates, after which very effective addresses on the necessity, importance and work of the School were delivered by Messrs. Acton and Sampson, members of the Board. Mr. Sampson made the good suggestion that Christian young ladies who had completed their studies at school or College, might very profitably take a further course of study at the Bible Training School. The Rev. Dyson Hague, M. A., professor in Wycliffe College, sent a note regretting that he was unable to be present as he had expected. The meeting was one of the best ever held in connection with the School.

Fifth Annual Report

Presented by the Principal to the Members of Corporation and General Council, April 28th, 1899.

In presenting the fifth annual report of the Toronto Bible Training School, it is most meet that, first of all, devout gratitude be expressed to Almighty God for the abundant success with which the work has again been crowned. By the liberality of Christian friends our new and beautiful building has been erected free from debt; it has been found admirably adapted for its purpose; and during the session there has been a noteworthy increase both in the number of students and in the work of instruction.

ENROLMENT.

The enrolment of students in the Day Classes has been sixty-five, of whom thirty-one are young men and thirty-four young women. In the Evening Classes the enrolment has been 205, of whom sixty-six are young men and 139 young women. The total for the session is thus 270, and in addition to these there have been occasional visitors at some of the courses of lectures. Among the students thirteen different denominations have been represented, all of which adopt in the main the doctrinal basis of the School.

WORK OF THE DAY CLASSES.

The regular lecturers in the Day Classes have again been Mr. Harris, Mr. MacWilliam and myself. Our President has given two courses each week, one on the Gospel of John, and one on the Holy Spirit. My own work has been along the following lines of study: Old Testament Outlines, including a somewhat careful examination of the purpose and contents of each book; Scripture Doctrines with the Bible itself as the text-book; Exposition of Paul's discourses as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, and of the Pastoral Epistles; and Preparation of Gospel Addresses. The students have also handed to me essays on prescribed subjects each term, and these after examination and correction have been read before the School. Mr. MacWilliam has given a course of lectures on Inspiration and the Canon, and also on Scripture

Typology, Archæology and Geography. Another course of instruction has been given by him to first-year students on large portions of the synoptic Gospels including all of the parables. He has had a third class of lady students, who received training in the preparation of Gospel Addresses. He has also conducted as formerly the early morning classes in English Grammar and Greek New Testament.

During the first term of the session, on certain Fridays, our late Secretary, Mr. T. A. Rodger, gave instructive addresses on practical Christian work.

#### WORK OF THE EVENING CLASSES.

The regular Tuesday and Thursday Evening Classes have been conducted as in previous sessions, Mr. Harris lecturing on the Gospel of John and the Holy Spirit, Mr. MacWilliam on Christian Evidences, and myself on Bible Doctrines. Two other evenings have been devoted this session to additional studies. On Monday evening there have been two small classes, one in New Testament Greek, by Mr. MacWilliam, and the other in the preparation of Gospel Addresses, by myself. On Friday evening, I have conducted a class for the study of the Sunday School lesson, at which for about three months, Mr. Chester Ferrier kindly assisted by giving lectures on the "Principles of Teaching." The attendance at this last class has not been maintained with the regularity that is necessary to continued interest and successful study.

For the first time in the history of the School an Instructor in Vocal Music was provided. Mr. T. C. Jeffers conducted a class once a week for three or four months, but the students did not generally show sufficient appreciation of the really good training which he gave them, and the class was discontinued.

#### VISITING LECTURERS.

The first of the visiting lecturers for the session was Rev. Dr. Moorehead, of Xenia, Ohio, who delivered the opening lecture of the new building, Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1898, on "God's Estimate of His Word." He remained nearly two weeks,

giving a course of lectures to the Day Classes on the Epistle to the Romans, and also lecturing to the Evening Classes on the books of Job and Ecclesiastes. The next lecturer was Rev. Dr. McTavish, of this city, who gave a course of ten lectures on the "Life and Work of Paul," as gathered from his Epistles. A third series of five lectures on "The Land and the Book" was given by Rev. Dr. J. L. Campbell, of New York city, who lately returned from a tour through Egypt and Palestine. Mr. H. W. Frost, of the China Inland Mission, was the next of the visiting lecturers, and favored the School with six addresses on "The Great Commission." While the Principal of the School was temporarily laid aside from his duties by la grippe, Rev. W. W. Weeks gave two Bible readings to the students. The best thanks of the School are due to all these brethren for their able, valuable, and much appreciated services.

#### EXAMINERS.

Four out of the five Examiners for the year have had the papers of the students submitted to them. Very much to the regret of the Instructors, Rev. Dr. Parsons, a firm friend and helper of the School from its commencement, was unable through illness to do the work of an Examiner. Rev. Dr. McTavish set the paper on his own course of lectures, and he reports as follows:—

"The examination I consider on the whole most satisfactory. Only five of all who wrote are under the mark (50 per cent.), and even these show some acquaintance with the subject. Six papers marked ninety and over I consider full papers. Fifteen which have seventy or over are very good. Five which have fifty or over are quite satisfactory. When I consider the hurried way in which the lectures were given, I regard the results as most creditable to the students."

The Rev. Dr. Chown, who examined two sets of papers sends the following letter:

"I have just completed the examination of the papers submitted to me by you on 'Inspiration' and 'Bible Doctrines.' The students one and all reveal a reverential spirit, and show that they have applied themselves conscientiously to their tasks. While all have passed, indications are

not wanting of a great variety of insight and comprehension of the subjects. The papers set indicate that a very thorough work is being done in the Institution; quite as thorough as the previous equipment of the students will permit."

The Rev. T. B. Hyde reports:—

"The papers sent me for examination on the course of lectures delivered by Mr. Harris, on the Gospel of John, were on the whole very satisfactory. With a few exceptions they showed a clear and full comprehension of the subject."

The Rev. T. C. Des Barres sends the following letter:—

"I have gone carefully over the papers, and with but two or three exceptions I am much pleased with them. The great majority of the papers have received about fifty marks, which I consider a good showing upon such an important theme as the Holy Spirit. Some of them are particularly excellent, being clear and giving evidence of a perfect understanding of the subject."

The Rev. W. W. Weeks examined the papers of two classes, and has written as follows:—

"I have read the papers you sent me on 'Bible Doctrines,' and am much pleased with the work done by the students. Their statements of doctrine are clear and concise, and show an intimate acquaintance with the whole subject. The extensive and accurate quotations of Scripture made, I understand, from memory, give evidence of great familiarity with the Word of God, and ability rightly to divide it."

#### PRACTICAL WORK.

The students have, as a rule, been regularly engaged in Sunday School, and Mission work. During the session there have also been numerous calls for their services in giving missionary addresses and Bible readings at Young People's meetings. These labors have been quite acceptable, and, in several instances, direct blessing has followed.

#### DEVOTIONAL SPIRIT.

The devotional service every Tuesday forenoon is an essential part of the work of the School. Instructors and students then meet together "at one common mercy-seat." Not a few who have formerly been with us in the Classes, and are now in different parts of the world, unite their prayers with ours for richer

and fuller blessing. It has been our constant aim and desire that the "hour of prayer," with its petitions and intercessions, its words of Christian testimony and exhortation, may continue to be one of the most potent and valuable of the influences exerted by the Bible Training School.

#### MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The missionary spirit is still strong in the School. During the session there have been thirty-eight students in attendance who are members of the Volunteer Band. Eighteen new names were added to the membership roll. A meeting for definite prayer has been held each week. An interesting and profitable study class has also met weekly, using the S.V. textbook on China.

#### LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.

Since we entered the new building, our little library has been increased four-fold. The members of the staff, and several other friends of the School, presented about 250 volumes, and as many more, largely of the best missionary character, were bought and given to us. These have been carefully catalogued and arranged, and have proved of great value to instructors and students. In all, there are now nearly 700 volumes—a good beginning, destined, we trust, to have a large increase in the near future. By the kind liberality of another friend, the reading-room is well supplied with religious papers and magazines.

#### SOME RESULTS.

Not in the spirit of boasting, but of humble thankfulness, we may refer to some of the results which have been accomplished during the five years the School has been in operation. More than sixty have gone forth to definite fields of labor. This is in addition to the large numbers who are engaged in Sunday Schools, Missions, and other branches of Church work in their own localities. Twenty-seven have gone to the foreign field; ten have entered the Christian ministry in Canada and the United States; seven are working among the Aborigines of our own Dominion; two became Secretaries of Y.M.C. Associations; three are

evangelists; two are specially engaged in Bible instruction; one has charge of the Nursing-at-Home Mission; another labors among the deaf mutes; another teaches in the Y. W. C. Guild; another instructs the suffering ones in the Sick Children's Hospital; another is missionary among the lumbermen of the north, supported by the W. C. T. Union; and several others are employed as Pastor's Assistants, Bible women, and in other departments of Christian and philanthropic work. Missionaries have gone from the School to China, India, Japan, Jamaica, East Africa and Central Africa.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

It may be necessary to repeat in closing that the School is not intended to be a rival to any theological seminary; nor is it a new missionary and evangelistic agency. It seeks to be the handmaid of all evangelical churches and missionary societies, in supplying them with Christian workers who have received a systematic training in the knowledge and practical use of the English Bible. No sectarian or merely denominational tenets are taught or discussed in the Classes, and yet all have been "one in Christ Jesus," and have worked together in the utmost harmony. Most sincerely do I share the conviction of my esteemed fellow-worker, Mr. MacWilliam, that "our School is still a place where the good Spirit of God has been pleased to make His abode, and where He has been drawing both instructors and students to the blessed feet of the Divine Master that we might learn of Him." May His blessing so rest on all the work of the Bible Training School that, as the years go by, a succession of consecrated workers shall be sent forth imbued with love for souls, and ever realizing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their life and service.

We trust that friends who receive this number of the RECORDER will bring the work of the School to the notice of others, especially of young men and women who give promise of usefulness in Christian service.

#### Examination Papers.

We again publish two of the examination papers on which the students of the Day Classes wrote last session. One of them was prepared by Dr. Stewart for the class in

#### BIBLE DOCTRINES.

1. Write a note on the human nature of Christ, showing in what respects He is one with us.
2. Explain Phil. 2: 6-8.
3. In what ways did Jesus show Himself to be holy during His earthly life, and what witnesses testified to His freedom from all sin?
4. Give proofs and evidences of Christ's love for souls.
5. State five great truths that are established by the Resurrection of our Saviour.
6. Specify the nature and qualities of the Christian's calling, and the blessings he is invited to enjoy.
7. Define regeneration and conversion, and point out clearly the relation between them.
8. Distinguish accurately between justification and sanctification.
9. Enumerate the chief marks and privileges of the children of God.
10. In what will the glorification of the Christian consist before and after the resurrection of the body?

The other paper was prepared by Mr. MacWilliam for his course of lectures on

#### INSPIRATION.

1. (a) Define Inspiration, Revelation, Illumination.  
(b) Distinguish clearly between Inspiration and Illumination, and give Scripture instances of each of them without the other.
2. Specify what is included in the theory of Plenary, Verbal Inspiration, taught in the School, and also some things not necessarily involved in the theory, though often charged against it.
3. Give an account of the two forms of the theory of *Partial* Inspiration, and state objections to the same.
4. Give from both the Old and New Testaments a few select claims to Inspiration made by the writers themselves.
5. State, in brief detail, what can be established as to the Inspiration of God's Word from the teaching of our Lord Himself.
6. How do those who deny the plenary

- inspiration of Scripture set aside the Saviour's teaching on the subject, and how would you reply to their assertions?
7. Give a number of *internal* evidences of the Divine origin and inspiration of Holy Scripture.
  8. What answers would you give to those who object to the plenary inspira-

tion of the Bible on account of alleged discrepancies?

9. What objections have been brought against Bible inspiration on *moral* grounds? Make some general reply to these.

Take any eight of the above nine questions.

### LIST OF STUDENTS.

The following are the students enrolled in the Day Classes for the Session just closed:

#### Gentlemen:

W. Eugene Beardsley, Spencerport, N.Y.  
E. L. Brereton, D.D.S., Schomberg.  
John Brown, Toronto.  
C. W. Busby, Toronto  
Alexander Chisholm, Toronto Junction.  
Henry Crickington, Toronto.  
Robert H. Cunningham, Preston.  
John M. Dickson, Holstein.  
George F. Douglas, East Templeton, Que.  
James E. Duff, Missionary from China.  
Wm. C. Frank, Bowmanville.  
Sylvester Fretz, Vineland.  
Hugh D. Gardner, Toronto.  
W. M. Gaudin, Heathcote.  
Wm. J. Hanna, Toronto.  
Herbert E. Hunt, Carlisle.

W. A. Hunter, Toronto.  
Wm. J. Kirby, Jr., Toronto.  
John Linden, Toronto.  
W. H. L. Marshall, Toronto.  
John Melkie, Missionary from China.  
James T. McLean, Galt.  
Robert A. Phair, Swansea.  
Alfred G. Reynolds, Moose Jaw, N.W.T.  
J. T. Richardson, Toronto.  
Wm. F. Roadhouse, Berlin.  
S. G. Smith, Toronto.  
Albert F. Taylor, Beachville.  
John W. Wilkin, Harriston.  
Harold Wilkins, Toronto.  
James D. Wilson, Princeton.

#### Ladies:

Miss Annie Baker, Toronto.  
" Laura G. Beecroft, Toronto.  
" Gertrude Bellsmith, England.  
" Lizzie Bowles, Toronto.  
" Eliza Challenger, Toronto.  
" Effie D. Duffett, Adolphustown.  
" Alice A. Ferguson, Eversley.  
" Margaret D. Fisher, Toronto.  
" Lizzie Graydon, Toronto.  
Mrs. W. N. Greene, Newburg, N. Y.  
Miss Annie Hewitt, Streetsville.  
" Rose H. Hill, Brantford.  
" Eva Hooper, Toronto.  
" Mary E. Jack, Toronto.  
" Bessie Klippert, Batteau.  
" Kate Leslie, Montreal, Q.  
" Theresa Linton, Aurora.

Miss Annie Little, Toronto.  
Mrs. Marling, Missionary from Africa.  
Miss Ada Moyer, Vineland,  
" Annie B. Palmer, Newmarket.  
" Lucy Patterson, Toronto.  
" Katie E. Richards, Toronto.  
" Mary E. Rundle, Toronto.  
Mrs. Rutherford, Toronto.  
Miss M. J. Sherlock, Toronto.  
Mrs. Simons, Toronto.  
Miss Christina Smith, New York City.  
Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto.  
Miss Minnie Thomson, Leith.  
Mrs. Wallace, Toronto.  
Miss Minnie L. Whitlock, Toronto.  
" Ethel M. Whitney, Niagara Falls, N. Y.  
" Fanny C. Withers, Toronto.

#### Evening Classes.

The enrolment of students in the Evening Classes was 205. We have not room for the entire list, but give only the names of those who have passed one or more of the written examinations.

W. Alexander.  
Miss K. L. Aason.  
F. R. Austen.  
H. W. Barker.  
F. Battie.  
Howard Brechin.  
H. Bryce.  
Miss A. E. Colten.  
J. C. Dill.  
Miss R. D. Fisher.  
" M. F. Fraser.  
" L. Fuller.

Miss J. F. Hall.  
" B. Innes.  
F. Inrig.  
F. H. Jacobs.  
Miss J. B. James.  
P. Jameson.  
Miss L. M. Jones.  
" H. Krauth.  
" J. Laing.  
" E. Lamb.  
C. W. Leigh.  
Miss L. Luke.

Miss M. H. MacBeth.  
C. Mackintosh.  
Miss B. McConnell.  
C. McQueen.  
M. McFadden.  
Miss M. Maley.  
" E. Menge.  
W. Moody.  
Miss L. Moyer.  
" L. Rankin.  
" E. C. Richardson.  
" E. Roper.

Miss B. Ross.  
W. N. Scott.  
Miss A. Simpson.  
" C. G. Smith.  
" Miriam Smith.  
" G. Somerville.  
" S. Vance.  
" J. Weston.  
" F. B. Whitlock.  
" C. B. Workman.

#### Post Graduate Students.

The following students have pursued additional studies since receiving their Diplomas and Certificates:

H. Bryce.  
Mrs. Gray.  
Miss McConnell.

Miss M. G. Mitchell.  
Miss M. Smith.  
C. G. Smith.

Treasurer's Report.

Our Treasurer, Mr. Shenstone, presented a detailed and carefully prepared report of the receipts and disbursements on account of the Building Fund, a summary of which we subjoin :

BUILDING FUND.

RECEIPTS :

From Gifts, - - - - -	\$17,858 30
" Collection at Opening, - - - - -	67 25
" Interest, - - - - -	4 51
	\$17,930 06

DISBURSEMENTS :

On Building, including Contractors' Accounts, Architect's Fees, Hot Air Furnaces, Electric Fixtures, etc., -	\$17,298 70
On Furnishings, including Chairs, Desks, etc., - -	631 36
	\$17,930 06

In all, 118 persons had subscribed to this Fund, exclusive of some who had made special donations, and of fifty-three who had given contributions to the Students' Furnishing Fund.

GENERAL FUND.

The report of the General Fund showed the following :

RECEIPTS :

Balance on hand, - - - - -	\$35 09
Gifts, - - - - -	3,218 70
Incidental Fees, - - - - -	283 00
Rent of Residence, - - - - -	90 00
Collections, - - - - -	69 70
	\$3,696 49

EXPENDITURE :

Paid Principal, Secretary, Instructors, Lecturers, etc., eight in all, - - - - -	\$2,478 25
" Ground Rent, - - - - -	140 00
" Caretakers, - - - - -	143 50
" Insurances, - - - - -	70 12
" Lighting, Heating, Telephone, - - - - -	282 21
" Printing RECORDERS, Annual Report, Advertising, etc., - - - - -	168 67
" Secretary's Expenses, - - - - -	85 30
" Postage, - - - - -	35 25
" Caligraph, - - - - -	100 00
" Sundry Expenses, - - - - -	61 51
	\$3,564 81

Balance on hand, - - - - -	\$131 68
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Both accounts had been examined, compared with the vouchers, and certified as correct by the auditor, Mr. J. O. Anderson.

Mr. Shenstone further reported that though he had a balance on hand, there were outstanding liabilities of nearly double the amount. He also estimated the requirements of the next four months at about \$1,200, and of the next year at \$3,900. The number of subscribers to the General Fund had doubled during the year. Mr. Shenstone's reports called forth warm congratulations from several members of the Council.

### Bible Conferences.

Two of the Bible Conferences have been held, one at Berlin and the other at Brantford. Both were largely attended, and very deep interest was manifested in the exposition of God's Word. The brethren who gave addresses were Drs. Harris, McTavish, Stewart, and Messrs. Frost and Rodger. The Conferences yet to be held are at Stratford, June 5th to 9th; Peterboro', June 12th to 16th, and London, June 19th to 22nd.

### Summer Bible School.

A large attendance is already assured for the summer session for Bible study to be held in the Training School from July 8rd to 13th. In addition to our regular staff, lectures will be delivered by the Principals of Knox and Wycliffe Colleges, by Professors from Victoria and McMaster Universities, by Drs. Erdman and Moorehead from the United States, and by other well-known Bible teachers. A marked feature of the session will be a series of studies on the work of the Holy Spirit and the culture of the Spiritual Life. Friends who desire programmes of the subjects, or any further information regarding this Summer Bible School, may address Rev. Dr. Stewart, 706 Spadina Ave., Toronto.

### Notes.

THE sixth session of the Bible Training School will open, D.V., on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1899, at 10 a.m.

THE new Catalogue and Announcement will be published early in July. Meanwhile the present number of the RECORDER gives full information about the work and progress of the School.

MCMMASTER UNIVERSITY, at its late Convocation, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on our President. Those who know him best believe that the honor has been most worthily bestowed.

WE learn that several of our students are conducting week evening classes for Bible study. It is truly gratifying to the instructors to know that those whom they have taught become in turn teachers of others, *2 Tim. 2: 2.*

THE Principal will be glad to hear from those who desire to enter the School next session. He will answer inquiries, and also furnish the necessary forms of application to any who wish to become members of the Day Classes.

MR. A. F. TAYLOR has returned to the field of labor he occupied last summer in the Caroline St. Mission of Hamilton, and Mr. J. W. Wilkin has passed the preliminary examination required of probationers for the Methodist Ministry.

AT the recent meeting of the Board of Incorporation and General Council, Mr. Shenstone, our faithful Treasurer from the beginning, was asked to act also as Secretary of the Board. Mr. Shenstone, although a very busy man, has kindly consented to take the office.

THERE are no fees for tuition in the School. A charge of \$2.00 per session for incidental expenses, and an outlay of from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for books are the only necessary expenses in addition to board. This can be obtained at about \$3.00 per week in comfortable Christian homes, convenient to the School.

MRS. WATSON, one of our first graduates, has entered on her duties as a Bible woman in connection with the Mission Union of this city, and Miss Christina Smith, of the last graduating class, has gone to New York to be pastor's assistant to Rev. Richard Hartley of the Hope Church.

FIVE out of the ten students who received the diploma of the School at the recent annual meeting are ready to go to the foreign field. Miss Brimstin, a graduate of last year, expects shortly to sail for China under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

### Receipts for General Fund.

The following are the amounts received from March 1st to May 1st, 1899:

No. 109	-	\$20 00	No. 121	-	\$250 00
No. 110	-	50 00	No. 122	-	5 00
No. 111	-	10 00	No. 123	-	1 00
No. 112	-	100 00	No. 124	-	5 00
No. 113	-	100 00	No. 125	-	10 00
No. 114	-	10 00	No. 126	-	100 00
No. 115	-	2 50	No. 127	-	25 00
No. 116	-	2 50			
No. 117	-	10 00			\$813 00
No. 118	-	2 00	Previously		
No. 119	-	10 00	acknowledged,	2,405 70	
No. 120	-	100 00	Total,		\$3,218 70

JOSEPH N. SHENSTONE, *Treas.*