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OUR DESIGN.—The great design of the School is the training of consecrated men and women for Christian service at home and abroad.

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

Still Prosperous.

By the blessing of God the Bible Training School continues to prosper. Up to Feb. 21th, the enrolment of students in the Day Classes for the present session is 62, and in the Evening Classes 176. The three medical classes formed last term are continued with much interest, and a fourth class was begun in January by Dr. W. H. Howitt, on diseases peculiar to warm countries. This last cannot fail to be of value to those who are looking forward to foreign missionary service. In all the Bible study classes, the instructors find much reason for gratitude

Words of Appreciation.

We have received a most interesting letter from Miss A. Bertha Mossip, of Thorndale, Ont., one of the graduates of last year. Miss Mossip has been engaged in evangelistic work in the district around London, and much blessing has attended her labors. We subjoin an extract from... her letter, as follows:

DEAR DR. STEWART, — Though some months have passed since school reopened and I have sent no letter to acquaint you of my whereabouts and work, yet I have not forgotten the School and these connected with it. It is ever with feelings of gratitude and glad remembrance that I think of the sacred place, and bless God for its teaching and helpful influences. No day passes without my breathing a prayer for those in it now, as well as those who have gone forth from its classes to serve in other parts. How widely scattered the students from such an institution become, and yet how closely bound in heart they remain! Thank God for the ties of Christian friendship, prayer and love which keep us in touch with one another.

I am glad to know that the School still prospers, and pray it may ever be used of God as a great power in the world. I would like to be remembered by the students at their Tuesday devotional service, that I may be strengthened for the work and that many may be brought to the Saviour. Give my kindest regards to Dr. Harris, Mr. MacWilliam, and all the students who know me.

Foreign Mission Interest.

We are glad to report a continued interest in foreign mission work among the students. The weekly prayer-meeting of the Volunteer Band has an attendance of twenty, and the missionary study class, under the leadership of Miss Hitchon, a membership of sixteen. Two esteemed graduates of the School, Miss Roxie Wood and Mr. W. G. Hanna, have been recently accepted by the Council of the China Inland Mission, and it is expected that before long they will leave for their distant field of labor. It is also a matter for great thankfulness, that since Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Phair have gone to Brazil, the School has now its representatives, engaged in Christian service, in all the great divisions of the world-in Europe. Asia, Africa, North and South America.

Returned missionaries from China. India, Africa and Turkey have also been members of our classes.

Students' Public Meeting.

The Students' Meeting of last term was well attended, and the exercises were interesting and profitable. Addresses on suitable Bible themes were given by Misses Fisher and Langton and Messrs. Halliwell and Waddell of the Day Classes, and by Miss Grace Smith and Mr. A. E. Bernhardt of the Evening Classes. It is expected that the next public meeting will be held early in March.

Death of Mr. Sampson.

At the meeting of the Board of Incorporation of the Bible Training School held on February 12th, attention was called to the recent death of Mr. Alexander Sampson, whereupon after remarks by several of the members, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Moved by Mr. J. D. Nasmith, seconded by Rev. Dr. Mackay and Resolved, "That the members of this Board record their deep sense of the great loss they have sustained in the death of their friend and colleague, Mr. Alexander Sampson. As a member of the Executive Committee of the Bible Training School from the beginning, and afterwards as a member of the Board of Incorporation from the fuller organization of the School. Mr. Sampson has served it with rare fidelity. His clear judgment and wise counsel, always freely and gladly given, have been of inestimable value at every stage of the work; while his genial courtesy and Christian devotion greatly endeared him to all his associates. They desire to convey to Mrs. Sampson and family their sincere sympathy with them in this sore bereave-ment, and they earnestly pray that the God of all comfort may be their Strength and Guide in all the days to come "

It was agreed that a copy of this resolution should be sent to the family of the deceased, and also to his pastor, Rev. Dr. McTavish.

From Different Countries.

Since the School opened in 1894, students have been in attendance from five provinces of the Dominion, and also from several of the United States Europe Asia have likewise furnished representatives, as natives of England, Scotland, Ireland. Wales, Sweden, Russia, Syria and China have been at different times members of our classes. Next session we hope to have some natives of Burmah with us as students.

Essays.

The subjects of the essays assigned to students of the Day Classes for the present term are as follows: "The Deity and Personality of the Holy Spirit," "The Messiah in the Book of Psalms," "The Messiah in Isaiah," "The Parables of Our Lord," "The Ministry of Angels," and "The Pastoral Epistles." As a rule the essays have been carefully written, and they fairly represent the teaching of Scripture on the important themes of which they treat. After receiving any correction that may be necessary, they are read to the class.

Examination Papers.

The following are three of the examination papers, on which students of the Day Classes wrote at the close of last term. The first was prepared by Dr. Harris for his class engaged in Studies in the Pentateuch, the second by Mr. Hyde on his Lectures on the Holy Spirit, and the third by Dr. Stewart for his class in Introduction to New Testament Study.

Genesis.

1. Explain the meaning of "Pentateuch."

2. Give the main themes of the Five Books of Moses.

3. Give a brief outline of the book of Genesis.

4. Explain the relation of the second verse of Gen. 1 to the first.

5. Write a note on Gen, 1:26.

6. Explain the "rest of God" in Gen. 2:2.

7. Give your views of the change from "God," in Gen. 1:1-2:3, to "Lord God," in Gen. 2:4.

8. Sketch briefly Satan's plan in the Temptation in Gen. 8, and give Scripture

9. Write a note on "The Primitive Worship" as brought out in Gen. 3 and 4.

10. Give causes leading to the universal corruption of the "Days of Noah."

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1. Give five facts in which the Personality and Deity of the Holy Spirit are set forth.

2. State three particulars in which He takes the place of Christ on the earth.

3. Give five emblems of the Spirit, with the significance of each.

4. How many kinds of worship are there? In what particulars in Christian service is the Spirit promised?

5. Enumerate the commands concerning the Spirit. Distinguish between "grieve" and "quench."

6. What is meant by Sanctify? Show the difference between the "Godward" and "Manward" aspects of the truth.

7. To what extent are our lives to be sanctified? Give three means used for its accomplishment.

8. What is the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Negative and Positive, and how is it realized?

9. What is the Spirit's work with the unsaved, and how is it accomplished?

10. What is the "Power of the Spirit," and how may it be experienced?

NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION.

1. What is meant by New Testament. Introduction?

2. Explain the following terms: canon, canonicity, synoptic gospels, autoptic gospel, genuine and authentic.

3. Give the key-words of the first eleven books of the New Testament.

4. Show what aspect of Christ's person or work is set forth in each of the four gospels.

5. Give a brief outline of the gospel by Matthew.

6. What is the key-verse of the Acts of the Apostles, and what bearing has it on the contents of the book?

7. Write a sketch of the training of the Apostle Paul.

8. State the occasion and design of the · Epistle to the Galatians.

9. Show from 1 Corinthians the condition of the Church in Corinth, and the questions that had been discussed by its members.

10. Give a brief outline of the Epistle

Student Volunteer Convention.

The great Student Volunteer Convention just held in this city was, in many respects, a most wonderful gathering.

For numbers, zeal. enthusiasm and spiritual power the meetings have never been surpassed. The cause of foreign missions has been brought home to theconsciences and hearts of many hundreds of Christian young people, chiefly students in schools and colleges, in a way that cannot fail to produce lasting results for good. Our own Training School was represented at the Convention by forty delegates, and a most important conference was held in our Lecture Hall, under the presidency of Dr. Harris, on "Methods of training for Missionary service."

Notes.

It is expected that the closing exercises of the session will take place on Friday, April 25th.

THIS session there are fourteen different evangelical denominations represented in the School.

REV. L. N. SIRRELL, a member of our first graduating class, has become pastor in Clayton, N.Y.

MR. HAROLD STEPHENS, a student of last term, is successfully engaged in evangelistic work in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

FOUR of the students who began the session with us are now "far hence," preaching the Gospel, two in China and two in Brazil.

MISS MARY J. MEREDITH, a student of this year, has gone to Indiana, to become the wife of Rev. Mr. Graham, a Presbyterian minister.

MR. J. R. LEWIS, a student during the first half of the present session, has become pastor of the Congregational Church of Economy, N.S.

REV. W. H. L. MARSHALL, one of our graduates of 1900, has become pastor of the Congregational churches of Fergus and Speedside, Ont.

REV. JULIUS T. BUNN, for some time a member of our classes, and pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of this city, has removed to New York MRS. M. A. MORGAN, a student with us in 1900, has found work to do for the Master away off in Mexico.

MR. CHESTER D. MASSEY has kindly consented to take the place on the General Council of the School rendered vacant by the lamented death of his brother, Mr. W. E. H. Massey,

THE REV. A. B. WINCHESTER, pastor of Knox Church in this city, is the visiting lecturer for the present term. He is conducting a series of valuable studies in the Acts of the Apostles.

MRS. MARLING, returned missionary from Africa, who attended the School in 1899, is now in London, England, superintending the publication of her hymnbook in the Oru language.

OUR president, Dr. Harris, has recently conducted courses of Bible study at the annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of this province at Berlin, and of those of Michigan at Battle Creek.

MR. JOHN BROWN, Junior Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of Montreal, who was called to his present work two years ago, just before completing his course of study, will take his final examination and graduate with the class of 1902.

Receipts for General Fund.

The following are the amounts received from November 23rd, 1901, to February 26th, 1902:

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