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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., 40 Walmer Road, Toronto, or to any officer of the School.

The Ninth Session of the School opened according to announcement on Tuesday, September 16th. Some of the students were late in entering, but the enrolment at the end of the third week of November is thirty-six in the Day Classes, and one hundred and fifty-six in the Evening Classes. The work in the different classes and departments has been going on with much interest and success, and our new comers as a whole give good promise of usefulness in the service of Christ. There is a spirit of earnest helpfulness in both instructors and students.

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

### Interest in Bible Study.

We rejoice in the increased interest in Bible study which has of late been manifested. A knowledge of the Word of God is the great requisite for growth in grace, and the best preparation for Christian service. Hundreds who have attended our classes during the past eight years have testified to the great blessing they have received from a comprehensive and practical study of the Bible.

But we would like to welcome many more to the Bible Training School. An earnest Christian must feel that it is both a privilege and a duty to take advantage of every opportunity of becoming more useful in the world. If any one wishes to be more efficient as a Sunday School teacher or mission worker, or if any one seeks to know the Bible better for personal profit, an earnest invitation is given to attend our classes, either as a regular or occasional student. Several very useful courses of study are provided. The forenoon classes may be attended for one or two lectures each day, or for two or three days in the week. The courses of study in the evening classes are also open to all. With the beginning of the year we hope to have a number of new students and visitors. "Come thou with us, and we will do thee good." Dr. Stewart, the Principal of the School, will be glad to give all needed information and advice.

### Reception to Mr. McNicol.

On the kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Harris, a large number of the friends of the Training School, including former and present students, assembled in the Lecture Hall on Saturday evening, October 18th, for the purpose of welcoming the new instructor, Rev. John McNicol, B.D. President Harris presided, and in introducing Mr. McNicol spoke of his successful career as secretary in the University Y.M.C.A., as pastor and as Bible teacher. Mr. McNicol responded, thanking the faculty and students for their cordial reception, and emphasizing the value and importance of the work he had undertaken. Brief addresses were delivered by Dr. Stewart, Dr. Hooper, Mr.

J. D. Nasmith and Rev. A. B. Winchester. The last named bore strong testimony to the value of the work done by the students as evidenced by the examination papers he had read last session. It was stated that during the eight years the School has been in operation nearly two hundred young men and women have gone forth to different kinds of Christian service, of whom fifty have become foreign missionaries.

### Visiting Lecturers.

On four successive Tuesday evenings at the beginning of the session, Mr. James H. McConkey, M.A., of Philadelphia, author of "The Threefold Secret of the Holy Spirit," gave a series of most helpful and suggestive studies on "The Life of Prayer." While these were largely devotional and experimental in character, they were based on an exact and careful exposition of Scripture teaching. Several visitors enjoyed the lectures, and we trust the fruits will be seen in the case of not a few in a life of closer fellowship with God. Mr. McConkey, and his publisher, Mr. Kelker, have laid the School under additional obligation by the gift to the students of sixty copies of the little book on the Holy Spirit.

Our friend, Rev. F. R. Howitt, M.A., of Hamilton, has begun his course of Friday lectures on "The Types and Symbols of Holy Scripture." We have no doubt that these will prove as instructive and valuable as his former studies were.

A course of lectures on Missions will be given during the term beginning January, 1903, by Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D.

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### Death of Rev. T. C. Hood.

During the first session of the Training School, one of the students in attendance was Mr. T. C. Hood, then an undergraduate of Toronto University. He afterwards pursued a course of study in Knox College, and was sent out in 1899 as missionary to China, under the Presbyterian Board. The sad intelligence has been received of his death from cholera on Sept. 18th. Mr. Hood went

safely through the perils of the Boxer movement, remaining at the coast studying the language, watching developments and preparing for entrance. So soon as the way opened he was one of the first to return. His letter to Rev. Dr. MacKay tells of his Christian devotion, and seems almost prophetic in regard to himself. He wrote as follows :

"Are there those hesitating to offer themselves for the work 'till things become more settled?' Are there Christians withholding their gifts 'till China is more safe and less likely to destroy life and property?' Why not be brave and break the box of ointment? What though it should turn out to be but an anointing for the burial? There will be those who ask, 'To what purpose is this waste!' But, never mind, it shall be told for a memorial. Offer now for service. Give now for the work, for what is done for China must be done *in faith.*"

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#### Gone to China.

Mr. W. J. Hanna and Miss Roxie Wood, both graduates of the School, have gone forth as missionaries under the auspices of the China Inland Mission. Mr. Hanna left Toronto on October 28th, and Miss Wood on November 11th. They have been held in high esteem by their instructors and fellow students, and are now followed by the best wishes and fervent prayers of many friends. Both gave appropriate farewell addresses at our Tuesday devotional service.

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#### Address on Peru.

A very interesting and instructive address on "Mission Work among the Indians of Peru" was given to the students in October by Mr. John L. Jarrett, of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union. Mr. Jarrett gave a graphic account of the serious difficulties he had to encounter in getting a foothold in the city of Cuzco, and showed how God had overruled all opposition, and was now opening doors for the Gospel in every direction in the land of the Incas.

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#### Students from Burmah.

Three students have come from Rangoon, Burmah, to take a course of study

with us at the Bible Training School. Their names in English are, B. C. Sircar, Israel D. Dass and D. Solomon. The first is a Bengali, and the others are Telugus. They have an excellent knowledge of English, and have either matriculated or prepared for matriculation in the University of Calcutta. They give promise of being good students, and we trust that they will be fitted for great usefulness among their own people.

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#### Medical Classes.

The medical lectures of the session were resumed in October. Every Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Dr. Hooper lectures to ladies; on Wednesday at the same hour Dr. Bowie lectures on anatomy, and on Friday Dr. Porter lectures on the practice of medicine. Each class is well attended, and much interest is manifested.

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#### Extension Class.

A class for Bible study has been organized in Parkdale, and meets every Monday evening under the leadership of Dr. Harris. It is interdenominational in character, and is quite largely attended, the fine lecture room of the Methodist church being filled with interested students. Dr. Harris has also been giving useful Bible studies at the Provincial Sabbath School Association, and at several county Associations.

THE next public meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 4th, when the following students will take part:—Misses Campbell, Holmes, Martin; Messrs. Hellyer, McCulloch, and Sircar. All friends of the School are cordially invited.

A MOST interesting letter has been received from Mr. A. F. Taylor, of the class of 1898, who, along with Mr. Charles H. Robinson, another of our students, is now actively engaged in pioneer work at Patagi, Nigeria, West Africa, under the auspices of the Africa Industrial Mission. He reports that the Lord has wonderfully opened up the way before them, and that the outlook is full of promise.

### Our Financial Support.

We are very thankful to say that through the abounding grace of God we have been enabled to close each financial year with all liabilities met, and a small balance on the right side. It may be well to remind our friends that this session, with the appointment of a new instructor, there is necessarily an increased expenditure. Our trust is that He who has graciously provided for us in the past will move the hearts of His people to supply the means that are required for the days to come.

### Notes.

VISITORS are always welcome to all of our classes.

A SPECIAL written examination on Bible Doctrines was held on Monday, November 3rd.

THE written examinations for the present term are to be held from Dec. 15th to 22nd inclusive.

THE work of the new term will begin, D. V., on Monday, Jan. 5th, 1903, when all students are expected to be in attendance.

OUR students this term are assisting in thirteen different missions in the city, more than half of which are interdenominational.

DR. HARRIS has just returned from a week's visit to Boston, where he was lecturing for the Gordon Missionary Training School.

THE following are the subjects assigned for the Essays of the present term:—Inspiration, the Miracles of our Lord, Salvation, Faith in Christ.

FOR several weeks this summer Miss M. F. Langton and Mr. J. K. McCormick rendered efficient service as colporteurs of the Upper Canada Tract Society.

MR. PETER JAMIESON, one of our Evening Class students, is now doing good work as Secretary of the Junior Department of the Y. M. C. A., Hamilton.

MISS ALICE R. HITCHON, who rendered most efficient service in conducting the

English studies in the School for three years, has been asked to engage in city mission work in Buffalo.

DURING his recent visit to England, Dr. Stewart went to Stonebroom, near Alfreton, to lecture for Mr. Chas. G. Smith, one of our graduates, who has a promising pastorate there, and is held in high esteem.

THE student volunteers have organized for the session, with Mr. J. K. McCormick as President, and Miss M. F. Langton as Secretary. The prayer-meeting is well attended, and Miss Langton has charge of the mission study class.

ON the first day of the session we were cheered with a telegram from our former student, Mr. H. M. Gilchrist, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Stratford, which read as follows:—"Convey heartiest greetings to School; read 2 Tim. 2: 15."

SINCE the session opened we have heard with much thankfulness of abundant blessing attending the labors of three of our former students: Miss A. Bertha Mossip, who is conducting evangelistic services among the Methodist churches in the London district; Mr. E. Larke, who is laboring among the Congregational churches of North Dakota, and Mr. J. W. Salton, who has a Baptist pastorate in Kingsey Falls, Que.

### Receipts for General Fund.

The following amounts have been received from April 27th to Nov. 13th, 1902 :

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