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THE Bible Training School still continues to enjoy many tokens of the Divine favor. Since the beginning of January we have had a larger number of young men attending the Day Classes than at any previous period in the history of the School. Among these are Messrs. Aplin, Bell, Deeth, Frowde and Pearson, who are taking courses of Bible study with us under the auspices of the Provincial Committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Ontario and Quebec. Up to February 23rd the enrolment of students for the present session is 58 in the Day Classes, and 168 in the Evening Classes. There is a marked spirit of interest in the different studies of the School.

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

From Former Students.

Not a few of the students who were with us in past years continue to bear unsolicited testimony to the great blessing they received from attendance at the School. At our last public meeting one of them, whose name we do not know, gave a donation accompanied with this note:

"From a student who has been benefited beyond measure. God bless our School."

Another has written as follows:—

"I do not think I appreciated fully the privilege I had of attending the School, until it was taken from me. The year I spent there was the most blessed of all my life. I am very thankful to the School and all its instructors, for I feel that if my life is in any way telling for Christ, it is largely due to the Training School. I do not think I can ever forget the Tuesday morning devotional meetings."

A missionary in China, who has been a year and a half in that country, and is now able, in some measure at least, to use the language, and has entered on a new and needy field of labor, says in her letter:

"We have classes for the women both at our Station, and also in their own homes where many gather together. It is a privilege to tell the gospel story to those who never heard it before. Three have recently made a profession of their faith, and many more seem to be sincere inquirers. I am thankful indeed to be here, and I want to be kept ready for whatever my Master appoints me to do or suffer for Him. I pray that the School may continue to have much blessing. May I give to all the instructors and students the gracious promise in Isaiah 58: 11? I often think of my time with you all, and of the precious Bible lessons I received, which are of great assistance to me now in my service for the Lord."

Still another of our former students, now at work in Calcutta, India, writes as follows in a recent letter:—

"Many times I think of the dear old Training School. What blessed times we used to have there, sitting at the Master's feet. I am sure there was not one day when I attended the School that I did not receive a blessing from the Lord, and I do praise Him for His love in leading me there. I saw Miss Bushfield and Miss Little several times after they reached India, and they told me a good deal about the School. It is just three

years since I came to India, but I have been so happy in my work, it hardly seems more than one."

A Morning Mission Work.

Miss Lizzie Graydon, one of our former students, has been transferred from the Episcopal Mission at Lalitpur, India, where she has been laboring for three years, and is now connected with the Bengali Mission in Calcutta. She has written a most interesting account of "a little extra morning work," as she calls it, in which she has been led to engage. A Bengali student, now with us in the Training School in Toronto, says it is the first time the Marwarie women in Calcutta have been approached and reached by earnest Christian effort. Accompanied by two of the native women, who were rescued from the famine and have become true Christians, Miss Graydon visits very early in the morning the ghats on the banks of the Ganges, the sacred river where so many of the Hindus go to bathe. They take with them tracts, gospels and hymn books, which they distribute to the women who resort thither, telling them the story of Jesus and his love, and teaching them to sing gospel songs. Several have become deeply interested, and other Christians in Calcutta have been led to put forth special efforts on behalf of those, who might hitherto have said, "no one cares for our souls."

A Farewell Message.

In last RECORDER we noted the death from cholera of Rev. T. C. Hood, of the Presbyterian mission in China, one of our first students. After the fatal malady had seized him, he wrote the following touching sentences in his diary:—"If it is God's will that I give over life, then His will be done. I should like for the work's sake to live longer. May some young man better fitted physically for the work than I have been take up the work. May our church never give up till all the heathen about me here have heard the glad sound. Farewell to the dear home church. Farewell to all friends. Farewell! we'll meet again, and with us will meet thousands of those who now sit in darkness."

Left for China.

Two more of our students, Miss J. B. James and Miss M. E. Funk, have gone to China. The former attended our Evening Classes for three Sessions while a teacher in Havergall Hall and Moulton College, and the latter, since graduation, has been employed as a deaconess in this city by the Evangelical Association. They will labor in connection with the China Inland Mission. Both of them are followed with the best wishes and fervent prayers of many.

Medical Lectures.

There are now four medical lectures delivered in the School every week. Shortly after the beginning of the January term Dr. Howitt commenced a Thursday afternoon course of lectures on tropical diseases. While this course is of special value to students who expect to engage in mission work in warm climates, it cannot fail to be helpful to all. Dr. Hooper continues his lectures to ladies on Tuesday, Dr. Bowie on Wednesday, and Dr. Porter on Friday, the hour for each course being 4 p. m.

Examination Papers.

We give below two of the examination papers, which were set for the students at the close of last term. These will give some idea of the nature and scope of the studies, as they are taken up in the different classes. The first was prepared by Dr. Harris for his Tuesday class, and the second by Mr. McNicol for his class engaged in studies in the Gospels.

LEVITICUS AND HEBREWS.

1. Give the main divisions only of the Epistle to the Hebrews.
2. What is the relation of Heb. 1:1-3 to the Epistle? Give the important truths taught by that passage.
3. Indicate the themes of the "Five Books of Moses."
4. Give clearly the four divisions of Leviticus.
5. State the names of the offerings of Leviticus and give Scriptures from New Testament indicating their typical character.
6. Distinguish briefly the Burnt and Meal-offerings.

7. Certain offerings are called "The Bread of God" (Lev. 21:6). Explain.
8. Write an explanatory note on Lev. 1:4.
9. Give the materials of the Meal-offering, stating the significance of the "Oil."
10. State clearly the meaning of Lev. 2:13, "And every oblation of thy Meat-offering shalt thou season with salt," etc.
11. Give the names of the prohibited things in connection with the Meal-offering and the probable reason for their prohibition.
12. In the believer's practical life what would the Burnt and Meal-offerings represent? Give one New Testament Scripture for each.

N.B.—Answer any *ten* out of the twelve, selecting at least *one* from the Hebrews.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPELS.

1. State the general design of the Gospels, and explain why they contain so small a part of the life of Jesus.
 2. Tell what you know of the writers of the first two Gospels.
 3. Give a general outline of either of the first two Gospels.
 4. What are the peculiar characteristics of the Gospel according to Matthew?
 5. Write a synopsis of any one of the following addresses of our Lord:—(1) The Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). (2) The charge to the Twelve (Matt. 10). (3) The Olivet Prophecy (Matt. 24-25).
 6. What special aspect of Christ's ministry does Mark present? Point out the features of his Gospel that illustrate this.
 7. Write a note on "the retirements of Jesus."
 8. State the names used for miracles in the New Testament, and explain the meaning of each.
 9. Write a brief account of any one of the following miracles:—(1) Turning the water into wine. (2) Stilling the storm. (3) Healing the Gadarene demoniac.
 10. State the main spiritual teaching of the following:—(1) The feeding of the five thousand. (2) The withering of the fruitless fig-tree.
 11. What feature of Christ's mission to the world is illustrated by His miracles wrought over evil spirits?
- (Ten questions will be counted a full paper)

Notes.

THE closing exercises of the session will take place on Thursday, April 30th.

REV. JAMES DESSON, of Leith, has now entered on a new field of labor in Almonte.

WE are glad to welcome to the classes this term Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Boyne, who have been accepted as missionaries to India.

MR. R. A. PEARSON has just gone to Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., to become Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. in that flourishing town.

THE next students' public meeting will be held on Friday, March 27th, when friends of the School will be cordially welcomed.

MR. J. W. SALTON, of Kingsey Falls, Que., has conducted a successful series of evangelistic meetings with one of the Montreal churches.

THE Tuesday devotional meeting, the mission study class, and the mission prayer meeting continue to be maintained with much interest.

MANY of the students have organized a homiletical class for mutual improvement, and some of them are paying special attention to reading and elocution.

SPECIAL written examinations on "Studies in the Gospels" and Bible Doctrines were held on Wednesday and Thursday, February 25th and 26th.

MISS MAUD M. WEST, a graduate of last year, has been accepted for missionary work in South America. We trust that she will be much blessed in her labors.

MISS A. R. HITCHON, who was three years with us in the School, and rendered efficient service as teacher of English, has commenced a Bible study class in Belleville.

OUR last students' public meeting was well attended, and the exercises were full of interest and profit. Many of our friends in the city value these occasions very highly.

REV. W. F. ROADHOUSE, late of Tavistock, has become pastor in Parry Sound, and Rev. Thos. H. Robertson, recently of Langdon, N.D., has settled in Peterboro, Ont. May great blessing attend their work.

THE following are the subjects prescribed for Essays during the present term:—Man Made in the Image of God; The Wages of Sin; The Grace of God; In Christ; Teach us to Pray; The Flesh and the Spirit.

DR. HARRIS recently conducted Bible study and evangelistic services for over a week at Denison University, Ohio; and also gave special Bible instruction at the Y.M.C.A. Conventions in Peterboro, Ont., and Pontiac, Mich.

REV. R. P. MACKAY, D.D., is our visiting lecturer for the present term. His subject is "China as a Mission Field," and it is treated in a way that is not only interesting and instructive, but is also full of suggestion and inspiration to the students.

TWO or three of our students have been preaching for the Congregational churches of Pine Grove and Humber Summit. A report in the *Congregationalist* says: "We have been supplied each Sunday by students from the Toronto Bible Training School, and their services have been fully appreciated."

Receipts for General Fund.

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