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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.

A Prosperous Year.

The present double number of the RE-CORDER presents a brief review of the work of the Bible Training School during its Ninth Session. In these days when doubts are cast on the integrity and in-spiration of the Word of God, the importance and value of the School can scarcely be over-estimated. Its great aim is to commit a knowledge of the saving truths of the Bible to faithful men and women, that they may be "able to teach others also," 2 Tim. ii. 2. The record of the year just closed can hardly fail to present a ground of encouragement to our friends, and a claim for continued sympathy and support in our great work,

Ninth Annual Meeting.

The Ninth Session of the Toronto Bible Training School closed with appropriate exercises on Thursday, April 30th. In the afternoon of that day the Annual Meeting of the united Board of Incorporation and General Council was held, when the reports for the year were presented, and all the work of the session received careful consideration. There was a good attendance of members, who manifested much interest in the continued progress and prosperity of the School.

At the evening meeting the graduating exercises brought together one of the largest audiences ever gathered in the Assembly Hall. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. Bradley Hyde and Rev. Dr. McTavish, both of this city. President Harris gave a brief outline of the work of the session, referring particularly to the large number, who are again going forth to the foreign field, and to the increased attendance of young men in the Day Classes. Appropriate addresses were given by four of the graduating students. Mr. Henry Hellyer spoke on "Canada's Opportunity" in giving the Gospel to the thousands who are crowding into the great North-West. Miss Nellie Hutchings took God's direction to Joshua, "Be Strong and very Courageous," as the subject of her address. Mr. Charles Waddell reminded different classes of Christians that they are "Appointed for Fruit-bearing." Miss Bertha McAuslan showed the importance and necessity of the request of the disciples. "Lord. Teach us to Pray." Diplomas were then presented to the following nine students who have completed the course of study prescribed for the Day Classes, and have passed satisfactory examinations thereon: - Misses Jessie Brechin, Emma Campbell, Margaret Fisher, Etta Fletcher, Mary Langton, Bertha McAuslan, Sarah Windel; also Messrs. Henry Hellyer and Charles Waddell. Certificates were given to the following four young ladies, who have satisfactorily completed the course of study in the Evening Classes :- Misses Jennie Brown. Nellie Hutchings Ethel Richardson and Grace Smith. The Principal. Dr. Stewart.

addressed the graduates in a few parting words, urging them to make the Word of God their standard, the will of God their law, and the work of God their business. The closing address was delivered by Mr. W. R. Newell, of Chicago, who spoke with great earnestness and power on the Scriptural characteristics of the "Man of God."

Report of the Principal.

In presenting the Ninth Annual Report of the Toronto Bible Training School, grateful acknowledgement must again be made to our gracious Lord of His continued guidance and blessing. The past year has been one of quiet, steady progress. While the enrolment and attendance of students have been nearly the same as during the past session, there have been new and encouraging features of the work for which we thank God and take courage for the future. For the first time in the history of the School: young men and young women in training for their work as Secretaries of Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations have been taking a course of Bible study with us.

ENROLMENT.

The number enrolled in the Day Classes has been sixty-one. Of these, thirty-two are young men and twenty-nine young women. This has been the only year in which the number of the former has exceeded that of the latter. In the Evening Classes the enrolment has been 171, of whom 41 are young men, and 130 young women. The total enrolment of students has thus been 232, besides visitors, graduates and occasional students, who have attended some of our courses of lectures.

THE DAY CLASSES.

In the Day Classes the regular instructors have been Dr. Harris, Mr. MacWilliam, Mr. McNicol and myself. Dr. Harris has given two courses of lectures each week, one on the Book of Leviticus and the other on the Epistle to the Galatians. My own subjects have been the following: Bible Doctrines, with the Word of God as the one text-book; The Ministry and Teaching of the Apostle

Paul: The Figurative Language of Scripture; and Preparation of Gospel Addresses. Mr. MacWilliam gave instruction twice a week on Inspiration and the Canon of Scripture; and also on Jewish Archæology. He had also two small classes in the Greek New Testament. Mr. McNicol's subjects have been Outline Studies in the Books of the Old Testament; Studies in the Gospels, with a special course on the Miracles of our Lord; and Preparation of Bible Readings. He has also conducted the early morning classes in English Grammar and Language Lessons. Mr. MacWilliam states that in "all the classes the students exhibited hearty interest in their work," and that he "can report most favorably of their progress, attention and whole behaviour." Mr. McNicol closes his report of his first year's service in the School as follows:-

"Looking at the work as a whole one cannot but notice that a deeply reverent spirit characterized the students in their study of the Word of God, and that they keep constantly before them a definitely practical aim. The fellowship that exists in the School is a very delightful thing. It has been a great joy and privilege to have a share in such work."

VISITING LECTURERS.

During the first half of the session the visiting lecturer was Rev. F. E. Howitt, of Hamilton, who conducted a helpful and suggestive course of instruction on "Scripture Types and Symbols." This last term our Vice-President, Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., has given an instructive and inspiring series of lectures on "China as a Mission Field." Both of these brethren have again laid the School under great obligation to them for their valuable and much appreciated services. Other visitors have addressed the classes from time to time during the session. Prominent among these was Mr. James H. McConkey, of Philadelphia, who gave a most helpful course of devotional studies on the "Life of Prayer." Mr. John L. Jarrett gave a graphic account of "Mission Work among the Indians of Peru." Two ladies on a visit to Toronto, Hon, Emily Kinnaird, of London, England, and Miss Edge, of Bombay, gave

interesting addresses on the Bible and Medical Zenana Mission; Rev. Dr. Moffat, Secretary of the Upper Canada Tract Society, presented its work and claims to the students; and Rev. Thomas Bone, of the Welland Canal Mission, gave a rich and racy talk on "Personal Work in Winning Men to Christ." All of these addresses were excellent, and greatly appreciated by the students.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

The regular Evening Classes have been held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week as in previous years. Dr. Harris has lectured on the same subjects as to the Day Classes; Mr. McNicol has given instruction on the Miracles of our Lord. and the writer on Bible Doctrines. There have also been special classes on the Monday and Friday evenings. The first of these was a well-attended and interesting class conducted by myself on the Preparation of Gospel Addresses, and the second was the class for the study of the Sunday School lesson, conducted by Mr. McNicol with good interest and attendance. Mr. MacWilliam had also a small Monday evening class in New Testament Greek for the greater part of the session.

MEDICAL CLASSES.

The medical classes established last year have again been conducted this session with considerable success. Dr. E. Hooper, who has been deeply interested in the School from its beginning. gave a course of instruction to young ladies; Dr. Bowie had a class for both sexes in Anatomy, and Dr. G. D. Porter in the Practice of Medicine. During the second term of the session, Dr. W. H. Howitt, who is now a member of our General Council, again conducted a class in Tropical Diseases. These medical courses have scarcely been as well attended as last session; but they have been much appreciated, and they cannot fail to be a great help to the students in their work for Christ in the coming days. The best thanks of the Board and Council are due to these medical gentlemen, who freely gave their time and services, and conducted the classes with great ability, fidelity and zeal.

EXAMINATIONS.

Written examinations have been held each term on the courses of study provided for the Day and Evening Classes. With very few exceptions all the students who write on these examinations have passed very creditably. The minimum standard is 50% on each paper, but more than one-half obtained 75%, and fully one-fourth obtained 90% or over on most of their subjects. These examinations are required of all those who wish to receive the Certificate or Diploma of the School. The instructors are very anxious that a larger number of the students should submit to this test. Several of the papers were handed over to Rev. Dr. Welton, one of the examiners, who after giving them very careful consideration and marking, has reported as follows:-

"I have looked over the examination papers on Bible Doctrines which were placed in my hands, and I am much pleased with the clearness with which the students, with very rare exceptions, have apprehended and expressed the truths of the subject. The papers are certainly a credit both to the students and to the school.

PRACTICAL WORK.

The students continue to be usefully employed in active Christian work during the session. Every Thursday evening they have conducted the services of the Yonge St. Mission, and on Saturday evening they have been engaged at the Mission Union. From both of these places hearty testimony has been given to their acceptability and usefulness in evangelistic work. Five or six places outside the city, and several in the city have been supplied with preaching on the Lord's Day by our young men. In Sunday School and Young People's work. in labors in thirteen different missions in the city, and in house to house visitation, the young women as well as the young men have taken part, and in this way have been receiving a valuable training for future usefulness. the results of this varied labor can never be fully known, there is no doubt that much blessing has followed in souls won to the Saviour.

DEVOTIONAL AND MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

The Tuesday forenoon devotional service continues to be a great blessing; both in the cultivation of the spiritual life, and in the answers to prayer which God has graciously given. Frequent reference is made to it in letters which we receive from our former students. now laboring for Christ in the regions They get great comfort and courage from the thought that they are constantly remembered in prayer; and as the day comes round, they unite with us in drawing near to the one common mercy seat. An early Thursday morning missionary prayer-meeting has also been maintained by the students with good interest, and the mission-study class has been continued with much pro-There can be no doubt that the. Christian fellowship, spiritual progress and missionary spirit of the School have been greatly promoted by these services.

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM.

For the last two years there have been comparatively few additions to our Library. Some friends have occasionally presented volumes of real value, but there is much need for other works that would be a great help to the students. The total number of books in the Library is now 1,080. The students make good use both of the Library and Reading Room. Through the liberality of a lady friend the latter has again been well supplied with religious papers and magazines.

LABORERS SENT FORTH.

Since October last, five of our students, have gone to labor for Christ in foreign fields, and eight others have been accepted for service, and will go forth in the near future. Of these thirteen foreign missionaries, four will bear the glad tidings to China, one to South America. four to Africa, and four to India. This is a larger number than during any previous year in the history of the School. About twelve others are going to definite fields of service in Canada or the United States. These will labor as pastors, evangelists, Y. M. C. A. Secretaries, Bible women, colporteurs, and in other spheres

of Christian usefulness. Surely it is matter for devout gratitude that year by year our School is furnishing laborers in increasing numbers for the wide and whitening harvest.

CONCLUSION.

In all the meetings of the Board, and in all the relations of the students with one another and with their instructors, the spirit of harmony and brotherly love has remained unbroken. Twelve different denominations have again been represented in the School, and have dwelt together in unity. There has been delightful Christian fellowship in waiting upon God in prayer, not only for a fuller knowledge of His word, but also for a fuller realization of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in the life

Three or four of those who and work. have had fellowship with us in the work from the beginning have been called away from earth, but others are taking their places to aid in preparing men and women to carry the testimony of Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth, and thus hasten His coming and kingdom. Surely we have abundant reason to mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, who has blessed us in every way since the opening of the Institution; and to Him we must still look for whatever will be needed of men and means, of wisdom and help in the days that are to come. "The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us."

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM STEWART.

· Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer, Mr. Shenstone, presented the following statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending April 30th, 1903:

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The Report was adopted with expressions of grateful acknowledgement to the friends who continue to support the School, and with thanks to the Treasurer for the careful and economical management of the finances.

List of Students.

The following is a list of the Students enrolled in the Day Classes for the Session 1902-03:

Miss J. S. Anderson, Toronto. S. S. Aplin, England. E. Fraser Bell, Desmond. Mrs. E. Boyne, Toronto. C. W. Bradley, Buffalo, N.Y. P. A. Breakey, Toronto. Miss Jessie Brechin, Toronto. Miss Donna Burgar, Welland. Miss N. Camp, Lambton Mills. Miss E. Campbell, Armow. F. A. Conners, Walsh. Miss M. Coombes, Toronto. Walter G. Craig, Toronto. P. C. Deeth, Toronto. Israel Devadass, Rangoon, Burma. A. T. Finlayson, Toronto. Miss M. D. Fisher, Toronto. Miss E. J. Fletcher, Parkhill. E. A. Frowde, Peterboro'. James A. Funk, South Cayuga. E. Halliwell, Cornwall. H. Hellyer, Odessa, Russia. Miss B. Henderson, Bervie. J. A. Henderson, Buffalo, N.Y. Miss M. E. Jack, Toronto. W. M. P. Jerrett, Rocklyn. Miss M. F. Langton, Bracebridge. Mrs. Legg, Toronto. Miss C. Legg, Toronto. C. J. Loney, Toronto. Miss N. Martin, Toronto.

Mrs. T. V. Mason, Toronto. Miss A. Massman, Buffalo, N.Y. James Mather, Rowland. Miss L. MacDonald, Toronto. Miss B. M. McAuslan, Heathcote. Miss C. McCormick, Bervie, J. K. McCormick, Bervle. J. L. McOulloch, Brandon, Man. Thos. McKay, Toronto. Thos. G. Murphy, Oxford Mills. Mrs. K. C. Nicholls, Toronto. R. E. Nicholls, Toronto. H. A. Pearson, Lindsay. Miss Lida Pipes, Amherst, N.S. Stephen Rogers, Creemore. Miss Nellie C. Ross, B.A., Toronto. F. J. Shore, Buffalo, N.Y. A. G. C. Simpson, Whitechurch. B. C. Sircar, Rangoon, Burma. Daniel Solomon, Rangoon, Burma. J. A. Stevens, Eden Grove. Miss M. Stewart, Elfrida. Mrs. Sullivan, Toronto. Miss Lily Tilley, Toronto. R. Tuttle, Toronto. Charles Waddell, Terminus. F. S. Weaver, Belleville. W. P. Webb, Ottawa. Miss C. M. Wilkins, Toronto. Miss Sarah A. Windel, Toronto.

Evening Classes.

The following is a list of Students in the Evening Classes who have passed one or more of the written examinations of this last session:

H. S. Bennett.
A. E. Bernhardt.
Miss G. E. Brooking.
Miss J. Brown.
G. M. Byres.
Miss M. Doig.
W. W. Donnolly.
C. Dunn.:
Miss N. Elliott.

Miss K. W. Holmes,
Miss N. Houser,
Miss N. Hutchings.
R. E. Jones.
W. Keen.
R. D. Lees.
Miss A. M. McFeggan.
F. W. Morton.
Miss B. Mould.

Miss A. Moule.
F. Moule.
Miss E. E. Naylor.
Miss L. Pascoe.
W. Price.
E. B. Ratcliffe.
Miss M. Ray.
Miss E. A. Richardson.
Miss B. Robinson.

J. Robiuson.
Miss A. Schofield.
Miss E. C. Shields.
R. Simpson.
Miss C. G. Smith.
Miss L. Taylor.
Miss L. Warwood.
Miss J. Weston.

Examination Papers.

We give below three of the examination papers on which the students were required to write last session. The first was prepared by Mr. McNicol for the class in Old Testament Outlines; the second by Dr. Harris for the class in the Epistle to the Galatians, and the third by Dr. Stewart for the class in the Preparation of Gospel Addresses.

OLD TESTAMENT OUTLINES.

 Write a list of the topics of Gen. I:xi. in their order.

- What were the four important epochs in God's dealing with Abraham?
- Give a general outline of the book of Exodus.
- 4. What spiritual truths was the Tabernacle intended to symbolize?
- Write a brief account of the rebellion of Israel at Kadesh, and state also its cause and its consequences.
- 6. Indicate the main events in Israel's conquest of Canaan (Josh, I: xii).
- Describe the moral and religious condition of Israel during the time of the Judges.

- 8. Write a note on David's training for the kingdom, showing (1) what it was, (2) what effect it had on his character.
 - 9. What were the features that distinguished Solomon's reign?
 - 10. What causes led to the revolt of the Ten Tribes?
 - 11. In what respect did the ministry of Elisha differ from that of Elijah?
 - 12. Write a note on the Covenant with Abraham and the Covenant with David.
 - N.B.—Answer any ten questions.

GALATIANS.

- Give the name and general outline of the Second Main division of this Epistle.
- 2. Give the twofold division of "The Law," and the purpose of each.
- State clearly the signification of "Redemption" in Galatians, giving one or two passages.
- 4. Write an explanatory note on "The Spirit of Sonship" (iv.: 6), giving parallel from Romans.
- 5. How was the appeal not to return to bondage of "weak and beggarly elements" (iv.: 9) applicable to once heathen Galatians?
- Give another word for "Blessedness" in iv.: 15, and explain the circumstances.
- 7. Explain "Christ formed in" those already believers (iv.: 19).
- 8. Give the meaning of "hope of righteousness" in v.: 5.
- Distinguish "burdens" and "burden" in vi.: 2, 5, and show their relation to the immediate context in each case.
- 10. Explain the words "how large a letter" in vi.: 11.
- 11. What is the "Rule" alluded to in vi.: 16?
- Write a note on "the marks of the Lord Jesus" in vi.: 17.
- N.B.—Answer any ten of the questions.

PREPARATION OF DISCOURSES.

- Give the meaning of different Scripture words used in the New Testament to convey the idea of preaching.
- 2. State the chief rules of division.
- Explain fully what is meant by a textual discourse.
- Point out different ways in which a subject may be illustrated.

- Show the importance of application to a sermon.
- Make a brief division and outline of any one of the following texts:— Gal. 1:4; Eph. 6:10; Luke 15:3-7.

Extracts from Letters.

A member of our General Council, in sending his annual subscription to our Treasurer, wrote as follows:

"There is no Institution on my list which I consider more worthy of support than the Bible Training School, and none to which I have more pleasure in contributing."

Our excellent friend, Rev. Dr. Parsons, who has been a valued counsellor and helper in our work from the beginning, being unable to attend the annual meeting of the Council, sent the following note:

"Though I am improving in health, I regret that I cannot be present with you at the meeting of April 30th. When so many are departing from the faith, I recognize more than ever the importance of the work in which the Bible Training School is engaged. I rejoice in its continued prosperity, and shall be glad to serve you in any way I may be able in the great work you are doing."

A former student, now engaged in successful evangelistic work, sent a letter to our President recently, from which we make the following extract:

"I was glad to read in the RECORDER of the prosperity of the School. I think those of us who received training there can never forget it, and must ever bless God for such opportunities as were ours. I am glad the work is extending, and that more yet are permitted to hear the Scriptures expounded in the clear and impressive manner in which they are opened up. Many, many times have I thanked God for your teaching, and for the able, clear and full instruction received from all who taught in the Toronto Bible Training School. May God ever bless the work there."

Opening of Session.

The Tenth Session of the Bible Training School will open (D.V.) on Tuesday, September 22nd, 1903, at 10 a.m. It is very important that all students, especially those who are entering the School for the first time, should be present at the beginning of the session.

Mr. Peter Jamieson has become Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. at Warren, Pa.

Mr. S. Rogers has been appointed by the Upper Canada Bible Society as Colporteur in Manitoba.

MISS BESSIE Ross has gone to Chicago to engage in City Mission work as Bible Woman and District Visitor.

MR. W. P. WEBB will supply for the summer two preaching stations belonging to the Friends near Newmarket.

Mr. C. J. Loney will spend his vacation in colportage work in Ontario, under the direction of the Upper Canada Tract Society.

Miss M. F. Langton and Miss L. Tilley, graduates of the Day Classes, have entered on a course of practical training as nurses at the Western Hospital of this city.

MESSRS. J. K. McCormick and J. L. McCulloch of the Day Classes, and Mr. R. D. Lees of the Evening Class, have been appointed to Presbyterian mission-fields in Northern Ontario and Manitoba.

MR. E. HALLIWELL has gone to labor in Teeswater, Ont.; Mr. J. W. Salton has been set apart for special work as an Evangelist, and Mr. Henry Hellyer has entered on his duties as a missionary among the Doukhobors and Galicians of the North-West.

THE new Catalogue and Announcement of the School will be published in July, giving full particulars about Instructors, Lecturers and Courses of study for next session. Copies may be obtained on application to the Principal, Dr. Stewart, or to Miss A. Burns, the Assistant Secretary, 110 College St., Toronto.

THE members of the Day Classes pre sented Miss M. F. Langton, one of their number, with a neat watch in recognition of the efficient help she had given them in reviewing their different studies preparatory to examinations. The presentation was made at the home of Mr. J. L. McCulloch, East Toronto, to which the students were kindly invited for a social evening.

THE first marriage solemnized in the Bible Training School occurred on May

2nd, when Miss Annie Fraser, one of our first graduates, and missionary to the deaf mutes of the city, was married to Mr. J. R. Byrne. The interesting ceremony was performed by Rev. T. B. Hyde, the sign language being used in part for the benefit of the many deaf mutes who were present. Mr. and Mrs. Byrne have the congratulations and best wishes of numerous friends.

The Bible Training School building has become a kind of headquarters for a great deal of the inter-denominationa work carried on in Toronto. The Sunday services of the deaf mutes are held in our Assembly Hall, while the regular board meetings of the Africa Industrial Mission and of the Leper Mission, and the monthly prayer meetings of the Y.W.C.A. officers and workers are also held in our rooms. We are glad to give these friends the use of the premises, when not required for the purposes of the School.

ONE of the most notable missionary meetings ever held in Toronto was the one which assembled in the Bible Training School on May 13th, when eight new missionaries were designated for service in Nigeria. Four of these had been students of the Bible Training School. They go out under the auspices of the Africa Industrial Mission, which has secured an excellent location, and made a good beginning of work at Patagi, in "dark Soudan." A large number of friends met at the Union Station on the morning of May 15th to wish the missionary party Godspeed on their departure.

Receipts for General Fund.

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