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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.

## Attendance of the Session.

Again we are permitted to report an increase in the enrolment of students for the present session. At the date of writing this, Feb. 15th, the members in the Day Classes are 65, as compared with 61 at the corresponding period of last year, and in the Evening Classes 250, as compared with 215 last year. There has, however, been more sickness than usual, which has somewhat interfered with regularity in attendance. In other respects the work of the classes has gone forward with much interest and success, and with tokens of the Divine favor continuing to rest upon it. We are thankful for this, and also for the spirit of prayer and devotion to study manifest among the students.

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

### Visiting Nassau.

Our President and most of his family are spending two or three months at Nassau, N.P., in the Bahamas. The health of Mrs. Harris has not been quite good, and it was thought that a change to a warm climate would be decidedly beneficial. From recent letters we learn that she is much better, and that they are enjoying their stay in their temporary home of sunshine and flowers. Dr. Harris is doing the best he can to compensate for his absence from the classes by sending them notes of his studies in the Book of Deuteronomy and the Epistles to the Thessalonians. Dr. George Porter, one of our medical lecturers, is also spending part of the winter with his family at Nassau. We trust that with the blessing of God all these friends will return in health and strength.

### Gone to India.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boyne, the former of whom was for some time a member of our Evening Classes, and the latter a student in the Day Classes, have recently left Toronto for mission work in India. They have gone out under the auspices of the Christian Workers' Mission, having its headquarters at Allahabad, and branching out from that important centre. We wish them much blessing in the great work to which they have consecrated their lives.

Miss Barbara Mould, who left last November to become a member of the Pilblhit Industrial Mission of Northern India, has arrived safely at her field of labor, and entered on her new work with good heart and hope.

### Words of Appreciation.

Since last issue of the RECORDER we have received letters from three former students, expressing their high appreciation of the benefit they received during their course of study in the School. One of them, who is now pastor of a Congregational Church in Ontario, and whose wife was also a student with us, wrote as follows:

"Do not think we have forgotten the School in which we received so excellent a training. It is very dear to us, and it is when we are in the midst of the duties and anxieties of an active pastorate that we realize how much it has done for us. We believe the work in which you are engaged to be one of the most important in the Dominion, and are happy to be able to contribute something to its support."

Another of our students, ordained last summer to the work of the Methodist ministry in Ontario, sent the following testimony:

"I feel that I owe the School a debt of gratitude for the instruction I received. Day after day my heart goes out in thankfulness to God for the privilege I had of attending the classes. I consider the time spent with you in study as probably the most helpful and profitable of my life. I learn also with joy of the work which the Evangelistic Band of the School is doing in the city."

The third letter came from one who has been doing mission work among his kinsmen the Jews, but for the present winter has been taking a further course of study at Westminster College, Mo. From his communication we make this brief extract:

"I realize now how much the Bible Training School and its instructors have done towards giving me a better knowledge of the precious Word of God. It was there I found a mighty rock on which to stand in the midst of the stormy sea. It was there I learned to love the Saviour more dearly than before. May God's richest blessing continue to rest upon yourself, upon the President of the School, Dr. Harris, and upon all the teachers and friends who are laboring in connection with it."

For all these words of appreciation, none of them written with any view to publication, we are very thankful. Next to the "well done" of the Master, we value the approval of those whom we seek to serve in the Lord.

### Visiting Lecturers.

The Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay, vice-president of the School, has been giving to the students every Friday a series of very interesting and instructive addresses on "Mission Work in India." He will be followed by Rev. R. J. Treleaven, of Parkdale Methodist Church, who is to give special lectures on "Evangelistic Work."

### Evangelistic Band.

The Evangelistic Band of the School, reorganized last term, still continues its work among the different churches and missions of the city and suburbs. The tokens of God's blessing have been clearly seen in the services. There is a delightfully earnest spirit among the members, who, although representing six different denominations, are one in their desire for the salvation of precious souls. Mr. R. A. Walmsley is the leader for this term, which promises to be the best in the history of the Band. The friends of the School are asked to remember this work in their prayers.

### Examination Papers

The following are three of the papers on which the students wrote at the terminal examinations before the Christmas holidays:

#### DEUTERONOMY.

REV. ELMORE HARRIS, D.D.

1. Give the main theme of each book of the Pentateuch.
2. State the main divisions of the book of Deuteronomy.
3. Write a brief note on the authorship of this book.
4. What light does Deut. 1: 2, "There are eleven days' journey," etc., throw upon Heb. 4: 2?
5. Explain the seemingly harsh command to exterminate the Canaanites.
6. Write a note on "The Unanswered Prayer of Moses," 3: 23-29.
7. Draw a rough map of Palestine, showing the names and location of the Cities of Refuge, 4: 41-43, three of which are here recorded. Give the spiritual significance of the City of Refuge.
8. Show the new light thrown upon the Decalogue or Ten Commandments in 5: 1-21.
9. Give the meaning of the following expressions, "He added no more," 5: 22; "Go thou near," 5: 27.
10. Distinguish carefully "loved," in 7: 8, and "love," in 7: 13, giving New Testament parallel passages.
11. Assuming that the Conquest of Canaan may have a spiritual significance, explain "little by little" in 7: 22, and give a New Testament passage to prove your view.

12. Write a brief note on Deut. 8: 3, and show its relation to our Lord's experience and ours.

Answer any ten questions.

#### CANON AND INSPIRATION.

REV. JOHN MCNICOL, D.D.

1. What was the first completed portion of the Old Testament Canon, and what provisions were made for its preservation?
2. Give the divisions of the Old Testament Scriptures according to the Jews. On what principle were the divisions made?
3. What testimony do Christ and His Apostles bear to the Old Testament Scriptures?
4. Explain how the Old Testament Canon was formed.
5. State some facts which go to show that the Scriptures have been preserved by God's special care.
6. What is the difference between Inspiration and Revelation?
7. Prove the inspiration of the New Testament.
8. How would you meet the objection that the Bible contains contradictions?

#### BIBLE DOCTRINES.

REV. WM. STEWART, D.D.

1. Discuss the question, "Can we know God?"
2. Explain the statements, "God is light," and "God is love."
3. Write a note on the great name JEHOVAH.
4. Name the natural attributes of God, and comment on any two of them.
5. What is meant by the Trinity? Give three chief proofs of the doctrine.
6. Show that Jesus Christ is God from the works ascribed to Him.
7. Show that the Holy Spirit is God from the attributes He possesses.
8. Write a note on the personality of the Holy Spirit.
9. State clearly the relation of the Holy Spirit to the Scriptures.
10. What are the operations of the Holy Spirit in relation to man?

## Notes.

THE closing exercises of the session will take place on Friday, April 28th.

MR. A. F. PIERCY has returned to his studies after successful service in colportage and evangelistic work in Manitoba.

MRS. W. H. GREENE, a former student, made a short stay in the City recently, on her return to her much loved work in China.

AN interesting programme has been arranged for the next students' public meeting, which will be held on Thursday, March 9th. All friends will be cordially welcomed.

I. J. RANSOM, one of our students, is giving weekly Bible Studies during the winter months in Breslau, Berlin and Waterloo.

THE class in Vocal Music continues to meet each Tuesday afternoon, under the efficient instruction of Mr. A. T. Cringan. The interest is good, but the attendance might sometimes be larger.

MISS E. E. NAYLOR and Miss Grace E. Brooking, former students with us, have arrived in China, and are now busy with the study of the language at the Ladies' Training Home of the China Inland Mission in Yang Cheo.

WE are glad to welcome Messrs. Cairns, Chinal, Gonder, Teet and Vanzant, who have come to us from the Provincial Committee of the Y.M.C.A., to take a course of Bible study in preparation for their work as Secretaries.

DR. BOWIE and Dr. Shore are continuing their medical lectures for the present term, and Dr. Howitt commenced in January to give a course on "Tropical Diseases." These lectures are of great value.

OWING to ill health, Mr. H. Conn had to leave the School in December, and not long after he lost his mother, an excellent Christian lady, by sudden death. The students sent a letter of condolence, giving him the assurance of their sympathy and prayers.

MRS. MILLS visited the Mission Study Class of the School the other week, and gave a most interesting address on her work in the School for Deaf Mutes, which she conducts in Chefoo, China.

THE Student Volunteer Band continues its work quietly but effectively. It has a Mission Study class, led by Miss M. Howden, and a well-attended weekly prayer meeting, at which special intercession is made for former students now in the foreign field.

TWO of our students, Miss Annie Perry and Mr. Wm. Milton, are in the hospital, where they have been undergoing surgical operations. Mrs. Mason has also had a similar experience. Much prayer has been offered for these friends that they may be graciously strengthened and restored.

IT was a great disappointment to Mr. J. K. McCormick, and also to his fellow-students and other Christian friends, that his health did not permit of his sailing for India. We sincerely trust that he will be spared for useful Christian service in the home field, where he has already been much blessed.

## Receipts for General Fund.

The following donations have been received from Nov. 30th, 1904, to Feb. 14th, 1905:

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" 73.....	25 00	" 97.....	5 00
" 74.....	250 00	" 98.....	15 00
" 75.....	25 00		

Total ..... \$958 00

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Total to Feb. 14th, 1905..... \$2,208 00

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