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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.

## The New Session.

On the 18th of September the present Session was opened—the thirteenth in the history of the School. In the two months that have elapsed since that date the work has gone on with unabated interest and with every promise of continued blessing. The enrolment of students in the Day Classes is 48, and in the Evening Classes over 200. This is slightly in excess of the numbers for the corresponding period of last year. The diligence and devotion of the students is in every way commendable. We trust the friends of the School will continue to pray that the blessing of God may abide upon this important work.

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

### The Public Lectures.

At the annual meeting of the Board and Council in the spring, it was decided to invite two or three prominent Bible teachers to give each a course of public lectures in connection with the work of the present session. The first series of these special lectures was given during the opening week of the session by Mr. A. C. Gaebelein, of New York, editor of *Our Hope*. Mr. Gaebelein gave two lectures each day. In the afternoons he took up in outline the Book of Revelation, and in the evenings he expounded more fully the Epistle to the Colossians. The lectures were largely attended, and many expressed their appreciation and enjoyment of Mr. Gaebelein's teaching.

It is expected that the next course will be delivered about the middle of January by an old and warm friend of the Bible Training School, the Rev. H. W. Frost, of Philadelphia.

### Student Organizations.

Early in the session an Executive Committee was appointed to be associated with the Principal in dealing with matters affecting the general student body. The members of this Committee are: Mr. H. L. Troyer (Chairman), Miss F. J. Ray (Secretary), Miss M. G. Lesslie, Mr. R. E. Jones and Mr. J. C. Hobson.

The Evangelistic Band has been organized, under the leadership of Mr. Hobson, with Miss M. Halpenny as Secretary and Mr. Wm. Digby as Assistant Leader. The students have been conducting, or assisting in, Gospel services in several of the Missions of the city, and report that much blessing is resting upon their work. Many persons already have been led to Christ through the efforts of the Band.

Of the Missionary Society Miss M. G. Lesslie is President, Mr. R. E. Jones, Vice-President, and Miss M. B. McCormack Secretary-Treasurer. The Society meets every Tuesday at 3 o'clock for the study of missions, and the members prepare themselves to conduct or take part in missionary meetings in churches and Young People's Societies.

### Special Visits.

The last hour every Friday morning is devoted to the study of methods of practical Christian work, and at this period the students sometimes have the privilege of hearing missionaries and other Christian workers representing various aspects of the great cause of Christ throughout the world. During the present session we have been favored already by several such visits. One morning Mr. Charles Waddell, one of our own graduates, gave a very interesting and instructive talk on missionary work among the Soudan tribes of Africa. Mr. Waddell has been laboring for the past three years in Northern Nigeria, and has had to return home for awhile to recover from the serious effects the severe climate of that region has had upon his health. On other occasions most helpful addresses were given by Mr. D. E. Hoste, General Director of the China Inland Mission, and by Mr. Albert Head, Chairman of the Keswick Council of England. Mr. Hoste spoke of the essentially spiritual character of the missionary's work, showing the necessity for real spiritual preparation. Mr. Head presented the work of the South African General Mission. By the time this copy of the RECORDER reaches all our friends, we expect to have had visits from Mr. J. N. Farquhar, General Secretary of the Calcutta Y.M.C.A., and from Dr. Heury Guinness, of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union.

### Dr. Tracy's Class.

A new feature has been introduced into the work of the School this session in the form of a course of lectures on the Principles of Teaching, by Prof. Fred. Tracy, of the University of Toronto. This work is taken up with the Evening Classes every Thursday at 7:45 p.m., and is proving of great interest and profit. Dr. Tracy is an authority on whatever concerns the training of the teacher, and his classes are of special value for those who are engaged in Sunday School work, and for others who wish to prepare themselves for it.

### The Missionary Meeting.

The second public Missionary Service under the auspices of the Students' Missionary Society was held on Tuesday evening, Nov. 6th, and was attended by a large gathering, mostly of young people. Short, telling addresses were given by four representatives from different sections of the world field. Miss F. L. Morris spoke for China; Rev. J. R. Harcourt for India; Mr. Chas. Waddell for Africa, and Rev. Geo. Smith for South America. Missionary charts and maps hung around the walls of the Assembly Hall reinforced the appeals from the platform. A missionary exhibit, carefully prepared by the students in one of the side class rooms, also added to the interest of the meeting.

### Dr. Frost's Bible Readings.

In the early part of the session a few of Dr. Harris's classes were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Frost, D.D., of the Northwestern Bible Training School, Minneapolis. Dr. Frost gave a number of illuminating Bible readings, pervaded both by quiet humor and by rich spiritual teaching. They were greatly appreciated by all who heard them.

### Sad Bereavement.

Our President and Mrs. Harris experienced a sore trial in August, in the death of their third son, Frank, resulting from an accident. He had nearly reached young manhood, had recently made a confession of his faith in Christ, and a life of great promise seemed to be opening up to him. But the gracious Lord, who doeth all things well, has taken him home, to be with Himself. Dr. and Mrs. Harris have had the sympathy and prayers of many Christian friends in their bereavement. For a time the health of Dr. Harris was somewhat impaired, but we are thankful that after a short rest he has now returned to his work in the Training School.

### Afternoon Classes.

The Class in Vocal Music has been resumed under the efficient leadership of Mr. A. T. Cringan, Mus. Bac. It meets every Tuesday at 2 o'clock, and has a good attendance. The Medical Classes this term are conducted by Dr. E. F. Bowie and Dr. W. H. Howitt, who are giving very valuable instruction. Dr. Bowie lectures at 4 p.m. on Wednesday on "Diseases and their Treatment," and Dr. Howitt at the same hour on Thursday on "Tropical Medicine."

### Our Three East Indian Students.

A recent letter from Mrs. H. M. N. Armstrong, the well-known missionary of Rangoon, Burma, bears very gratifying testimony to the work which is now being done by the three East Indian students, who graduated from the Bible Training School in 1904. Mrs. Armstrong writes as follows:

"Daniel and Israel are doing good, steady work in our School, and they assist the pastor of the Tamil and Telugu church in preaching. Their stay in Canada was a great blessing to them, and gave them a definiteness of view and a knowledge of their Bible, which is essential to good work anywhere, and most difficult, almost impossible, to get here under present circumstances. Israel was married to an excellent Christian girl about a year ago, and it has proved a very happy thing for them both. After less than a year's pastorate of the Urdu church here, Sircar accepted a position as one of the native Secretaries of the University Y. M. C. A. at Calcutta, where he is rendering efficient service. Some native helpers continue the work since he left, the principal of whom is Stephen, our first Urdu convert, who gives promise of being an excellent preacher, and whom we would like you to receive as a student. The teaching which the Bible Training School gives is just what our young preachers need, and I know of no other place so suitable for them."

We may add that we hope to welcome Stephen as a student in September, 1907, when the next session opens.

## STUDENTS' PUBLIC MEETING.

The first Students' Public Meeting for the Session will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 3rd. The following is the programme:

- Chairman's Address—Rev. Elmore Harris, D.D.  
 One of Paul's Prayers.—Mr. R. E. Jones.  
 "What think ye of Christ?"—Miss Ethel Collins.  
 "The Spirit of Love"—Mr. Frank Westlake.  
 "The Joy of Obedience"—Miss N. E. Houlding.  
 "The Uplifted Serpent"—Mr. J. A. Clark.

## Notes.

PASTOR W. G. WHITE, one of our first students, has removed from Port Huron, Mich., to Moe's River, Que.

ATTENTION is specially called to the programme of the Students' Public Meeting, arranged for Monday, Dec. 3rd.

MR. E. S. FISH, a recent graduate from the Evening Classes, is now taking a medical course, with a view to foreign missionary service.

MISS K. M. HOLMES, of Toronto, a former graduate, is leaving for Winnipeg, where she expects to engage in city mission work.

MR. C. P. ENGLAND, a student of last session, is laboring at Abbott's Corner, Que., where he has been conducting successful evangelistic services.

AMONG the students enrolled during the present term are two converted Jews from Poland, one Chinese Christian, one lady from Italy and one from Sweden.

Two of our former students, Mr. and Mrs. Boyne, with their little child, have recently returned to Toronto from their mission work in India, having found the climate too trying for their health.

MR. W. D. SPINKS, one of our graduates, whose health broke down at his missionary post in Nigeria, has entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, to pursue a further course of study.

We sympathize very deeply with Miss E. Grace Brooking, of Winnipeg, a student of last year, in the sad and sudden bereavement she recently sustained in the death of her father, resulting from an accident. May she be graciously sustained in her great sorrow.

It is expected that the written examinations of the present term will take place from Dec. 11th to 21st, and that the work of the new term will be resumed after the Christmas holidays on Thursday, Jan. 3rd, 1907.

## Receipts for General Fund.

The following are the amounts received from May 1st to Nov. 23rd 1906:

No. 1.....	\$10 00	No. 27.....	\$50 00
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" 10.....	1 00	" 36.....	2 00
" 11.....	60 00	" 37.....	5 00
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" 13.....	5 00	" 39.....	5 00
" 14.....	250 00	" 40.....	50 00
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" 18.....	50 00	" 44.....	1 00
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" 22.....	5 00	" 48.....	1 00
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