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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.

## Increased Attendance.

One of the marked features of the present term is the increased attendance in the Day Classes. The number of students taking the full course of the School is larger than in any previous year. There has been little interruption in the regular attendance from sickness, or from any other cause. The work is proceeding with evident interest and blessing. The attendance in the Evening Classes is about the same as it was at this time last year. The total number of names on the roll at present, including both the Day and the Evening Classes, is about three hundred.

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

### Special Lectures.

The second course of special lectures for the present session of the Bible Training School was delivered during the third week of January by the Rev. H. W. Frost, of Philadelphia, Director of the China Inland Mission for North America. The evening lectures were devoted to the Deity of Christ and the Atonement. These subjects are always of primary importance, and in these days especially, when there is so much confused thinking and unscriptural teaching about them, there is great need of just such a comprehensive, reasonable and scriptural exposition of them as was given by Mr. Frost in these lectures. The morning lectures took the form of Bible Readings on the practical subjects of Dedication and Consecration. They were accompanied with that spiritual grace and impressiveness which mark all Mr. Frost's addresses. It would be hard to over-estimate their influence upon the lives of the students.

### The New Courses.

During the absence of Dr. Harris in California, which is referred to in another paragraph, his place in the class work is being supplied by the Rev. Dr. McTavish, of Central Presbyterian Church, and by the Rev. T. B. Hyde, of the Northern Congregational Church. They have each very kindly undertaken in the midst of their busy pastoral duties to give a course of weekly lectures in the Bible Training School. Dr. McTavish lectures on Tuesday evening on the Life and Epistles of Paul; and Mr. Hyde on Thursday evening on the Holy Spirit. These are subjects to which they have given special attention.

### Medical Classes.

Shortly after the New Year, Dr. E. Hooper began a special course of lectures for women students, which is being well attended. Dr. Bowie has just finished his instructive course on Diseases and their Treatment. Dr. Howitt's lectures on Tropical Medicine are still continued. They are of special value for mission-

aries, or for those who intend to fit themselves for missionary service.

### Visitors.

Among the visitors whom we were glad to welcome to the Toronto Bible Training School during the past two months was the Rev. H. W. Pope, of the Northfield Extension Movement, a work inaugurated some years ago by Mr. D. L. Moody, for the purpose of spreading the influence of the Northfield Conferences among the churches. Mr. Pope gave a very instructive talk on some methods of doing personal work. The students have been addressed also by the Rev. J. L. Murray, one of the Secretaries of the Student Volunteer Movement, and by the Rev. H. F. Laflamme, of India. Mr. Murray spoke of the new and great opportunities which are opening up before the Church among the nations of the far East, and of the need of an intelligent study of missions on the part of all Christians. Mr. Laflamme's account of the wonderful revival in India, and of a remarkable answer to prayer in the case of his own mission field, produced a very deep impression upon the class.

### From President Harris.

In the middle of January our President, Dr. Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Harris and their young son Erdman, left for California to obtain a needed rest. From letters received from him, written in Pasadena and Coronado, where they have been sojourning, we learn that he has derived great benefit from the change. He sends his Christian love to students and friends of the School, and hopes that every department of the work is doing well. He is very grateful to Dr. McTavish and Mr. Hyde for each taking one of his subjects in the Evening Classes. About the first week of April he hopes to be back in Toronto quite recuperated, and in the meantime we are sure that nothing will give him greater pleasure than to learn that our friends in his absence are not forgetting to remember the School in their prayers and practical sympathy.

## Kind Words from Friends.

Since the beginning of the year we have received several kind letters from friends who have fellowship with us in the maintenance of the School. One of these is from a gentleman occupying a prominent position in his county, who, in remitting his half-yearly subscription, wrote as follows:

"The School has my daily prayers for its continued prosperity in doing the Master's work, as the time draws nearer for His appearing."

Another friend, prominent in business, in sending his donation about the same time, writes:

"I wish you all success in your work for the Master in the Bible Training School. I would like to do more for it, as I know it is an important work, which has my full sympathy."

A former student, now in business in this city, in sending his cheque to us, says:

"I know the good work the School is doing, and often think with thankfulness of our studies, and of the Tuesday devotional services. In case of emergency, do not forget to drop me a line for further assistance in this noble work for the Lord and the spread of His truth among men."

One of our first graduates, now holding an important pastorate in New York State, in remitting a money order to our Treasurer, says:

"I never think of the Training School without a prayer for its continued prosperity. May the present year be a happy and useful one."

Another graduate, doing pastoral work in the western portion of Ontario, rejoices in the success of the School, and adds:

"I am praying for it every day. I am really sorry that I have not been able to give it the financial help which I have desired, but I trust that from this time on I shall be able to do something every year. Find enclosed my donation, which I give heartily."

From others we have received similar letters, for which we thank God and take courage.

## Marriages.

At Shanghai, China, on October 30th, 1906, Miss Mary E. Funk, one of our graduates, was married to Rev. Wm. A. McRoberts. Both are faithful workers in the China Inland Mission. Their address will now be Fenghua, via Ningpo, China.

Also in this city, on February 14th, Mr. Thomas G. Murphy and Miss Mina E. Howden, both graduates of the School, were married by Rev. Dr. Stewart. They expect to make their home in the new province of Saskatchewan.

We extend hearty congratulations to both these couples, and best wishes for their usefulness in the Master's service.

## Entered into Rest.

In the first week of January, the Rev. Wm. MacWilliam, LL.B., formerly an Instructor of the Bible Training School, after a lengthened period of impaired health, entered into rest. For more than nine years we were associated with him in the School, and we learned to esteem him highly in love for his works' sake. His modest bearing; his fidelity to duty, his interest in the students, his fine scholarship, and his able expositions of God's word, gave great value to his labors as instructor. It was a regret to us all when, through failing health, the Institution had to lose his services. Now, at the age of nearly 70, he rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Another friend who passed away toward the end of November, 1906, was Rev. Thos. Bone, of the Welland Canal Mission. Every year since the opening of the School he paid us a visit and addressed the successive classes of students. His large and successful experience as a soul winner, and his shrewdness and wisdom in dealing with different conditions of men, gave great value to his homely illustrations and racy addresses. At the age of over 80 he has been called from earthly service, leaving a record of devoted and successful work for Christ, which has rarely been equalled.

The prayerful sympathies of many have been extended to the families and relatives of these two departed worthies.

## STUDENTS' PUBLIC MEETING.

The next Students' Public Meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Bible Training School on Monday, March 4th, at 8 p.m. The following students will take part:

MR. A. D. CARPENTER—"Christ our Example."  
 MISS E. O. CUTLER—"A Plea."  
 MR. WM. DIGBY—"The Potter and his Lessons."  
 MISS M. HALPENNY—"Lessons from the Life of Joseph."  
 MR. J. MCK. STINSON—"I was Dumb with Silence."  
 MISS N. E. HOUSER—"The Ministry of Suffering."

## Notes.

PASTOR C. E. BURRELL has removed from Forest to Niagara Falls, Ont.

PASTOR J. S. LECHE, LL.B., has removed from Brighton to Forest, Ont.

MISS LILA RUSSELL, of the class of '05, has become Bible Woman and S. S. visitor for the Bloor St. Baptist Church of this city.

It is expected that the closing examinations will begin on the 16th of April. The closing exercises will be held on the last Friday of April.

We trust that our friends in the city will remember the Students' Public Meeting on the evening of Monday, March 4th. See interesting programme on this page.

We had a pleasant visit in the beginning of January from Mr. A. F. Piercy, who is continuing his earnest and successful evangelistic and colportage work for the Upper Canada Tract Society.

MISS K. M. HOLMES and Miss Emma Jackson, two of our esteemed students of former sessions, who went in company to Winnipeg about three months ago, have found important spheres of Christian usefulness in that city.

THE REV. GEORGE ORMAN, who took the full course of instruction with us, and also additional post-graduate studies, has become rector of the Reformed Episcopal Church at Sussex, N.B. The Instructors and Students united in tokens of warmest terms as he left us.

PASTOR GEORGE A. PAULL, who came to the School from the North-West, and has done good service on two or three fields in Ontario, has recently returned to Manitoba, and entered on an important field of labor at Boissevain. We trust that both he and his good wife, who is also one of our former students, will have much comfort and blessing in their new home.

FROM Pastor W. F. Roadhouse, of Orillia, we have received a tract published by him, entitled, "A Christian's Death and Afterwards." It is clear, Scriptural and convincing, being well fitted to correct some of the crude and erroneous teaching current at the present time. Mr. Roadhouse has also sent us another excellent tract on "The Safety of the Child of God." We are glad when any of our students employ the pen as well as the voice in maintaining and defending the truth.

## Receipts for General Fund.

The following are the amounts received from Nov. 23rd, 1906, to Feb. 23rd, 1907:

No. 52.....	\$5 00	No. 86.....	\$1 00
" 53.....	25 00	" 87.....	5 00
" 54.....	10 00	" 88.....	2 00
" 55.....	5 00	" 89.....	5 00
" 56.....	10 00	" 90.....	10 00
" 57.....	5 00	" 91.....	5 00
" 58.....	10 00	" 92.....	1 00
" 59.....	5 00	" 93.....	1 00
" 60.....	100 00	" 94.....	10 00
" 61.....	10 00	" 95.....	25 00
" 62.....	15 00	" 96.....	5 00
" 63.....	10 00	" 97.....	10 00
" 64.....	5 00	" 98.....	10 00
" 65.....	10 00	" 99.....	20 00
" 66.....	2 00	" 100.....	5 00
" 67.....	1 00	" 101.....	1 00
" 68.....	5 00	" 102.....	2 00
" 69.....	15 00	" 103.....	10 00
" 70.....	10 00	" 104.....	5 00
" 71.....	10 00	" 105.....	5 00
" 72.....	5 00	" 106.....	2 00
" 73.....	36 00	" 107.....	1 00
" 74.....	25 00	" 108.....	4 00
" 75.....	10 00	" 109.....	15 00
" 76.....	2 00	" 110.....	5 00
" 77.....	10 00	" 111.....	5 00
" 78.....	10 00	" 112.....	50 00
" 79.....	10 00	" 113.....	5 00
" 80.....	50 00	" 114.....	5 00
" 81.....	15 00	" 115.....	12 00
" 82.....	25 00	" 116.....	25 00
" 83.....	10 00	" 117.....	26 00
" 84.....	25 00	" 118.....	5 00
" 85.....	1 00	" 119.....	25 00

Total..... \$316 00

Previously acknowledged..... 1,385 75

Total for the year..... \$2,201 75

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