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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.

## Another Session Begun.

The fourteenth session of the School is now well on the way. It opened on the 17th of September with a good enrollment, which has gone on steadily increasing. The actual number of names on the roll at present is not greater than at the same period last year, but the average attendance of students is better. It is interesting also to notice that while last year at this time the women students were in a considerable majority, this year the numbers are about equally divided. The students are all taking hold of their work with commendable diligence and earnestness.

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

### Public Lectures.

The session began as it also did a year ago, with a number of public lectures by Mr. A. C. Gaebelein of New York. These lectures were delivered in the afternoons and evenings of the first three days. The afternoon lectures were on prophetic themes, and were based on the Book of Joel and on two of the Psalms. The evening lectures took the form of a course of expositions of the Epistle to the Galatians. Mr. Gaebelein's unfolding of the teaching of this Epistle was clear and helpful, particularly his explanation and illustration of the difference between law and grace. Many were heard to speak of the benefit they had received from these expositions.

### New Lecturers.

We welcome to the number of the Instructors of the School two new lecturers who have been appointed for the present year to divide the subject of Bible Doctrines, formerly taught by Dr. Stewart. The Rev. F. S. Weston is carrying on this work with great efficiency during the first part of the session. The Rev. V. H. Cowser will continue it after the new year.

### Student Organizations.

A Students' Executive Committee was appointed early in the session to deal with matters concerning the general student body. It consists of the following members: Mr. George Tester, Chairman; Miss N. E. Houlding, Secretary; Mr. H. L. Troyer, Miss M. G. Lesslie, Mr. R. E. Jones, Mr. L. R. Rist.

The Missionary Society has been organized with Mr. H. L. Troyer as President, Mr. George Sanderson, Vice-President, and Miss M. G. Lesslie, Secretary-Treasurer. The Society is carrying on a systematic study of China, according to the plan of the Young People's Forward Missionary Movement.

The Evangelistic Band is under the leadership of Mr. R. E. Jones, with Mr. L. R. Rist as Associate Leader, Miss M.

E. Halpenny and Miss A. Garbutt as Secretaries. Already much blessing has attended the work which the students have been carrying on in some of the missions throughout the city.

### Special Classes.

The morning classes in English are being conducted this year by Mr. Fred Harris, a son of the President of the School, who has recently graduated with distinction from Princeton University.

Mr. Cringan's music class on Tuesday afternoon has been resumed. Very satisfactory progress is being made in this department.

The Medical Lecturers this term are Dr. E. F. Bowie and Dr. G. D. Porter. The former lectures every Wednesday on "Drugs and Medicine," the latter every Thursday on "Medical and Surgical Emergencies."

### To Foreign Fields.

Since last annual meeting several of our former students have removed to distant fields of labor. Mr. E. C. Austin, Canada's first missionary to Peru, has gone to labor among the Incas, about two millions of whom have no knowledge of the love of Jesus. Miss Maud West, who was a missionary teacher in Argentina, is now at work for the Master at Santa Cruz, Teneriffe. Miss M. E. Standen, who has been home for furlough, has recently returned to her important field in Kiangsi, China. Miss Lily Tilley, who graduated with us, and then took a course of training as a nurse, has sailed for China, under the auspices of the China Inland Mission. Miss Lucy M. Jones has just left for India, where she will labor in connection with the wonderfully successful mission among the Telugus.

We may also state that Mr. Charles Waddell, with his young wife, expects soon to return to Northern Nigeria, and that Miss C. Domm has been accepted for service in the same distant and needy field. May the blessing of God accompany all these friends, and make them wise in winning souls.

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### The Rev. T. C. DesBarres, M.A.

By the death of Mr. DesBarres on the 2nd of September, the Training School has lost one of its warmest friends. He was a member of the Council from the beginning, and at different times he gave much appreciated assistance, both as lecturer and examiner. He was an earnest Bible student and a gifted expositor of the Word of God. To the great evangelical truths, which the School makes prominent, he gave devoted allegiance and consistent testimony during a ministry of forty-seven years. Our sympathies have been extended to his son and daughter in their great loss. May God raise up others who shall manifest like loyalty to the Scriptures and consecration to the Saviour as our friend did who now rests from his labors.

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### Another Death.

Mrs. W. J. Standen, mother of Miss M. E. Standen, whose return to mission work in China is recorded in another column, died very suddenly in this city on Nov. 13th. She was an earnest, faithful Christian and a devoted wife and mother. We sympathize with the bereaved husband and family in their great loss, and especially with our former student, Miss Maybeth, who will not know of her mother's death till some time after she reaches her distant station in China. May the Lord give all needed support.

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On Monday evening, Dec. 9th, a great treat will be provided for all members of the Training School and their friends. An illustrated lecture on Burma, with fine views, will be given in our large audience room by the Rev. Ernest Grigg, returned missionary from that interesting country. Admission is free. An offering will be taken for the cause of missions.

### Letters from Friends.

We have been cheered lately by receiving an increasing number of donations from former students, and by their hearty words of appreciation. Two members of our Evening Classes, now married, write as follows:

"We feel that we owe a great deal to the teaching and inspiration we received at the School. We will never forget the lessons we learned within its walls, and the sweet Christian fellowship. We are still looking forward to the time when we may be able to attend again. But for the present we will pray earnestly for those who learn and also for those who teach. You will please put our names on your list of yearly contributors."

Another student, now in the Canadian North-West, in sending what he calls his "little mite," adds these encouraging words:

"I cannot forget the School or its instructors. The lessons are too deeply impressed on my mind for that. It is my earnest prayer that the Word of God may continue to be taught in the same clear and powerful way as in former years."

Still another graduate, a young lady, bears this testimony:

"I know just how great a blessing the Training School has been to myself, and also to many who otherwise could not have had such a privilege as it affords. I do trust that many will yet have the opportunity of attending the School and taking its many courses of Bible study, and being blessed by its spiritual teaching in their lives and service."

We subjoin two other extracts from well-known professional men in this city. The first says:

"I enclose, with pleasure, my contribution for the Bible Training School, and congratulate you on the great success of the work."

The other is from one of the most prominent Christian men in Canada:

"It gives me very great pleasure to know of the good attendance and the bright prospects of the Training School, and the large work that you are able to accomplish. It is a matter of refreshment amidst the many attacks now being made upon the only reliable Book in the world, to find that your School stands so true to it. I wish I could help you more, but if the little cheque enclosed is of use to you, it will be very pleasing to me."

## Students' Public Meeting.

The next Students' Public Meeting will be held on Monday evening, Dec. 2nd, with the following programme :

Chairman's Address: Rev. Elmore Harris, D.D.  
 Miss May Carter: "The Quiet Hour."  
 Mr. L. R. Rist: "Love never Faileth."  
 Miss Abbie Garbutt: "The service of Christ."  
 Mr. Ma Wou: "My Faith in Jesus."  
 Mrs. Jas. Longley: "Jesus the Saviour."

## Notes.

WE have now 1,229 volumes in the library, with room on the shelves for more.

THE students are writing essays this session on the Names and Titles of our blessed Saviour.

MISS M. B. McCORMACK, one of our recent graduates, is enjoying her work in Winnipeg as Deaconess of the Free Kindergarten School.

REV. T. A. RODGER, a former Secretary of the School, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Knox Church, Owen Sound. We wish him much blessing in his work

Rev. L. N. SIRRELL, one of our first graduates, has removed from Gouverneur, N. Y., to become pastor of an important church in Elmira, N. Y.

REV. E. LARKE, another of our early graduates, has been very successful in his ministry in the Congregational church of Biwabik, Minn. The local paper reports his sermons.

THE written examinations of the Day Classes will begin on Dec. 13th, and continue till Dec. 20th. Those of the Evening Classes will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, and Thursday, Dec. 19th.

AFTER the Christmas holidays, the work of the classes will D. V. be resumed on Tuesday, January 7th, 1903, when we hope to welcome all the present students and a goodly number of new ones.

MR G. J. RANSOM and Mr. J. A. Clark, our blind student, did very successful work for the U. C. Tract Society during the summer, the one in Renfrew County and the other in Oxford County.

MR. RICHARD E. JONES labored as colporteur for the Bible Society in New Liskeard, and other localities in New Ontario, and Mr. George Tester has been engaged in agency work for the same Society in this city.

WE have learned of special blessing attending the ministry of some of our former students—Mr. Albert T. Finlayson in Alvinston, Ont., where he was aided by Mr. Halliwell, and Mr. Wm. Digby, at Griffin's Corners, Elgin County, where about thirty made a profession of their faith in Christ.

RABBI BREGMAN, who is still with us in the classes, has been doing earnest and faithful work among the Jews of the city; and Mr. Jacob M. Sampson, of Lodz, Poland, a former student, who can speak five languages, is employed as missionary in Brantford, among the sixteen hundred foreigners from Europe now in that city.

## Receipts for General Fund.

Donations received from April 30th to Nov. 21st, 1907:

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