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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.

Enrolment and Attendance.

Since the beginning of the present term the number of students enrolled has increased to 64 in the Day Classes and 240 in the Evening Classes. regular attendance has sometimes been interrupted by sickness and other causes, but on the whole the average daily attendance is quite as large as it was at the same time last year. It is interesting to notice the fact that among the students of the Day Classes are represented eight denominations and tive distinct nationalities.

The Bible League.

The Toronto Branch of the Bible League of North America held a very successful Conference of three days in January. The attendance was excellent, and the lectures and addresses were of great value. Much interest and even enthusiasm were manifested, and the little criticisms which appeared in the daily papers have only called forth further defence of the authority and integrity of the Holy Scriptures. We are glad to learn that the Officers of the Toronto Branch, of which our President, Dr. Elmore Harris, is Chairman, are arranging for lectures from eminent scholars of Great Britain and America, in vindication and confirmation of the Bible as the very Word of God.

Evangelistic Work.

The work of the Evangelistic Society is meeting with continued success. Regular meetings are conducted in the Yonge St. and King St. Missions; while occasional services are held in many other places. The efforts of the students are being blessed by many conversions. In order to increase their efficiency in this kind of service, they hold a class among themselves every week for the study of personal work.

Missionary Society.

The Students' Missionary Society is doing excellent work in the study of Missions. During the fall term a systematic course on China was completed. During the present term a wider and more varied programme is being followed. A very deep and earnest missionary spirit pervades the whole student body.

Towards the close of last term a very interesting and instructive illustrated lecture on Burmah was given by the Rev. Ernest Grigg.

The next annual public meeting under the auspices of the Society will be held on Thursday, March 5th, when the Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., Foreign Mission Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, will give an address on his recent visit to the mission fields of the East.

Mrs. McTavish.

Since the last number of the RE-CORDER was issued, the Rev. Dr. Mc-Tavish, one of the warmest friends of the School and a valued member of the Council, has passed through a very sore bereavement. Mrs. McTavish died on Dec. 22nd, after an illness of several weeks. Our earnest sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and family in their great sorrow. Mrs. McTavish was a most devoted Christian woman. The range of her sympathies and the variety of her ministries have caused her loss to be keenly felt not only in the church to which she belonged, but in a far wider circle throughout the city.

Appreciative Words.

Among the many letters which have come to us recently with good wishes for the School there are three which deserve to be specially noted, because they were written by three of the most prominent men in Canada.

The first comes from a Senior County Judge of Ontario, who writes:

"It is a pleasure to me to send my half-yearly contribution to the Bible Training School, as I believe it is an object more worthy of our help than any in this home land. It is founded altogether upon the Word of God, the rock of our salvation. I am thankful to hear of the prosperity and bright prospects of the Institution. I remember a very pleasant visit made to the School some years ago, and I wish I could go down sometime and 'see for myself.'"

Another letter came from one of the most esteemed ministers of the Presbyterian Church, an ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, and reads as follows:

"It is with gratitude that I learn of the continued success of the Bible Training School, in aid of which I gladly renew my subscription. I trust that through the blessing of the Lord it will be yet more largely used for His glory in time to come. I regret that the intervening miles prevents my being with you as much as I could desire."

The third letter comes from a Canadian statesman, knighted in 1906, one of the oldest senators of the Dominion. He says:

"The good work in the Bible Training School has been engaging my attention for some time. I know how highly the late Lady G— appreciated the School and how earnestly she desired to promote its interests. Both for that reason and because of its good work in preparing young men and women for Christian service in Canada and abroad, I send the enclosed cheque with sincere pleasure."

First Corinthians.

REV. ELMORE HARRIS, D.D.

- Give the key-note of the Epistle and its meaning.
- 2. Write out the Main Outline of its contents.
- State briefly your view of Scriptural Sanctification as alluded to in chap. 1: 2.
- 4. Write a note on "The Enrichment of the Corinthian Christians," spoken of in chap. 1: 5.
- 5. Explain the reference in 1: 13, "Is Christ Divided?"
- 6. Give the Significance of the various blessings in chap. 1:30.
- 7. Distinguish clearly "the Natural man" (2:14), "the Carnal" (3:1), and "the Spiritual" (2:15), and "the Perfect" (2:3).
- 8. Explain chap. 3: 17, giving the proper rendering, and its relation to the whole immediate context.
- Give the meaning of "stewards" (4:1), and mention some of "the Mysteries of God."
- Write a note on the word "spectacle" (4:9), and give Scripture parallels.

Christology.

REV. WM. STEWART, D.D.

- 1. Explain the origin, derivation and meaning of the name Jesus.
- 2. Show the appropriateness of the name *Christ* as applied to our Saviour.
- 3. Give fully the meaning of the two designations, the Word and Immanuel.
- 4. Write a note bringing out clearly the import of the name, Son of Man.
- 5. Point out the great Gospel doctrines which seem to be taught or implied in Gen. 3:15, the "first promise."

Bible Doctrines.

REV. FRANK S. WESTON.

- 1. How is God presented to us in the Bible? Define each word.
- 2. Name the Attributes of God and define them.
- 3. Give date of Creation. What are the "days" of Genesis?
- 4. How came man on the earth? Tell what you can of his original state and relations.
- 5. What is the origin of the animal world, and what relation has it to man?
- Into what classes are angels divided?
 What is the relation of good angels to man.
- 7. Who is Satan, and what are some of his other names?
- 8. Who are subjects of Satan's kingdom? Give Scripture proof.
- Can Satan work miracles? Give proof.
- Give an outline as full as possible of the lectures on Bible Doctrines.

Christian Evidences.

REV. JOHN McNicol, B.D.

- 1. State reasons for the study of Christian Evidences.
- 2. Explain the various forms of opinion regarding the existence of God.
- State briefly the argument for the existence of God based on the order that is in the world.
- 4. Why does man need a further revelation than that of nature?
- Show that the presence of suffering and sin in the world does not conflict with the goodness of God towards His creatures.
- Give reasons for believing that the Mosaic account of the origin of Israel's religion is historically true.
- State the general argument for the supernatural origin of Old Testament prophecy.
- 8. Give reasons for believing that the Old Testament account of creation was divinely rovealed.

Students' Public Meeting.

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

Chairman's Address: Rev. Elmore Harris, D.D.

"The Saviour's Legacy": Mr. Sidney Hood.

"The Divine Promises": Miss C. Thomas.

"The Great Commission": Mr. G. Sanderson.

"A Perfect Man": Miss A. Wortman.

"Christian Decision": Mr. D. J. Storms,

Notes.

IT is expected that the Closing Exercises of this session will take place on Thursday, April 30th.

Since the beginning of January, 14 new students have been enrolled as members of the Day Classes.

THE written examinations of the Evening Classes at the close of the term will take place on April 16th, 21st, 23rd and 28th.

Miss H. I. Mair, one of our first graduates, is very happy and useful in her work as missionary in connection with Hephzibah House, New York.

WE sympathize with our former student, Miss Nettie Rupert, in the death of her father, an aged and much esteemed resident of Belleville.

ONE of our early graduates, the Rev. R. J. Garrett, has lately left his field of labor in this city to become pastor of the Christian Workers' Mission, London, Ont.

THE Rev. E. LARKE, another of our first graduates, who is now pastor of the Congregational church at Bagley, Minn., has published a useful tract entitled "Is the Young Man Safe?"

EX-RABBI HENRY BREGMAN, who will soon complete his course of study with us, has opened promising evening classes among the Jews of Toronto for the study of the Bible in Hebrew and Yiddish,

Miss J. Dale, a graduate of last session, has been appointed a teacher in the Jane Laycock Orphanage, a very useful institution in the neighborhood of Brantford, and is greatly enjoying her work.

The contribution of \$50 made by the students and instructors for the destitute poor was equally divided between the Shacktown sufferers' fund, and the fund for starving babies and their mothers.

AFTER years of great suffering, borne. with Christian fortitude and resignation, our former graduate, Mrs. Š. T. Mason, of this city, a warm friend of the School and its students, fell asleep in Jesus on Feb. 4th.

THE members of the Toronto Auxiliary of the Mission to Lepers in India and the East, have extended to the officers of the School a vote of thanks in sincere appreciation of kindness in lending them a room in our building for their monthly meetings.

Receipts for General Fund.

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