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The Fourteenth Session.

The Toronto Bible Training School has now been in existence for fourteen years. The Reports contained in this number of the RECORDER will show that prosperity and blessing continue to attend its work. The past session has been one of earnest work and steady progress in all departments. Not only has the work of the students within the School been attended with success, but the activity of students who have gone out from the School into Christian service has been very noticeable. One of the most marked features of the year has been the large number of graduates who have entered on definite fields of labor, both at home and abroad, since our last annual report was issued. The influence of the School grows deeper and wider as the years go by.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting.

The fourteenth session of the Toronto Bible Training School closed on Thursday, April 30th, 1908. In the afternoon of that day the annual meeting of the united Board of Incorporation and General Council was held, when the reports for the year were presented and the entire work of the School received careful review and consideration. There was a good attendance of members present and much interest was manifested in the continued prosperity of the institution. At the close of this meeting, on the kind invitation of President Harris, the members present with two or three of the instructors had dinner together in the library.

At the evening meeting held in the assembly hall, notwithstanding the rain, there was a large attendance of friends of the School interested in the graduating exercises. After prayer by Dr. Hooper, the President made congratulatory remarks on the condition of the School, referring specially to the number of former graduates who are now occupying prominent positions in foreign fields. Excellent addresses were given by three of the graduating students, representing the day and evening classes. Miss E. O. Cutler gave a carefully prepared address on "Will a Man Rob God?" Miss N. E. Houlding spoke effectively on "Divine Guidance," and Mr. J. C. Hobson took as his theme "The Prayer Life of Christ," closing with appropriate valedictory remarks.

Diplomas were then presented to the following twelve students who have completed the course of study in the day classes and passed satisfactory examinations thereon: Misses M. R. Boyer, M. E. Halpenny, N. E. Houlding, N. McFarland, L. Seigrist, L. Sharpe, M. I. Slade and Mrs. James Longley; also Messrs. J. A. Clark, J. C. Hobson, F. X. Stanley and Ma T. Wou. Post-graduate Diplomas were also awarded to Messrs. R. E. Jones, C. J. Loney and G. Tester. The following six students of the evening classes also completed their course of study in a satisfactory way and received certificates: Misses M. K. Brown, A.

Carmichael, E. O. Cutler, E. E. Sprague, and Messrs. R. H. Clark and A. Hughes. The Principal, Mr. McNicol, gave parting words of counsel to the graduates, based on Paul's words, "I press towards the mark."

Addresses on the importance and work of the School were then made by Revs. V. H. Cowser and A. B. Winchester; and the Treasurer, Mr. Shenstone, referred briefly to the necessity of larger liberality in the support of the School.

Report of the Principal.

The fourteenth session of the Toronto Bible Training School has come to a close, and, by the good hand of God upon us, we are able to report another year of progress and blessing. As the work of the School has to do with two different classes of students, we shall deal in this report with each class separately.

THE DAY CLASSES.

I. Attendance of students.

The names of 66 students were enrolled during the session, of whom 31 were men and 35 were women. These numbers are exactly the same as last year, and the total is the same as the year before also. The roll, therefore, would seem to show no advance for the past two years. But in one respect there has been marked improvement. A larger proportion of enrolled students are taking the full Biblical course of study. The average number of students attending regularly throughout the session was the largest this year in the history of the School, and this in spite of the fact that there was more sickness than usual to interfere with the attendance. Several of our students were laid aside for longer or shorter periods, but we are thankful to say that all of these have been restored to better health.

It is interesting to note the fact that six distinct nationalities and eight different denominations were represented among the students in regular attendance at the Day Classes. While denominational distinctions are not recognized, and scarcely ever thought of in the

School, it may yet be of interest to the members of the Council to know from what sources the students come. Of the 66 enrolled students 25 belonged to the Baptist church, 13 to the Methodist, 10 to the Presbyterian, 3 to the Church of England, while the Christian Workers, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Friends, and the Evangelical Association were also represented.

II. Regular Lectures.

The regular course of instruction was as follows:

1. Studies of the New Testament Books every day by the Principal.
2. Exposition of the Book of Exodus once a week by Dr. Harris.
3. Exposition of I. Corinthians once a week by Dr. Harris.
4. Special Biblical studies once a week by Dr. Stewart.
5. Bible Doctrines three times a week. This subject, formerly taught by Dr. Stewart, was divided between two special lecturers. The Rev. F. S. Weston conducted this work during the first half of the session, and the Rev. V. H. Cowser during the latter half.

6. Christian Evidences twice a week by the Principal.

7. Homiletics and Practical Work once a week by the Principal.

Examinations were held in these subjects twice during the session, and the students acquitted themselves with much credit. The results on the whole were most satisfactory and encouraging. They showed that the students had all done faithful and diligent work and had made good progress in their studies.

III. Special Lectures.

The class in English was under the direction of Mr. Fred. M. Harris, B.A., late of Princeton University, who gave instruction three days a week for the purpose of guiding the students in the correct use of the language.

Three courses of medical lectures were carried on. Dr. E. F. Bowie lectured on "Drugs and Medicine," Dr. George D. Porter on "Medical and Surgical Emergencies," and Dr. W. H. Howitt on

"Tropical Diseases." The Bible Training School is greatly indebted to these medical friends, and also to Mr. Frederick Harris, all of whom have given their time and services so generously, and have done work which has been of very great value.

Another class which has helped considerably to increase the usefulness of the students in Christian service is the class in Vocal Music, which has been conducted as usual under the efficient leadership of Mr. A. T. Cringan, Mus. Bach.

A small class in New Testament Greek was held for part of the session for a number of students who desired to pursue this study.

IV. Public Lectures.

In connection with the opening of the session in September two series of public lectures were given in the School by Mr. A. C. Gaebelin of New York. One of these was on certain Old Testament prophetic themes, the other was a course of expositions of the Epistle to the Galatians.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

I. Enrolment.

On the regular Tuesday and Thursday evenings 135 students were registered, and 85 others were also enrolled who attended the special Friday evening class for Sunday School teachers, making a total of 220. Of these 60 were men and 160 women. Of this total, 80 represented Methodist churches, 50 Baptist churches, 44 Presbyterian churches, 10 Anglican churches. Smaller numbers came from several other denominations. In all no fewer than 13 different Christian bodies were represented among the evening students.

II. Instruction.

The course of study on Tuesday and Thursday consisted of Expositions of Exodus and I. Corinthians by Dr. Harris, the Teachings of Christ and New Testament Outlines by the Principal. In addition to this the study of the Sunday School lesson was taken up every Friday evening for Sunday School teachers.

PRACTICAL WORK.

Not less important than the class work is to be considered the practical training of the students in Christian service. This work embraces two departments and has been carried on in connection with two student organizations, the Missionary Society and the Evangelistic Society, under the leadership respectively of two recent graduates, Mr. H. L. Troyer and Mr. R. E. Jones. The work done during the past session in these two departments of Christian activity has been one of the most gratifying and encouraging features of the life of the School.

I. The Missionary Society.

The Missionary Society reports the best year of missionary effort in its history. Some idea of the work accomplished may be gathered from the following facts contained in the Society's report:

Twenty-three afternoon meetings were held for the study of missions, with an average attendance of 22.

Nine similar meetings were held for the Evening Classes, with an average attendance of 18.

Twenty-six morning prayer meetings for missions, with an average attendance of 17.

Thirteen meetings for the Volunteer Band, with an average attendance of 10.

In all 71 meetings of a missionary character were held among the students with a total attendance of 1240, at which 76 addresses were given by students and 9 by returned missionaries and other visitors.

One hundred and twenty-five books from the missionary section of the library were used during the session. In this connection the students express their appreciation of two sets on China and Africa given by Dr. Harris last October.

Two illustrated public lectures were given under the auspices of the Society, one on Burma, by the Rev. Ernest

Grigg, the other on Palestine and other Mediterranean Lands, by Mr. T. R. Burpe. In addition to this, the usual annual public meeting for young people was held, when the Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., gave an address on his recent visit to the mission lands of the East, and made a powerful plea for the consecration of young lives to foreign work.

There are 22 volunteers for foreign missions among the students at present, eight of whom were added during the session, and two of whom are already under appointment to definite fields of labor.

II. The Evangelistic Society.

The evangelistic work of the School has been greatly blessed. The students conducted 47 Gospel services in 10 different places throughout the city, and in addition, several open air meetings. They held 12 afternoon conferences for the study of methods of personal and evangelistic work. They held 23 noon prayer meetings for special blessing on their efforts to win men and women for the Lord Jesus Christ. They know of at least 53 persons whom they helped to lead to a knowledge of the Saviour. But no figures could adequately express the amount of good that has been done in many different ways by these persevering efforts they have carried on from week to week throughout the session.

This review of the work of the year will show that there is much cause for thanksgiving. Day by day throughout the session, before the classes assembled, a little company of students met to wait on God and invoke His blessing on the School. This spirit of prayer has characterized all its work and is the secret of its success. A sober, healthy spiritual atmosphere pervades the lives of the students. A sweet spirit of unity and harmony prevails in all their fellowship. The manifest grace of God continues to rest upon the life and work of the Bible Training School.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN McNICOL.

Report of Dr. Stewart.

Just a year ago on the 23rd of this month, as those who were present at our last annual meeting may remember, I was laid aside by a sudden illness, and scarcely expected to be able to give much more service to our beloved School. Though I still have occasional symptoms and reminders of my ailment, I have been enabled through the Lord's sparing mercy to attend to all my work as Secretary and Lecturer during the session without the loss of a single day. My duties as Secretary have been much the same as those of last year, requiring constant and sometimes anxious attention. I have given courses of instruction to the Day Classes on the Names and Titles of the Saviour, and on the Messianic Prophecies of the Old Testament. In addition, I have criticized and corrected the essays of the students, and given them hints and suggestions on the preparation of their public addresses. On three or four occasions, when other members of the staff have been sick or absent, I have been enabled to supply in some measure their lack of service. But as it is quite uncertain how long I may be able to discharge my public duty, I would respectfully urge on the Board and Council the importance of securing some suitable man to take my place.

It has occurred to me that the friends of the School, and especially those present at this meeting, would realize, perhaps more fully than before, the far-reaching influence of our work, if I stated in a few sentences certain facts in regard to some of our former graduates, now in foreign fields. One of the most prominent of these is Mr. B. C. Sircar, M.A., a native Hindu, who is highly esteemed and successful in his work as one of the Secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. of the great University of Calcutta. In the same city Miss L. Graydon is the Lady Superintendent of the Lady Elliot Hostel, a Christian home for native young women, pursuing their medical studies, where she has been privileged in leading several of them to the Saviour. Messrs. David Dass and Solomon, the Telugu and Tamil young men who were

in the School along with Mr. Sircar, are now giving Bible instruction in the College at Rangoon, Burma. Mrs. T. B. Barker, formerly known to us as Miss Ada Moyer, is Matron of a large inter-denominational Orphanage at Hadjin, Armenia, in Turkey in Asia. Miss Sherlock has been laboring with much success in the Chinese Rescued Home at Victoria, B.C. Miss Wells continues to be a Christian teacher among the Blood Indians of our own North-West, and Miss Haslett has recently gone to labor among the Indians in the far north of Saskatchewan. Mr. J. W. Wilcox and wife, formerly Miss Mamie Passmore, both our graduates, had charge for years of the Receiving Home of the new Missionaries of the China Inland Mission on their arrival in the country, and of their practical preparation for the work among the natives. Miss B. Mould has passed her final examination in the Telugu language, and been appointed to a new station to labor among the women and girls of India. Mr. E. C. Austin is the first Canadian missionary to the Incas, the aborigines of Peru in South America, and Miss M. K. Brown expects soon to be at work among the same people. Many others trained in our School—more than 50 in all—are to-day devotedly laboring as foreign missionaries in connection with nearly every prominent evangelical denomination and in every quarter of the globe. At least as many more are laboring in important spheres of service in the home field. Surely the Lord has prospered the work of our hands upon us. To Him be all the praise!

From Two Former Graduates.

Mr. B. C. Sircar, M.A., one of the Secretaries of the Y.M.C.A. of the University of Calcutta, who is giving efficient service in that great institution of 5,000 students, has recently sent an interesting letter to the students' Missionary Society of our School, from which the following is an extract:

"I have been deeply touched by the Christian brotherly feeling shown to me

by the School, and I am very thankful for your prayers. The Bible Training School has a great mission to the non-Christian world, for to-day the world demands the 'Word,' and not philosophy or even theology. 'Tell us what the Bible teaches,' is everywhere the cry. Nothing else will abide but the Word of God, to which the School is so faithful. This is what India needs, for it is the means of eternal life."

Mr. Henry Hellyer, who has been taking a full course of study at Westminster College, Mo., and who is now supplying churches in that state, wrote recently to Dr. Stewart as follows:

"I have nothing but a testimony of praise to Him who led me to the Toronto Bible Training School. I could not be where I am, and do what I am doing, were it not for the Bible training I received in our beloved School. Not only have I been kept faithful to many precious truths taught in God's Word, but I have been enabled to make them known to several of my fellow-students, who had never known these 'wonderful things' before. Tell the present students that they have the grandest opportunity of their life in spending these days of preparation at a School where the Word is so faithfully taught. I trust that they will uphold the Cross, and will each enjoy the blessing of the Master in seeking to reach dying men."

The Council has expressed its hearty approval of a suggestion made by one of our recent graduates that an Alumni Association or Association of Former Students should be formed in connection with the School. It is probable that steps in this direction will be taken when the new session begins in the fall.

The new Catalogue and Announcement of the School will be published early in July, giving full particulars about Instructors, Lecturers and Courses of Study for next session. Copies may be obtained on application to Miss A. Burns, the Assistant Secretary, 110 College Street, Toronto, or to any officer of the School.

Christian Evidences.

1. State reasons for believing that the Gospels and the Acts are true records of the historic origin of Christianity.
2. Point out the unique features in the character of Jesus.
3. Discuss the question: How can the super-human claims of Jesus be accounted for?
4. Show that Jesus fulfilled the prophetic description of the Messiah.
5. Give at least five reasons for believing that the Gospel accounts of the miracles of Jesus are true.
6. Give a summary of the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus.
7. State and answer the theory of spiritual appearances as an explanation of the disciples' belief in the resurrection.
8. Show how Christianity is peculiarly adapted to meet the needs of man's nature, and state the conclusion to be drawn therefrom.
9. Give a classification of religions.
10. Discuss the question: Can men be saved by means of non-Christian religions?

Notes.

FOUR of our men, Messrs. Wm. Digby, E. K. Gripps, George Tester and Oswald J. Smith have gone to Northern Ontario to be colporteurs of the Bible Society; while Messrs. James Clark and D. J. Storms will labor under the auspices of the Tract Society.

It is expected that Mr. George Sanderson will soon go to Northern Nigeria under the Central Soudan Mission, and Miss M. K. Brown to Peru under the South American Branch of the Regions Beyond Missionary Union; that Miss Helen Reikie will be sent out by the China Inland Mission, while Miss E. Jaeger hopes to go far hence to engage in service for Christ in Thibet.

LET our readers be much in prayer for the Bible Training School in all its work and necessities, for our President and his family during their absence in Europe, and for the young men and women who have gone and are now going out to so many important and widely separated fields of labor. May all these friends and interests be abundantly blessed.

Treasurer's Report.

The following is the statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending April 30th, 1908:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance on hand	\$85 99
Gifts	3,305 10
Incidental Fees	377 52
Maintenance of Hall	285 00
Collections	58 91
	\$4,202 52
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid Principal, Instructors and Ass't Secy.	\$2,795 00
" Electric Light and Gas	77 55
" Ground Rent	250 00
" Caretaker	203 00
" Coal and Water	335 17
" Telephone	45 00
" Printing and Advertising	105 50
" Repairs	127 47
" Taxes	55 91
" Insurance	77 40
" Postage	45 33
" Interest	14 10
" Sundries	19 79
	\$4,181 22
Balance on hand	\$21 30

The Treasurer reported verbally that there were still liabilities to the amount of about \$250, which he expected would be provided for in a few days. Still a larger income was necessary.

The Report was received with thanks to Mr. Shenstone for his valuable services.

Day Classes.

The following is a list of students enrolled in the Day Classes for the Session 1907-08:

Miss J. S. Anderson, Toronto.
 Mr. A. H. Bevis, Toronto.
 Miss M. R. Boyer, Berlin.
 Rabbi H. Bregman, Toronto.
 Miss Brigham, Toronto.
 Mr. G. F. Broadley, Toronto.
 Mr. T. R. Burpe, Ottawa.
 Miss J. Carruthers, Sandford.
 Mr. L. L. Champion, Toronto.
 Mr. J. A. Clark, Woodstock.
 Miss M. J. Connolly, Toronto.
 Miss L. B. Crow, Moyia, B.C.
 Miss V. Deverell, Toronto.
 Mr. A. J. Duff, Toronto.
 Mr. A. T. Finlayson, Toronto.
 Miss A. Garbutt, Peterborough.
 Mr. J. Gawthrop, Toronto Junction.
 Mr. G. Gibbons, Woodbridge.
 Rev. E. Grigg, Rangoon, Burma.
 Mr. S. Grinnett, Toronto.
 Mr. E. K. Gripps, Sault Ste. Marie.
 Miss M. E. Halpenny, Toronto.
 Miss S. Hardy, Toronto.
 Mrs. Hermeton, Toronto.
 Mrs. E. D. Hill, Toronto.
 Mr. J. C. Hobson, Guelph.
 Mr. S. Hood, Toronto.
 Miss N. E. Houlding, Burtch.
 Miss L. Jackes, Toronto.
 Miss E. Jaeger, Toronto.
 Mr. R. E. Jones, Toronto.
 Miss Ruth Jones, Toronto.
 Miss A. Kratzer, Buffalo, N.Y.

Miss B. Lingham, Toronto.
 Mr. C. J. Loney, Toronto.
 Miss J. Longhurst, Toronto.
 Mrs. J. Longley, Toronto.
 Miss E. Luttrell, Toronto.
 Mr. Jos. Magnan, Quebec.
 Miss N. McFarland, Toronto.
 Miss A. Monkman, Bramosa.
 Mr. J. Moody, Windsor.
 Miss M. Moore, Toronto.
 Mrs. I. J. Ranson, Toronto.
 Miss A. Richardson, Toronto.
 Mr. L. Rist, Eglinton.
 Miss M. A. E. Rogers, Mount Forest.
 Mr. G. Sanderson, Weston.
 Miss L. Seigrist, Shallow Lake.
 Miss E. M. Sharpe, Lindsay.
 Miss L. Sharpe, Guelph.
 Mr. D. Sillars, Quebec.
 Miss M. I. Slade, East Toronto.
 Mr. T. R. Sorton, Scotland.
 Mr. F. X. Stanley, Toronto.
 Mr. D. J. Storms, Hamilton.
 Mr. G. Tester, Toronto.
 Mr. H. L. Troyer, Toronto.
 Miss G. Turnbull, St. George.
 Miss J. M. Tyrrell, St. George.
 Miss C. Varcoe, Camden.
 Mr. J. C. Wallis, Port Carling.
 Miss M. J. Wallis, Port Carling.
 Miss A. Wertman, Newburg.
 Mr. M. T. Wou, Toronto.
 Rev. H. Wright, Toronto.

Evening Classes.

The following is a list of students in the Evening Classes, who have passed one or more of the written examinations of the session. The total enrolment of all the Evening Students was 220.

Mr. A. P. Anderson.	Miss E. O. Cutler.	Miss B. Nichols.	Mr. O. J. Smith.
Miss N. Baker.	Mr. W. Digby.	Mr. A. E. Orton.	Miss G. Somerville.
Mr. G. F. Broadley.	Miss M. Duffus.	Miss M. Parker.	Miss E. E. Sprague.
Miss M. K. Brown.	Miss A. Evans.	Miss G. Patterson.	Mr. A. Stork.
Miss A. Beynon.	Miss M. Hewetson.	Mr. H. S. Patton.	Mr. J. J. Taylor.
Miss M. O. Burleigh.	Mr. A. Hughes.	Miss I. Pearce.	Miss M. Taylor.
Mr. J. Cameron.	Miss H. Humphrey.	Miss R. Pickwell.	Mr. G. Tester.
Miss A. Carmichael.	Miss M. Huddy.	Miss H. Reikie.	Miss C. Thomas.
Miss L. Carrington.	Mr. J. Inrig.	Mr. D. Romilly.	Miss H. Williams.
Miss M. Carter.	Miss V. J. Keown.	Miss M. Ruth.	
Mr. E. Clark.	Mr. D. McDonald.	Miss M. Sivell.	
Mr. R. H. Clark.	Miss H. Newsome.	Miss M. T. Shade.	

Notes.

THE fifteenth session of the Toronto Bible Training School will open (D.V.) on Tuesday, September 22nd, 1908, at 10 a.m.

It is important that all students, particularly those who are entering the School for the first time, should be present at the beginning of the session.

MISS CHRISTINA SMITH, one of our first graduates, has been recently appointed Bible woman by the Toronto City Mission. She has already done good work in that capacity in New York city.

MESSRS. I. J. RANSOM and J. C. Hobson have received appointments to important mission fields, the former going to Palmerston and Howick, Ont., and the latter going for the second time to North Hatley, Que.

MR. P. B. LONEY is taking charge of the Eastern Ave. Mission in this city, Miss Georgia Smith is working in connection with the Sackville St. Mission, and Mr. C. J. Loney has been called to a pastorate in Stouffville, Ont.

OUR President, Dr. Elmore Harris, and family expect to spend the summer months in Nauheim, Germany, where it is hoped that the medicinal baths will be of much benefit to Mrs. Harris, whose health has been somewhat impaired.

MISS S. HASLETT has entered on her duties as a missionary worker among the Indians in the far north of Canada

at a station about 300 miles nearer the North Pole than Prince Albert is. She has mail communication once a month.

MESSRS. R. E. JONES and Joseph Gawthrop, with possibly another student, expect to labor this summer as Missionaries to the Railway Construction camps of the far North, under the auspices of the Shantymen's Christian Association.

Receipts for General Fund.

Donations received from Feb. 24th, 1908, to April 31st 1908 :

No. 138.....	\$3 00	No. 168.....	\$5 00
" 139.....	250 00	" 169.....	5 00
" 140.....	5 00	" 170.....	2 00
" 141.....	5 00	X X X.....	5 00
" 142.....	10 00	" 171.....	2 00
" 143.....	5 00	" 172.....	5 00
" 144.....	10 00	" 173.....	10 00
" 145.....	5 00	" 174.....	5 00
" 146.....	3 00	" 175.....	1 00
" 147.....	5 00	" 176.....	5 00
" 148.....	10 00	" 177.....	2 00
" 149.....	25 00	" 178.....	10 00
" 150.....	50 00	" 179.....	2 00
" 151.....	10 00	" 180.....	10 00
" 152.....	5 00	" 181.....	25 00
" 153.....	15 00	" 182.....	100 00
" 154.....	5 00	" 183.....	250 00
" 155.....	5 00	" 184.....	1 00
" 156.....	2 00	" 185.....	5 00
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" 158.....	25 00	" 187.....	3 00
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" 162.....	2 00	" 191.....	50 00
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" 164.....	5 00	" 193.....	5 00
" 165.....	5 10	" 194.....	10 00
" 166.....	25 00	" 195.....	25 00
" 167.....	25 00	" 196.....	80 00

Previously acknowledged.... \$1,319 10
Total.... \$2,076 00
\$3,395 10

JOSEPH N. SIDENSTONE, *Treas.*