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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.

THE NEW TERM.

Since the last RECORDER was issued the enrolment of students has been increasing steadily. A considerable number have entered since the New Year. The attendance at present in both the Day and the Evening Classes is in advance of any previous year. Quite a number of foreign nationalities are re-Mr. Hyde completed his presented. course of lectures on the Holy Spirit before Christmas, and Mr. Weston is now lecturing on Eschatology. Howitt is giving his special lectures on Tropical Diseases, while Dr. Bowie is continuing the course he began in the fall on Drugs and Medicines.

MISS MARY G. LESSLIE.

By the death of Miss Lesslie, which occurred on the 7th of January, the Bible Training School lost one of its best students and warmest friends. Since her graduation in 1906 she had maintained her connection with the School. attending some of the classes each year, and taking an active interest especially in the missionary work of the students. She lived a singularly devoted life, and was identified with many kinds of Christian work. Although a constant sufferer, she always manifested an unfailing spirit of cheerfulness. Rejoicing in tribulation, she went about doing good. Her appreciation of the value of the work of the Bible Training School is shown in the fact that she left it a bequest of one hundred dollars.

"A HOTBED OF MISSIONS."

One of the morning newspapers of Toronto, in referring to the large number of our students who have recently gone out to labor in foreign fields, calls the School "a Hotbed of Missions." This is not a name we would ourselves have chosen; we should prefer to call it "a Handmaid and Helper of Missions." But understanding by the word "hotbed," a place which promotes rapid growth or heated activity, we can desire nothing better for the Toronto Bible Training School than that it should continue to manifest this condition and spirit in relation to all missionary service, whether at home or abroad.

- WHAT OUR FRIENDS SAY.

We continue to receive many kind letters expressing warm appreciation of the work of the Bible Training School. In one of these, written by our aged friend, Mr. W. J. Copp, of Hamilton, only a few days before his sudden death, he says:

"I am glad to send my annual donation for your good work. I thank God for the blessing resting on the School, and my prayer is that it will still be greatly prospered."

A leading manufacturer of this city wrote as follows:

"A am glad to learn of the numbers attending the Toronto Bible Training School. Beyond doubt, this is one of the very best work—if not the very best work—in the City of Toronto; and the good resulting therefrom must be very far reaching, as so many going out as missionaries get their training there."

A lady who is well known for her Christian devotion has presented her convictions in this way:

"I hear that in some Theological Colleges certain things are taught contrary to the mind of our Lord and Master, but in the helief that God's own precious and infallible Word is put first in your School, it ought to have the support of all His children and followers. I pray that God may bless the work and own all that is of Hinself!"

From New York city one of our first graduates, engaged as Bible woman and district visitor, has sent this note of acknowledgement:

"Please find enclosed my donation to the Toronto Bible Training School, with earnest prayer for God's continued favor and blessing, also with increased gratitude for the benefit I derived from the training given."

Another of our first students, now engaged in pastoral work in the province of Quebec, has recently sent this grateful testimony:

"What a satisfaction it must be to you, and the others who first entered the work, to know that the graduates touch almost every land to-day. I am so thankful to have had the advantages of the School. I could never have hoped to be in a position to labor in my present capacity but for the Toronto Bible Training School."

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

On next page will be found four of the examination papers on which the students wrote immediately before the Christmas vacation. They will give our friends some idea of the character and scope of the studies pursued in different classes.

The Old Testament Historical Books.

REV. JOHN McNicol, B.D.

- Write an outline of the Book of Joshua.
- Describe the general character of the times of the Judges.
- 3. Write a note on the failure and rejection of Saul.
- 4. What influence helped to prepare David for the Kingdom?
- 5. Write an outline of II. Samuel.
- State the causes which led to, and the results which followed, the division of the Kingdom.
- 7. Compare the ministries of Elijah and Elisha.
- Explain the main purpose of the Books of Chronicles, comparing them with the Books of Kings.
- Point out the ruling characteristic in the lives of Joshua, Samson, Samuel and Nehemiah.
- 10. How do the Books of Ruth and Esther illustrate the ways of God?

Christian Doctrines.

REV. WM. STEWART, D.D.

- 1. Give an explanation of Salvation, both negatively and positively.
- 2. Show the nature of Regeneration from the names given to it in the New Testament.
- 3. What is Conversion, and what is its relation to Regeneration?
- 4. State Scriptural reasons affirming the necessity of Regeneration.
- 5. Write a full definition of Justification.
- 6. Explain the ground of Justification, showing what it is, and what it is not.
- 7. How can James 2:24 be harmonized with Romans 3:28?
- 8. Give two meanings of the word Faith" as found in the New Testament, with an example of each.
- State five illustrations or explanations of Faith as given in the New Testament.
- 40. Write a note on Hebrews 11:1, and show how the statement is illustrated in the case of Noah or Abraham.

Second Corinthians.

REV. ELMORE HARRIS, D.D.

- 1. Give the theme of this Epistle and distinguish that of the First letter.
- 2. Show the twofold result of the Apostolic sufferings as set forth in 1:3-5.
- 3. Write a full note on the "Sealing of the Spirit" (1:22).
- 4. Discuss the "Vail" over the face of Moses (3:13).
- 5. What is the "treasure" in 4:7?
- 6. Define accurately the probable allusion in the word "present" of 4:14, giving a parallel passage.
- Explain fully "the inward man" of 4:16, and his renewal, citing parallel Scripture.
- Give various views of chap. 5:1, and state fully your reasons for the view you prefer.
- 9. Explain the reference in chap. 5:24, and give Scripture references.
- State the peculiar character of the "Judgment" of chap. 5:10, giving parallel passages.

Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

REV. T. B. HYDE.

- 1. Define Personality, and show how it applies to the Holy Spirit.
- 2. How is the Deity of the Holy Spirit set forth?
- 3. In what sense was the Holy Spirit in the world before Pentecost, and in what relation to man?
- State five particulars in which the Holy Spirit takes the place of Jesus on earth as the promised "Another."
- 5. Give five Emblems of the Holy Spirit and the significance of each.
- 6. Enumerate the commands concerning the Holy Spirit, and distinguish between "resist," "grieve" and "quench."
- Define Sanctification. State its twofold aspect and the means used for its accomplishment.
- 8. What is the Guidance of the Holy Spirit, and how is it realized?
- 9. What is the Spirit's work with the unsaved, and how is it accomplished?
- 10. What is the "Enduement" of the Holy Spirit, and on what conditions may we enjoy it?

STUDENTS' PUBLIC MEETING.

The next Students' Public Meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Bible Training School on Monday, March 1st, at 8 p.m. The following students, who are all foreigners, will take part

HENRY BREGMAN, from Poland: "The Claims of the Jew."
SHIBA IIJIMA, from Japan: "How I became a Christian."
MISS M. ISAAC, from Burma: "The Women of India."
LOUIS GREDYS, from Roumania: "Count the Cost?"
TIM. MA WOU, from China: "Mission Work in China."
DANIEL SOLOMON, from Burma: "Christianity is Christ."

NOTES.

THE written examinations of the term will begin on April 15, and the closing exercises of the session will take place on April 30th.

THE Rev. George Orman has removed from Sussex, N.B., to Vernon River Bridge, P.E.I., where he is useful and happy in pastoral work.

MISS K. M. HOLMES, from Winnipeg, visited the School in January, and gave the students a gratifying report of progress in her hospital work among foreigners there.

Mr. I. J. Ranson, a graduate of 1907, has been ordained to the Gospel ministry at Burk's Falls, Ont. A friend who was present at the ordination informs us that he passed a very creditable and satisfactory examination.

OUR friends in the city are cordially invited to the Students' Public Meeting on Monday, March 1st. It will be quite novel and highly interesting, as all the addresses will be given by students of foreign nationality. See programme at the top of this page.

MISS FLORA J. RAY, who was one of the graduates of 1907, has been appointed teacher of the Bible in the Young Women's Christian Guild in this city; and Miss Agnes Linklater, one of our present students, has charge of the Bible Class in the Simcoe St. Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Miss E. E. HALL has returned to her work in China, sailing January 16th. During her furlough she did much appreciated service for a time as visitor of the Northern Congregational Church of this city. Miss Annie Bartlett was recently married to Rev. Mr. Price of the Soudan Interior Mission, and has sailed with her husband to Northern Nigeria. Miss J. Brechin has also joined a company of workers in an Independent Mission in Liberia. These three ladies are graduates of the School, and are followed with the sympathies and prayers of many Christian friends.

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