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The Work of the Session.

The work of the present session was resumed after the Christmas vacation with an increased enrolment. The average attendance of students in the day classes is over 60, which is fully up to the average of last year. The attendance in the evening classes was interrupted somewhat during the evangelistic campaign in January, but since then it has improved. Dr. Howitt is giving his valuable course of instruction on Tropical Diseases to the students who are preparing for foreign work. Rev. R. V. Bingham is conducting a special course of study on the fundamental Biblical principles of missions. All the other classes are going on as usual.

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

What Two Friends Say.

In an interesting letter which our Treasurer lately received from Miss Ethel M Wilkins, a former graduate of the School, she writes as follows :

"We have still a deep interest in the Toronto Bible Training School. The days spent there were very happy and profitable. We are glad there is such a School in the city, where God's Holy Word, the Bible, is clearly and faithfully taught. May God's richest blessing attend all the efforts put forth by the Council and Instructors; and may many of the students continue to go forth to preach the Gospel."

Miss Wilkins was engaged for a time as a missionary nurse in a hospital in our North-West, but her health gave way, and she is now resting at home. May she soon be restored to health.

A member of our General Council, who has shown his deep interest in the School both by gifts and services, recently sent us this estimate of the School and the position it takes :

"The enclosed is my annual contribution to the maintenance fund of the Toronto Bible Training School. As time goes on, and reveals the lamentable trend towards rationalism on the part of our churches and colleges, the existence and support of such an institution as the Bible Training School becomes increasingly necessary and important."

Evangelistic Labors.

Our friend and graduate, George Tester, who has done excellent work for the Bible Society in this city, and in other places in Ontario, has lately been engaged in evangelistic work at Wooler and Uxbridge. He has visited over 150 homes in "the love of the Gospel," and good results are anticipated. He is now at Bloomfield, engaged in similar service.

Marriage.

GRAY-BURNS.—At Philadelphia, Pa., on Saturday, January 21, 1911, Annie Burns, of 532 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, to Thomas Wilbert Gray, of New York.

Many of the former students and graduates of the Toronto Bible Training School, as well as the students now in attendance, were greatly interested in learning of this marriage. Miss Burns has been for years the efficient and faithful assistant-secretary of the School. She attended to her numerous duties with zeal, and secured the esteem of all connected with the Institution by her unflinching kindness and courtesy. She has the best wishes of many friends that all true happiness may attend her in this new relationship.

Practical Work.

The students of the School took an active part in the Evangelistic Campaign under Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander, which was held in Toronto during the month of January. About thirty of them undertook the personal work in two sections of Massey Hall, and others were enrolled as workers in churches in different parts of the city. The experiences of the campaign were of great value to them all.

The Evangelistic Band has been continuing its good work throughout the winter. On Sunday nights Gospel services have been conducted in several missions in different parts of the city, and on Monday nights the Band has charge of the meeting in the Yonge St. Mission. The students report that much blessing is accompanying them, and that many conversions have resulted from their work. The young men also supply pulpits occasionally outside the city.

Assistant Secretary.

Miss Margaret Oliver has received the appointment of Assistant Secretary of the Toronto Bible Training School, as successor to Miss Annie Burns. She entered on her important duties on the 30th of January, and gives promise of doing very useful work in her new position.

The Missionary Society.

The missionary activities of the School are being carried on with encouraging interest. The regular weekly meeting of the Society and the morning missionary prayer-meeting are well attended. Since the beginning of the session fourteen mission study classes have been organized, with six or eight students in each. The classes organized in October completed their work at the close of the year, and a new set of classes was organized in January. At present over fifty students of the Day Classes are enrolled in mission study. The number of students looking forward to the foreign field has increased during the session, and the Volunteer Band now consists of twenty-two members.

An interesting feature of the Society's programme for March is a debate on the subject, "Resolved; That in the Evangelizing of the world there is a greater need for the spiritual strengthening of the body of the Christian Church at home than for the strengthening of the missionary forces on the field."

Death of Mrs. Stewart.

After an illness of nearly four years, Mrs. Win. Stewart, the wife of the first Principal of the Bible Training School, passed from earth to be forever with the Lord. The earlier members of the School will recall the yearly reunion of the students at her home, as long as she could extend to them her kindly hospitality. She died toward midnight on the 18th of February, and her remains were borne on Feb. 20th to the family burying grounds at Beamsville. Her bereaved husband conveys his heartfelt thanks to the members of the Day and Evening Classes of the School for their resolutions of sympathy.

The Pentateuch.

REV. JOHN McNICOL.

1. Explain the names and state the themes of the five books.

2. Write a brief account pointing out the stages in the life of either Abraham or Jacob.
3. Trace the promise of a Redeemer in Genesis.
4. Give an analysis of Exodus.
5. Draw a diagram of the Tabernacle with its furniture.
6. Give the main divisions of Leviticus and explain clearly the spiritual significance of the sacrifices.
7. Describe the ceremonies of the Day of Atonement; or give a list of the feasts of the Lord with their New Testament antitypes.
8. Give the main divisions of Numbers and write a note on the stages of the wilderness journey.
9. Give a list of the types of Christ in Numbers, stating where they are found.
10. State the general character and give the main divisions of Deuteronomy.

Essays and Addresses.

BY REV. WM. STEWART, D.D.

1. Distinguish between the humiliation and the humility of Christ.
2. Write a paraphrase of Phil. 2: 6 and 7.
3. Give testimonies to the holiness of Christ from those who were not His disciples.
4. In what way did Christ manifest His love to men in the past.
5. Give some of the most noted examples of the Saviour's compassion.
6. Write an essay of at least two hundred words on "the Gospel of Christ."

Colportage Work:

Several of our students engage in colportage work. In some districts the visit of the colporteur is the only visit of a religious character ever received, and as a rule he is warmly welcomed. His is an important work, and calls for a combination of qualities not often found. It is a work which has always been greatly blessed. The minister can have no better ally than the Colporteur, whose work often brings to light some interesting information. One Colporteur reports that in three weeks' labor in an old settled part of Western Ontario, he found fourteen homes in which there was not a single copy of the Word of God. He sold a Bible to a woman about forty years of age, who had never possessed a copy of her own. He says: "Seventh Day Adventist and Millennial Dawn literature I found everywhere." The error must be met by the opposing truth.

Notes.

THE final examinations of the present term will take place from April 17th to April 27th, 1911.

THE annual meeting of the Board of Incorporation and the General Council of the Bible Training School will be held on April 28th, and the graduating exercises on the evening of the same day.

FOUR or five of our students have been preaching with much acceptance in pulpits outside of Toronto. In the case of one or two of these, it is expected that a call may be extended to enter on a more permanent relationship.

MR. LLOYD RIST, of Eglinton, has offered his services to the Board of the China Inland Mission for employment in that vast country. Mr. Rist has been one of our most devoted students, and we trust that the way may be opened up for him to go wherever the Lord of the harvest may wish.

THE address before the graduating class will be delivered by the Rev. Henry W. Frost, of Germantown, Pa., Director

for North America of the China Inland Mission. There is an especial propriety in this arrangement, because Mr. Frost has been connected with the School from the beginning, and because his daughter is a member of the graduating class.

WE regret to announce that Mrs. H.L. Stephens, who conducted the class in vocal music with so much efficiency during the first half of the present session, has been obliged from throat trouble to give up her work for a prolonged period of rest. We sincerely trust that by the blessing of our Heavenly Father she will soon recover, and again be the means of training many for the service of song among the Lord's people.

Receipts for General Fund.

Donations received from Nov. 20th, 1910, to March 1st, 1911:

No. 68.....	\$5 00	No. 111.....	\$10 00
" 69.....	5 00	" 112.....	100 00
" 70.....	20 00	" 113.....	50 00
" 71.....	20 00	" 114.....	5 00
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" 73.....	5 00	" 116.....	5 00
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" 75.....	4 00	" 118.....	100 00
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" 78.....	10 00	" 121.....	10 00
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" 82.....	15 00	" 125.....	100 00
" 83.....	10 00	" 126.....	2 00
" 84.....	50 00	" 127.....	50 00
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