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THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND STUDENTS.

In order that the Student body might have an opportunity to become acquainted with the Board of Governors a special meeting was held in the College, on Friday, February 13th, for conference and fellowship. The students had prepared a banquet for the occasion, which they planned and carried out with marked success. About 120 students from both the day and evening classes were present, besides the Instructors and members of the Board. The beautiful and well lighted Assembly Hall, and the long rows of well spread tables, tastefully decorated with the College colors, presented an attractive and cheerful scene for the special purpose of the evening.

Rev. Dr. R. P. McKay, our Vice-President, presided and directed the informal programme. Addresses were delivered on behalf of the Board by Dr. E. Hooper, who has taken a deep and active interest in the institution from the very beginning; by Mr. Martin Love, who came to know the School first as a student, and is now one of the most valued members of the Governing Body, and by Mr. Shenstone, upon whom has fallen so much of the responsibility formerly born by Dr. Harris. The teaching staff was represented by Mr. Hyde, by Miss McNaught, who explained her purpose and method of training in the

class recently organized in Elocution, and by Mr. McNicol.

The most interesting and important part of the evening programme consisted in the short addresses of the students. When the meeting was opened for them to speak, such a flood of testimony was poured forth that it was difficult to stop it. Sometimes three students were on their feet together, and it was only the lateness of the hour which compelled the chairman to bring the meeting to a close. It was a spontaneous and striking evidence of the value which all classes of students believe they are receiving from the course of study and training in the Bible College. One graduate student, who is working among men in the shops and factories of the city and meeting hundreds of men every week, declared "that the work of the College stood the test out in the world." Two students who came all the way from England to attend the College, said "they had received more than they had come for." Students from the United States and all parts of Canada testified to the blessing they are receiving, and to the sweet spirit of Christian fellowship which characterizes the life of the College. Several evening students spoke warmly of the value the evening classes are to them. All this expression of testimony was so sane and sober, as well as so hearty, as to make a deep impression. Anybody who did not know the character

of the work which goes on within these walls could not fail to have been deeply moved by the programme of the evening.

After a few words of counsel and encouragement, Dr. McKay brought the meeting to a close about 10 o'clock.

DR. ZWEMER'S TESTIMONY TO THE VALUE OF BIBLE SCHOOLS.

Dr. Zwemer, F.R.G.S., Missionary from Arabia, and author of the mission study text book, *The Moslem World*, delivered a very powerful address to the student body of Toronto in Convocation Hall, Sunday evening, Feb. 15th, 1914.

He stated that the Missionary working with Mohammedans must have a firm, undaunted faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as his Saviour and Lord. He must believe in the Incarnation, Atonement, Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord as the fundamentals of his faith.

Dr. Zwemer strongly advised any University Volunteers who had doubts and were not strong in their faith, to take a course in a Bible Training School, as they were not wanted on the foreign field in such a state. In the past many had become failures and serious obstacles in the way of extending the Kingdom of God in those lands.

On being asked, "Of what importance Bible Training was for the graduate of Medicine, Teacher-Training, Nursing, etc., in preparation for the foreign field," he stated, that unless souls are being dealt with and won for Christ by volunteers here at home, he would strongly advise a Bible Training Course to fit them for that kind of service, as the difficulties to be met with here in dealing with the Agnostic, Atheist, Sceptic, Spiritualist, etc., are much the same as those to be found in Mohammedanism. He recommended a two year course in a Bible School to fit one for the work of an Evangelist in Moslem lands, and stated that such work is in great demand.

THE TRAINING OF LAY WORKERS.

The closing term of the twentieth session finds the work of the Bible College in a most gratifying condition in all its departments. The attendance of students is equal to that of last year, which was the largest in our history, and the same earnest spirit pervades all our work. In the day classes we have an attendance of 84, and of these 6 come from the United States, 6 from England, 64 from Canada, 8 from other countries.

As the work of the College becomes better known in the United States, we receive an ever increasing number of enquiries as to our course of study, terms, etc. While our doors are open to earnest young people from any part of the world, it is our desire that more of our own young people would take advantage of the training we offer, that they might be equipped for more effective Christian service in our home land, both in the centres of population, and in the newly settled communities, where the "Foreign Missionary" problem is brought to our doors.

It is evident from the reports of our Home Missionary Societies that the number of candidates for the regular ministry is seriously below the growing requirements of our broad Dominion, and it is also evident in the placing of those available, that difficulty is experienced in finding men qualified in Arts and Theology who are willing to settle in the newer and smaller fields of service. Why not appoint a number of young men and women as lay workers, evangelists, or whatever term may be chosen, who have a working knowledge of the great truths of Scripture, with a practical experience in approaching men on spiritual matters, and send them forth to do preparatory work in these new and needy places?

The Bible College is training such workers. Young men and women of ability, tact and consecration, ready to do hard work and lots of it in this or other lands, and willing to do it without primary regard to the salary provided.

The Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society stated publicly "that the

workers coming to their service from the Bible College are by all means the most satisfactory of any under their direction. They are not only willing to enter the hard fields, but in some cases request that they be appointed to such, and remain on them until other duties call them away. The consecrated devotion manifested by some of these young men calls for the highest praise."

There is an opportunity for the churches of Canada to take advantage of what this College is doing in the realm of Christian education—a work that has continued for twenty years, and instructed over three thousand students has passed the experimental stage, and may be judged on its merits.

The Board of Governors and the Faculty of the College believe in the desirability of the fullest intellectual equipment for those going forth as Christian teachers and leaders, but they also believe that men and women who, not having the opportunity for such an equipment, but being moved by a devout passion to serve their Lord in winning others to His service, should be given a place in the ranks of the Christian forces of our land, where they may do fine service under the direction of those older in experience and more mature in ability.

The friends who have made this work possible in the past, and who continue to sustain it, believe in the churches, and are members of them, but they also think it money well invested to support an institution such as the Bible College—which is the only one of its kind in Canada—where the students meet to study the word of God on the large basis of a common Christian faith, and where the essential truths of Revelation are set forth independent of denominational bias. If Church Union is a serious consideration, as we believe it is, and if it ultimately comes to be a fact in Canada, then the Bible College will be found already occupying the field, for its emphasis is on the facts about which the churches agree, not on those about which we differ.

THE FACULTY.

The members of the faculty have been able to discharge their duties without interruption. Prof. Griffith Thomas continues to lecture each week on "Old Testament Interpretation." A number of outside friends regularly attend this course.

In addition to the instruction already provided for the students, we have introduced a special course of lectures on Elocution and Public Reading, under the direction of Miss McNaught, A.T.C.M., and judging from the enthusiastic spirit in which this course has been taken up, it is proving a great benefit to the students.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Augustus Wilson, '13, is under appointment for Africa, under the South Africa General Mission. He is open for engagements to address Missionary Meetings, and can be found at the College to arrange same.

Mr. Wm. MacDonald, who has taken a church at Blind River, expects to be ordained very soon.

PRACTICAL WORK.

During the past year a number of students have been sharing in an effort to carry the Gospel to the homes of those who are not in the habit of attending any place of worship, and who are largely cut off from all religious influences. A band of four of our students have the following report to make in this connection:—

Cottage Services conducted....	60
Open Air Services conducted...	40
Homes visited	2,180
Personal Interviews on Religious Subjects	6,540
Professed Conversions	105

This, in the briefest form states the facts with reference to this single group, and gives us reason to believe that their efforts have been decidedly owned of God in helping a large number of people to a personal knowledge of Christ as their Saviour.

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VISITORS.

We have enjoyed the inspiration and fellowship of several visiting brethren during the last term. Rev. W. T. G. Brown, B.D., pastor Sherbourne Methodist Church, addressed the students on "Elements of Success in Christian Service."

Mr. Dan Crawford, the noted missionary from Africa, addressed a public meeting in our Lecture Hall, and brought the warmth of his fine consecration to our student body. Rev. R. J. Koffend, Evangel Hall, Rev. H. R. Horn, of the Upper Canada Tract Society, and Rev. Jesse Gibson, Secretary Upper Canada Bible Society, also gave interesting addresses on their several departments of Christian activity.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Friends wishing to share in the maintenance of the College may send their gifts to J. N. Shenstone, Esq., 40 Walmer Rd., or to the Secretary, Rev. T. B. Hyde, 110 College St.

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No. 88	\$ 10 00	No. 123	\$ 5 00
" 89	100 00	" 124	100 00
" 90	5 00	" 125	5 00
" 91	20 00	" 126	5 00
" 92	5 00	" 127	25 00
" 93	15 00	" 128	3 00
" 94	5 00	" 129	10 00
" 95	25 00	" 130	200 00
" 96	10 00	" 131	5 00
" 97	5 00	" 132	50 00
" 98	5 00	" 133	5 00
" 99	5 00	" 134	5 00
" 100	50 00	" 135	5 00
" 101	20 00	" 136	2 50
" 102	5 00	" 137	100 00
" 103	20 00	" 138	25 00
" 104	5 00	" 139	50 00
" 105	20 00	" 140	100 00
" 106	10 00	" 141	100 00
" 107	25 00	" 142	5 00
" 108	100 00	" 143	5 00
" 109	10 00	" 144	15 00
" 110	2 00	" 145	50 00
" 111	5 00	" 146	50 00
" 112	1 00	" 147	7 00
" 113	5 00	" 148	10 00
" 114	2 00	" 149	2 50
" 115	10 00	" 150	5 00
" 116	5 00	" 151	5 00
" 117	1 00	" 152	10 00
" 118	5 00	" 153	10 00
" 119	25 00	" 154	5 00
" 120	10 00	" 155	1 00
" 121	5 00	" 156	25 00
" 122	10 00		

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STUDENT VOLUNTEER CONVENTION.

One of the greatest privileges of a student's life is to be able to attend the quadrennial Student Volunteers' Convention such as the one held this year in Kansas City. Every session was permeated with a deep sense of the presence of God. Intercessory prayer, with the absence of any human demonstration, helped much to create this blessed atmosphere. More than 5,000 delegates representing 755 Colleges and Universities, with members of Foreign Mission Boards and Laymen's Missionary Movement gathered to discuss ways and means of spreading the Gospel of Christ to the ends of the earth. After those wonderful days, each one seemed to be impressed with the same deep conviction, viz.: the world's great need and the all-sufficiency of the Christ to meet this need; the present plastic condition of the Eastern Nations, which in a few more years will be moulded; and that the work must be done by the students of this generation, for never again will these conditions repeat themselves.