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## Another Year of Progress

### FOREWORD.

It is with deep gratitude to God that we send out this issue of the Recorder, giving to our friends and supporters a report of the work accomplished through their co-operation and fellowship.

We were greatly cheered by the large attendance at our annual meeting of the Council, and the deep interest shown by the members in the work of the College as it exists to-day. Friends receiving this issue can do us a real service by passing it on to the Editor of their local paper, with the request that he give his readers the benefit of its contents, and thereby bring the work of the College to the attention of some young man or woman who might be interested, to take advantage of our work to fit themselves for lives of Christian usefulness.

### GRADUATING EXERCISES, 1914.

The Closing Exercises of the College were held in the Assembly Hall on Friday evening, April 24th. The Rev. J. Hooper, M.D., presided, in the absence of the Vice-President, Rev. R. P. MacKay, D.D., and gave a brief address, reviewing the work of the year. The student speakers representing the Graduating Class, were Miss Sadie Lethbridge, who spoke on the Students' Missionary Outlook, and Mr. Lloyd Donaldson, who gave the valedictory address. Both these students have been appointed for foreign service—Miss Lethbridge to Honan, China, and Mr. Donaldson to Northern Nigeria, Africa.

The graduates were then presented with their diplomas and certificates, and were addressed by the Principal, who spoke of

three essential things they should cultivate for efficient Christian service.

The main address of the evening was delivered by Rev. J. W. Graham, D.D., Secretary of Education of the Methodist Church in Canada. It was an enthusiastic and inspiring appeal for well equipped men and women for religious leadership. The meeting was marked throughout by a fine spirit, and moved along a high level. On the whole it was in every way worthy in character of former graduating exercises.

### THE PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

The following report contains a summary of the work of the Twentieth Session of the Toronto Bible College.

#### I. Enrolment of Students.

The number of regular students in attendance was ninety in the Day Classes and two hundred and thirty in the Evening, or three hundred and twenty in all. This is an increase of nineteen over last year, and is the largest number enrolled in each class in any one year. The ninety students of the Day Classes represent a wide constituency, coming as far as from Nova Scotia in the East, to Saskatchewan in the West, and Kentucky in the South. Two of these came over from England expressly to attend the Toronto Bible College; another represents the Ancient Nestorian Church of Persia, and a fourth is the son of a Chief in West Africa.

The following is a comparative statement of the registration of students for the past three years:



	1911-12.	1912-13.	1913-14.
Day Class.			
Men .....	31	37	38
Women ...	50	49	52
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	81	86	90
Evening Class.			
Men .....	55	82	84
Women ...	101	133	146
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	156	215	230

Book of Joshua and the Teaching of the Old Testament.

Rev. T. B. Hyde: The Gospel of John.  
 Rev. F. S. Weston: Christian Doctrines.  
 Rev. W. F. Roadhouse: Homiletics and Personal Work.

The special subjects, which were optional, were conducted as follows:

New Testament Greek, by Rev. C. E. Luce.

English subjects, by Rev. W. F. Roadhouse.

Vocal Music, by Mr. J. I. Byler.  
 Elocution, by Miss McNaught.

Medical subjects, by Dr. W. H. Howitt and Dr. Oswald C. J. Withrow. The College is greatly indebted to these two medical brethren, who have voluntarily given their time and thought for this important service.

The 320 students of the two classes represent at least twelve different denominations, as the following statement of their church connection will show:

Denomination	Day Class	Evening Class
Anglican .....	2	20
Baptist .....	33	61
Congregational .....	2	5
Methodist .....	10	44
Presbyterian .....	13	49
Mennonite .....	11	3
Christian Workers .....	2	5
Christian Alliance .....	4	9
Evangelical Assoc. ....	3	2
Brethren .....	3	9
Salvation Army .....	1	9
Reformed Episcopal ...		3
Unclassified .....	6	11

III. Graduating Class.

Seventeen students have successfully completed the prescribed two years' course of study in the Day Classes and are entitled to the Diploma of the College:—Margaret F. Baird, Emma Blair, Adrienne E. P. Brooks, Lottie M. Campbell, Mary J. Farrell, Sadie J. Lethbridge, Martha A. MacDonald, Helen C. Millar, Sadie Mills, Hope E. Wallis, Arthur J. Beeson, Lloyd C. Donaldson, Stephen T. Dunk, Robert Goe, A. E. Macartney, Wm. Bert MacGregor, Cecil J. White.

Two of last year's graduates have remained for a third year in the College: Miss Henrietta Brubacher and Miss Minnie Pitman. Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow of Alma, Mich., a graduate of the class of 1897, has written special examinations on certain subjects prescribed by the Board.

II. Course of Instruction.

A staff of ten instructors and special lecturers carried on the teaching work of the session. The regular subjects taken by all students were taught as follows:

The Principal: The Poetical and Prophectical Books of the Old Testament, Bible Introduction, The Life and Epistles of Paul, and Church History.

Rev. Prof. W. H. Griffith Thomas: The

These three are now entitled to Post Graduate Diplomas.

Seven students have successfully completed the three years of study in the Evening Classes, and are entitled to the Certificate of the College:—Miss Bertha C. Crawford, Miss J. Stuart Fairbairn, Miss Edith M. Gray, Miss Isabel J. McCallum, Miss Katie Phyllis, Miss Daisy E. Williamson, Mr. Edward Stone.

#### IV. Evangelistic Work.

The Practical Work carried on by the students during the session comprised: Gospel meetings in various missions and churches in and about the city, cottage meetings, noon hour shop and factory meetings, and hospital visitation. The Evangelistic Band conducted 106 Gospel meetings during the working months of the session, and co-operated with the Broadview Y.M.C.A. in over 50 factory meetings. In addition to this, students of the Bible College took part in many other meetings which were not conducted directly by the Evangelistic Band. As far as possible the students kept records of their personal interviews, so as to be able to report the results of their work to the ministers and laymen in charge of the missions where they were engaged. In this way they have recorded about 700 personal interviews and 175 professed conversions. Facts of this kind are significant. We do not mention them as giving a true estimate of the results of the work of the students, for statistics are often misleading, but rather as indicating the character and value of that work. They show that the students of the Bible College are learning to do Christian work by actually doing it, and they are at the same time contributing year by year to the forces that make for righteousness in this city.

#### V. Missionary Work.

The missionary interest of the College has been maintained by the same methods used in former years, viz: the weekly educational meeting of the Missionary Society, the early morning Missionary Prayer-meeting, Mission Study Classes, Correspondence with former students now in the Foreign Field, and the work of the Volunteer Band. Thirteen Mission Study Classes were organized and carried on during the session, with a total enrolment of 86 students. When the session opened there were 15 students in the class who had declared their purpose to be Foreign Missionaries; before the session closed this number was increased to 32, or more than one-third of the total number of day students. Eight of this year's out-going class have already made application to Mission

Boards for work in the Foreign Field. The Volunteer Band carried on extension work during the session among the Young People's Societies of the city and in some churches in the country. They took part in 29 different young people's meetings during the winter, and groups of students went out during the Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations and held ten different meetings in the country districts. Thus the students of the Bible College not only keep the missionary interest warm and vital among their own number, but they seek to propagate this interest as widely as they can.

#### VI. Observations.

This review of the work of the past session suggests the following observations:

1. We desire to express our devout thanksgiving for the good hand of God which continues to rest upon this work. The blessing of God upon this Institution has been uninterrupted since its beginning twenty years ago. It has grown steadily throughout all these years without any special effort being made to advertise it. Students are coming to it in steadily increasing numbers, and from an ever widening constituency.

2. The Bible College course has fully proved its value in its effect upon the lives of the students during the past twenty years. There will always be room for enlargement and development in the course of instruction and training provided, but the special character of the work, the manner in which it is carried on, the devotional approach to the various subjects of study, the spirit of prayer in the life and fellowship of the institution, have combined to create an atmosphere which has a commanding influence upon the lives of the men and women who come within its walls. This is the testimony which is being given unanimately by every class of students.

3. The Bible College holds a place of ever increasing importance in the Christian life of Canada. Let me close by repeating a passage from last year's report:

What the Bible College needs now most of all is to have its Mission understood. The Theological Colleges are doing their own noble work in training men for the ministry. But they alone cannot meet the need of the Church in its present-day conflict with the forces of evil in the world. Next to the need for calling out and training larger numbers of devoted men for the Christian ministry is the need for raising up throughout all the churches a body of laymen and laywomen trained in the knowledge and use of the English Bible and in the practice of personal work and prayer. It is for this the Toronto Bible College stands, and in helping to accom-

plish this object it is receiving the manifest sanction of the Divine blessing. Depending for its support upon no denominational connection, but the handmaid of all the denominations, it confidently appeals to the Christian men and women in all the churches who believe that this work is of God, and will help to hasten the kingdom of our common Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We close the twentieth year of the Toronto Bible College more convinced than ever of the need and importance of the work this Institution is doing in the sphere of Christian Education. Notwithstanding all that is being done by the Churches, Sunday Schools, Bible Classes and Young People's Organizations, it is still true that the need exists of an Institution such as the Bible College, where the comprehensive, systematic and continuous study of the English Bible is carried on with the express purpose of fitting young people for intelligent and efficient Christian service. We have had a striking testimony of this fact at the recent Conference of the Educational Association of Ontario, when Inspector McIntosh stated, "that the ignorance of the Bible in Ontario is appalling. If the Church is not doing its duty, the teachers should do something, or there is a bad lookout for the country." And Dr. Senth, the Superintendent of Education added, "I have made up my mind that something is needed, and shall have a proper examination on selected passages of the Bible at the Entrance. In view of the failure of the Church to provide this, it may be that the School will have to do it." At a meeting of the students in Convocation Hall last February, Dr. Zwemer, of Persia, emphasized the necessity of thorough Bible knowledge before going to the foreign field. He said, "Unless souls are being delt 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 it was of the greatest value in Moslem lands."

And Dr. Mervin Dean of Chicago, in a recent article on, "Bible Institutes of America," says, "The circumstances giving birth to these splendid "volunteer" colleges may be listed in the following order:

1. The dreadful and appalling failure of the Church to evangelize either the home-lands or the world.

2. The general ignorance of the Bible even amongst Christian people.

3. The scholastic and philosophic tendencies in many of the seminaries, leading to a neglect of actual instruction of the students in the English Bible.

4. The inadequate number of seminaries

willing to make proper concessions in order to train for the ministry those who are unable or unwilling to take the usual three-year course.

5. The eagerness of many already in Christian work and many others about to enter for a practical and biblical training.

The Toronto Bible College is in line with this class of Institution and has in fact anticipated what Dr. Dean later suggests as the ideal standard for such work, namely a three-years' course which will include the Study of Greek, Church History and Social Service.

#### The Students.

The young people who enter the College as students are above the average in Biblical knowledge and Christian experience, most of them having already a definite purpose to devote their lives to Christian service, and yet we are constantly hearing them tell us, they had no idea how little they knew of the Bible as a whole until they took up our course of instruction. We fully recognize the need of thoroughly trained men for the Christian ministry—but there is a large field in our growing Dominion for a band of lay workers who are qualified and ready to enter the smaller towns and villages and do work that a man qualified in Arts and Theology is not always willing to take up.

We have the testimony of the General Secretary of the Upper Canada Bible Society to the value and efficiency of our students in their colportage work. He said, "The workers coming to our service from the Bible College are by all means the most satisfactory of any under our 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 of some of these young men calls for the highest praise."

An interesting fact came to our knowledge recently from one of our supporters, who on sending his contribution to the College added, "I met a young man on the train on Saturday who said he was from the Toronto Bible College. He was going out to preach and was reading a tract on the train. I made bold to speak to him and tried to puzzle him with some smart questions, but he turned the guns on me with a few searching questions of his own and a simple testimony, and I had to throw up my hands.

"I think he is the right sort, and I was glad to meet one of your students."

**The Value of the College to the Churches.**

Why should not the Christian churches take more advantage of this College by

using it as a graduate school for their Bible Classes, Young People's Organizations and Missionary Societies, and thereby increase the number and efficiency of their workers? The platform of the College includes all the Evangelical Churches in its undenominational character, and has usually representatives from at least twelve denominations on its roll. At the same time it is our constant purpose and aim that students taking our course should return to their respective church homes more efficient, more useful and more loyal than when they entered.

As in other years we have had the building used by a number of organizations for their regular or annual meetings. The Society for the Deaf and Dumb continue to hold their Sunday services in our Hall; the "Mission to the Lepers," hold their monthly meeting in our class room; The Upper Canada Bible Society, the Toronto Mission to the Jews, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, The Sudan Interior Mission, The Zenana and Medical Mission, and others, held their annual meetings in our Hall, thus emphasizing our interdenominational fellowship.

#### Visitors.

Throughout the year the students listened to special addresses from Rev. W. T. G. Brown, pastor, Sherbourne St. Methodist Church, Rev. R. A. Koffend, Rev. H. R. Horn, Rev. Jesse Gibson, and the noted African Missionary Mr. Dan Crawford, Dr. Margaret Patterson, Mr. Bowen, Dr. Ferguson, Mr. Stillwell, Miss Hopkins and other returned missionaries.

#### Outside Work.

In connection with the outside work carried on by the students as reported by the Principal, we received the following letter from the Secretary of the Broadview Ave. Y.M.C.A.:

"Before the close of the College term, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the valuable services the students of your College have rendered our Association by giving so unstintingly of their time and talents to the shop-meeting work conducted under its auspices.

"The students have not only shown themselves capable but most thoroughly reliable.

"They have been responsible for over fifty meetings and never once in those fifty have they failed to appear at the appointed time and place.

"We are grateful for their services and trust that we may be favored with their co-operation again next year."

In addition to this work, regular Church services were conducted throughout the winter at the Congregational Churches at

Aetou, Pine Grove, Humber Summit and Cobourg, while the College was represented at the Student Conference at Kingston, Whithy, Erieside and Kansas City. During the year 13 students have gone to the Foreign Field, nine for the first time, and four returning to their fields of former labor, while four others are under appointment. One of the Graduating Class, a native of Liberia, a young man of fine spirit and good ability, hopes to return to his people as a messenger of the Cross.

During the last term the members of the Board met the student body one evening for conference and fellowship, and like the similar gathering a year ago, this proved a most interesting and profitable occasion.

As will be reported by the Treasurer, the finances are in an encouraging condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake provided the salaries of four students to give their whole time to city evangelization, visiting the homes of the people, conducting Cottage Meetings, doing personal work and by all means seeking to win the people to a definite acceptance of Christ as their Savior. This work has been going on for the past year, and the leader, Mr. Harry Bower, makes the following summary of their work:—

Cottage Meetings conducted....	60
Open Air Meetings conducted...	40
Homes visited .....	2,180
Personal Interviews .....	6,540
Professed Conversions .....	105

This gives us reason to believe that such work counts for much in reaching those who are outside church influence.

#### Need of a Residence.

The work of the College is greatly hampered by the lack of a suitable residence for our young women. The necessity of finding accommodation in boarding and rooming houses has brought us in contact with some very trying experiences.

Provision for such a building with a fund for its maintenance should be taken in hand at once.

#### New Members on Our Council.

We are pleased to welcome to our Council, Rev. R. N. Burns, D.D., pastor of the Berkeley St. Methodist Church, and also Mr. G. H. Gundy, whose work in connection with the Layman's Missionary Movement is so well known.

Those of us who have to do more particularly with the management of the College, and who come into close and constant touch with the student body, are more convinced than ever of the large and important place it is filling in the Christian forces of the country. We look for-

ward to the future with increasing confidence that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper this work as we seek to honor Him in all we do.

#### PERSONALS.

Mr. F. W. E. Story, '11, and Miss Edna Fallis, '12, were united in marriage on April 22nd, 1914, and we would extend our very best wishes to them. They expect to leave in July for South America, where they will assist Mr. John Linton in the San Pedro Mission, Jujuy, Argentina, South America.

Mr. A. A. Wilson, '13, has sailed for Rhodesia, South Africa, where he will work under the South Africa General Mission.

Miss Sadie J. Lethbridge, '14, is under appointment by the Canadian Presbyterian Board and expects to leave in the fall for Honan, China.

Mr. Lloyd C. Donaldson, '14, has been accepted by the Sudan Interior Mission, and will leave for Africa sometime during the Summer or Fall.

Our prayers follow these young people who are stepping out into the dark, neglected parts of the earth that the Light of Christ might be seen by all men.

#### A LETTER FROM ROBERT GOE,

Son of an African Chief who Returns to His People as a Missionary.

May 14th, 1914.

Dear Friends:—

I feel that it is my duty and privilege now to render my gratitude and appreciation to God and you, for your helping hands that extended to me.

To me you were channels of blessing, as I hope to be to many. For I am a stranger in a strange land, a messenger for the cause of the Master.

From the wild jungles, the black wilderness forests of dark Africa, with one's village green and dear, far beyond in the Dominion of Victoria, whose atmosphere is filled with the voices of nature and wild beasts run here and there. With the crystal streams rushing down the hills and protected by giant forests so fair and dear.

To my astonishment I discover myself in the laud of vast mansions, palaces, with church spires, automobiles, and streams of human beings crowding along the streets, mysteries, countless wonders to me a pagan and a savage lad.

God bless you for showing me the Word of Life; opening your door wide that I should enter in, a place of rest, shelter and comfort from the cold, for food and raiment provided, and medicine for my health, finances, prayer, speaking a word

to me and a hand shake for the Master's sake.

Blessings of my Heavenly Father rest upon you.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT GOE.

The Students who have mission fields in Canada for the summer months, are as follows:—

Mr. Geo. Blackett, c/o Antoine Graean, R. R. No. 2, Green Valley, Ont.

Mr. Roy Baker, Alberta.

Mr. Wm. B. MacGregor, Pender Island, B.C.

Mr. S. MacNeilly, Alberta.

Mr. R. McB. Mitchell, Eaglebutte, Alberta.

Mr. Stephen Dunk, Toronto, Ont.

Mr. Glen Wardell, '13, Minesing, Ont.

Mr. Percy Near, '12, Barwick, Ont.

Mr. Sidney Cooper has taken up Colportage work under the U.C.B. Society in Haliburton, Ont.

Miss Margaret Baird has accepted a position as Deaconess in the Annette St. Baptist Church, Toronto.

Mr. C. J. White, '14, will assist Dr. B. F. Bryan, M.A., in the First Baptist Church, Whittier, California.

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The fifth annual meeting of the Bible College Alumni Association was held in the Assembly Hall on the evening of Thursday, April 23rd, and was presided over by the President, Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, who had come all the way from his home in Alma, Michigan, to attend the closing exercises, and to receive the Post Graduate diploma of the College. His message was a very appropriate appeal to become pillars in the temple of God, based on Rev. 2: 12. The Secretary-treasurer, Mr. Troyer, reported on the progress of the Association for the past year. Mr. Stephen Dunk and Miss Martha McDonald spoke on behalf of the outgoing graduating class. The Rev. George Robertson, of Dufferin Street Baptist Church, gave a helpful address on "Unfulfilled Desires."

The election of officers for the following year resulted as follows:—

President—Rev. C. J. Loney, Brantford.  
1st Vice-Pres.—Mr. George Williams, Toronto.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Miss Martha McDonald, Sidney, N.S.

Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. H. L. Troyer, 526 Lansdowne Ave., Toronto.

Representatives—Graduates of Day Classes, Miss Minnie Whitlock, Mr. John Henderson; Graduates of Evening Classes, Miss Isabel Rumsey, Mr. Richard Jones.





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**RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND.**

Donations received since February 24th, 1914, to April 22nd, 1914:

No.	Amount	No.	Amount
157	\$15 00	177	\$50 00
158	5 00	178	100 00
159	100 00	179	5 00
160	200 00	180	2 00
161	10 00	181	1 00
162	10 00	182	100 00
163	5 00	183	10 00
164	10 00	184	5 00
165	10 00	185	5 00
166	5 00	186	12 00
167	5 00	187	5 00
168	5 00	188	22 00
169	10 00	189	25 00
170	5 00	190	100 00
171	5 00	191	1 00
172	5 00	192	10 00
173	40 00	193	2 00
174	5 00	194	5 00
175	10 00		
176	200 00		
			\$1,116 00
		Previously acknowledged	4,000 50
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,116 50</b>

JOSEPH N. SHENSTONE, Treas.

**FINANCES.**

A new year of work calls for new supplies to make it possible. We are counting on our friends to have this in mind and give us the joy of ministering to the students, who under many financial difficulties are working their way through our course of instruction. Gifts may be addressed to the Treasurer Toronto Bible College, 110 College St., Toronto, and will be duly acknowledged.

**NEXT SESSION.**

The twenty-first session of the Toronto Bible College will commence on Tuesday, Sept. 15th, 1914.

**FORM OF BEQUEST.**

I give and bequeath to the Board of Incorporation of the TORONTO BIBLE COLLEGE, Toronto, the sum of ..... Dollars, to be used for the purposes of said Institution.

**SUMMER PRAYER MEETING.**

The Summer Prayer Meetings will be continued this Summer, and will be held in the College Library every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.