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TWENTY-FIRST SESSION.

“For ever oh Lord Thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations.” Psalm 119: 89-90.

That being true there is no uncertainty about the purposes of God being established in the earth—for there is no arm long enough and no power great enough to disturb the foundation of the word of God. Our concern should be to declare that word and let it establish itself down here in the hearts and lives of men.

The Bible College exists for this one purpose, that the Scriptures may be studied, known, understood and obeyed—that their light and truth may be translated into human lives and thus be carried into the near and distant places, where men “sit in darkness and the shadow of death.”

The twenty-first session of the College finds its work and instructors continuing to enjoy the manifest blessing of God; for in no period of its history has there been a closer unity in the fellowship of those upon whom its administration rests, nor a deeper spirit of devotion pervading the entire student body. This is all the more notable when we remember that the College belongs to no one branch of the Christian Church, but shares its privileges with all who honor our Lord Jesus Christ as the Divine Son of God, and who accept the Scriptures as His authoritative message to men. There are five denominations represented on the faculty, and at least 12 denominations represented by the 250 students. It seems difficult to have this fact understood by the Christian public, even after so many years of its history, but we feel hopeful that it is becoming more and more recognized, and consequently the place and value of the College as an In-

terdenominational School, with its helpfulness open to all branches of the Christian Church, is being appreciated.

The enrolment of students this term is the largest we have ever had at this time of the year, and it would have been still larger were we in a position to help a number of young men who wanted to take our course, but needed to find employment in order to meet their personal expenses. Under the present condition we felt it necessary to discourage all such from coming to the city, as the matter of securing work is so difficult.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

As in former years the students have allied themselves with the various organizations of the College—The Evangelistic Band, The Missionary Society, The Volunteer Band, The Mission Study Classes, etc. These societies are largely under the control of the students, and exist for the better carrying out of the practical work department, and the developing of the individual character of the students themselves.

Profiting by the experience of other years we have arranged for a stated amount of physical exercise each week, in order to keep our bodies in good condition, and thus counteract the mental strain under which most of our work is done.

Miss E. McNaught, A.T.C.M., instructor in elocution and public speaking, has a class in calisthenics every Wednesday, attended by most of the students, who are deriving great benefit from this instruction. We believe we should glorify God in our body as well as in our spirit (1 Cor. 6: 20), and in order to do so we must keep them as healthy as possible.

REV. A. IMRIE.

We welcome Rev. A. Imrie again to his place in the faculty as director of the Practical Work Department, having been relieved last year by Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, who did excellent service, and who is now pastor of an important church in the city.

How to do "personal work," how to "deal with enquirers," how to approach a person wisely and tactfully on religious subjects and try to win them for Christ, is not easy for the average Christian, but to Mr. Imrie it is part of his "meat and drink." It is as natural to him as talking about the weather is to most people, so that on the street, in the shop, on the street car, or wherever he comes in contact with men, he is "doing business for the Lord." The students readily respond to his fine spiritual leadership, and show the same earnest spirit of their instructor in the work they carry on in the various missions and church services within and outside the city.

FIRST AID COURSE.

Dr. Oswald Withrow is continuing and developing the special course of medical lectures which he inaugurated last session. The College is greatly indebted to Dr. Withrow, who is voluntarily devoting a great deal of time and thought to their work. After the new year he will take the students through a course in First Aid to the Injured.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS.

The Student Volunteer Band was organized for the purpose of bringing together those students who are Declared Volunteers, for mutual help and for the study of missionary topics and problems; to place before our fellow students the great possibility of a missionary career, and to arrange and conduct outside meetings in the cause of missions.

It reports a membership of 24, an increase of seven volunteers since the College opened, with a number seriously considering the Foreign Mission claim. The Band is holding a meeting each week for the volunteers only, when some subject vital to volunteers is dealt with, while a monthly meeting for those interested but not volunteers is held; also an open meeting once a month in the evening for the benefit of interested evening students.

The Band has conducted five missionary meetings this term in the various Young People's Societies of the churches in the city.

Since the College closed last April four of our volunteers have sailed for foreign

fields, while three at least are under appointment to leave in the early part of next year.

It will be seen that the missionary interest in the College is quite as deep as in former years.

PROF. GRIFFITH THOMAS.

This Session we are having two courses of lectures by this outstanding Biblical scholar—one to the day class on "The Pentateuch," and the other to the evening class on Thursday of each week on the "Epistle to the Romans." Both of these subjects are being treated in Prof. Thomas' usual manner, which combines in such a valuable way the intellectual, spiritual and practical interpretation of Scripture. The attendance on Thursday evenings, taxes the capacity of our lecture hall.

Under the auspices of the Bible League of Canada, on Friday, Nov. 6th, Prof. Thomas delivered a most important and forceful lecture to an audience that crowded our hall, on "Germany and the Bible," in which he clearly demonstrated that the origin of the present European war can be traced to the effect of the rationalistic philosophy of Germany which, having set aside the authority and validity of the Scriptures, found it an easy matter to trample on human documents and treaties when they stood in the way of their national self interest. We hope to secure this lecture in printed form, which we feel confident will be read with interest by all friends of the College.

The classes in New Testament Greek conducted by Rev. C. E. Luce, B.A., have taken up their work with enthusiasm. Mr. Luce reports that the ability and interest of his classes this term are above the average.

VISITORS.

In addition to the members of the Faculty, the students have opportunity of listening to wise and inspiring messages from visiting friends of the College. Amongst these was a recent address by the Rev. W. F. Wilson, D.D., pastor of the Elm St. Methodist Church, Toronto, who spoke of "The Goodness of God" out of his large and varied experience as a city pastor. It was a message the students will not soon forget.

Mr. E. C. Austin, a member of the class of 1905, who with his wife is home on furlough from their work in Peru, South America, gave an interesting and stimulating account of the needs and conditions existing in that dark and neglected continent.

These words of testimony and reports from "our own boys," are always listened to with peculiar interest, as they give us to realize the share we are having as an institution in ministering to the "regions beyond."

The visit of Rev. Chas. Inglis of London, Eng., to the College, was an occasion of deep interest and helpfulness to the students. His large knowledge of the Scriptures and his warm evangelistic spirit were evidenced in the several lectures he delivered.

Miss Kenny of the Zenana Mission, Mr. B. Davidson of the Ceylon and India General Mission, Mr. Lawson of the China Inland Mission and Rev. A. J. Bowen of South African General Mission, and also Mr. Ivan Panin, gave instructive and inspiring addresses during this past term.

MAINTENANCE.

We are deeply grateful to our friends, who continue year after year to make this work possible by furnishing the means necessary to meet our expenses. Like all similar institutions, we are sharing the "stress of the times," and are willing to bear our share in the sacrifices necessary under the circumstances; but as our income is barely sufficient to meet our requirements, the loss of any contributor is at once felt by us, and must be met by some new friend coming to our help, or the impoverishing of our work. Thus far we have been able to go on without any modification of our staff, and trust with the Lord's blessing and the co-operation of our friends, to continue to do so throughout the year.

The following will indicate the spirit in which our friends contribute to the College:—

"Dear Christian Friend:—Kindly find enclosed five dollars for Toronto Bible College. I esteem it a privilege to be able to help in a small way so good a cause."

From a Former Student.

"Dear Sir:—I am sending my 'mite' to help on the good work of the Toronto Bible College. I wish it were very much more, but I pray that the Lord will put it into the hearts of many to do what they can for the support of the College during these hard times. I know that He is able to take care of His work, but He has given us the privilege of doing our part. I pray that we may be faithful. (Matt. 23: 14-30).

"I trust that this will be the best year in the history of the College so far, and that God will abundantly bless both instructors and students in the knowledge of

His word; and in the working out of that knowledge in their lives, in service for Him.

"Yours in the Master's Service."

"Please accept this little gift, as I desire to praise the Lord for His great goodness in allowing me to spend a little while at this College. I have learned to know Him better and to love and appreciate His 'Word' as never before.

"May He continue to bless is my prayer."

DR. HOWITT.

The friends of the College will be pleased to know that Dr. W. H. Howitt, who met with what might have been a very serious accident, in being knocked down by a motor truck, is so far recovered as to be able to attend to his office practice again.

CHURCH SUPPLIES.

The students of the College are always ready to respond to openings for pulpit supply, and at present are rendering that service in the following Congregational Churches: Pine Grove, Humber Summit, Acton and Forest—all in Ontario.

PERSONALS.

Miss Jessie Jackson, '10, is nursing in the Presbyterian Hospital, Haines, Alaska, among the Alaskan Indians.

Mr. Arthur Hawtin, who attended the College last year, has been accepted by the Gwalior Presbyterian Board for work in India, and sailed from New York on Nov. 28th.

Mrs. Grossart, who has been attending the evening classes during the past two years, and who has been at the same time laboring with marked success as nurse and Bible woman in connection with the Mission Union of Toronto, has recently been accepted for service in China by the China Inland Mission.

Mr. J. I. Byler has been called to a very important position in Youngstown, U.S., as the Superintendent of the Meunonite Mission. The work which he has been carrying on in the Bible College in the training of the students in choral music, has been ably taken up and continued by Mr. S. N. Kanagy.

Miss Sadie Lethbridge, '14, sailed for work in Honan, China, on Nov. 3rd. She is working under the Canadian Presbyterian Board. We wish her much blessing in her field of labor, and also extend to her our sincere sympathy in her recent bereavement in the loss of her brother.

Mr. Lloyd Donaldson, '14, left his home in Oliver, N.S., on his way to Africa, on

October 23rd. He has gone out under the Sudan Interior Mission. We wish him much success in his labors for the Master.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. E. Story, '11 and '12, who sailed for South America in July, by way of England, have arrived safely. Their address for some months will be Los Cocos, San Esteban, Cordoba, Argentina, South America. Mr. Story writes most interestingly of the trip. The steamer was halted several times by British cruisers, and our friends had the opportunity of getting some Christian literature into the hands of a boat load of men who came alongside the steamer.

Mr. T. Buckton, '13, is at Emerado, North Dakota, where he has charge of a church.

Mr. Clinton F. Criswell, '13, has settled at Minto, North Dakota. He also has charge of a Presbyterian church. We are interested to know of his marriage in August to Miss Julia C. Sylte.

Miss Catharine Mangan has been accepted, by the Baptist Board for Mission work in Bolivia, South America. She expects to leave some time next year.

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Incorporation have elected Rev. E. Hooper, M.D., as Second Vice-President and have secured the consent of Mr. C. S. Gzowski to become a member of the Board.

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We shall be glad to have fresh additions to the above list, so as to make up for those who find it impossible to share in the maintenance of the College this year. Contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. J. N. Shenstone, or to the Secretary, Rev. T. B. Hyde, 110 College St., Toronto.

NEXT TERM.

The present College term will close on Dec. 18th, and the next term will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 5th.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Storms, '09, are among the Missionaries in Turkey at the present time who are in such trying circumstances. Reports disagree as to their condition, but we believe it is likely that they have been taken prisoners, and ask the prayers of all friends that they may be sustained at this time. We report the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Storms, on Oct. 19th.