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NOTES BY A HOUSE TO HOUSE VISITOR.

God intended life to be beautiful, but sin has made it ugly. It is amazing how utterly repulsive are the conditions under which many people live. Their lives are ugly. One thinks instinctively of a desert, barren, arid, and waste. There is no richness, no beauty, all is gloom and darkness.

The Gospel of Christ is the greatest beautifier this old world ever knew. Many expedients are tried for beautifying in these days, but they are all applied on the exterior and last but for a short while. The Gospel cleanses and beautifies the very fountain of the life, and radiates its loveliness into the whole being, and on into its surrounding conditions. It starts at the very heart of things and changes all as it works its way out, destroying the power of sin that is the cause of all the ugliness.

We therefore seek to take the Gospel into these darkened, spoiled lives. Introducing it first of all as an oasis in the desert—a bright spot in the darkness. Then it works until the life is changed, then the home, and then all the surrounding conditions.

We meet with many interesting experiences in the course of this work. Standing on the doorstep of a house whose occupants are quite unknown, one wonders what kind of people he will find within and offers up a silent prayer for guidance and grace to bring the beauty of the Lord to transfigure the hard and ugly facts of life.

In one home we find a father and mother and several little children at home. When our mission is explained, we are invited inside and a conversation ensues which

quickly turns upon the Master and His love and power to gladden. They listen attentively and seem impressed. Then the Word is opened and the Lord's loving invitation is given to which both the father and mother respond, and kneeling they give their lives to Him and confess Him Savior and Lord. Two more lives know the "beauty of the Lord."

To every one such case of definite reaping there must necessarily be very many where nothing more than seed sowing is accomplished. Many and many an earnest conversation ends with no visible result. But souls are brought face to face with the vital question and who can tell what thoughts may rise in their hearts as they go about their work again. At the least the ground has been prepared for some future worker for the Master to gather fruit from.

People generally are hungry for the Bread of Life. Very seldom do we meet with a rebuff; there is a general willingness to listen and a desire for the higher life.

This is probably the most fruitful and at the same time the most exacting of all forms of Christian service. One has to learn how to present the Gospel to all classes of people—how to apply its remedy to the many different forms of sin. In this all important and Christ-like work we receive invaluable aid in the Toronto Bible College. The instruction that is given there in the Practical Work Department has great value when we come to stand face to face with those who need the Savior. There we learn something of the material on which our work is done and of the tools that we must handle.

FALL RE-UNION.

On Sept. 29th the Alumni Association joined with the Student body to give a reception to students entering the College this term. Rev. C. J. Loncy, President of the Alumni, occupied the chair. Addresses of welcome to the incoming students were given by Mr. Blackett and Miss Headings, representatives of the senior students.

Mr. Kanagy gave a very interesting reading entitled, "Old Man Jim," in the Hoosier dialect of Indiana State.

Then Rev. Mr. Luce came forward with an interesting message to the students. Mr. Luce is the Instructor in Greek; his presence among us and his message were much appreciated on this occasion.

Mr. Troyer, Secretary of the Alumni Association, briefly expressed the purpose and ideals of the organization and called upon Mr. Patterson, President of the Students' Executive Council, to define the objects of this Council, as an administrative and advisory body. Mr. Patterson in turn introduced Mr. Taverner of the Evangelist Band, and Mr. Booth of the Missionary Society, who briefly outlined the work of their respective organizations.

We were glad to have with us Rev. R. J. Koffend, who is this year in charge of the Practical Work Department. He brought us a good word and outlined his plans for the ensuing term.

Miss Ethel McNaught (who instructs the students in Elocution) gave a very delightful reading, setting forth three specimens of recitation—the public orator, the lady elocutionist, and the little school child.

Our Secretary, Rev. T. B. Hyde, spoke a few words in his usual genial and cheery way.

Mr. Hyde was followed by Dr. Withrow, who appeared in uniform as medical officer for the 84th Battalion. He spoke of the importance of medical training and first aid knowledge.

The Chairman then presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was as follows:

"That the Executive for the coming year consist of: President, Rev. Oswald J. Smith; First Vice-President, Mr. Harry W. Bower; Second Vice-President, Miss Rose Brown; Sec.-Treas., Mr. H. L. Troyer; Class Representatives, Miss Minnie White-lock, Miss Isabel Rumsey, Mr. Glen Wardell, Mr. Geo. Honhold."

This report was adopted and the above officers declared elected.

Then we listened to a wonderfully inspiring address by Bishop Brewing, the speaker of the evening. He emphasized the importance of studying the Bible in a

devotional spirit and spoke also of the great need for trained leadership in Christian work.

This interesting program was brought to a close by a few words from our beloved Principal, after which refreshments were served and a little social time enjoyed.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

The Students who attended the College during the past three years will be interested to know that Miss Armstrong, who filled the position of Assistant Secretary so acceptably is now a student in the day classes and serving as visitor for the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Toronto. Her place in the College is now being filled by Mrs. Gray, who will be remembered by the students of former years as Miss Burns, who reaches further back into the history of the institution than any of the present officers, and carries with her the confidence and esteem of the large number of students who passed through our classes in the days of Dr. Harris and Dr. Stewart.

CHANGES IN THE STAFF.

The Personal Work Dept.

It was a matter of real regret to the College when we found Rev. A. Imrie had to be relieved of his work in connection with the Practical Work Dept. The growing demands of his church and congregation made it impossible for him to continue on our staff and we had reluctantly to accept his resignation. We are fortunate, however, in having his place filled by the Rev. R. J. Koffend of Evangel Hall, Toronto, a man who has peculiar fitness for this important branch of our instruction. He has already endeared himself to the students by his earnest and devoted spirit, as well as by his clear, practical and wise methods of work.

Under his direction the students are facing the problems of city and personal evangelism and are being assigned to fields of active service in which they are required to make use of the instruction imparted in the lecture room.

ENROLMENTS.

The registration of students in the Day Classes for the present term is as follows: Baptist, 16; Methodist, 12; Presbyterian, 11; Anglican, 5; Mennonite, 4; Christian and Missionary Alliance, 4; Congregational, 1; Evangelical Association, 1; Brethren, 1. Total, 55. The total registration in the Evening Classes is 232.

LIEUT. LESLIE HYDE.

The Secretary of the Bible College has been called to share in the profound sorrow which this war is bringing upon many a home. His only son was a student in St. Andrew's College when the war broke out. He felt it his duty to respond to his country's call and enlisted in the University Artillery Company. He sailed for England in June, and early in October he received a commission as a Lieutenant in the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. On the day after his father received the letter telling of his son's promotion, he received a cable message announcing his death in London. Blood poisoning of unknown origin and rapid development baffled the best medical skill, even Sir Arbuthnot Lane having been called in for consultation by the surgeon of the battalion. Leslie Hyde had fought his fight and was called home. As a boy he had always been responsive to the highest appeals. When a child under his father's ministry in the Northern Congregational Church he had given his heart to the Lord. In St. Andrew's College he took a leading part in the boys' choir. And when the supreme call of his country came he felt that he could not hold back.

The families of other members of the Board and Council are also represented in the armies of the Empire. Two sons of Mr. Robert Kilgour, two of Mr. C. S. Gzowski's and Dr. McTavish's oldest son are all now in Europe, either at the front or waiting to go.

THE EVENING CLASSES.

The attendance and interest in the evening classes of the College is most gratifying this term. The enrollment of students is larger than in any previous year and taxes the capacity of the lecture room, especially on Thursday evening when Prof. W. H. Griffith Thomas lectures on "The Epistle to the Hebrews."

There is a deepening desire at present amongst a large number of young people to know and understand the message of God's Word, and these classes are specially designed to meet that need. The instruction is not merely of a technical character, but is intended to convey the living truth in such a way that it will find expression in active Christian experience.

These classes are open to young people of all the Evangelical Churches and may be entered at any time. Further particulars will be given at the office of the College.

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Donations received since May 1st to Nov. 15th, 1915.

No. 1.....	\$ 5 00	No. 29.....	\$ 6 00
" 2.....	5 00	" 30.....	50 00
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" 27.....	150 00	" 55.....	25 00
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"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

—2 Tim. 2: 15.

EXPENSES AND INCOME.

The policy of the College from its organization over twenty years ago is not to go into debt—consequently the extent of its work must be governed by the means provided to carry it on.

It is with deep gratitude to God we record the fact that up to the present the work has been maintained, and its needs provided for, so that each year has seen all bills paid.

It is true our expenditure has been very modest—for when it is remembered that our total outlay is less than \$7,000.00 a year, it must be evident to all that the work of the College is carried on with every element of economy.

This year in common with all similar institutions we find some of our former contributors unable to continue their gifts and consequently our income is being reduced. That means that other friends who believe in the work we are doing must come to our help, or else the efficiency of the College must be curtailed. Thus far we have planned the work as in former years, and believe we shall be justified in doing so by the continued and new help of our friends. As you plan your giving this year consider the claims of this institution, whose advantages are open, free of charge, to young people from all the churches to equip themselves for intelligent Christian service, and where about 300 students are now receiving such instruction under the guidance of competent teachers.

Your gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. J. N. Shenstone, 110 College St., and will be duly acknowledged.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Roy Baker of last year's class, has been accepted for service in China, under the China Inland Mission, and leaves for his field this month.

Mr. E. C. Austin and his wife have reached their new field of labor at Bogota, in the Republic of Colombia, where they will labor under the Presbyterian Church of the United States.

Miss Soper has recently been appointed to mission work in Peru by the South American Evangelical Union, and expects to leave this month.

Much sympathy is felt for two of our students who have recently lost their fathers. Mrs. Olive Brown was called away to Quebec early in the term by her father's serious illness. She was able to be with him during his last hours. Miss Jennie Scott has also been called upon to

pass through a similar bereavement. After a lingering illness, Mr. Scott passed away at the end of October. In both cases our fellow-students have the comforting memory of the triumphant Christian testimony which their parents bore.

Miss Mary Hallman was married on October 27th to Mr. Arthur Schell, and is now living in Toronto.

Rev. Harrison Roe, B.A., has accepted a call to the Baptist Church, Midland, and Rev. C. J. Loney, formerly of Memorial Church, Brantford, is now pastor of the Stanley Ave. Baptist Church, Hamilton.

Friends of the College will be interested to know that four girl babies came to four different homes of former students during June and July. On June 30th a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Troyer, on July 13th to Mr. and Mrs. John Hamner (nee Jennie Wilkins), On July 21st to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bower, and on July 24th to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones.

Mr. Sidney Cooper has returned to England, and intends taking up his old trade to help in the present war supplies.

Rev. Oswald J. Smith (1912), having completed his course in theology in McCormick Seminary, Chicago, has been called as assistant pastor of the Dale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and is at work.

Mr. Alfred Burgess ('15), has a pastoral charge under the Baptist Mission Board in Manitoulin Island.

Mr. George Young ('15), is now pastor of the First Baptist Church, Flint, Michigan.

Mr. Melchizedek Bacchus ('15), is engaged in mission work among his Persian fellow countrymen in Flint, Michigan.

Miss Ethel Brown ('15), was married to Mr. Sam McNeilly in August last. Mr. McNeilly is finishing his studies in the Bible College this year while he is carrying on his pastoral work in the Congregational Church at Woodbridge.

Miss Grace Zimmerman was married during the summer to Mr. Percy Green.

Mr. Clarence Eleombe has undertaken the charge of a church in Oshawa for the coming year.

CHRISTMAS VACATION.

The present term will close on December 17th, and the examinations for both Day and Evening Classes will be held during the week preceding that date. The next term will begin on Tuesday, the 4th of January.