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"ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT?"

It is impossible for any thoughtful person to be unconcerned about the present state of our Dominion and Empire. With so many of our best gone overseas and so many others in uniform preparing to go and the call for still more to join the army, we wonder whereunto this may grow.

There are many earnest and devout lives who for obvious reasons of age or physical fitness cannot join in the active defence of our homes and liberties and who feel helpless in view of the urgent and insistent appeal for men. Yet all such may have a very vital part in this great conflict between "light and darkness," between "paganism and Christianity."

The question intrudes itself on many minds, as to why God does not interpose and bring this awful war to an end. We all know that He could—then why does He allow it to go on? There may be many answers to this question, but we think there is one that meets the situation fully. Long ago He laid down the definite conditions on which He would undertake for the defence and deliverance of His people and so far these conditions have never been rescinded.

In 2 Chronicles 7: 14 we read "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

There can be no mistaking this clear call to repentance and prayer, nor need we argue its necessity. Here, then, is a

service for all to render and one that will count for much in bringing the war to a speedy and permanent end.

Already there is evidence of a concern on the part of God's children to meet this challenge of the Lord and in it the Faculty and Students of the Bible College fully enter. In January we shared the blessing of a series of meetings held in our lecture hall under the auspices of the Canadian Keswick Committee, and throughout the series this message came in varying forms. At present many of the students are deeply exercised on the subject and believe they are rendering a vital service to their country in this way.

This is the point of our greatest need and the one at which those who know what prevailing prayer means may "do their bit" as truly as the brave men who defend the trenches at the front. We must be prepared, however, to render this service in the same spirit and to the same extent as they render theirs, if we would prevail—the mere repetition of formal petitions will not suffice, it must be a laying hold on God until we know that He hears us, and in doing so our lives will be chastened and purified for the permanent doing of His will. "Lord teach us to pray."

The Closing Exercises of the present session of the Bible College will take place on Friday, April 28th. The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held on the evening of Thursday, April 27th.

THE CENTRAL CALM.

It is well known that at the centre of a whirlwind there is always a spot where there is complete calm. The world is swept to-day by a mighty storm, which is threatening with destruction all that we thought to be most stable. Our College breathes the atmosphere of the central calm. We stand at the very centre of things, right up against the great heart of the Eternal One. Amid the crash we look up and see God.

All is calm and peaceful here. Not the calm of inactivity, nor the peace of idleness. It is the restfulness of assured faith, the serenity which is begotten of clear vision and firm grip of spiritual verities.

The storm rages around, working direful havoc, but at the centre of things,—in God's presence, peace reigns. Within the sacred precincts of His presence, the heart's wild racing is stilled; the alarming fear dare not pursue us here. Standing in this hallowed spot, in harmony with the great King, vision is given to the eye, strength to the heart and wisdom to the understanding. In view of present happenings many can say as one of old, "When I thought to know this it was too painful for me; until I went into the sanctuary of God, then understood I their end." Within the sanctuary,—the central calm,—we, as a College, seek to dwell, believing that here we can most efficiently render aid in this time of need. Here is the source of all true power, it behooves us to keep in touch.

DR. MACKAY'S DEPARTURE.

The Vice-President of our College, Rev. R. P. Mackay, D.D., is undertaking an extended missionary tour and will probably be absent for a considerable time. In view of this fact it was deemed desirable that the students and Dr. Mackay, with other members of the Board, should meet together for a period of devotion and fellowship. This was accordingly arranged for on the evening of Jan. 5th.

Dr. Mackay lives in the very atmosphere of God. It was felt at once in this meeting. Everyone realized that God was present, and close to every waiting heart. Dr. Mackay's presence and personality helped largely to create this atmosphere. During the evening a happy time was spent in prayer and a number of clear, ringing testimonies were given to the unfailing goodness of God and the blessing received from Him through the T. B. C. Dr. Mac-

kay gave a very helpful message, several members of the Board spoke, and also the Principal and Secretary.

KESWICK CONVENTION MEETINGS.

A series of meetings for the deepening of spiritual life was held in the College from Jan. 26th to 28th inclusive. The gatherings were under the auspices of the Canadian Keswick Committee. They were designed to lead followers of Christ into a fuller and richer enjoyment of the inheritance that is theirs in Christ. There were afternoon and evening sessions on each of the three days and each session was addressed by two speakers. Without exception they were men of God, filled with the Spirit and possessing to a rare degree the gifts of preaching and teaching and edifying the Lord's people. Great blessing was experienced and we believe that many heart-hungry Christians left the convention satisfied, having met with Him who alone satisfies the heart. Some of the great spiritual problems which perplex the soul in these dark days were brought out clearly into the light of the Word of God and clouds of doubt and perplexity must have been dispelled for many.

TREASURER'S LOSS.

Mr. Jos. N. Shenstone, for many years Treasurer of our College, has been sadly bereaved.

On Christmas morning his eldest son was engaged in some work at his home, when he suddenly became faint and died. He leaves a widow and three children. Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Shenstone in his sad bereavement. His younger son is on active service in France.

MISSIONARY NEWS.

The last three months have witnessed the outgoing of four of our number to stations on the foreign field. Mr. Roy Baker (Grad '15) has arrived safely in China and is now hard at work on language study. Mrs. Elsie Grossart has also gone to China and is now hard at work. The way has at last been opened up for Miss Katie Mangan to work for the Master in South America. Miss Mangan has had a great many obstacles to overcome. But she has shown a determined spirit and great perseverance. We are glad that at last her faithfulness has been rewarded and she is now in the field. Miss Soper left here for South America, but difficulties have

arisen and she is now in England, uncertain as to her future movements. She requests prayer that God will make it possible for her to overcome all difficulties and get to the field.

The College has now undertaken the support of four native workers. Two of these will be in China,—a native evangelist and Bible-woman in connection with "Abounding Grace Hospital" in Kweichow, W. China, where Dr. Fish is doing such a splendid work among the tribesmen. A third native worker will be in India, and a fourth in Africa. Prayer and self-sacrifice are needed to raise the amount required to support these workers. But the Lord is very gracious and all who seriously participate in this work find it a great blessing to themselves and the occasion of real spiritual uplift.

Last term (Sept. to Dec.), through the Lord's blessing, the sum of \$200 was collected by the Day and Evening Class Students. Half of this amount was sent to Pundita Ramabai for her work among the widows in India and \$25 to each of the following Societies, the Soudan Interior Mission, the South Africa General Mission, the China Inland Mission, and the Evangelical Union of South America.

We are now enjoying an exceptional privilege in the form of a series of lectures on India, given by Rev. J. R. Harcourt. Mr. Harcourt knows India thoroughly,—knows it from the inside. Coupled with his knowledge he possesses rare teaching ability. He is setting forth the facts and problems of mission work in India with great clarity and attractiveness. His lectures are invaluable for intending missionaries or home pastors.

Recently Dr. Darroch of Shanghai, China, addressed the students on the subject of "Heathen Prayers." It was a keenly interesting message. It gave many a new conception of how the heathen pray.

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

The following two papers were among those on which our Day Class students wrote in December. The paper on the Wisdom Books was set by Professor Griffith Thomas, and that on Christian Evidences by the Principal. The average number of marks obtained by the class was 66% on the first paper, and 85% on the second.

The Wisdom Books.

1. State carefully how the Divine religion of Redemption given in the Penta-

teuch was developed in the rest of the Old Testament. What is the place and purpose of the six Poetical Books in this unfolding of God's plan?

2. Which are the Wisdom Books, and which the Devotional Books? Distinguish the aim and message of each group, and, if possible, of each book.

3. Show by examples how the Book of Proverbs proves the truth of the saying that "Piety is prosperity."

4. Write brief notes on Wisdom, especially in Proverbs, ch. 8, in the light of the New Testament.

5. "Honesty is the best policy." Show the truth and error of this saying, and illustrate both from Proverbs.

6. Prove from Proverbs that the Book is concerned primarily with motives and not merely with actions.

7. "Does piety pay?" This has been said to be the main thought of the Book of Job. Comment on it and give reasons whether you accept or reject it.

8. What do you think were the chief arguments of Job's friends, and how were they answered by Job?

9. It has been said that in the book of Job, it is God rather than Job who is on trial. What is the meaning of this? Can it be justified?

10. What traces do you find in the Book of Job of a belief in a future life?

Christian Evidences.

1. Why should we study Christian Evidences?

2. Define the terms: Apologetics, Agnosticism, Materialism, Pantheism, Deism.

3. What is the real ground of belief in the existence of God, and what is the relation of argument to this belief?

4. "Nature is but the name for an effect whose cause is God." Explain and prove this statement.

5. Give a summary of the answer which Natural Religion gives to the question, "Is there a God?"

6. Show that man needs, and is fitted to receive, a supernatural revelation from God.

7. Discuss the question of the existence of suffering in relation to the goodness of God.

8. Give a list of the most important miracles recorded in the Old Testament, and give evidence to show that they did take place.

9. State the argument for the supernatural origin of Old Testament prophecy.

10. Give reasons for believing that the account of creation in Genesis was divinely revealed.

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PERSONALS.

Miss Jennie Scott (Grad '15) is attending business college in the city, prior to going as a missionary to Africa. She has succeeded in carrying off the gold medal offered by her college for the best essay on the subject "My Life as an Investment." Miss Scott wrote her essay in verse.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Ganton are back from South America. We are glad to have them in our midst. Mrs. Ganton is attending the day classes. Mr. Ganton has heard the call of duty and has "donned the Khaki." Mr. J. Proctor and Mr. Robt. Mitchell also have enlisted.

Mr. Alfred Burgers, who is in charge of a Baptist Church in Manitoulin Island, reports good progress in the work.

Miss Helen Millar (Grad '14) is now laboring as deaconess in Grace Pres. Ch., Calgary, Alta. Miss Millar's heart is in China. She is working in Calgary only until her health improves sufficiently to allow her to sail to the land of her choice.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rist at Tsinchow, Kansuh, China, on Jan. 13th. They are laboring with the China Inland Mission.

The T. B. C. needs \$200 this term for the support of four Native Workers in China, Africa and India. Will you help pray it in?

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND.

Donations received since Nov. 15th, 1915, to Feb. 15th, 1916.

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SUPPORT.

In view of the fact that so many of our friends are feeling the financial strain of the times so severely, it is a matter of deep gratitude on our part that the work of the College has not been allowed to suffer for lack of support. The Lord has manifestly laid the claims of this Institution on the hearts of His servants and they give out of their poverty in some cases, that it may continue its good work.

Among those who are most concerned in this connection are our former students, who having gone forth into active service for the Lord realize, as they alone can, what the Bible College means as an instrument of preparation for efficient Christian service, particularly in these trying and dark days when the faith of so many is severely tested.

We are in receipt of many letters telling us what the teaching of the College means in the strengthening and establishing of the lives and faith of men and women who otherwise would be unable to endure the burdens they are at present called to bear.