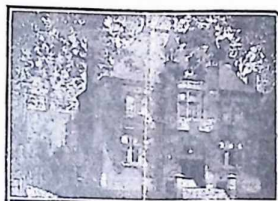


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The Unchanging Christ

FOR the third time the Bible College has opened its session under the shadow of the great war. The changes which these years have brought have been felt among us, as they are being felt everywhere. Many lives and many homes closely linked with this institution will never be the same again. The very conditions of Christian service for which the College is training men and women are being affected. There will be a new outlook on the world for all of us after the war.

But with all this, the essential facts of life will remain unchanged. The great need of the world will be just the same as before. Human sin will remain, for whatever the war may settle, it will not change the heart of man. The Gospel will still be the only remedy for sin, as it has ever been, and it will need to be preached with more urgency than ever. The Word of God will remain, living and abiding forever. All real comfort and strength for the present hour have come from it, and from it will come all true light for the future.

Christ Jesus will remain, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. The

need of Christ is now more evident than ever. The transcendent facts of His person and work, His atoning death, His triumphant resurrection, His prevailing intercession, His glorious return—these are the great living realities that need to be set over against the world's awful failure and sorrow and shame. There are unlimited resources in Him not yet realized. To make new discoveries of the riches of Christ, and to proclaim these to the world will be the most urgent need and the greatest work of the days that lie before us.

“Subtlest thought shall fail and learning falter,
Churches change, creeds perish,
systems go;
But our human needs, they will not alter;
Christ no after age shall e'er out-grow.

“Yea, Amen, O changeless One! Thou only
Art life's guide and spiritual goal;
Thou the light across the dark vale
lonely,
Thou the eternal haven of the soul.”

THE OPENING OF THE SESSION.

For twenty-two years the Bible College has held steadily on its way, with open doors to Christian young people of all denominations who wish to take advantage of the instruction it provides in unfolding the wonders and truth of the Word of God. That it has met and continues to meet a real need is evidenced by the fact of the large number in so many different churches who have been enrolled amongst its students. For several years the average number attending the classes has been over 300, and the indications are that fully that many will be in attendance this year.

The course of study will be similar to other years. While we limit ourselves to Biblical instruction we find two and even three Sessions all too short to cover the necessary subjects. Through the generous gift of the trustees and congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, we are enabled to add another member to the faculty on the "Henry M. Parsons Memorial Scholarship," and so strengthen and enlarge our work. This year we have arranged to conduct a normal class for Sunday School workers which is held on Friday evening, and is open to teachers and officers of all churches. Prof. Griffith Thomas will lecture on Thursday evenings, taking as his subject "The Epistles of St. John," while the Principal and Rev. F. S. Weston, M.A., will be heard on Tuesdays. All this is in addition to the regular day classes that meet from 9 a.m. until noon each day.

The following is the time table of the Day Classes:

Monday.

9-10, Old Testament, Mr. McNicol; 10-11, Gospel of John, Mr. Hyde; 11-12, Christian Doctrine, Mr. Weston.

Tuesday.

9-10, Church History, Mr. Hanna; 10-11,

Devotional Service, conducted by Mr. McNicol; 11-12, Gospel of Matthew, Dr. Griffith Thomas.

Wednesday.

9-10, Old Testament, Mr. McNicol; 10-11, Life of Paul, Mr. Hanna; 11-12, Christian Doctrine, Mr. Weston.

Thursday.

9-10, Bible Introduction, Mr. McNicol; 10-11, Church History, Mr. Hanna; 11-12, Practical Work, Mr. Koffend.

Friday.

9-10, Old Testament, Mr. McNicol; 10-11, Life of Paul, Mr. Hanna; 11-12, Practical Work, Mr. Koffend.

Special classes in New Testament Greek, Vocal Music, and Elocution are held in the afternoons.

There are Devotional Exercises and Roll Call at 9 o'clock each morning.

Visitors are always welcome at any of these lectures.

THE NEW LECTURER.



REV. W. G. HANNA

The friends of the College will remember the announcement made at the close of last Session that the staff was to be strengthened by the addition of a new Lectureship, the generous gift of Knox Church, Toronto, in memory of their former pastor, Rev. Henry Martyn Parsons, D.D. The Board of Governors after careful consideration decided to invite Rev. W. G. Hanna, of Cookstown, to fill this chair for the present session, and we are glad to announce that he has seen his way clear to accept the Board's invitation, and his appointment has been approved by the Session of Knox Church.

Mr. Hanna is peculiarly well fitted for this important work. He is a graduate in Arts of Toronto University, having taken honors in classics, and following it up with post-graduate work in modern languages and philosophy. His theological train-

ing was received in Princeton Seminary, Princeton, N.J., where he distinguished himself specially in apologetics and systematic theology. He has had a wide experience in the Christian ministry, and has occupied pastorates in Tara, Uxbridge, and Mount Forest. At present he has charge of the Presbyterian Church at Cookstown. For a number of years he was the secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance for Ontario, and so had an opportunity of gaining a wide acquaintance with various churches throughout Ontario. He thoroughly understands the interdenominational fellowship of the Bible College. Mr. Hanna has continued to be a student ever since his college days. Few ministers are more widely read than he; he is possessed of a sound and thorough Bible scholarship, and, best of all, he is a man of devout and reverent Christian spirit. He has entered most heartily and sympathetically upon his work at the beginning of this new session. We cordially welcome him to this fellowship, and we trust that his co-operation with us will bring greater blessing to the College as well as add greater efficiency to its work.

VACATION ACTIVITIES.

The word vacation usually conjures up delightful visions of freedom from toil, happy days full of pleasure and gladness, when body and mind are rested and refreshed.

Hardly so, however, do we interpret this word. College vacation brings new opportunities for toil and opens up wide channels of usefulness. True it means change and variety, but it always means service. During the summer months the College itself is all but deserted. It has a somnolent air about it and naught but fragrant memories linger in its corridors. Its spirit does not sleep, however; its busy life is but transferred to wider

spheres. It is part of the plan of our God for us to gather these young people together under the influence of His Spirit and His Word, to grip them with the fullness of His own life, and then scatter them broadcast to bear testimony to the new truth they have learned.

Two of our men have gone out into Y.M.C.A. work among the soldiers, Mr. Patterson in Petawawa and Mr. Jeffrey in London. Each has done splendid work.

Mr. Silas Fox has been preaching during the summer in the very needy district of North Lancaster. He has manifested a truly apostolic spirit in his work. His spirit was stirred by the ignorance of the priest-ridden community in which his mission lay. Frequently he would stand quite alone and testify to the saving power of Jesus Christ. Mr. Fox and Miss Emma Grau are under appointment for India and expect to sail this fall.

Several of our men students have been in charge of churches during the summer months and have preached the unsearchable riches of Christ. Much blessing is reported by these brethren.

Some students have remained in the city and while following various occupations have maintained their testimony for Christ. These have followed the custom of previous years and gathered together on Tuesday evenings for praise and prayer.

Mr. Geo. Booth was the leader of these meetings and many an inspiring hour has been spent with the Master during the hot summer days.

Many definite and remarkable answers to prayer are reported.

Workers have been supplied from this meeting for the Wednesday night meeting at Yonge St. Mission. Well over 3,000 tracts have been distributed. The sum of \$15.25 was collected for missionary purposes.

Under the auspices of the Tuesday

prayer meeting a very successful picnic was enjoyed on Sat., Aug. 25th. About twenty-four were present and enjoyed a trip across the lake to St. Catharines via Port Dalhousie. While crossing on the ship, Mr. J. M. Young, a missionary returned from Africa, gave a very interesting talk on the work in that country.

Many of the students afterwards agreed that the homeward journey was among the pleasantest memories of their lives. The passengers on board that night could not fail to see the joy radiating from every follower of the King of Kings. Prayer, praise and testimony marked the occasion—every member of the party bearing testimony to the saving and keeping power of Jesus Christ—some for the first time giving public testimony.

The T. B. C. Students' Association arranged for two very fine "Picnic-Conferences." One was held in High Park on July 1st and the other in Queen's Park, and the College on each occasion has left "memories that bless and burn."

THE STUDENTS' RECEPTION.

On Thursday, Oct. 5th, students, graduates, and friends of the College united to welcome the new students, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent together. Mr. T. S. Cole represented the Board of Governors, and illustrated from his own wide experience the value of a practical knowledge of the Bible for personal work. The Rev. W. G. Hanna, the new member of the staff of Instructors, spoke of the value of the work such institutions as the Bible College are doing and of the essential place the English Bible occupies in any true education. Dr. John Brown, Associate General Secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., who is a graduate of the College of the year '02, gave a very interesting account of the great work

the Y.M.C.A. is doing among the soldiers.

At this meeting the proposed change in the Alumni Association was confirmed. Hereafter the organization will be known as the Students' Association, and every student, past or present, graduate or not, is eligible for membership. All that is asked is an enrolment fee of one dollar. Within this larger organization including all the students there will be a smaller one known as the Alumni Association, consisting of graduates alone. Every member of the Students' Association who graduates becomes automatically a member of the Alumni Association.

The following are the officers of the Students' Association for the present year: President, Mr. Geo. Williams; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Geo. M. Blackett; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Rosalin Brown; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. L. Troyer.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS.

The student body have organized for the different departments of their work during the session under a general executive, of which Mr. George Booth is president, and Miss Pearen is secretary.

The Evangelistic Band is carrying on noon hour factory meetings, Gospel meetings in the Yonge street Mission and elsewhere throughout the city, cottage prayer meetings, and hospital visitation. The officers of the Band are as follows: President, Mr. J. J. Roberts; First Vice-President, Mr. J. Middlemiss; Second Vice-President, Mr. Norman Walker; Secretary, Miss Bates; Assistant Secretary, Miss Fleming; Secretary of Hospital Visitors, Miss Lagar.

The Missionary Society holds its regular weekly meeting for the students every Wednesday afternoon, and has been addressed, among others, by Mr. Wickware of Africa, Miss Hopkins of Burmah, Mr. Brooks of

Ceylon, and Mr. Miller of China. At the Tuesday morning devotional hour the students have also heard Mr. Stanley and Mr. Atkinson of the Sudan, and Mr. John Hay of South America.

The students have organized three Mission study classes, which meet from eight to nine o'clock every Tuesday morning. The officers of the Society are as follows: President, Miss Mason; First Vice-President, Miss Vincent; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Blake; Recording Secretary, Miss Groh; Assistant Secretary, Miss Robertson; Corresponding Secretary, Miss E. Burke; Treasurer, Miss Alice Smith; Librarian, Miss Robinson.

WITH THE MILITARY WORK OF THE Y.M.C.A.

Three recent graduates of the Bible College have been engaged this year in the Military work of the Y.M.C.A. in camps in Canada and in England: Mr. Patterson at Petawawa, Mr. Jeffrey at London, Mr. Cooper in England. In addition to this, one of our former evening students is now with the Y.M.C.A. Overseas service in France, Mr. Fred Hancock.

Mr. Patterson writes as follows regarding impressions of his work during the summer at Camp Petawawa: "The impressions one receives when viewing soldier life from a Christian standpoint are these. The boys are away from all the comforts of home, from the social life of the home circle, and from all the restraints of home, Church and Sunday School. The absence of these has not always a beneficial result. The boys are plunged into a different life fraught with new temptations and old temptations intensified.

"The great aim of the Y.M.C.A. is to take the place to some extent of home, Church and Sunday School; to supply the boys with a few little extras in the way of 'cats'; to provide entertainment in the way of recreation, concerts, etc.; to meet the

social needs, and above all to permeate everything with the spirit of Jesus Christ. The spiritual needs are not forgotten. Bible classes, fellowship meetings are held, and the old, old story of the saving and keeping power of Jesus Christ is told out both from the platform and in a personal way. How inspiring it is to see these men in the uniform of King George step right out and enlist under the banner of King Jesus.

"Profanity is a habit which develops rapidly in military life, but to the Christian worker even this can be made a point of contact to introduce the Saviour. A soldier boy expressed himself very profanely during conversation. "Say, do you know the meaning of those words you use?" A stare in the eyes revealed that the question had hit its mark. A confession of yielding to the habit since entering military life came from his lips, and on the introduction of Jesus as his Saviour, he made the great decision and stepped into the new life with a new vision, determined to be pure and good. And now he thought of home; from his pocket he drew a small Bible given him on leaving home, and the story of his Christian father and mother was told. "You'll write home and tell your mother that you have decided to live for Jesus, won't you?" "Yes, sir, I will." And another soldier boy now has Jesus as his Saviour and Guide. The great aim of the Y.M.C.A. is to use every means to combat the sin which confronts the boys while they are endeavoring to combat the earthly enemy."

DR. JOHN BROWN, '02.

Speaking at the Students' Reception at the beginning of the session, Dr. John Brown, Jr., the Associate General Secretary of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., who is a graduate of the Bible College, said that the training he had received here had been invaluable to him in the

work he had been doing in the Y.M. C.A. Dr. Brown has been in Y.M. C.A. work since his boyhood, in Toronto, in Montreal, and in New York. In 1910 he graduated with the degree of M.D. from New York University, and was chosen at once as Secretary of the Physical Department of the International Committee, and in this capacity he had the supervision of the Physical work in Canada. With the enlargement of the work of the Canadian National Council in connection with the War during the present year, Dr. Brown was called back to Canada, appointed Associate General Secretary, and made chief supervisor of the military work for the whole Dominion. For this important and responsible office Dr. Brown is well fitted by his qualities of aggressive leadership and spiritual power. The Young Men's Christian Association is doing a remarkable work during these days of great opportunity among the soldiers both at home and at the front.

B. C. SIRCAR, '04.

Many friends of the Bible College will remember the three Hindu students who were members of the class of 1904. One of these was the brilliant B. C. Sircar, a graduate of Calcutta University, and a member of a high caste Brahmin family. Mr. Sircar went back to India to become Secretary of the College Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Calcutta. A few years later he was appointed to a wider field as Travelling Secretary of the Y.M. C.A. in Bengal. A recent article in a religious magazine tells the interesting story of Mr. Sircar's conversion, and goes on to speak as follows of the splendid work he is doing in his present influential position:

"Throughout that great section and in much wider circles, he is known as an eloquent and cogent speaker, a wise counselor, an untiring student of men and books, and a humor-loving,

entertaining companion and friend. In a recent tour of the Army Young Men's Christian Associations his lectures to the Territorial troops on 'Great Britain's Service to India' and on 'Hinduism and Christianity' took his audiences by storm. Deeply sympathetic with all that is noble and true in the religious truth and genius of the Hindus, he declares that he is himself a true Hindu in that he has followed the Hindu teachings and aspirations through to the end—Jesus Christ.

"He points out to his Hindu friends where, in their Scriptures, it is written that, after the progressive sacrifices of inanimate things, of animals, and then of human beings, it was predicted that one day there was to come the sacrifice of a sinless One, which should avail for the sins of all humanity and of all time. And thus he wins a hushed hearing for his message regarding the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

B. C. Sircar is one of the few veterans of the Y.M.C.A. in India, still in the ranks, but he is yet in the prime of life and in the full strength of his unusual powers, and gives promise of increasing usefulness in the Association and the Kingdom, in the new day of enlarged opportunity in India which seems to lie just ahead."

L. E. GREDYS, '10.

The following paragraph appeared in a recent issue of the "Record of Christian Work." Mr. Gredys is a graduate of the Bible College of the class of 1910.

"Two big rubber concerns in Akron, Ohio, have offered to put up a welfare house next to the Rumanian Baptist Church and have pledged \$200 towards the salary of Mr. Gredys, the pastor. This is a recognition of his assistance in keeping industrial peace. Managers and men both look to him as a trustworthy

go-between in case of industrial dispute. On the occasion of similar difficulties at Canton, Ohio, Mr. Gredys was invited to settle the dispute and so satisfactory was his arbitration that he was offered \$600 a year if he would establish a branch mission in that city."

THE RECORDER.

It had been the hope and expectation of the College to increase the issue of the Recorder to a monthly; and steps had been taken to provide for the same, but it was discovered that the serious increase of cost connected with all printing and publication made it unwise for us to assume this responsibility at present.

In view of the situation we have decided instead to increase the size of the paper to include all matters of interest connected with the College, and feel sure our students and friends will approve of this decision.

REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE BIBLE COLLEGE.

At a recent meeting of the students, several told us why they had come to the College; the following are some of the reasons given:

"I wanted to study the Bible in a spiritual atmosphere, and to fit myself for Christian service."

"I wanted a fuller knowledge of the Scriptures and a confidence in my Christian life."

"I came in order to know my Bible, and so far I am not disappointed. I find here what I have been looking for, a full Gospel, a large outlook, a true fellowship, and a sense of the Unseen Leader."

"I am attending the Bible College for the following reasons: As a Sunday School teacher, I felt the need of some definite and systematic course of Bible study under instructors. I wanted to be prepared for special Christian work should the way open up. I wanted to be able to meet and

face confidently the temptations of 'false doctrines' prevalent to-day. Because a friend recommended the Toronto Bible College as a place where I would receive all this, I became a pupil in the evening classes.

PERSONALS.

Miss Elinor Mitchell of the evening class of 1912 graduated from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles last June. Writing from there she says, "The work and training at Toronto have been of immeasurable value to me here, and I shall always look back to that teaching as the foundation of my Bible study and love for His Word."

Rev. Oswald Smith, the President of the Alumni Association for the past year, and the Associate Pastor of Dale Church, was married on Sept. 12th to Miss Daisy M. Billings, the deaconess of the church. The congregation showed their interest in this event by crowding the church on the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are living at 58 Garden Ave.

Mr. Levi Atkinson and Miss Ola Hughes, both graduates of the class of 1913, were married at Arden, Ont., on Sept. 20th. They are now living at 33 Major St. Mr. Atkinson is finishing his course at Victoria College in preparation for the Methodist ministry.

Rev. Clinton F. Criswell ('13) has recently been ordained to the ministry and appointed pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Oxford, Iowa.

Mr. Sydney E. Cooper ('15) has been engaged in Y.M.C.A. work among the soldiers in England. He has recently been transferred to the military station on the Island of Malta.

Mr. Silas Fox ('16) and Miss Emma Grau have been designated for foreign service in India. They are the first Canadian missionaries to be sent out by the India and Ceylon General Mission.

Mr. Ernest G. White, the first of our students to enlist at the beginning of the war, who was wounded in the trenches in May, has at last laid down his life for the Empire. He was killed during the battle of the Somme on the 15th of September.

Mr. Chas. Patterson, who was at Camp Petawawa all summer in the military work of the Y.M.C.A., has been transferred to the same service in the city of Quebec.

Mr. G. G. Howse, one of our evening class students, has gone to the West to take charge of a mission field at Swift Current, Sask.

Mr. Richmond Munro, '13, who has been carrying on mission work in Portugal since his graduation, has established a book store and a lending library of evangelical literature in connection with his work at Figueira da Foz.

Mr. Thomas Buckton, '13, is taking a course in Theology in McCormick Seminary, Chicago. He has completed his first year successfully, winning a prize for an address on Home Missions.

Miss Annie Soper, who went to

South America in the spring, has been appointed superintendent of a large Roman Catholic hospital in the City of Lima, Peru. The hospital has about 900 beds, and Miss Soper's work is that of training the nurses. Her position is one of great responsibility, but also of great difficulty.

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND.

Donations received from May 1st to November 13th, 1916.

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Notices

We should like to secure a complete list of the names and addresses of the former students of the Bible College who have enlisted for military service in connection with the war. The Secretary will be grateful if friends will send him the names of those of whom they know.

The present term of the Bible College will close on Wednesday, December 20th, and the next term will begin on Thursday, January 4th, 1917. This will be a suitable time for new students to enter. For further information write to the Secretary, 110 College street.

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