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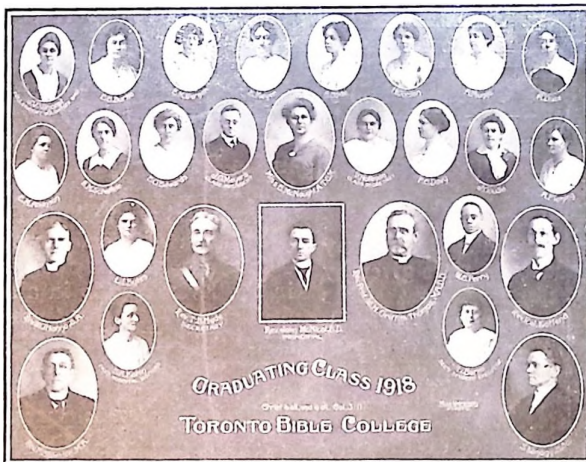
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The Graduating Exercises

The twenty-fourth session of the College came to a close in a series of meetings on April 25th and 26th, which were in every way successful.

being carried on throughout these war days in the same spirit and with the same blessing as in former years. Some of the facts contained in these



On Thursday evening, the 25th, the annual banquet of the Students' Association took place, when the reports of the various organizations of their Evangelistic and Missionary work were presented. These reports showed that the work of the College was

reports are summarized in the Principal's statement on another page.

On Friday afternoon the annual meeting of the Board of Governors and Advisory Council was held, with the following members present: Dr. Mackay, Dr. Baldwin, Messrs. Olive,

Irwin, Shenstone, Spencer, Gzowski, Love, Stark, Struthers, Troyer, Cole, Gartshore, Revs. Dr. McTavish, Robt. Wallace, A. B. Winchester, W. F. Roadhouse, Mr. McNicol and Mr. Hyde.

The reports presented were received with great satisfaction, and many members of the Council expressed their appreciation of the quality of the work carried on by the Bible College during the session.

The need for larger accommodation was made evident, and it was suggested that the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the College, which will take place next year, might be celebrated by a special effort in this direction.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the library and had dinner together as the guests of the Treasurer, Mr. Shenstone. In responding to a vote of thanks for his hospitality to the Council, Mr. Shenstone stated that he was getting more evidence all the time of the growing appreciation on the part of the Church and Mission Boards of the work of the Bible College, and he regarded it as one of the splendid things with which he is associated.

The public meeting in the evening filled the Assembly Hall. Dr. Mackay presided, and addresses were given by three of the graduating class. Miss Jeanette Vincent spoke on "The Abiding Life"; Mr. Jno. G. Myers on "Individual Responsibility"; and Miss Clara E. Pearen gave the Valedictory. Diplomas and Certificates were presented to the graduates of the Day and Evening Classes, numbering thirty-two in all, who were then commended to God in a prayer of dedication by the chairman. The chief address of the evening was given by Rev. Prof. Griffith Thomas on "The Toronto Bible College: what it is, and what it does." He pointed out four main features by which the work of

the College is marked: Doctrine, Devotion, Duty, and Interdenominationalism. This address is being printed in pamphlet form and may be secured from the office of the College.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

In reviewing the work of the past session and comparing it with former years, we cannot but recognize with gratitude to God that His good hand has been upon us. During the past four years in which the far-reaching effects of the war have been searching every department of life, the work of the Bible College has been practically undisturbed. Although no special effort has been made during this period to get students or to keep the work before the Christian public, yet the attendance has continued to grow, and the friends of the College have continued to give it the loyal and generous support of their prayers and their gifts.

I. Attendance of Students

The total enrolment was 268, comprising 74 in the Day Classes and 194 in the Evening Classes, an increase of 2 in the former, and 34 in the latter. These numbers include only a small proportion of men, there being only 19 men in the Day Classes, and 46 in the Evening—65 in all. Since the first year of the war there has been a continual falling off in the number of men enrolling, but this has been counterbalanced by an increase in the number of young women.

The denominational connection of the students is as wide as ever. As the following list will show, fourteen denominations were represented in the Day and Evening Classes together.

	Day	Evening
Anglican	5	30
Baptist	29	60
Methodist	11	26
Presbyterian	17	44

Mennonite	8	6
Christian Workers	1	2
Brethren	1	6
Pentecostal	2	.....
Congregational .....	.....	1
Christian and Missionary Alliance .....	.....	5
Church of Christ .....	.....	2
Salvation Army .....	.....	2
Evangelical Association .....	.....	2
Independent .....	.....	5
Unclassified .....	.....	3

The health of the students during the session has been on the whole very good. We were called upon, however, to mourn the death of one of their number. Miss Agnes Cressman passed away after a brief illness at her home at New Hamburg, on December 28th. She was a member of the senior class, a faithful student and devoted Christian, esteemed and beloved alike by her fellow students and her instructors.

II. Course of Instruction

Since the last annual meeting the staff of the College has been strengthened by the appointment of Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A., to give his full time to the work under the terms of the Henry Parsons Memorial Lectureship, provided by Knox Church, Toronto. Last year Mr. Hanna had been giving only a part of his time. This enabled us to enlarge the scope of the curriculum for the session so as to include the important subjects of Biblical Theology and Religious Pedagogy, and it will enable us to make further additions in the future.

The personnel of the staff remained the same as last year, and their work was as follows:

The Principal: The New Testament Books, and the Geography and History of Bible Lands.

Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, M.A., D.D.: A Survey of the Old Testament and the Study of the Book of Genesis.

Rev. W. G. Hanna, B.A.: Modern Church History and Missions, The Messianic Teaching of the Old Tes-

tament, Religious Pedagogy, and N. T. Greek.

Rev. F. S. Weston, M.A.: Christian Doctrine.

Rev. T. B. Hyde: Studies in the Will of God, Prayer, and the Holy Spirit.

Rev. R. J. Koffend: Methods of Personal and Evangelistic Work.

Mr. S. M. Kanagy, B.Sc.: Vocal Music.

Miss E. McNaught, A.T.C.M.: Elocution and Reading.

The Evening Classes were conducted as in former years on Tuesdays and Thursdays by the Principal, Prof. Griffith Thomas, and Mr. Weston. The subjects were New Testament Outlines by the Principal, Bible Readings on the Book of Genesis by Prof. Thomas, and Christian Doctrines by Mr. Weston.

III. Graduating Class

Seventeen students have completed a full two years' course in the Day Classes. Two students who had received the certificate of the Evening Classes, and one student who came with a certificate of two years' training in theology elsewhere, have taken one full year in the Day Classes. These twenty are entitled to receive the College Diploma:

Edith May Atkinson	Bethesda
Laura Irene Bates	Goderich
Ethel Evelyn Burke	Hartford
Lorena Burke	Hartford
Edith Marion Code	Toronto
Florence Cleak Day	Vineland
Alice Annie Duce	Toronto
Elizabeth Annie Eaton	Montreal
Ethel Georgina Edwards	Rockham
Anna May Fleming	Toronto
Helen Fletcher Gordon	Toronto
Jane Goudie	Toronto
Veronica Hallman	New Dundee
Emma Meyer	Markham
John George Myers	England
Alice Bacon Muuns	Peoria, Ill.
W. Constantine Perry	Jamaica
Ada Scheifele	Waterloo
Jeanette Viola Vincent, Annandale, N.S.	
Edith Minnie Warner	Toronto

Six of last year's class have taken a third year of study, five of whom have written on the examinations and are entitled to post-graduate diplomas:

Mabel Groh	Preston
Clara E. Pearen	Toronto
John James Roberts	Montreal
Fern Adele Robinson	Bealton
Norman Edgar Walker	Toronto

Seven students have completed three full years in the Evening Classes, and are entitled to Certificates:

Gertrude Bendell	Wm. M. Kelly
Ethel Chilvers	Walter Wood
Max Harold Davis	Ella Gordon
Beth Henry	

IV. Evangelistic Work

The Practical Work of the students was carried on partly through the organized departments of the Evangelistic Band and partly through their own individual personal work. It is impossible to tabulate and record all this work. But from the reports kept by the Evangelistic Band, and from the individual reports given from week to week to Mr. Koffend, the following summary may be made:

The students have conducted 27 Gospel Meetings in 15 different Missions of the city, 26 noon-hour Factory Meetings, and 9 Cottage Meetings, and have supplied 21 Church Services. They have conducted 74 Children's Services and taught 382 Sunday School Classes. They have made at least 395 hospital visits, through which 18 persons have been led to Christ. In many cases the students follow up the patients after they leave the hospital. They have made 567 home visits, had 645 personal interviews, given away 4,200 Scripture portions and tracts, and recorded 54 cases of professed conversions.

V. Missionary Interest

Besides engaging the students in work at our own doors, the Bible College always keeps the eyes of the stu-

dents on the great harvest fields of the world. The Missionary Society carried on the usual weekly missionary meeting and the usual early morning prayer meeting, and organized 6 mission study classes which met for several months of the winter at 8 o'clock in the morning.

The Volunteer Band, composed of students who purpose to devote their lives to foreign work, of which there are 20 in the present class, carried on extension work in the interests of foreign missions outside the College, holding 12 meetings, with a total attendance of 600 people. Four former students of the College have gone to the field during the year, and four others are now under appointment. The sum of \$434 was contributed to mission funds and war relief work through the channel of the Missionary Society.

VI. Devotional Life

The manner in which the spiritual life of the College is maintained may be illustrated by the following paragraphs taken from the report of the Secretary of the Students' Executive Council:

"The Tuesday Devotional Meetings, to which the students look forward with ever growing interest and pleasure, is one of the great factors in deepening the spiritual life of the School. Letters from former students now serving in foreign fields are frequently read. Among them we mention particularly those of our recent fellow students, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Fox of India, and Mr. George Booth of China. These letters are so full of 'joy of the Lord' and give such evidence of the 'power of His might,' that they have proved a powerful source of inspiration to the students, especially those who are looking forward to the foreign field.

"Another feature of our devotional meetings greatly appreciated was the experience of five of our fellow-

students who spent last summer's vacation in doing pastoral work in various places. They thus had the opportunity of putting the teaching of the Toronto Bible College to practical use. They found that the clear teaching of Doctrine and the preaching of straight Gospel truth, which is so emphasized here, proved its power to meet the needs of all nationalities. It was indeed the power of God unto salvation in the experience of each.

"The daily morning prayer meetings have been well kept up throughout the year, with an average attendance of 28. The students generally seem to recognize that prayer is indispensable to the growth and nurture of sound Christian character, as well as to the success of practical Christian service. After the King's call to prayer for the nation was issued, several of the students met a half hour earlier each morning for this purpose."

VII. Outlook

The recommendation made last year that the course of study required for the College Diploma should be lengthened to three years, was carefully considered by the Board, and it was decided that at present no change should be made. In the meantime the scope of the two years' course is being expanded in the way we have already indicated.

It was stated at the beginning of this report that no special effort is being made to draw students to the College. The question might be raised why this is so? The reason is that we have not adequate accommodation in our building for all the students who are now coming to us. As a matter of fact, the work has been carried on for some time under very considerable limitations. We are providing a course of instruction which has proved itself as second to none in any similar institution, but we are asking our students to take this course under certain personal inconveniences which

they would not have to meet in other institutions. In view of the fact that we have no residence for our students, it is all the more incumbent upon us to provide as commodious facilities as are possible in the building in which our work is done.

The need for increased accommodation becomes still more apparent when we consider the outlook of the future. The present drain upon the colleges and the depletion of the number of candidates for the ordained ministry is compelling the churches already to enlist the services of experienced laymen. Two of the large Denominational Home Mission Boards appealed to us for men this spring. The Interdenominational Foreign Missionary Societies are looking to us for qualified candidates, and many of them are publicly recommending young people who are thinking of foreign work to attend the Bible College. Under the changed conditions caused by the war, there will be a greater need than ever for trained laymen and lay women to carry on the Christian work of the world. It is to raise up this very class of workers throughout the churches that the Bible College exists. To meet the needs of the future, we have only to advance along the lines we have been following in the past. In the face of all the searching tests of these days we have not had to change our message or our methods in the slightest. All we need to do is to be ready for enlarged opportunities. At the same time, it may be well to state that the Bible College is not aiming at large development. It is our conviction that the best quality of work can only be done when continual personal touch is kept upon the individual student. Within these limits, however, we should seek to make the work as thoroughly efficient as possible.

In the interdenominational fellowship of this place we are realizing the

meaning of Christian unity, and in the experience of this fellowship, students who come from many different denominations learn to appreciate the real value of those great Christian verities which are the common heritage of all denominations. No matter how other things may be shaken, these things shall remain, and these are the things with which we are concerned. The contribution which this work makes to the life of the churches and the welfare of the state, is not inconsiderable. It cannot be tabulated; but it can be appreciated by those who understand the real nature of spiritual forces.

To the members of the Council and to the friends who have given their unflinching interest and support to the Bible College, we extend our grateful thanks. We assure them that their confidence has not been misplaced, and that they are doing something which is helping to prepare the way for the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the midst of these increasingly trying times in the world, it is a great privilege to share in the work of this institution, where the sense of God's presence and His protecting and directing care are all so constantly manifest.

We believe there is a deepening desire for "the positive evangelical note" in connection with the setting forth of truth, as given to us in the sacred scriptures, and for that reason we have confidence in the place this college is destined to maintain in the future as it has done in the past.

During the session our students had the benefit of an extra course of lectures on "The Archaeology of the Old Testament," by Prof. Kyle of Xenia Theological Sem., Ohio, under the auspices of the Bible League, while

addresses on various subjects were delivered to the students by Dr. J. M. Waters, India; Miss Butterfield, Jerusalem; Rev. J. E. Conant, D.D., Chicago; Rev. Patrick Morgan, Ph.D., the converted Capuchin monk; Rev. Henry W. Frost, of the China Inland Mission; Rev. L. S. Chafer, New Jersey; Miss Schnell, of the Student Volunteer Movement, and Rev. W. H. Porter. The meetings held at the opening of the year in our hall, under the auspices of the Keswick Com., for the deepening of the spiritual life, were fruitful of great good, and we trust they will be maintained as a regular part of our testimony in connection with the teaching concerning the "Overcoming life."

As in former years the various interdenominational societies of the city held their regular or annual meetings in our hall, thus bringing to us the enrichment of their testimony and fellowship.

The internal working of the College has gone along smoothly and without interruption throughout the session. Not only has the high standard of work been maintained in the lecture room, but the same spirit of loyal devotion has been manifest by those of our former students who have gone out to their several fields of service.

Mr. Geo. Booth, who recently arrived in China under the C.I.M., writes, "You can have a little bit of heaven right in the midst of the devil's paradise, when you look up and realize the Lord's presence with you. I am not trying to shine out here, He is doing the shining and the darkness is not able to put it out."

Mr. Fred Story, Argentina, S.A.: "One of the essentials of a missionary, in my estimation, is patience and absolute faith in the Word of God to accomplish its work. We must go forth day after day sowing the good seed against all appearance of failure, for the harvest is assured."

Mr. Harry Bower and his wife have been assigned to work in Saskatchewan, under the Presbyterian Home Mission Board, and as the field is so large and the workers considered so efficient, they have both been given appointments. During the year Miss Hope Wallis has sailed for Northern Nigeria, under the Sudan Interior Mission, while Miss Winnifred Parker and Miss Helen Millar are under appointment to the same field.

Miss Annie Mason, of last year's class, is on her way to South America.

Miss Rosalind Brown, of the class of 1915, has left for Africa, under the African Inland Mission, while Miss Bernice Devitt and Miss Margaret Baird are doing mission work in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Geo. Blackett has been supplying the two Congregational churches at Pine Grove and Humber Summit with great acceptance.

Our former students now in military service are also bearing loyal testimony to the truth.

Flight-Lieut. T. R. Sorton writes from France: "Am glad to learn that in spite of trying conditions the College still abounds in blessing; the atmosphere so pregnant with spirituality still clings to me like a garment. God knows one requires to keep the fact of Christ ever in his vision in the army."

Testimonies of this kind might be multiplied. I will cite but one more as it reached me a few days ago, in response to a letter I wrote to a former member of the Evening Class, who was also an honor student in the University: "In reply to your enquiries, it would be too much to say that the religion of our fathers has been forgotten, but I don't see much of this fervid piety that is talked about as being common in the trenches. I find that men have adopted a vague sort of natural religion—a belief in God and eternity, and the great facts of

existence; certainly a great many believe more than that, but as a rule anything concrete or detailed is dismissed indifferently as mere creed. Don't imagine that fear is unknown among our brave heroes. Courage was all right in the good old wars, when they fought with swords and bayonets, but there is no arguing with a high velocity shell; if it hits you you are dead or wounded; if it doesn't—well, you wonder if there is another coming, and just where it will light.

"These are mere platitudes to anyone who has been out here, but they may give you an idea of what life with us means."

All this emphasizes the necessity of doing what we can to prepare our boys for meeting the temptations and dangers awaiting them overseas, and on that account your Secretary was pleased to be able to continue his military duties during the past winter.

The work of the Chaplains' Dept. has become very exacting, owing to the fact that only four officers were available for duty, where at least eight were required. As an indication of what this means, I may say that my own assignment from the first of the year was the oversight of the Artillery Brigade, the visitation of the camp hospital of from 150 to 200 patients, and the oversight of the military wards in the T.G.H. of 60 patients. This, with the conduct of from six to eight services a week, was more than any one man would do properly.

We have to record the passing away of two good friends of the College during the year, Mrs. Laird, and Mr. W. J. Robertson. Mr. Robertson took a deep interest in our work from a beginning, and for years was a member of this council. Both these friends perpetuated their help to the college by making bequests to our

funds, as will be reported by the Treasurer, who will also report the receiving of the balance of the J. D. McLaurin estate.

A grant of \$100.00 as a Library Fund was made and put at the disposal of the Principal. This amount has been carefully expended on much-needed re-binding of volumes already in constant use and the addition of new books, for which our work is constantly calling. It is hoped that a like amount will be available for the coming College year.

We were notified recently by the City Architect's office that as a public lecture hall our building did not conform to the present city fire by-laws, and consequently needed certain modifications. These were specified in a plan sent to us, and will be undertaken during the summer.

While these changes are being contemplated we have continued our enquiry as to the possibility of providing the extra class room accommodation we have needed so long, and also of providing for the social convenience of the students. A committee of the Board of Governors has instructions to find out what provision can be made.

At present we are not able to make a report on the matter, but are hoping to do so to the Board in the near future. As to the expense, that must be determined by the facts, but we anticipate that at least from \$6,000 to \$8,000 will be required to give us the accommodation we need. As an indication of the practical interest of the graduating class in this direction, they pledge themselves to contribute \$100 towards the expense.

We are seeking by all available means to make the purpose and work of the College known to the Christian public, and are encouraged by the increasing number of enquiries received from many points in the States, as well as from all over Canada, for fur-

ther information. We will welcome the active co-operation of the members of Council in this respect, as nothing counts for so much in such matters as a personal word of commendation.

We are doubtless facing the most serious year in our national history, and what the outcome will be none of us can safely predict. This however is sure, that "the Word of the Lord abideth for ever," and in the setting forth of that Word we are in relation to eternal verities, that will abide, whatever may be the disturbance of national affairs.

VALEDICTORY

(An Address delivered at the Graduating Exercises by Miss Clara E. Pearen.)

We have met to-night for the crowning act of the College life. We have come to the parting of the ways, and I have the honor of representing the graduating class in the words of farewell. Before we came to Toronto Bible College we earnestly desired preparation and training for Christian work, especially in the knowledge of God's Word. With mingled feelings of anticipation and fear we entered upon the course which to-night we are completing, anticipation of the opportunities before us and fear lest we might not prove worthy of them. A thrill of joy passes over us as we realize that we have attained the desired standing and are ready for service.

We came to the College from different places scattered far and wide, and for various reasons, but underlying all our aims was the one idea of "service." Here we have had the highest ideals of service presented to us.

"I am among you as He that serveth," said our blessed Master. Even the Son of God came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many. We hear much of "service" in these days. We

honor our brave soldiers for the splendid sacrifice they are making for our country and for us, and well we may; but what sacrifice, what service can compare with His who "though rich yet for our sakes became poor"; "Who being in the form of God thought it not a prize to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men, and being found in fashion as a man He humbled Himself becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." Here we have the true ideal of service. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ." Love was the motive of all His service, love to His Father and love to men. If love is not the motive of all our service we are not under the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ's whole life was spent in doing good, teaching, preaching and healing, so absorbed in helping others that He frequently forgot to take food and rest. At the close of a busy day on His way to rest He stopped to feed the hungry crowd that followed Him, first with the bread of life, and then with the bread that perisheth, nourishing both their souls and bodies. He exemplified the humility and faithfulness so becoming in a servant, never pleasing Himself. He said, "I came not to do mine own will but the will of Him that sent me," and again, "I do always those things that please Him." With what tender grace He washed the disciples' feet, as a servant doing the most menial task that required to be done! How He dignified and glorified the meaning of the word "service" and gave to it a new significance!

Next to our Lord Himself, probably the greatest example of Christian service is His great apostle Paul, whose life and teaching we have been studying together with great interest. He constantly referred to himself as the servant, even the bond servant of

Jesus Christ. His life from conversion was one long-continued sacrifice to the cause of his Master for the sake of the "Glorious Gospel" he loved.

Three great principles of service are given to us in the Bible.—do all to the glory of God, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, and do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men.

If, then, service for Christ is the keynote of all our work at this College and the object of our coming here, how have we learned to serve? The Gospels not only present Jesus Christ as our Saviour from sin and example for holy living, but also our model for Christian service. He said, "If any man serve me let him follow me, and where I am there shall also my servant be." How did Christ serve? How did He do His Father's will? First, by a thorough knowledge of it as revealed in the Scriptures. How frequently He repeated, "It is written!" He established His authority from God by the written Word. He defeated His great enemy by the Word of God. He based His teaching on it, and by it He led the wandering into the kingdom. He made the Scriptures the ground of every appeal, the explanation of all His conduct and the infallible rule of His life, resting and risking all upon the Word of His Father. If God's written Word was a safe foundation for the Son of God to rest upon, surely it is a safe place for us, and the disciple can't afford to estimate the Scriptures lower than his Master did.

Another great key-note of Christ's life of service was prayer, prayer at the beginning of His ministry, at the call of His disciples, before and after every great event. Throughout His active life He frequently retired for prayer. The secret of His wonderful life was His personal unbroken communion with His Father, and at the close of His ministry He breathed out His life in prayer. What an example

for the Son of God to set His frail followers. The Christian worker should bathe the Word of God in prayer, in order that he may be directed in its use and application.

The power by whom He accomplished His service was the Holy Spirit. He laid aside His Divine prerogative as the Second Person in the Trinity and lived His life by the same power that we have to do His work. Christ didn't begin His ministry until He was endued with the power of the Holy Spirit, nor can we expect to accomplish anything for Him without having the same power. The Holy Spirit communicates Christ's life and power to us and sheds abroad His love in our hearts so that we are able to serve Him looking on the world with the heart and love of Jesus.

In short, "service," as Christ interpreted it, is doing the will of God, in the way of God, by the power of God, for the glory of God, and all with the consciousness of His presence.

These fundamentals of Christian life and service are surely emphasized at Toronto Bible College. Here the Bible is taught as the inspired Word of God, every word true from the beginning. We are cleansed through the Word, sanctified through the Word, and the Word is our instrument for service. The motto of this College, as we see on the wall before us, is "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly," and then over the entrance, "Holding forth the Word of Life." Since we came here the Bible has become a new, a living Book. Its characters have become flesh and blood personalities with whom we have much in common. Having studied it Book by Book in succession, letting it speak for itself, we have seen its unity and orderly progress in the working out of God's great plan of redemption. We have learned how to use it as the Sword of the Spirit to win others for Christ and strengthen those

who are His. It gives us great confidence in these perilous days to know that "Thus saith the Lord." "Forever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in Heaven." Something at least is sure, the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. But best of all we see Jesus Christ in God's Book. No one can reverently study the Word of God without seeing the Living Word to whom it all points. Whether recounting its history, unfolding its prophecy, storing the heart with the melody of its Psalms, or bathing in the opening glory of its promises, all points to Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

The reverent atmosphere of prayer is another prominent feature of this College, and the secret of its success is the prayer room, a place sacred to every student here. There our battles are fought and won, and His strength is linked to our weakness so that He is able to use the most timid of us. There we reach out touching lives even in distant lands across the sea and winning them for Christ. Tennyson said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of," and we have proved it true. We have learned by precept and practice the meaning and power of prayer.

But what impresses every student of the College most is the consciousness of the Unseen Presence, the very atmosphere in which our work is done. In the motto of the graduating class "Christ is all and in all." He is the Head and life of our College.

As we look back on the years spent here how quickly they have sped, but laden with precious treasures of grace and blessing. Now with mingled feelings of joy and sadness we are about to sever the ties that have bound us together during the years spent in Toronto Bible College so dear to us all. What a privilege it has been to mingle together in Christian fellowship and love, sharing each

other's joys, bearing each other's burdens and all enriched by the lives we have touched here. Many precious memories of friendships formed in this College will linger with us to refresh us in the days to come.

Now, dear Principal and members of the Faculty, how can we express the debt of gratitude we owe you all for your untiring efforts on our behalf, for the invaluable lessons you have taught us both by precept and example, each in your varied lives and ways complementing and completing the others. How our hearts have burned within us as you talked with us by the way and opened to us the Scriptures! What it has meant to us as students here, to sit as we have done for three hours a day for two or three years, drinking in the rich results of your earnest study and ripe experience, can be better realized than expressed. We may, we probably shall, forget many things you have taught us, but we can never get away from the influence of your godly lives and example. May God continue to bless you richly in your work of faith and labor of love.

You, beloved Principal, have entered peculiarly into the life of every student of our College. Your gracious words of power and wisdom have strengthened and refreshed us. You have shown us Christ Jesus, yourself the living example of your teaching. How skillfully you piloted us away from the waters of controversy and patiently answered the one hundred and one questions we might ask, guiding us safely over the difficult places.

We as students have been drinking deeply of the wells of grace and wisdom. We have been living on the mountain top with Christ. It is when we get away from this sanctuary of hallowed privilege that we will realize all that this College has meant to us and the character of the work done here will be tested. Ours is a solemn

responsibility. We have the noble traditions of this place to maintain and the worthy example of those who have gone before us to follow. May we as graduates walk worthy of our high calling of God in Christ and of this College we represent. We have learned how to study and use the Bible, and best of all we have learned to love it so that we may be workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. We have caught the vision of our field of service, the world and its great need, the Gospel of Christ. The long lists of names on the walls in the prayer room indicate how many students of this College have heard and obeyed the Master's last great command of service, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." So with Christ as our Life and Leader, the Bible as our rule and weapon, the Holy Spirit as our power for life and service, let us go forth gladly and prove that God is able to make all grace abound toward us that we always having all sufficiency in all things may abound to every good work. Then we each, like our blessed Master, will be among you as one that serveth.

"We stand for the last time together,
Hand to hand, face to face, heart to heart,
A day may divide us forever,
We'll sing one more song ere we part.
As friends when the banquet is ending
Stand closer to give one last cheer,
So to-night let our voices all blending,
Ring out one last song loud and clear.
Here's a health to the hours departed,
Farewell to the glad College years,
Here's a health to the future—light-hearted
We greet it with hope, not with fears.
Once more,—'tis the last ere we sever,
Each voice in the chorus rings free,
OUR COLLEGE!—We'll love her forever,
Here's a health, Alma Mater, to thee.

PERSONAL NOTES

Rev. F. S. Weston, who has been Instructor in Christian Doctrine in the Bible College for the past eight years, has received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from an

American College, in recognition of his twenty-five years as a Bible scholar and teacher.

Several of the students of the graduating class have already received appointments to definite service. Miss Atkinson has gone to Sydney, N.S., to take charge of work in the Presbyterian Redemption Home. Miss Bates is to sail this summer for China, under the China Inland Mission. Miss Munns has been accepted for India by the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. Miss Fleming sails this month for Japan under the Reformed Church of America.

Three of the four young men who received diplomas at the closing exercises are now in khaki, Messrs. J. G. Myers, J. J. Roberts, and N. E. Walker. The fourth, Mr. W. Constantine Perry, has been called to the pastorate of Zion Baptist Church, Truro, N.S.

Mr. John Proctor ('16), who has been at the front for a year and a half, has been recommended for the Military Medal, and for a commission in the Engineers.

Four students of the College are on the Home Mission Field this summer, Messrs. E. F. Page, W. H. Sproule, Kenneth Prior and Wm. M. Kelly.

MARRIAGES

On March 21st. at Chengtu Szechwan, West China, Miss Maude Sweetman ('13), to Rev. Raymond C. Ricker, M.A., B.D., of Union University, Chengtu.

On April 9th at Toronto, Miss Flossie Steinburg to Rev. A. T. Finlayson ('02), of Onondaga, Ont.

On April 24th at Kitchener, Ont., Miss Olive L. Troxel to Dr. Isaac H. Erb ('11).

On April 24th at Toronto, Miss Amy M. Smith ('17) to Mr. Chas. E. Bray ('16).

Miss Mary Reesor ('17) has been married to Rev. Oscar Burkholder of Breslau, Ont.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

For the year ending April 26th, 1918.

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at last Statement.....	\$157 25
Received from Gifts and Legacies	\$4,153 36
Received from Fees	529 00
Received from Interest and Dividends	2,638 70
Received for Maintenance of Hall	307 00
Received from Knox Ch. for Parsons' Memorial Lectureship	1,440 00
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DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$6,250 00
Ground Rent	280 00
Janitor	200 00
Coal	493 20
Gas, Electric Light	96 15
Water Rates	8 76
Telephone	62 00
Library Fund	128 00
Plant Repairs and Renewals	230 70
Solicitor's Fees	25 00
Advertising and Printing..	345 62
Office Supplies and Sundries	99 65
Investments	763 01
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	\$8,982 09

Balance on hand \$243 22

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND

Donations received from February 12th to April 19th, 1918:

No. 114.....	\$ 3 00	No. 127.....	\$ 3 00
" 115.....	150 00	" 128.....	2 00
" 116.....	5 00	" 129.....	5 00
" 117.....	10 00	" 130.....	10 00
" 118.....	10 00	" 131.....	2 00
" 119.....	1 00	" 132.....	10 00
" 120.....	200 00	" 133.....	25 00
" 121.....	25 00	" 134.....	5 00
" 122.....	10 00	" 135.....	100 00
" 123.....	100 00	" 136.....	25 00
" 124.....	5 00	" 137.....	10 00
" 125.....	25 00	" 138.....	5 00
" 126.....	5 00		

The next session will open on Tuesday, 17th September, 1918.