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Review of the Twenty-Fifth Session

The twenty-fifth session of the Bible College was brought to a close with suitable exercises on the 24th and

The members of the new graduating class were received into the Alumni Association by the President, Mr.



25th of April. On Thursday, the 24th, the Annual Meeting of the Students' Association was held. After the usual banquet the reports of the year's work were presented for the various organizations under the Students' Executive, the Evangelistic Band, and the Missionary Society.

George Backett. Then a number of interesting testimonies were given by former students representing the ministry at home, the mission field abroad, and the trenches in France during the war. Mr. J. H. Miers, a student of Knox College, whose wife is one of our students, being present,

was asked to say something about his impressions of the work of the Bible College, and gave such a valuable contribution to the evening's programme by his inpromptu address that he was at once elected an honorary member of the Alumni Association.

On Friday afternoon the Board of Governors and Advisory Council held their annual meeting for the consideration of the reports of the Principal and Secretary. There were present Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay, presiding, Messrs. Love, Gzowski, Copeland, Gartshore, Struthers, Stark, Orr, Hodgetts, Malcolm, Kerr, Baker, R. Cecil Kilgour, Irwin, Troyer, Blackett, Dr. Baldwin, Revs. Dr. McTavish, Bingham, Roadhouse, Wallace, the Principal and the Secretary. The need for some immediate enlargement of the work was evident, and it was arranged that a committee of the Council should be appointed to confer and co-operate with the Board in regard to suggested plans. In this connection, too, a communication was read from the Students' Association, asking for certain additions to the curriculum. After the meeting the members adjourned to the library for dinner as the guests of Mr. Shenstone.

The graduating exercises in the evening were presided over by Principal McNicol in the absence of Dr. Mackay. Addresses were given by three members of the graduating class. Miss Constance Coomber spoke on "The Surrendered Life"; Mr. Thomas Cook, who has had nine years' experience of mission work under the China Inland Mission, spoke on "The Bible in Action"; and Miss Jean Powell spoke on "Holding Forth the Word of Life." Nineteen Diplomas and Certificates were presented to students who had completed the prescribed courses in the Day or Evening Classes.

The main address of the evening was delivered by Rev. John Neil, D.D.,

ex-Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It was a warm and stimulating appeal on the value and victory of the Bible, full of illuminating experience and wise counsel.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL

The Toronto Bible College has reached the close of its 25th session. It is fitting that we acknowledge with devout thanksgiving that the good hand of God has been upon the work all these years. This report will first review the work of the session, and then take a glance at the twenty-five years as a whole.

Attendance of Students

The enrolment of students was 66 in the Day Classes, and 198 in the Evening Classes, a slight decrease in the one case, and a slight increase in the other, making the total enrolment substantially the same as last year. The men are still in a pronounced minority as a result of the conditions of these war years, there being only 17 in the Day Classes and 46 in the Evening.

The denominational representation of the enrolled students is as follows:

DAY CLASSES—Anglican 3, Baptist 28, Methodist 6, Presbyterian 13, Mennonite 6, Christian Workers 5, Disciples of Christ 3, Lutheran 1, Brethren 1.

EVENING CLASSES—Anglican 26, Baptist 68, Congregational 4, Methodist 24, Presbyterian 49, Mennonite 2, Christian & Missionary Alliance 4, Christian Workers 6, Brethren 6, Pentecostal 4, Disciples of Christ 1, Independent 4.

Course of Instruction

The course prescribed in the Calendar for the work of the session was carried out fully in both Day and Evening Classes. There was one change in the teaching staff from last year, Rev. Andrew Imrie taking the

place of Rev. R. J. Koffend, who, for three years, had given such efficient and painstaking service in the Practical Department, and who had been obliged on account of the pressure of his work at Evangel Hall, to give up his work in the College. Only one hour a week, however, could be devoted to this subject during the session. The inadequate attention given to this side of our work constitutes the weak spot in our course. In order to make the course of training provided by the Bible College thoroughly efficient, we need not only theoretical instruction in the classroom on methods of personal and evangelistic work, but also personal supervision and direction of the students while actually doing the work. This requires the time and thought of a separate instructor, who should also be given charge of classes in English, in order to give instruction in the use of the language to those students who need it.

The work of the College was interrupted to some extent during the epidemic of the Spanish influenza. The Evening Classes were closed for three weeks. The Day Classes were not discontinued, but all the students who were in a position to give assistance in any way to the sick and afflicted were released from attendance. A large number of the young women went out to serve as nurses, and several of the young men also were able to render valuable help. We are thankful to record the fact that among all these students thus brought into close touch with the epidemic, not one case of illness occurred.

Graduating Class

This happens to be much smaller than for many years, largely owing to the fact that of the total number of students during the past two or three years, fewer than usual have been able to complete their course without interruption.

Eight students have completed the full two years' work in the Day Classes, and receive the College Diploma.

Another student, who is a graduate of the Glasgow Bible Institute, and a missionary of nine years' experience in China, took a full year's work and is given the Diploma with post-graduate standing. A former student who left the College two years ago to take charge of a Church in Nova Scotia, after a course of a year and a half, is granted the College Diploma this year on the eve of his ordination to the ministry. Two students have completed three years in the Evening Classes along with one in the Day Classes, and are thus entitled to the Diploma. This makes eleven graduates of the present year:

Constance Harriet Coomber, Toronto, Ont.
 Thomas Cook, Szechuan, China.
 Augusta Louise Fleming, Toronto, Ont.
 Ruth Isabel Goforth, Honan, China.
 Bertha Amelia Groh, Preston, Ont.
 Sophie Lauber, Toronto, Ont.
 E. Fred Page, Montreal, Que.
 Jane Barnet Powell, Toronto, Ont.
 Margaret Short, Toronto, Ont.
 Martha Short, Toronto, Ont.
 Campbell Tavener, Lower Selmah, N.S.

Three students of last year's class have taken a third year of further study, and receive post-graduate standing:

Alice Annie Duce, Toronto, Ont.
 Elizabeth Annie Eaton, Montreal, Que.
 Emma Meyer, Markham, Ont.

Mr. Thomas Cook is also given post-graduate standing.

Five students have completed three years in the Evening Classes, and receive Certificates:

Edith Appleton
 Martha French
 Martha Short
 May Lawrence
 Lenore McCracken

Missions and Evangelism

The Missionary interest of the College was maintained by the Students' Missionary Society in the usual way. Representatives of the missionary

work of the church in many parts of the world were invited to address the students from time to time. Mission Study Classes were conducted and meetings for intercessory prayer were carried on every week throughout the session. The sum of \$540 was contributed through the Society for work in China, India, Africa, and Thibet, in which former students are engaged. During the year six of the recent students sailed for the foreign field.

Evangelistic work was carried on in the city by the students as a band. They conducted 23 mission services, and 24 factory meetings at which 37 persons were led to accept Christ. In addition to this, individual services were conducted by several of the young men in churches and other places, both in the city and at many points outside, the total number of these services amounting to about 220.

As individuals, the students engaged in hospital visitation, Sunday School teaching, and many other forms of personal Christian service. An examination of their weekly report cards shows that as a result of this quiet, unostentatious, personal work of theirs about seventy persons were led to profess their faith in Christ as Saviour.

The Twenty-five Years

Such is a general review of the work of the past session. This kind of work has been going on now—deepening and broadening all along—for twenty-five years. In the light of the experience of these years and in view of the great and pressing needs of the Church to-day, let us try to estimate the place and importance of such an institution as this in the cause of Christ in the land.

1. It gives the Bible its true place as the vitalizing centre in the scheme of Christian education. The Bible College has enlisted hundreds of people in the systematic, intelligent study of the Scriptures. The enrol-

ment of the twenty-five sessions aggregates over 1,300 in the Day Classes and about 3,600 in the Evening Classes. A knowledge of the Word of God is here insisted on as the primary and essential equipment for Christian life and Christian service.

2. It magnifies the great living verities of the Christian faith. The teaching of this place gathers round the person of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It makes prominent the fundamental facts of His deity and incarnation, His vicarious atonement, His triumphant resurrection, His continuous intercession within the heavenly veil, and the prospect of His glorious appearing. To the students who come here, the Bible College aims to make Jesus Christ a great living reality, the supreme object of their devotion, the Sovereign Lord of their lives.

3. It emphasizes the presence and leadership of the Holy Spirit as the true principle of Christian unity. The students who have attended the Bible College during these years represent at least twenty denominations. Yet denominational distinctions sink out of sight in the sacred atmosphere of this place. The students of the Bible College know that they can be truly loyal to their own particular denominations, and at the same time recognize and honor the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in all other parts of the Christian Church, and in all other members of the body of Christ.

4. It illustrates and emphasizes the place of prayer and personal testimony as the essential elements of effective Christian service. The young men and women who come to the Bible College enter an atmosphere of prayer at once. They learn to understand what the ministry of prayer means in the work of Christ in the world by seeing what it does in their own lives while in College. They are not being brought to see the value of

personal effort for individuals, and are being trained in its practice. For the past nine years records of the practical work carried on by the students during their College course have been kept, and these show that as a result of their personal work during this time, over 1,200 persons have been led to accept Christ as their Saviour.

5. The Bible College has been raising up from the rank and file of the Churches numbers of young men and women who were not being reached in any other way. It has been training them within these walls in the knowledge of the Bible, in the practice of prayer and personal work, and it has been sending them out into the working forces of the Church in the world. The students who have gone out from the Bible College are to be found in all departments of Christian service. Seventy-five have entered the ministry; sixteen have become Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A. Secretaries; one hundred and seventy-two have gone to the foreign field in all parts of the non-Christian world. Many others are engaged in various kinds of work at home as Pastor's Assistants, Colporteurs, Bible Women, Mission and Social Service Workers. The great majority of these men and women would not be occupying these places to-day if it had not been for the opportunities afforded them by such an institution as this.

Conclusion

The Toronto Bible College occupies an honorable place among several other similar institutions in North America. These Bible Institutes have sprung up during the past quarter century as the result of certain spiritual movements going on under the surface of organized Christianity. They have been making important contributions to the life and work of the churches. They are called to fill a much larger place and do a still greater work in the future. At a Con-

ference on World Evangelism and Vital Christianity, held in Chicago in February, it was decided that the time had come for an advance movement on the part of the Bible Institutes. Steps were taken to unite them in closer co-operation so as to strengthen their work and extend their influence. If the Church is to fulfil its great task of making Christ known to the world larger numbers of trained workers must be enlisted, both to carry the Gospel abroad and to supply the need at home. There are large numbers of young people who would be responsive to leadership in this direction, who are out of the reach of any other church agency, but who can be reached by the Bible Institutes. Battles are not won by officers alone; the real fighting force is in the rank and file. It is the rank and file of the Christian Church the Bible Schools aim to reach and equip. It is surely wise and right in the true interests of the cause of Christ and in the best interests of the churches themselves that this constituency should be thoroughly cultivated. It is this work the Toronto Bible College is endeavoring to do. That it may do it more thoroughly and more efficiently it makes its appeal to those who have the vision to see the need and the faith and courage to obey the call of the present hour in the great world conflict of Christianity.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

With the completion of twenty-five years of work, the officers and faculty of the Toronto Bible College record their profound gratitude to God, through whose blessing and guidance we have come to this day. "Goodness and Mercy" have been our constant attendants, and at no period of our history have we been more conscious of the Divine favor than at present.

The severe and searching experiences of the past five years have led us

to look deep and earnestly into the policy and plan of our work, and, while we are far from claiming any sense of finality or freedom from imperfection, we are thankful to say that we do not feel called upon to make any radical change in our method of work. "Reconstruction" is not the chief word in our vocabulary, but rather "Rededication," that we may show ourselves worthy of the trust committed to us and rise to the new and enlarged opportunities that lie before.

We are strengthened in this conviction by the fruits of our work as seen in the lives and labors of our students in all parts of the world. For example, one writes recently from China: "I sometimes wonder if the greatness of your ministry has the hold and influence in your lives that it ought to have. Are there times when you wonder how much are these students getting, anyway? Here I am away out in China getting into real prayer touch with four and a half millions of people. I do not know what part I am having in the preparing of the people for the coming of the King, but whatever He is able to accomplish through me is because of the moulding, cleansing, and filling I received in the Bible College; and my point is this, do you see how your life is reaching out through this life of mine and touching these people. More and more may the Lord empower you in this ministry of filling lives as channels of the grace of God in a world of lost souls." This testimony is repeated in varying forms from others in South America, Africa and the Congo.

I must mention another message that came to us recently from Japan. James S. Iijima came here from Vancouver about ten years ago, working his way throughout. He knew little English, but caught the spirit of the College, and after two years' attendance returned to Japan, where he

has been conducting a Christian Mission ever since. He writes under recent date, using his own construction:

"Very often times I wished to write to you but I could find no time since our Mission-house has blown to pieces. Very soon after I started to build up again with new building. God answered for our prayers, and gave us new building on January 25th, 1919. This is my duty to confess and write to you with my three thanksgivings:

"1st. To God,—His tender care of us always.

"2nd. To the teaching of the T.B.C. I am always thanking for right, good and kind teaching throughout my school days.

"3rd. To friends who kindly become our financial backing."

A testimony to the efficiency of Mr. Kenneth Prior, one of our students, from Dr. Strang, Superintendent of Presbyterian Home Missions, Saskatchewan, is worthy of mention:

"A Canadian boy, not yet nineteen, applied last spring to the Board of Home Missions and Social Service for work, and asked that he be sent to a frontier field. Upon the recommendation of his college principal, we appointed him to a field twenty-five miles from a railway and where no regular missionary of any church had ever worked, although many of the people had been settled there from six to ten years.

"We visited his field on Sept. 8th, and from the time we left a railway station on Saturday afternoon, until we returned to it on Monday forenoon, we had travelled 90 miles. It was one of the most interesting trips of the summer. This Canadian boy, with a passion for preaching and a love for the Scriptures, set to work in the spring and made a survey of the territory to which he was sent, and after encountering difficulties which would have discouraged some missionaries, he opened services in three school houses, that required

him to ride 50 miles each week for the round trip.

"He made the acquaintance of every man, woman and child in six townships, and was continually wisely recommending Christ as Saviour and Friend to the people whom he met. He organized three first-class Sunday Schools and succeeded in enlisting the help of efficient workers."

We have a further satisfaction of knowing that the testimony and instruction of the College is meeting an important need here at home, as the following will indicate. A minister from Prince Edward Island writes to the Principal:

"The members of my congregation waited on Mrs. G. and myself and presented us with a cheque for \$250. My wife and I thought we could not do any better in showing our gratitude to God for this goodness during the past year than by making a special thank-offering to the Toronto Bible College, so you will please find enclosed money-order for \$25.00, which you will kindly accept as a token of our deep gratitude to yourself and the College for all that we owe to you. On such an occasion as this, it would be the height of ingratitude for us not in some way to give a tangible expression for all we have received from the Toronto Bible College. If I have attained any measure of success during my service here, I owe it all to the truth I received from it. I have tried to be loyal to that truth. There was a day in my ministry when preaching was a perfect drudgery to me, and I must confess that I was on the verge of giving it all up, and had it not been for the precious lectures I received at the College, I would have carried out my determination. In fact, the memory of my late father was the only link that bound me to the Master's service, but that link was greatly strained by the false views instilled into my mind by my University training. Now all that

has changed, service has become a delight, and the study of the Divine Word an unbounded pleasure. Bible study has become fascinating—in fact I cannot get enough time for it."

For these and other reasons we are increasingly impressed with the important place this institution is filling.

In February we invited the Board and Council to meet with the students when a very interesting and profitable evening was spent in hearing from the students why they came and what they are getting from the College.

During the year our students have been in demand for supply work in several churches, where they have ministered with much acceptance. All our available students are commissioned for work during the summer in connection with the Home Mission Boards of the Presbyterian, Baptist and Congregational Churches, and we have not begun to meet the demand.

In harmony with all other branches of Christian service in Canada we feel the urgency of the days before us, and believe the work of our College should be taken more seriously by its friends than it has been in the past. As the Principal has pointed out, it is necessary that we should enlarge our course of instruction so as to meet the needs and desires of our students. To do this we contemplate the building of two new class-rooms and the improvement of our sanitary accommodation. We would like to furnish a recreation room also for our young men. This will involve an expenditure of about \$7,000. In addition to this we should consider increasing our budget by two or three thousand dollars. We need another member on the faculty to develop the practical work department, and make provision for instruction in English. The present salaries should be increased: the office equipment needs supplementing. More money could profitably be invested in printing and advertising. It has been our consistent policy,

however, not to incur debt, and we are not disposed to depart from it now. The Board of Governors will welcome advice and counsel in these and other matters relating to the development of our work.

It is with deep regret we record the passing away of our charter member, the late Mr. Robt. Kilgour, who from the very first took such a deep and abiding interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the College. We welcome his son, Mr. Cecil Kilgour, to a place on our Council.

It is the intention of the Board to observe the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the College by a series of meetings to be held at the opening of our next session in September, when we plan to have as many of our former students as possible meet with us in conference and fellowship for three or four days. Plans are already under way in preparation for this occasion, and amongst them is an effort to secure the presence of Dr. G. Campbell Morgan to give us a series of addresses.

With an earnest desire to take our full share in supplementing the Christian forces of our city and Dominion, we again commend our efforts to the prayerful consideration of all our friends.

GETTING THROUGH TO HEADQUARTERS

The following beautiful incident was related at the Students' Association banquet among the various experiences that were given that evening. It was told by Corporal Jack Proctor of the class of '16, who had been at the front in France for over two years and had only returned home a few weeks before.

"One night at a certain stage of the war, I was on signal duty in a dugout in the front line trenches. I was there alone at the telephone waiting for orders. To pass away the

time, I read the magazines lying in the dugout, and then I thought I would pray. But I found I couldn't pray; my words seemed to be lost in the roof; I couldn't get through to God. There was a chum of mine up at headquarters, a Christian lad, with whom I used to have fellowship. I thought I would call him up and have a chat with him over the telephone. I called up headquarters, but there was no answer, the connection was broken somewhere. Then I called up A Company on one side and asked them if they could get me through to headquarters. They tried, but they could not do it; their connections, too, were broken. Then I called up C Company on the other side, and they were able to get headquarters for me. I got in touch with my chum through C Company, and we had our chat together.

"After that I sat musing alone. Why could I not pray when I tried? Why could I not get through to God? I wondered at it. Well, I said, though I cannot pray, I know they are praying in the Bible College. And at once I seemed to be in the prayer room at the morning meeting. I could hear them praying. I could distinguish their voices. There was Sidney Cooper, and George Blackett, and the other George, as I called him, George Booth. Then it seemed to come my turn—you know how it feels when your turn comes—and I began to pray. Before I knew it, I was praying in the very presence of God. I had got through to headquarters by way of the Bible College."

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Already plans are in operation to make the opening of the next session the high water mark of our history thus far. Communications are on their way to our great family all over the earth telling them of the occasion.

and inviting their presence with us at that time. Where this is not possible, we are asking for a message from them (so far as we have their present address) that their word may be added to the testimony of those who can come in person.

If you should be omitted in this personal request, please accept this as your letter, and send the Secretary a brief statement of what the Bible College has meant to you in helping prepare you for your life work.

We earnestly desire united fellowship in prayer for clear guidance in all we undertake in connection with these plans, as our ultimate object is not enlarged numbers or increased income, but a deeper loyalty and fuller consecration to our Divine Lord and His inspired Word.

ENLARGEMENT

The prevailing note in the reports and discussion of the work of the College this year was that the time had come when we must move out into a larger sphere of service in order to meet the needs and opportunities awaiting us.

Enlarged Building

Consequently the Board of Governors have undertaken to provide the much needed accommodation in Class rooms, and have let contracts amounting to \$7,000 for this purpose. Already several friends of the College have subscribed to this building fund to the extent of \$5,000, which still leaves an opportunity for others to share in it. It is hoped the entire amount will be provided before the work is completed, and so enable us to present the rooms all paid for at the observance of our twenty-fifth anniversary next fall.

Enlarged Course

An extended course of study is also under contemplation, and if the

necessary arrangements can be made at once, the announcement will appear in the Calendar, which can be had on application at the office.

Enlarged Attendance

There are indications already that the enrolment for next year will be larger than usual, and we look to our friends to bring the work of the College to the attention of Christian young people, that they may take advantage of the training we provide. Names of such should be sent to the Secretary, who will gladly furnish all necessary information.

Enlarged Maintenance

Another important department of our work which needs to be enlarged is the number of those who believe in the value of the work the Bible College is doing, and who are willing to share in its maintenance. As the financial statement shows, the work of last year was carried on with the modest expenditure of \$8,000, but in order to meet the new requirements, it will be necessary to increase that amount by at least fifty per cent. How much of this can you provide? And how much of it can you induce some one else to give? Write to the Treasurer and let him know.

Receipts for General Fund

Donations received from February 25th to April 21st, 1919:

No.	134	.....	\$ 5.00	No.	152	.....	\$ 1.00
"	135	.....	10.00	"	153	.....	30.00
"	136	.....	10.00	"	154	.....	10.00
"	137	.....	2.00	"	155	.....	10.00
"	138	.....	10.00	"	156	.....	25.00
"	139	.....	5.00	"	157	.....	5.00
"	140	.....	5.00	"	158	.....	25.00
"	141	.....	25.00	"	159	.....	1.00
"	142	.....	1.00	"	160	.....	100.00
"	143	.....	1.00	"	161	.....	2.00
"	144	.....	5.00	"	162	.....	5.00
"	145	.....	2.00	"	163	.....	150.00
"	146	.....	150.00	"	164	.....	102.00
"	147	.....	10.00	"	165	.....	10.00
"	148	.....	200.00	"	166	.....	25.00
"	149	.....	5.00	"	167	.....	5.00
"	150	.....	100.00	"	168	.....	10.00
"	151	.....	6.00	"	169	.....	3.00

From the Bible College Family

Rev. Ivory Jeffrey, Tonkin, Indo China: Mr. Hanna tells you in Church History that God had providentially arranged the world for the rapid spread of the Gospel in Paul's day. There were the Roman roads, the Greek language, the Jewish synagogues. In a sense we are in the same position here in Indo China. God has providentially committed to the French the suzerainty of this land. They have built magnificent roads, introduced a modern educational system, and simplified the language by Romanized characters, and the Bible may be read by practically all.

At present the work here is in the order of a rugby game; eight or nine hundred miles south in Saigon two Americans are playing left wing; at Tourane a Toronto boy with his wife and two lady missionaries form the scrumline, while here in Hanoi an American, Mr. Jackson, and myself play right. Including Mr. Cadman, Toronto is represented by three out of six men on this field. There are 15,000,000 Annamese to be dealt with. We count on Toronto Bible College to help us play the game.

While in Japan I visited the huge image of Buddha at Kamakura by moonlight. That night I was impressed as never before with the awfulness of false religion and false gods. There was that huge image of bronze casting its shadow in the brilliant moonlight, cold, silent and motionless. Inside were flickering candles—the artificial light of man's wisdom in contrast to the glory of God's moonlight outside. There was an atmosphere of worship, but it was simply a vacuum, for the only voice that Buddha had was the echo as we rapped on his metal sides. I was afraid! Not of ghosts, or Mr. Buddha, but on unreality, of lies, of Satan. It drove me close to God, 'neath the shelter of His wings, under the atonement of the blood of His

Son, into the light and love where there is no fear, and I was happy in the reality of His Word. I'm still happy, but every now and then I'm reminded of the millions who follow false beacons. When I see these weird Buddhist funerals and processions passing along the streets of this city; when I see the carelessness of many French; when I hear the tom-toms in the morning and evening across the lake, or away over the other side of the Botanical gardens. Yes, students, the happiest place in the world is where God sends you, after calling you and training you in His way, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Rev. Geo. Booth, Yunnan, China: This is a hurried letter, making its first stage by one of our own men returning to the capital to-morrow morning, from a robber-surrounded city from which no mail is going, into which the Lord brought us, out of which He will lead us in His own time.

Ning-cheo—one year ago a hard, cold, heathen city with its literal stone wall a shadow of the more real walls raised by Satan through the centuries enclosing captives whom he had taken captive at his will, and bound with chains of superstition, prejudice and sin. But lo! to-day souls are rejoicing in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free. One year ago two faithful Christians, nine months ago a visit from our preaching band, and since then steady work by Li-en-ching, his wife and one other woman.

There has not been a foreigner near this work ever since it started; all our information had come from the Chinese workers, but this week our eyes have seen, and we can truly say the half had not been told. As we came down the hill leading to the city we were met by a band of over 100 men and boys who had come out over a mile to meet us, greeting us

with one of their favorite hymns. Coming a little nearer we were met by a large band of women and children making a gathering now of over 200, and there they sang "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Can you catch a little of the music of such a song coming from hearts of those who were not a people one year ago, but to-day are the people of God; who one year ago knew nothing but the fear of darkness and the awful uncertainty of an unknown future, but to-day can say, "I know that Jesus loves me." You will rejoice with us in the measure that you have shared with us by prayer or gift. Will you continue with us still, for there is yet much ground to possess in the midst of the 200,000 people that are in and around this city.

Mr. S. F. Page, Saskatchewan: We had a pleasant journey to Kincaid, which is the station at which Mr. Powell leaves for the south. He and I had to expend our slender funds there on 40c. meals, curry combs and other equipment. When I left on Thursday I had 25c. storage and a new railway ticket to pay for. At noon to-day I found myself at Pon-taise without a square meal, and only 1c. in my pocket. I had, however, made arrangements with a teamster to take me and my trunk to a point $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Hillandale, which is one of my stations. We started off about 12.30 to-day, but a big storm came on and we had to pull in again. So, with my solitary 1c. in my pocket, I hung around the livery stable, even decided to sleep there for the night, and meantime wondered when I would have dinner. The teamsters were swearing a lot, and somehow I did not feel inclined to ask them to help me out. Besides, wouldn't it seem too much like "begging bread," which, as a child of God, I hardly felt called upon to do. Couldn't I sell something? My trunk and suitcase were safely tucked in the farmer's wagon, so the only thing I had was my watch. I de-

ecided to make the sacrifice, and accordingly went into a hardware store. He referred me to a jeweller's where I let it go for \$3.50. Then I called at the livery stables and asked what time they were leaving in the morning. I then said I wouldn't need the berth, as I had pawned my watch and was going to get something to eat. I had hardly seated myself in the cafe ere one of the teamsters came in and inquired something about rooms of the proprietor. He had an object, evidently, for he immediately came over to me and asked, "Is your name Mr. Page? Where did you pawn that watch?" I told him. Out he went, and was gone for a much longer time than was needful for travelling. Finally he came in again. "Did you say you *pawned* or *sold* that watch?" I told him I supposed I must have *sold* it, as I hadn't got any ticket for it. He had been trying to redeem it, and judging from his vocabulary in the stables, the jeweller must have been treated to quite a flow of language. But apparently only \$5 would get it back again. I thanked him for his trouble, but told him it was all right, I wouldn't worry, and he went out. Still, the willingness to help was touching. "Why didn't you tell the bunch of us you was broke?" he wanted to know. There is something like a heart beneath all their roughness, and I believe the Gospel message alone is needed to make them strong men of God. After dinner I went for a walk out on the prairie, and coming back found a whole gang awaiting me outside the boarding house. "Bin for a walk?" said one of them. "Here, take this money and go an' git that watch," and he shoved some loose change wrapped in bills into my hand. I remonstrated, laughing, but finally said all right, I would pay him back. "No, you can't," he said, "this is from the bunch of us," and added if ever I was broke again to make for the nearest livery stable and tell the bunch there. I couldn't help laugh-

ing when they told me the whole story. They fetched out the Justice of the Peace and took him to the jeweller's, and gave him "a good line of talk." I wasn't to pay a cent more than \$3.50 either. So I went to the jeweller, who was profuse indeed in his apologies. I shou'd have told him I was a minister, etc., etc., and though he was a Catholic he would have been quite willing to help me. In paying up for the watch, I discovered "the bunch" had given me \$2.50 more than I needed. I told them of that, but they wouldn't hear a word of it—save that, when they were broke they'd come to me.

I have told this little episode just as it occurred to let you see how watchful God is for all our needs. I have more money now than when I landed, and my watch is still safe in my pocket. And I didn't have to beg my bread either. Truly I look upon this as an earnest of His provision in far greater things. It would be the joy of my heart to bring some of these rough, swearing men to the Lord, and I understand two of my fields will consist chiefly of such characters.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT For the year ending April 25th, 1919

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand at last statement.....	\$	243.70
Received from gifts	\$3,669.50	
Received from fees—		
Day	\$197.00	
Evening	270.00	
		467.00
Received from Interest	2,252.75	
Received from Knox Church		
Lect'p	1,800.00	
Received for maintenance hall	259.00	
		8,448.25
		<u>\$8,691.95</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$6,510.00
Printing and Advertising	427.16
Ground Rent	280.00
Janitor	297.50
Coal	600.00
Gas	5.00
Electric Light and Lamps	53.69
Water	6.68
Telephone	63.35
Repairs and Renewals	205.90
Library Fund	100.00
Stamps and Office sundries	135.12
	\$8,684.40
Balance, cash on hand	7.55
	<u>\$8,691.95</u>

"This statement agrees with entries in Cash Book, all of which I have examined and checked."

(Signed) J. O. ANDERSON,
Auditor.

23rd April, 1919.

PERSONALS

Miss Jennie B. Powell is the Bible Woman in the Sackville Street Mission, Toronto.

Miss Constance Coomber has been accepted for mission service in South America.

Miss Ruth Goforth will take a short course at the Nyack Missionary Training School before going out to China under the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Mr. Thomas Cook is a Missionary of the China Inland Mission, home on furlough. He was ordained on April 29th in the Annette St. Baptist Church. He is supplying at present the Congregational Church at Acton.

Miss Sophie Lauber and Miss Catherine Kreick are visiting Bible Women in the service of the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Mr. W. G. Windsor is supplying this summer the Congregational Church at Listowel.

Four of the young men who attended the College during the session have been appointed to western mission fields by the Presbyterian Board. Messrs. Prior and Billester are in British Columbia, and Messrs. Powell and Frank Page are in Saskatchewan.

Mr. Charles Patterson ('15) has been called and settled as pastor of the Congregational Church in Kingston.

Mr. E. Fred Page, who completed his course last December, sailed from Vancouver early in the year together with Mr. A. J. Beeson ('14) for service under the Thibetan Mission. They will be laboring in western China on the borders of Thibet.

Mr. Harry K. Franks is supplying the services of a church at Bridgeburg, Ont.