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### SIGNS OF RAIN

Evidences of revival have been manifest recently in several churches in Toronto. News comes from other places also of awakening spiritual interest, and of conversions increasing in number. It may be that the first drops are beginning to fall of the showers that many have been praying for so long and all acknowledge are so greatly needed.

True revival is a movement of the Holy Spirit. It comes from above, "like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth." It is God's work, not man's effort. And yet there are certain conditions which "prepare the way of the Lord" and help to bring about revival.

The great spiritual movements of the Christian Church have had their springs in prayer. Sometimes it has been the persistent, long-continued supplications of lonely and obscure saints, and sometimes the united intercessions of groups of believers. In one of the Toronto churches the spirit of prayer became so deep that meetings for prayer were held every day, and continued far on into the night. It is as true to-day as it has

always been, that prayer releases spiritual forces from on high. It is the condition on which the fulfillment of God's promises and the accomplishment of His work depend. "I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them."

A deepening sense of sin is another sign of revival. Not a morbid introspection, but a conviction of sin that leads to confession and renunciation of it. This, too, seems to be a more or less marked feature of the movement now going on. To confess sin is to acknowledge the need of divine grace and make way for it. "Repent ye, therefore and turn again" was Peter's message to the Jews after Pentecost, "that your sins may be blotted out, and that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord."

One thing that is needed very much to-day is a return to the preaching of the Cross of Christ. Every great revival has been characterized by a rediscovery of, or a renewed emphasis upon some aspect of redeeming grace. It is to be feared that during the war the unique character of the death of Christ was

obscured by confusing it with the sacrifice of the soldier. Something is needed now to put the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ where it belongs in the forefront of the whole scheme of redemption. "Jesus Christ and Him crucified," was the message Paul carried into the world of his day, and he found it to be the power of God unto salvation. It brought new life wherever it went. Men are as weary of life and as oppressed with sin to-day as they were in Paul's time, and only the old and well-tried remedy can meet the present need.

Efforts to secure moral reform and social uplift have their place. But we see no signs that the Kingdom of Heaven is coming in that way. These ends have come in the past usually as the result of religious revival. Discussions about the fundamentals of the faith and about eschatology have their value. But these alone cannot bring about a spiritual quickening. It is a living Saviour coming home to the heart of man that is the essential experience in every genuine revival. And what is needed for this is not simply good advice, but a great evangel.

### 1920 CLASS REUNION

It is only when friends are about to be separated that they realize the strength of the ties which bind them to each other, and thus a reunion—a time for renewing old acquaintances and reviewing past experiences—is always looked forward to with true delight.

The Graduation Class of 1920 has been favored in so far as its members came together at a time when the school was smaller than it is now, so helping towards a more personal and intimate friendship, and have remained together—at least a proportion of them for three full sessions.

To further strengthen this bond of

friendship, a reunion was planned for January 4th, 1921, the first day of the new term, taking the form of a farewell to Miss A. M. Booth, the first member of the class to sail for the Foreign Mission field.

All but three members of the class gathered for supper in the Ladies' Rest-room, which was opened to the men for the evening. Principal and Mrs. McNichol, Mrs. E. Blake, Mrs. Gray, Rev. T. B. Hyde, Mr. Booth, and Mr. Herbert L. Troyer being our guests. Following supper, a brief time was spent in spiritual and social fellowship. After Scripture reading and prayer, those present briefly related the pathway over which each had been led since the parting last spring, and many and varied were the testimonies of appreciation for the work of the College, and of praise to our Lord and Master for His ever-sufficient grace. Whether upon the prairies of the West, in the busy rush of city life, or the quieter sphere of the home, all gave thanks-giving to Him who "doeth all things well."

A duet sweetly rendered by two sisters, brought a blessing; then, perhaps, the most important event of the evening, the presentation of a dainty yet durable wrist-watch to Miss Booth from the Missionary Society of the College. Mr. Hyde, on account of the Principal having to leave early, aptly expressed our thoughts towards our sister, who replied with a few heart-felt words.

Miss Booth left the city the next day for China, where her brother and others of our T.B.C. family are serving our common Master.

The reunion is a thing of the past; but not so its influences—these remain; and through the coming years, from our scattered spheres of service, our hearts will return to the quiet and happy moments spent together in the "upper room."—W. G. W.

## THE OPEN DOOR

Dear open door! As doth the vine  
Its tendrils round your portals twine,  
So do those blessed truths of thine  
Their tenets firm our hearts enshrine.

Go out to live—to love, to serve  
The living Christ, and never swerve  
From duty's path, though He may  
To serve in hovel or in hall. [call]

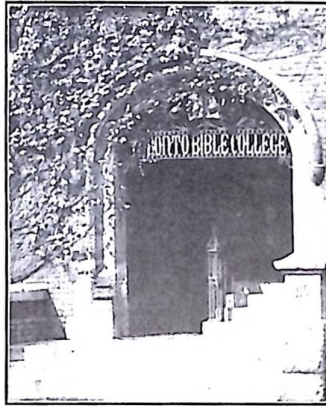
Thy students there go in and out  
With motive pure, though some may  
doubt—  
Go in to study His design,  
And seek to learn His will divine.

“Behold,” saith God, “I now have  
set  
(And He has never failed us yet)  
An open door.” Wilt thou come in  
And help thy Lord His kingdom win?

—Emily Sprague Troyer ('11).

*Let the word of  
Christ dwell in you  
richly.*

—COL. 3: 16.



*Holding forth the  
word of life.*

—PHIL. 2: 16.

## From the Bible College Family Scattered Abroad

Rev. George A. Williams ('13) writes from Tamsui, Formosa:

“Kindest regards and greetings to all students of T.B.C. I trust that the College has experienced a year of great blessing. I was delighted to learn from Miss Pitman that such a large number of students had enrolled at the beginning of the fall term. The blessing of God is evidently resting upon the College. The deeper I get into Christian work, the more I am convinced of the genuine and abiding worth of the course covered. By no means the least of all the benefits is the stamp that is placed upon the life of the student

during the years that he spends there. It is a little foretaste of heaven that helps to steady one when the storms of life come.”

Rev. Dixon A. Burns ('16), writing from Scotland, where he is visiting his parents and enjoying a brief leave of absence from the pastorate of St. John's Road Baptist Church, Toronto: “Scotland has changed. The change has not come so much by revolution as by evolution. The Sabbath is not nearly so well kept; the family altar is not so well observed; Sunday Schools are practically empty, and the church-going habit

has fallen into disrepute, apparently because so many men who preach "another Gospel," are to be found in many pulpits to-day.

I visited the Bible Institute in Glasgow, and on being asked to speak, took the liberty of conveying the greetings of Toronto Bible College. Principal McIntyre, on behalf of his students, asked me to convey their heartiest greetings to T.B.C."

**Mr. Silas F. Fox** ('16) writing from Madakasera, Anantapur District, South India: "This field of Madakasera has 295 villages in it, with an aggregate population of some 60 to 80 thousand. There are no Christians in it at all, so you see we have a great work to go on with. Rain has failed here this year and famine prices prevail, and if something does not happen soon, there will be great trouble, even for drinking water. Grass is not to be seen in any save places made green by artificial irrigation. God, however, is with us, and over all, so we are quite safe, and God is meeting every need. I am alone at present, as no workers have been forthcoming save one old warrior over 50, who is joining himself up to us for the work. He is a convert from the Brahmin caste for many years now, and he should do something here, and we would be glad for your prayers for him. We have a bungalow here just on the outskirts of Madakasera town. We are 25 miles away from the nearest railway station. We are a company of eleven souls, wife, myself, and three children, then Mary and Jacob, two old servants, then a boy to cook, a nurse, an Eurasian girl, who has thrown her lot in with us, and wishes to serve the Lord; the old preacher, with an old woman convert we keep on the place, makes

the total. Pray that we may be used of God and shine for Him. I am going out alone, and yet not alone, to the near-by villages in the mornings, and to the town in the evenings. Do bear us up, and remind the students, if you would be so kind. Mrs. Fox and all are quite well."

**Mr. Arthur Hawtin**, of Jhansi, writes: "I often think of you and the T.B.C. especially in times of trouble and stress, when one is inclined to feel discouraged because of the powers of evil in the world, and especially in this land of sin and darkness. The great truths that you and the other members of the faculty have always endeavored to instil into the minds and souls of your students have never left me, and have had a great influence in encouraging and steadying me in trying times; I feel that it would be a grand thing for the mission cause if all missionaries could take a course in your College, or one with similar principles.

Dr. Wilkie, I understand, is making a strong appeal for much-needed helpers here. We all sincerely hope that a strong young man will come out to take over the work while he is with us, so that the newcomer may have the benefit of his rich experience. The work is by no means easy, and two or three years with an experienced missionary would be of great value. If with him could also come a friend and helper who could take charge of the school and work among the women, it would be a grand thing. For our farm colonization work, there is scope for zeal and talent. For a few years this branch of the work was most difficult, and I have felt my inability to cope with it as I should, but every year it becomes less arduous, as we have trained some of the Indian people to



shoulder some of the burdens, but it is absolutely necessary that they have a firm, patient hand to control and direct them. They are as yet weak and unreliable in many things.

Before taking my furlough, I should very much like to have a good man here for at least a year, so that he could become well acquainted with the people and the work, which consists in directing the Indian Christians in agriculture, teaching and preaching the Christian truths to both them and the heathen in the villages round about, besides supervising building operations, and transacting the business of the colony. The work is by no means monotonous, but brings into practical use nearly all that a person may have learned. The main qualification, I think, would be a thorough grounding in Bible truths such as one receives at the T.B.C., a practical knowledge of agriculture, although the theory would be also most useful, ability to control, direct, and instruct people who are not always able or anxious to learn quickly. One who has firm faith in God and the missionary cause, will find a wide field for service.

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**Rev. John C. Procter** ('16), writing from Muye, M.S., Angola, Via Mongu, N. Rhodesia, South Africa, where he is working on the Andrew Murray Memorial Field of the South Africa General Mission: "We left New York on June 3rd by the S.S. Eten, landing in Capetown, after a delightful voyage, on June 30th. We had a remarkable passenger list, for, of the 66 passengers on board, more than half of them were missionaries and their children.

At Capetown we were delayed for nearly a month waiting for a steamer to take us to Lobito Bay. There was

no steamer in sight, however, and we concluded that way was closed. After prayer and consultation, it was decided to travel inland, and approach the field from the eastward. This would entail enormous expense, but it was the only way, and was God's way. So leaving Capetown on the 28th July we travelled to Livingstone, visiting Victoria Falls en route, and by ox wagon to Katamboca. Here our goods were checked and loaded on barges for the long trip up the Zambesi, and after a delay of ten days, this interesting stage of the journey commenced on Aug. 16th.

It would take too long to tell of the hippo hunts and the fishing and hunting for game along the shores of the river. We did not get a hippo, but we did get a dozen large fish, and twelve head of deer from Mr. Bailey's rifle, and a zebra from mine. This effectively supplied our larder with fresh meat for the entire trip of twenty-four days on the river.

At Lialui, Mr. Jakman met us with a large caravan of 850 carriers, and we soon started for Angola. The ladies were carried in machilas or road hammocks, and we made the journey of 200 miles in 13 days. There were thirteen missionaries in our party, for we had been joined in Capetown by Dr. Martyn Watney and Miss Radcliffe, two workers from England. We rested on Sunday and half a day on Thursday, so that our trek was very fast indeed, only eleven and a half travelling days. Arriving at Muye we were given a very touching and enthusiastic reception by the natives and white workers, Mr. and Mrs. McGill and their little baby son of four months of age. Since then we have been very busy, as you can well picture, and I have little time for letter writing yet. Remember me to all the students at dear old T.B.C."

## "THE BIBLE IN THE YEAR 1921"

Nearly every seat was occupied in Massey Hall on Wednesday evening, January 26th, when His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Clarke arrived to preside over the 81st Annual Meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society. Following the Scripture reading, and prayer by Bishop Brewing (a T.B.C. Student in 1905), Dr. Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, New York, was introduced as the principal speaker. Dr. Speer handled his subject, "The Bible in the Year 1921," in his own unique and masterly manner. Briefly he reviewed the Bible as "the greatest book of the past" in its influence upon individual characters, and its effect on racial and national history. Earnestly he urged our reverent gratitude because of the achievements of the Book in the lives of men in the days that have gone. Quickly and quietly he pointed out some of the probable and possible effects of its influence in the days that lie ahead, calling special attention to some prophecies still only partially or completely fulfilled. The main portion of his address, however, dealt with the value of the ever-living message of the Book to men and women who were to live forever, Dr. Speer's striking testimony to his "old-fashioned belief" in the inspired Word, and the evangelistic fervor of his appeal to men and women to read, study, and follow the teachings of the Bible met with a most sympathetic response, inwardly and audibly of the majority of his hearers, especially when he declared in no uncertain tones his personal belief in the expectation of "the return of this same Jesus, in like manner as ye have seen Him go." His challenge to accept the

Christ who walks through the pages of the Book and make Him the Lord of our lives and of our life, gave great inspiration to all his hearers.

## GENERAL

If you have changed your name or address recently, or if this paper is not properly addressed, will you please notify us immediately, giving your correct name and address.

A meeting to bid farewell to outgoing missionaries will be held under the auspices of the Sudan Interior Mission in the Assembly Hall of the College, on the evening of Friday, March 11th. Rev. John and Mrs. Hall are returning to Africa, and will be accompanied by Miss Maud Whan ('16) and Miss Louie Horne of the present class.

One of our friends, a member of the Ontario Legislature, brought two other members of the House to one of the Evening Classes of the College recently. Before they left they visited the office, and said, "We are glad your college is so near the Parliament Buildings, for we appreciate the privilege of coming in to hear such good teaching."

On a later evening, this same gentleman, accompanied this time by six fellow members, attended the special illustrated address on China, Japan, and Korea, given by Rev. A. E. Armstrong of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, and again expressed appreciation of the value of such opportunities, not only to the young people of the churches, but also to visitors such as they.

"I suppose you have a number of immature and amateur students attending your institution this year," said a prominent young Christian business man to the Registrar recently. He was surprised to learn that the average age of the 60 men in the Day Classes is 28½ years, and

that of the 84 women, 26½ years, giving an average age for the entire class of 144 students, of 27¼ years.

Rev. George Orman, known to and loved by the students of '05 and '06, writes from Richibucto, Kent County, N.B., where he has been recently superannuated by the Methodist Conference, "My love for and interest in the Bible College and my honored and valued associates therein is as great as ever. Our health is excellent and we are kept busy."

**SPECIAL LECTURES BY DR. THOMAS**

Rev. W. H. Griffith Thomas, D.D., who gave such valued service to the Bible College before his removal to Philadelphia, will be in Toronto to take part in the Prophetic Conference, April 4-8. During that week he will give a special course of lectures in the Bible College on "Some Current Questions." The lectures will be given at 11 o'clock each morning, as follows:

- Monday, April 4—Can We Still Trust the Bible?
- Tuesday, April 5—Is Forgiveness Possible?
- Wednesday, April 6—How Shall Man be Just with God?
- Thursday, April 7—Need Sin Defeat Us?
- Friday, April 8—Is There a Future Life?

These lectures will be open to the public, and all friends of the College are invited to attend them.

**CLOSING EXERCISES OF TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

The Annual Meeting of the Students' Association will be held on Thursday evening, April 28th, 1921. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock, after which reports of the year's

work will be presented by the leaders of the student organizations.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors and Advisory Council will be held on Friday afternoon, April 29th, 1921.

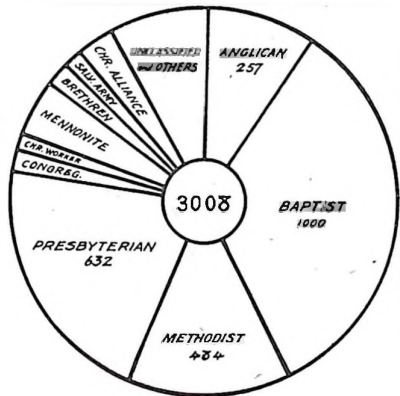
The Graduating Exercises of the present, and twenty-seventh session, will be held on the evening of Friday, April 29th, 1921. It is expected that about twelve graduates will be given post-graduate standing, thirty students will be granted Diplomas, and a number of Evening class students will receive Certificates.

**ENROLLMENT FOR THE LAST TEN SESSIONS**

(1911-12 to 1920-21)

Anglican .....	257
Baptist .....	1,000
Methodist .....	484
Presbyterian .....	632
Congregational .....	44
Christian Worker .....	41
Mennonite .....	115
Evangelical .....	21
Brethren .....	63
Lutheran .....	9
Salvation Army .....	36
Christian Alliance .....	71
Unclass. and Others .....	235

3,008





**PERSONALS**

Miss Georgina Rigby ('17), is nursing in the Redemption Home, Winnipeg. This work is carried on under the Presbyterian and Methodist Mission Boards. Her address is 228 Simcoe Street.

Rev. W. F. Roadhouse ('00), pastor of Boon Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto, has opened a new mission in the Oakwood district.

Rev. John S. Leckie ('97), of Leamington, has accepted the pastorate of the Wallaceburg Baptist Church.

Rev. Oswald J. Smith ('12), has accepted the pastorate of the Parkdale Tabernacle, Toronto, with which is now affiliated the work of the Gospel Auditorium.

Miss Etta Brubacher ('13) after a special course of training in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, has accepted the position of Dietician at the General Hospital, Brockville.

Miss Uberta Steele, a student with us in 1913, and now on furlough from West China, where she has been working under the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, is attending lectures in the Bible Teachers' Training School, New York.

Mr. Chas. Patterson ('15), recently in charge of the Congregational Church in Kingston, has been conducting evangelistic services in various centres in Ontario.

Miss Annie G. Soper, a student in 1915, has had to resign her work at the hospital in Lima, Peru, on account of ill health.

Mr. Mervin Ganton ('13), now working with the Evangelical Union of South America, is building a home in Gamelleira, Brazil.

Mr. John J. Roberts ('17), has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Churches in Bothwell, Euphemia, and Zone, Ontario.

**BIRTHS**

To Rev. A. T. Finlayson ('02) and Mrs. Finlayson, at Onondaga, Ontario, on January 11th, 1921, a son (Dwight Elmore).

To Rev. Glen Wardell ('13) and Mrs. Wardell (nee Maude Hewetson '11) at Ohsweken, Ontario, a son (Donald Hewetson).

To George Sanderson and Mrs. Sanderson of the Sudan Interior Mission, on January 20th, 1921, a daughter.

**MARRIAGES**

At Yunnanfu, China, on October 5th, 1920, Rev. George Harold Booth ('16) to Laura Irene Bates ('18). Mr. and Mrs. Booth are working under the auspices of the China Inland Mission.

At the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto, on January 31st, 1921, by Rev. Dr. Dyson Hague, assisted by the Rev. Principal McNicol, Isabelle George Rumsey ('20) to William Wilbert Sneath of Toronto.

Miss Nellie Shoop was married last month to Mr. Jesse J. Tromphauser, and is living at White Bluffs, Washington.

**DEATHS**

On Thursday, Feb. 24, at 436 Lansdowne Ave., after a few hours' illness, Lillian, third child of the Registrar, Herbert L. Troyer ('06), and Emily Sprague Troyer ('11), aged five years and eight months. Suddenly fell asleep in Jesus.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, in Toronto, Margaret Fisher ('03), wife of Rev. A. A. Scott, of Tunj, India. Mr. and Mrs. Scott went out to India sixteen years ago under the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.