

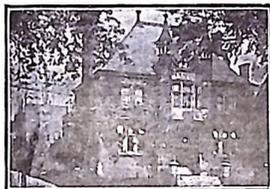
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The Present Session

The enrolment of students in the regular course for the present term is 145, of whom 51 are men and 94 are women. There are 56 students in the first year, 57 in the second year and 32 in the third year. There are 14 denominations represented, and 91 of these young people come from places outside Toronto.

The first and second year classes are somewhat smaller than last year. The third year is the largest class of post-graduate students the College has had thus far. This fact adds further confirmation to the value of the full three years' course. The present first year will be the first class to graduate under the new arrangement which extends the regular course to three years.

In the Evening Classes 284 have enrolled, and they come from 80 different churches in Toronto. The attendance on Tuesday evening was so large at the beginning of the session

that the class was moved into Zion Chapel during the month of October.

Among the visiting speakers who have addressed the students at the Tuesday morning devotional hour are Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, Dr. Morrison, of Asbury College, Louisville, Ky., Rev. Canon G. Osborne Troop, of Halifax, and Rev. Henry Bregman, a former Rabbi and now a Christian missionary to his Jewish brethren. Dr. Griffith Thomas, whose lecture courses during the years he was a resident of Toronto are gratefully remembered by many former students, will visit the College and give an address in December.

The examinations for the present term will begin on Wednesday, December 12th, and the Christmas vacation will commence on Thursday, December 20th. Classes will be resumed on the morning of Thursday, January 3rd, 1924.

The Student Council

The fine addition of new students coming into the College this fall have entered heartily into the life and spirit of the College and have helped so materially that we have cause to be grateful.

On Friday evening, October 5th, a special meeting for prayer and testimony was held in the Assembly Hall. Dr. Hooper, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Governors gave an illuminating address on "Hope." This was followed by testimonies from two of the young men regarding their summer work in preaching and laboring for the Lord, and also from two of the young women who told how Sunday Bible classes were started and conducted at summer resorts in Muskoka.

The first social evening was arranged for Friday, November 2nd. The evening students and the day students

were both well represented on that occasion.

The students who have attended the Saturday outings report that they have had good times. The Humber, the Crowhurst Conservatories at Mimico, Scarboro Bluffs, High Park and Casa Loma are some of the places that were visited.

The sustained interest in the early morning prayer meetings is very encouraging. Every Monday afternoon also at one o'clock the Cabinet of the Student Council meets for prayer and conference. We rejoice to record the fact that in this way every problem and difficulty that has come up in student affairs has in due time been graciously solved.

W. C. BERG,

President, Student Council.

The Evangelistic Society

The evangelistic work may be said to be well under way in all the regular weekly appointments filled last year, in missions, factories, and hospitals. Besides these regular appointments, special meetings have been conducted in various churches and missions as requests have been received.

Meetings are held weekly in Yonge Street Mission under the direction of Mr. Carol Boyter. The Lord richly blessed the work of this Mission during the summer, and there are evidences of sustained blessing and interest in the encouraging attendance at all the meetings carried on by our students.

Perhaps the most important sphere of evangelistic activity, although not always the most encouraging, is in the noon meetings in factories and at the G.T.R. freight sheds. The diligent efforts of one of our students in one of these meeting places during the summer are now bearing fruit, to the

honour and glory of God. This department is under the direction of Mr. William Tiffin.

Most of our students are engaged as Sunday School teachers throughout the city. Miss Grace Fitcher who has charge of the placing of teachers has more applications in hand than can be supplied at present.

The Lord is blessing the testimony of those who are engaging in hospital visitation. Miss Lydia Dankert is the director of this work, and regular visits are made to the General and Western Hospitals.

Our Publicity Department is carried on by Mr. Harold Smith.

The musical activities of the Evangelistic Society are steadily becoming more and more a part of the every day life of the College. This is apparent in the increasing demand for specially trained groups of Gospel singers, to take part in meetings other than those conducted by the student organizations. The Lord is blessing

this ministry. All the musical activities are under the leadership of Miss Margaret Bell.

Issuing from our Saturday evening prayer meetings in the College, which we believe are essential to the success of all our activities, we have had overflow street meetings upon which God has set His seal of approval.

We are thankful to God, because in all departments of our work He has

continued to be our strength and comfort. We seek to "go to God for the individual" and to "go to the individual for God," and He has permitted us to see prayers answered in men, women and children being brought into a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord.

W. McLEAN,

President, Evangelistic Society.

The Missionary Society

Since the beginning of the fall term there has been opened to students of the T. B. C., through the various activities of the Society, a wealth of missionary information and inspiration. Like many other things of the College, the full value of this will not be realized until we move out to serve the Lord in other places. The conveying channels are mainly three:

The Wednesday afternoon meeting has been the most productive, mentally and spiritually. There, according to the keynote sounded by the Principal at the opening meeting, all have had their eyes directed towards the Lord and the land. Messengers have come to us from Belgium, China, India, Sudan, and Central America. There should be mentioned also the invaluable help given by Mr. Troyer in his illuminating array of missionary world facts, and the practical, heart-searching talks by Rev. E. A. Brownlee on "Qualifications," and by Mrs. Jonathan Goforth on "The Peril of Lowered Standards."

Students have contributed largely to the meetings, first, by the inquisitive discussions following each address, and secondly, through the willing part they have taken in the "Missionary News Bureau." This department is a new experiment, calculated to make each member a representative for one of the various fields, and gather and report on the latest news. The idea and practice will be worth developing.

The "Volunteer Band" has held

meetings on Monday afternoon. The chief program has been the study of a book entitled, "The Religions of Non-Christian Lands," led by Mr. Harold T. Smith. Several have "purposed to become foreign missionaries if God permit," which is the objective of the band.

On Friday afternoons, five mission-study groups have been carrying on work: China, Moslem World, South America and Unoccupied Fields, being the countries under consideration, and a practical treatise "The Foreign Missionary."

But the work of the Society has been more than "taking in." It has been giving, and, of course, receiving through the giving. First, in possessions. About \$100 has come in through the mite boxes, for the purpose of sending gifts to students who have sailed to foreign parts this year. A similar amount was subscribed (including gifts from evening students) towards sending delegates to the Indianapolis "Volunteer" convention. Second—in intercession. Through the Thursday morning meeting, especially set aside for missions, and through the noon bands, a constant stream of prayer is ascending to the Throne of Grace for our former students, their fields and societies. Who knows, but God, what is being accomplished? Let us cultivate the vision that constrains us to pray, even as Jesus "beheld and prayed."

V. E. VEARY,

President, Missionary Society.

Students of Toronto Bible College who have Sailed to Foreign Service
 May 1--November 30, 1923



JOHN EDGAR GRAHAM, D.D.S.
 Born, Attnment, Manitoba.
 Graduated in 1922.
 To Shanghai, China.
 Christian Workers Mission.



SELENA GAMBER, R.N.
 Born, Manheim, Pa.
 Graduated in 1923.
 To Argentina, South America.
 Mennonite Mission.



MRS. BRUCE MORTON
 Born, Pickering, Ontario.
 Attended 1922-23.
 To Porto Rico.
 Christian Church Mission.



BRUCE MORTON, B.S.A.
 Born, Belhaven, Ontario.
 Attended 1922-23.
 To Porto Rico.
 Christian Church Mission.



RUTH MURPHY
 Born, Denver, Colorado.
 Attended 1922-23.
 To China.
 China Inland Mission.



VERA HALLMAN
 Born, New Dundee, Ontario.
 Graduated in 1918.
 To Argentina.
 Mennonite Mission.



JANET McNAB, B.A.
 Born, Ottawa, Ontario.
 Attended 1922-23.
 To Nigeria, West Africa.
 Sudan Interior Mission.



MARY SHAW FRASER
 Born, Ayr, Scotland.
 Graduated in 1923.
 To China.
 Ebenezer Mission.

From the Bible College Family

Ruth E. Murphy, Yangchow, Kiangsu, China: "Traveling in China is so different compared to traveling at home. Anything will do for style here. Among our pieces of baggage we had an enormous market basket with a net of string tied over the top to keep the contents from falling out. Then we also had a huge bundle of bedding rolled up in an oiled sheet and mat. Can you imagine how queer we looked? We wondered what our friends at home would say if they could see us.

We had a four hour trip by launch up the river to Yangchow. At times we could see nothing but graves along the shore, hundreds of them — and think of it, most of them Christless graves! We passed many Chinese houseboats. You cannot imagine the condition of these people, they are so very poor.

Yangchow is quite a large city. Here you see the real China. I am afraid I could never make you use your imagination enough to make you see the narrow streets. They are so

very narrow with no side walks. The little mules with their backs heavily laden, travel on the same path with us and we have to turn out of their way. Then you see ever so many dear little children playing in the dirt on the streets, many of them covered with sores and so many with sore eyes. How I long for an orphanage or some place where we could gather these little ones, minister to their physical needs and teach them to love Jesus. Then you see ever so many women with tiny, tiny, feet, so cruelly bound.

Today we saw a long procession of priests and mourners on their way down to the river. A little baby had died and they were on their way to burn incense and fire works and paper money. Among the saddest sights in China are the funeral processions, such a mixture of Eastern and Western customs.

I had often heard missionaries speak of China's need of the Gospel but I never realized how dark this land really is until I saw it with my own eyes.

From the Bible College Family

Dr. John E. Graham, Shanghai, China: "Our mission is on a busy street and there is always something going on, a funeral, a wedding, a dog fight, or a row among the neighbors, while all the time people are calling out their wares, so that one never need be lonesome so far as noise is concerned. Weddings and funeral are always followed by feasts.

We went to a feast following a funeral not long ago. They had twenty-five courses of meats, vegetables, fruits, etc., and then they brought on the rice.

The change wrought in the life by the coming of the Gospel is truly remarkable. Peace and happiness exist in homes where once they had ceaseless trouble. Everywhere there seems a readiness to receive the Gospel. It is interesting to note how these people come. First they are interested, perhaps when they are sick and hear someone telling how the Lord healed them. They come and have us pray for them. Then they are instructed how to pray, and what to pray for and what the Gospel is. They buy a Gospel and a hymn-book. After coming for a while one can detect that the seed sown is beginning to germinate. The fact of sin is revealed to them, confession soon follows, leading to a living faith in Jesus as their Saviour. One needs plenty of patience, wisdom and grace and a heart of consuming love. We need more of the Pauline type of missionary.

Mrs. Chas. Bray, Kuta, N. Nigeria, West Africa: "I wondered how we would fare as we turned our faces toward home and dear old Kuta. The auto was in need of overhauling, but we trusted it to see us safely to Jos. We had gone some five miles when a storm began and soon it grew worse. The poor old Ford got stuck in the mud and when we came to the high places it refused to take the grade.

Finally it called a halt about half way to Jos, still fifteen miles away. The damp penetrated to my bones, night was drawing on and here we were in what looked like the loneliest spot in Africa. All I could see was gray hills and mossy rocks almost bare of friendly trees. It looked as though we would perish before help could come, but behold God's provision. What is that on the rock? A grass hut almost hidden. My husband made his way through the wet grass and found a vacant and dry hut with sufficient wood in it to make a fire. Truly He maketh a way in the desert! A native who had caught up with us carried me on his back, Baby Jean had gone on before and was being rocked in her basket. Apparently she was none the worse. About midnight we heard the friendly sound of a motor. Mr. Playfair had secured the D. O.'s car, also blankets and warm cocoa. The storm ceased, the moon came up and that was the nicest ride in a car I ever had. Baby Jean, born last June, is a great attraction and gives us a good opportunity with the children who come to see the little white baby."

Vera Hallman, Pehuajo, Argentine:

Our station is about two hundred miles from Buenos Aires. When we arrived here we were met and welcomed by fifty people. They were so glad to see us. Everybody tried to speak at once. It was a queer sensation to realize how handicapped we were in not being able to reply.

When we have the language sufficiently Miss Gamber expects to go to the hospital at Buenos Aires for several months to get acquainted with the Argentine methods of nursing. The past week we were left alone at the station. It gave us good practice. I am afraid some people had to leave without being able to make us understand what they wanted, although we kept the dictionary close at hand."

Personals

Rev. C. Edward Burrell, LL.B., D.D., a member of the first graduating class of the College in 1896, has recently received the degree Doctor of Laws (LL.D.) from the Peoples National University, of Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Burrell has been serving as a member of the faculty, in the Extension Department, and is also a member of their Advisory Board.

Grace Brooking is now General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., Brantford, Ontario.

George Blackett ('15), for some time Pastor of the Congregational Churches at Pine Grove and Humber Summit, was ordained on May 8th, 1923.

Rev. James Desson ('98), after five years at the Heath Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Edson, Alta.

Rev. Alfred Burgess ('15), Pastor of the Egerton Street Church, London, Ontario, celebrated anniversary services recently with Rev. Andrew Imrie of Kitchener, as special preacher. Over 350 were present at the Sunday School session.

Rev. Lawrence N. Sirrell, Ph.D., ('96), Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cohoes, N.Y., had the joy on October 7th, of leading his people into their reconstructed Church edifice. During the summer repairs and improvements costing \$32,000 were effected. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, editor of the Watchman Examiner, was the special preacher for the day.

Rev. Morley R. Hall, ('21), of the Baptist Church, Timmins, Ontario, reports encouraging results of his work. The Church is filled every Sunday evening. At a recent service six young men and one woman decided for Christ.

Alfred Fieldus, ('22), Pastor of the Baptist Churches at Thessalon and Blind River, Ontario, recently conducted a series of special meetings, assisted by Albert Eikenaar, ('24).

Frank Guyatt, ('23), is now at the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Bessie Anderson, ('22), has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer for Canada of the Inland South America Missionary Union. Her office is at Room 27, 18 Toronto Street, Toronto.

Edward Pinkerton, ('23), has been appointed by the Baptist Home Mission Board as student pastor of Manitoulin Island.

Mabel Rowell, ('23), is training at the Nursing-at-home Mission.

Ernest E. Smith, ('23), is taking special studies in Gospel Music at the Moody Bible Institute.

Walter James, Pastor of the Palmerston Baptist Church, was ordained on Sept. 28th, 1923.

Lucile Brown, ('23), has entered upon a course of training in the General Hospital, Covington, Ky.

Bruce Morton and Mrs. Morton (Esther Brownsberger) have commenced their work with the Christian Missionary Society in San Juan, Porto Rico.

Ruth Clark, ('23), is taking special studies at the Missionary Institute, Nyack, N.Y.

May Clifford, ('23), after completing a special course at the Nursing-at-Home Mission, is now engaged in private nursing as further preparation for her work in South America.

Cecil K. Dolby, ('22), and Joseph McDermott, ('22), of the 1923 Post-Graduate Class; and Gladstone Franklin, ('22), Edward South, ('23), and James Holland, ('23), have registered for special studies at McMaster University.

Austin Edwards, ('22), who has been serving the Tiverton Baptist Church as student pastor, has accepted their invitation to remain with them.

Langdon Gray is spending the winter months with the Shantymen's Christian Association.

Marriages

On September 19th, 1923, Rosalind J. Brown, ('15), to Rev. Percy Gordon Near, ('12), Pastor of the Baptist Church, Kenora, Ontario.

On September 15th, 1923, Mary E. Sturdy to Albert Fear. Their present address is 99 Bloor Street West, Toronto.

On October 1st, 1923, Amanda E. Barr, (E.C. '22) to Michael Billester, ('20.)

On September 5th, 1923, Gertrude Herron, ('12) to Edmund Lord, 781 Jarvis Street, Winnipeg, Man.

On August 16th, 1923, at Indian Head, Sask., Jessie Munro to Cyril Martin, ('21), Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Kendal, Sask.

On September 20th, 1923, Lena Gooderham to Albert Jones. Their present address is 371 Bartlett Ave., Toronto.

Ethel Edwards, ('18) should now be addressed as Mrs. Charles McKenzie, Staynerville, Que.

On September 12th, 1923, Luella Trombley, ('21), to John Francis Holliday, ('21), Pastor of the Baptist Church, Kincairdine, Ontario.

Birth

On August 23rd, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Barlow (Alice Smith, '17) 22 Aberdeen Club, Bain Avenue, Toronto, a son, "William Keith."

To Graduates and Former Students

The rest of us would like to know where *you* are, what *you* are doing, and with what success. Why not write today? Address the Registrar.

Five from One.

The Pape Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto, recently held an "Old Home Week." On Sunday three former pastors conducted the services, while the five following evenings were led by former members now in the ministry:

Rev. Dixon Burns, of St. John's Road, Toronto;

Rev. E. Butcher, Brighton;
Rev. J. H. Olmstead, Humber Bay;
Rev. J. H. Slimon, Walkerville,
and

Rev. Walter James, Palmerston.

It is interesting to note that all five secured their training in the Bible College.

Receipts

Receipts between August 31st and November 28th, 1923

No.	Amount	1123	1,40	1138	5.00	1153	100.00
1108	\$ 10.00	1124	10.00	1139	500.00	1154	5.00
1109	5.00	1125	650.00	1140	10.00	1155	5.00
1110	1.15	1126	100.00	1141	5.00	1156	25.00
1111	100.00	1127	5.00	1142	183.00	1157	1.00
1112	5.00	1128	365.00	1143	130.00	1158	5.00
1114	5.00	1129	5.00	1144	74.00	1159	5.00
1115	25.00	1130	10.00	1145	100.00	1160	15.00
1116	10.00	1131	2.00	1146	20.00	1161	100.00
1117	5.00	1132	208.33	1147	10.00	1162	15.00
1118	25.00	1133	50.00	1148	5.00	1163	385.00
1119	9.00	1134	50.45	1149	12.00	1164	2.00
1120	5.00	1135	50.00	1150	20.00	1165	2.00
1121	100.00	1136	100.00	1151	208.33	1166	20.00
1122	5.00	1137	173.35	1152	10.00	1167	25.00