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The Bible College and Missions

This issue of the Recorder is taken up largely with news from our former students and especially from students on the foreign mission field. Since the beginning of the work, about 250 students of the College have gone out into the regions beyond. They are to be found now in all parts of the world-wide mission field. All the denominational boards of the Churches in Canada have missionaries in their service who received part or all of their training in the Bible College. They have been serving under the Presbyterian Board in India, China, and Formosa; under the Baptist Board in India and Bolivia; under the Methodist Board in West China; under the Congregational Board in West Africa; under the Anglican Church Missionary Society among the Indians of our Northwest; under the Mennonite Board in Turkey and in South America; and under the Christian and Missionary Alliance in China.

The larger number, however, have gone out under the interdenominational boards, including the China Inland Mission, the South Africa General Mission, the Evangelical Union of South America, the Sudan Interior Mission, the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission, the India and Ceylon General Mission, the Africa Inland Mission, the Inland South America

Mission, the San Pedro Mission and several other pioneer missions.

These interdenominational missions are doing much of the pioneer work which remains to be undertaken in the non-Christian world. A great deal of missionary effort is being expended to-day in consolidating the ground that has already been gained. This means establishing schools and colleges and institutions of various kinds for the purpose of Christianizing the rapidly developing educational movements of non-Christian lands. All this is valuable and calls for an increasing number of missionaries highly trained in secular education. The time has not gone by, however, for missionaries whose special qualification is that they are highly trained in the knowledge of Christianity as a religion of redemption. Perhaps there never was greater need for them than now, men and women who know the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation, who know the Bible as the Word of the living God, who know God Himself as the hearer and answerer of prayer, and Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and the only light of the world. It is missionaries of this stamp the Bible College has been seeking to prepare, and with this object in view it will continue on its way.

Closing Exercises

The Closing Exercises of the present (and thirtieth) session of Toronto Bible College will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 23rd, 24th and 25th.

On Wednesday afternoon the students of the regular course will hold their final recreation outing in one of the city parks, and during the evening a number of graduating class reunions will be held.

On Thursday morning a meeting of class officers will be held, and at the

same time the graduates and post-graduates of the present year will hold their class conferences.

On Thursday afternoon the Annual Alumni Conference will be held in the College, and on Thursday evening the 15th annual meeting of the Students' Association will be held.

The Graduation Exercises will take place in Walmer Road Baptist Church on Friday evening, at which time diplomas and certificates will be presented to about seventy-five students.

From the Bible College Family



Rev Lloyd Bist, Hweih sien, Kansu, China: "Before we went to Hweih sien many in the homelands and in China had prayed much for our guidance and help. The day

after we arrived in Hweih sien, we met on the street a Mr. Cheo, of Ssinchow, a heathen, but friendly to us, who of his own accord worked hard to help us find and rent suitable places. At the end of two days we had succeeded. Thus with the Lord's help we were able to rent a large store on the main street which can be used as a preaching chapel, and also a small separate compound where for the present we can make our home. The man who rented the properties to us is a very rich Mohammedan. It was Mohammedan New Year's Day, when they do not like to do business; yet the owner gladly helped us and said next year he would arrange to give us more suitable premises. After renting the properties, we went out with the people of Hweih sien to meet General Kong, who was coming there that day. While we were resting in

the shade the local official passed and a few minutes later sent his men to invite us to drink tea with him in his reception tent. We went, and for nearly two hours talked with him about the Gospel and the Scriptures."



Rev. Reginald Howell, Prov. de Jujuj, Argentina:

"To-day is Sunday and we have just finished our evening meeting where I spoke about Lot and the destruction of Sodom to attentive congregation of Chiriguanos. We had two other services to-day. This morning it was a communion service, when eighteen of us gathered at the Lord's table. It is good to see them seated there, and a joy to note the contrast between their lives and the lives of the unsaved ones that we meet daily. It makes us rejoice and praise God that the Gospel is to-day, as of old, the power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth—even illiterate Indians. And the Gospel gives to many of them desire and application to overcome their illiteracy.

Our afternoon meeting is in the open air at Orrayanal. These meetings have been started within the past few months. The Indians of the place are a drunken, dancing lot, who are serving sin, but we have reason to believe that God is blessing our witness there. This afternoon we had a crowd, about a hundred (including a few who go with us from here to help in testimony and song) and many listened attentively, and showed their interest in the old, old story that to them is new."



**Selma Gumber,
Uchujai, Argentina**

"We had a pleasant voyage and thoroughly enjoyed it. The wonderful inspiration to see the work of the Creator upon the sea, every sunrise

and sunset entirely different. We stopped at Barbados Island for a while. We shall never forget the afternoon of our arrival here and the welcome received. How these young people do pray. We have a good private teacher. She is an Argentine lady but not yet a Christian."

Annie G. Soper, Moyobamba, San Martin, Peru: "We came here as many will have seen in the "Recorder", more than a year ago, in answer to a direct call from God. Pitiful accounts of sickness and suffering, with no help for the poor, came to us from time to time. Because of the extremely difficult journey and lack of funds, we could not respond to the appeal. In answer to prayer, however, sufficient money for the journey was secured, and trusting God for the future we started off. The Government promised to pay our expenses and a salary, because they were anxious for us to go, but have never paid a cent.

Never once, however, has God failed us, and now, at the end of a year, we have a nice little house of our own, with land on which we can grow nearly all our food, which consists chiefly of rice, bananas, beans and yuca (a native vegetable). We have charge of the hospital, and have a splendid large room in the main street in which we hold our meetings.

We started first of all by opening a small dispensary with drugs given to us in England by a Christian friend. So many patients came that we were both kept busy all the morning, patients often coming at 6 a.m. In the afternoons we visited the homes and soon got to know many. Some girls who heard us singing one evening came and asked us to teach them to sing. That was the beginning of our meetings. The numbers increased rapidly, sometimes we would have fifty in the room and a crowd outside, the Priest himself coming and listening. Needless to say we were not left without persecution. Terrible threats were made to those who came to listen to the heretics, and the falsest charges were made against us. Someone was sent to the meetings to take the names of all present, who afterwards were not to be permitted to enter the church, or be married, or have their children baptised. Then, finding this had little effect, anonymous letters were published, denouncing us and saying the vilest things about us. These had effect. We had been getting some of the better class women who were horrified to have their names associated with such scandal and have never been since. In fact, our numbers diminished very much, only a few faithful ones remaining. Six had recently professed Christ publicly, and they with others continued.

Now, however, our numbers are again increasing; we have been asked to have a class for women and girls, and have formed a Christian Endeavor. By the papers given, we

realize that God has indeed changed hearts, and that real enthusiasm is developing. The lads go out distributing tracts into surrounding districts. From some there has been great response; appeals for more and more Bibles come from different parts, and we hear that groups are forming to study God's Word. We teach no denomination, but only endeavor to get them to study their Bible. There is no missionary for fourteen days' difficult journey on one side of us, and on the other three sides, although there are comparatively large populations, civilized and uncivilized, we know of no missionary at all. We had hoped to have the help of a missionary society, but the one to which we applied, wishes us to return to more civilized regions. But we feel the need is too great here; we would be afraid to return."



**H. Winifred
Parker. Paiko, Ni-
geria, West Africa:**

"One warm afternoon, while the boys were in school, the tropical stillness was broken by the hum of a motor cycle, and

crowds gathered to welcome for the first time such a machine, and also the rider. Guy Playfair, one time champion runner and cyclist for the Province of Manitoba, now Field Director of our Mission. His work takes him to unopened parts of the country, and he had just returned from the farthest trip into the interior of Bornu Province, within 150 miles of Lake Chad. He was full of interesting tales of new peoples and strange customs, and told us that permission had been obtained to open work in the Tierra tribe, one of the dozens of untouched peoples without any written language in the Sudan. We listened to descriptions

of beautiful mountains and occasional lakes found in the highlands; to tales of despotic chiefs browbeating their people out of their lawful rights that they might keep a retinue of followers and horsemen to proclaim their greatness, for only thus could it be shown. There are parts of that country where government permission will not be granted to enter, as they are not considered safe for travellers. Not knowing this, Mr. Playfair had proceeded some distance when he received a note asking that he retrace his steps, as he was on forbidden ground. There are no books from which one can receive information of these fringes of the earth, hence we question any traveller much as the Queen of Sheba did of those who brought news of Solomon."

Helen J. Melville, Angola, West Africa: "My sister and I, while on furlough in 1900, spent one year at the T.B.C. I have been thirty years in this country and my sister twenty-eight. She has taught in the schools all the time. I am a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital and have been able to help in the medical work. Until two years ago our work was in the native language except in the higher grades in the school where Portuguese is taught. With little or no warning the Government ruled that no work was to be done in the native language but all in Portuguese, so over forty of our outstations had to be closed as we did not have teachers with government certificates. These teachers went right into the work of study and numbers of them have already passed the Government examinations and are now teaching. It has been, as was intended, a very hard blow to our work, but they were not expecting this result. The Lord cares for His own and the work here will be stronger than ever since we will have better prepared teachers. We have in the two boarding schools 100 boys and 50 girls with about 450

others in station schools. We also have a hospital with a doctor in charge and a large medical work. People come to us from all over the country.



Lloyd C. Donaldson, Agunju, Nigeria, West Africa:

"I have been trying to pass on some of the T.B.C. teaching to a few of the young Yorube preachers. I trust it may be a work that will bear fruit for God. We returned yesterday from a preaching trip. We had a fine time and reached a good many places with the Gospel. I visited in all about 75 villages. Most of these I had preached in before, in 1919, but about a dozen of these villages had never before seen a messenger of the Cross. Everywhere we had attentive listeners, and some showed a real interest in the message. We find the people willing to listen always, but so far we have seen very little result in the way of definite conversions. We need the working of the Holy Spirit in this land, convicting men of sin, and bringing to them a sense of the sinfulness of sin. Time simply flies. So much to be done, and the time so short. The need of real Gospel workers in Africa is very great."



Alice M. Broughton, Fouan, China:

"The robbers have been doing their awful work around us, destroying life and property. Many villages are burned to the ground, and

those who have escaped with their lives have nothing left. We do

not know how many thousands are in this band. The soldiers went out to meet them, but they were defeated, and returned with many wounded. Reinforcements had been sent, so the robbers did not follow them into the city. They turned south and entered another city where were three foreigners, Mr. and Mrs. Duff, and a widow lady. Mr. and Mrs. Duff were wounded trying to escape over the city wall, while their companion was captured. The bandits asked a little school boy where the foreigners were, and when he replied "he did not know", they shot him dead. Since the government passed a law to kill all the robbers and not receive them back into the army as they used to do, they are more heartless, killing, torturing and destroying right and left. We have been ordered out already four times to a place of safety, but our senior Missionary says the only safe place is in heaven, and the Lord will take us there when it pleases Him. Ours is a robber infested district; around us are their haunts and since the Lord has brought us here, it is not for us to run to safety if there was a safe place, and leave these poor people to be tortured. The last time our city was attacked we had such a wonderful deliverance that the Chinese soldiers testified that it was the foreigners' God that fought for them and saved the city. There were about 5,000 in the robber band, and they said they saw fiery men and horses riding around the top of the city wall. After bombarding for three days and three nights, they withdrew. All that was done was to pray, and the Lord did the rest. But it was real prayer, those three days and nights. At present we are not allowed out of the City gates. A few days ago one of our members died, and it was only by taking a bodyguard of soldiers that we were permitted to go. You would have smiled at our bodyguard, as I myself did; when I discovered it. At

the grave one of the girls drew my attention to the bodyguard of two individual soldiers. I had thought they were chums of some of the school boys.

Rev. George Williams, Tamsui, Formosa: The year 1923 will be remembered in Japan as the year of the great earthquake. As we are probably the only ones writing from Japan, perhaps I ought to say something about this terrible calamity.

It took place just at noon on September 1st. The first shock was so violent and sudden that no one had time to escape. Some friends of ours were sitting reading, when, without a moment's warning, the four walls of the room collapsed and the roof fell in on them. Fortunately something kept the weight off them, and they were able to crawl out on hands and knees. The shock was so violent that nearly every house in Yokohama, Tokyo, and the surrounding cities was thrown down. Huge buildings that were thought to be earthquake proof went down like a house of cards, crushing thousands to death. The earth rocked and swayed so violently that one could not stand up.

After the first shock was over there was indescribable confusion, people rushed to and fro trying to find loved ones, or to help those pinned under buildings. The shrieks of the dying were something beyond description. Then followed fire. The water mains were all broken up, so nothing could be done. The Japanese houses are very light frame structures that burn like tinder, and soon the whole country was a mass of flames. At one place in Tokyo crowds rushed into a park to escape the fire, but the heat was so great that over thirty thousand people were roasted to death at that one place.

Later, another shock brought down another lot of buildings, and for days the shocks continued, averaging several a day. When it was all over, Yokohama, the fine port city, where we

first landed on arriving in Japan, was completely gone. Scarcely a house was left. Just imagine a city as large as Toronto completely wiped out, with the dead in heaps everywhere. Tokyo is also destroyed, though not so completely as Yokohama. Fortunately, no members of our Mission were hurt. Here, in Formosa, the shock was felt, but only slightly. We had one rather bad one since that, but no damage was done that I know about. In the midst of all these troubles we had been kept safe, though one never knows what a moment may bring forth in a land where earthquakes are so common. We must look up and thank our heavenly Father for His care, and commit ourselves to Him for the future.



Lillian M. McIntosh, Esq., Nigeria, West Africa:

"The work in this tribe is fairly well established, having had the Gospel for fourteen years. There are two mission stations and a number of little churches scattered through the tribe. It takes a lot of hard traveling to keep in touch with them. I had no idea how many and varied were the demands made on a missionary. God alone can give strength, both physical and spiritual, to meet the needs.

As soon as I get enough language I hope to teach a young women's class and give them some real teaching regarding their duty to home and husband. There is little in their lives to uplift. They cannot read, their homes are dirty and dark and the worst of it is that so many are satisfied to remain ignorant. The people seem to have no deep sense of sin. It takes strong measures to warm them up, and often it is fear of punishment rather than sense of sin that bothers them. But perhaps the Lord does not need to exercise any more patience with them than He does with us sometimes."

Personals

Rev. C. Edward Burrell, D.D., LL.D., who graduated from Toronto Bible College in 1896, began his sixth year as pastor of the Baptist Church in Farmville, Va., on January 1st, 1924. During the past five years a new parsonage has been purchased, a total of nearly \$50,000 has been contributed, about half of which was for missionary and benevolent purposes, and 253 new members have been added to the membership of his Church.

Rev. George Finch ('96) is now associated with the Rev. Robert Hall, of the City Mission, Toronto.

Mrs. A. F. Byrne (Annie Fraser, '96) is the Secretary of the Evangelical Church of the Deaf, recently admitted into the Congregational Union of Canada, and which meets in the Assembly Hall of the College on Sunday afternoons.

Minnie Brinstin ('98) who has been serving in Chengtu, West China, under the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church in Canada, has arrived home on furlough.

Miss Helen Mair ('98) of Hamilton, visited the College recently.

Rev. W. F. Roadhouse ('00) editor of the Heart of Africa Missionary Magazine, with headquarters at 113 Fulton Street, New York, was in Toronto recently in the interests of his work.

Ethel Wilkins, ('04) has been confined to her home for some time past on account of illness. She would be glad to hear from any of the students who were in the College with her.

Rev. George Tester ('07) is successfully conducting the Ebenezer Prayer Watch, 1098 Bresee Avenue, Pasadena, Cal.

Rev. Henry Bregman ('09) a former Jewish Rabbi, is now carrying on work among his brethren in Toronto.

Dr. Isaac H. Erb ('11) Pathologist at the Sick Children's Hospital, Toronto, is on leave of absence at present and is taking special studies abroad.

Rev. Duncan E. McDonald ('11) and Mrs. McDonald (Myrtle Moore, '09) who have been in India under the Canadian Presbyterian Board, are returning to Canada for special furlough made necessary because of Mr. McDonald's ill health.

Rev. H. W. Bower, ('12) for some time pastor of the Baptist Church at Sparta, Ontario, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Hughson Street Baptist Church, Hamilton.

Helen G. Struthers ('15) is now assisting in the office of the China Inland Mission, Toronto.

Rev. Dixon A. Burns ('16) pastor of St. John's Road Baptist Church, Toronto, in addition to carrying the responsibilities of an enlarging church and Sunday School, is editing the Young People's Page in the Canadian Baptist, and responding to many invitations for special service.

Rev. S. M. Kanagy ('16), with Mrs. Kanagy (M. E. Brown, '11) are successfully ministering to the needs of their community through the medium of the Mennonite Mission, 1907 South Union Street, Chicago, Ill.

Rev. John Middleniss ('17) has resigned the pastorate of the Baptist Church in Parry Sound, Ontario.

Rev. W. Constantine Perry, New Glasgow, N.S., was a visitor in Toronto recently.

Anna M. Fleming ('18) after a term of service in Japan, has returned to Toronto on furlough.

Miss Emily Schanzenbaugh ('12) has been accepted for service in Africa.

James K. Holland ('23) now in his post-graduate year, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Pictou.

Helen M. Telford ('23) is assisting Rev. R. J. Koffend in the work at Evangel Hall, Toronto.

Rose Stephen ('23) is now working among the foreigners in Toronto, under the direction of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society.

Outgoing Missionaries



DOROTHY WADE
BELL, '23

Mrs. Bell is now on route to Tibet, where she will join her husband, George Bell, in the work of the Tibetan Mission, at Payen-jungka.



LUCY M. JONES,
E. C. '00

Miss Jones first went to India in 1907. After her third furlough she has just returned to the Canadian Baptist Mission, Rmnach-ndrapuram.

Marriages

Quimby — Holder.— On Monday, November 29th, 1923, at Shungking, Sze-Chwan, China, John Wesley Quimby to Edith Ethel Holder ('20). Address, c/o China Inland Mission, Lu-Chow, Sze-Chwan, China.

Oliver — Sylvester.— On December 14th, 1923, at Minna, N. Nigeria, West Africa; Richard Bumbury Oliver ('22) to Lida E. Sylvester. Address c/o Sudan Interior Mission, Karu, via Minna, N. Nigeria.

Moyuan—Goforth.— On Jan. 24, 1924, at Toronto; Robert Moyuan ('23) to Mary Kathleen Goforth ('23).

Births

Gerrard.— On November 28th, 1923, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Gerrard, ('21), Bolivia, South America, a son, Charles Ernest.

Hodgson.— On February 13th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hodgson (Homera Homer-Dixon) at Niagara Falls South, Ontario, a daughter, Homera Elizabeth.

Story.— On January 29th, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. E. Story, (Edna Fallis, '12) a son, Jay Fallis.

Wilson.— On March 2nd, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Wilson (Gladys Waddell, '17) a son.

Receipts

Between Dec. 1st, 1923 and Feb. 29th, 1924

No.	Amount.	No.	Amount
1168	\$ 50.00	1212	10.00
1169	5.00	1243	50.00
1170	2.00	1244	5.00
1171	12.00	1245	60.00
1172	25.00	1246	25.00
1173	1.00	1247	20.00
1174	5.00	1248	10.00
1175	2.00	1249	25.00
1176	5.00	1250	5.00
1177A	65.00	1251	12.00
1177B	100.00	1252	25.00
1178	208.33	1253	50.00
1179	5.00	1254	5.00
1180	12.00	1255	5.00
1181	5.00	1256	10.00
1182	10.00	1257	5.00
1183	25.00	1258	10.00
1184	5.00	1259	2.00
1185	10.00	1260	100.00
1186	2.00	1261	50.00
1187	25.00	1262	5.00
1188	10.00	1263	50.45
1189	5.00	1264	5.00
1190	1.00	1265	75.00
1191	150.00	1266	5.00
1192	5.00	1267	2.00
1193	2.00	1268	173.25
1194	5.00	1269	100.00
1195	5.00	1270	10.00
1196	25.00	1271	10.00
1197	10.00	1272	5.00
1198	3.00	1273	5.00
1199	7.00	1274	10.00
1200	10.00	1275	10.00
1201	5.00	1276	5.00
1202	5.00	1277	50.00
1203	10.00	1278	5.00
1204	50.00	1279	50.00
1205	50.00	1280	2.00
1206	5.00	1281	100.00
1207	2.00	1282	10.00
1208	5.00	1283	2.00
1209	10.00	1284	5.00
1210	10.00	1285	5.00
1211	100.00	1286	10.00
1212	5.00	1287	208.33
1213	5.00	1288	2.00
1214	5.00	1289	50.00
1215	35.00	1290	5.00
1216	100.00	1291	25.00
1217	5.00	1292	25.00
1218	15.00	1293	20.00
1219	5.00	1294	26.00
1220	10.00	1295	4.00
1221	25.00	1296	25.00
1222	2.00	1297	5.00
1223	10.00	1298	5.00
1224	25.00	1299	5.00
1225	5.00	1300	10.00
1226	50.00	1301	100.00
1227	25.00	1302	1.00
1228	10.00	1303	2.00
1229	3.00	1304	33.00
1230	10.00	1305	5.00
1231	2.50	1306	10.00
1232	20.00	1307	50.00
1233	208.33	1308	10.00
1234	5.00	1309	10.00
1235	25.00	1310	2.00
1236	10.00	1311	15.00
1237	100.00	1312	1.00
1238	20.00	1313	20.00
1239	2.00	1314	208.33
1240	10.00	1315	10.00
1241	10.00	1316	79.55
		1317	5.00