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### The Session

The enrolment of students in the Regular Course this term is 130, of whom 48 are men and 82 are women. There are 64 students in the first year, 41 in the second, and 25 in the third year. The first year class is somewhat larger than last year, but both the second and third years are somewhat smaller, leaving the total attendance below that of the same period last fall. Eighty-four of these students are from outside Toronto, and four come from the foreign field. Over 200 students are attending the evening classes, and they come from more than 80 different churches in Toronto.

Besides the classes regularly meeting in the College, classes are being held each morning in Zion Chapel. A large assembly room has been put at our disposal by Mr. Butland and the congregation, and this exactly suits our need. It provides for the present enlargement of the course. The students are put to some inconvenience by going to and fro between the two

buildings, but this is not an unmixed evil, for having to take a walk in the open air between lectures is conducive to health of body in general and to alertness of mind in the class room.

Among the visiting speakers who have addressed the student body during the Tuesday morning devotional hours are Mr. J. J. Coulthard of the China Inland Mission, Dr. Jonathan Goforth, who told the story of General Feng and his Christian army, Mrs. F. C. H. Dreyer of the Shansi Bible Institute in North China, Rev. George Williams, of the Presbyterian Mission in Formosa, Rev. Henry Hellyer of the Christian Testimony to Jews, Mr. Victor Veary of last year's class, who gave a word of counsel to his fellow-students on the eve of his departure to England and Africa, Rev. G. R. Maguire, F.R.G.S., pastor of the Westmount Baptist Church, Montreal, and Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, Canadian representative of the Heart of Africa Mission.

## The Student Activities

The various student activities through which the College life is expressed are now well organized. For a day or two before the opening of the session, Mr. Brownsberger, the chairman of the student Council, and Miss Fletcher, the head of the girls' department, were both on hand to help the new students in securing boarding houses and getting well settled in the city.

On account of the new arrangement by which the classes have to move to and fro between Zion Chapel and our own building during the intermission periods, it has not been so easy for the students to become acquainted with one another, and it has taken longer for the in-coming class to become adjusted to the regular life of the College. But this difficulty has long ere this been overcome and the new students are now entering heartily into the various departments of student activity, and into the spirit of the T.B.C. student body.

A social evening was held on Friday, October 24th, when over 200 students from both the day and evening classes were present. During the programme Dr. Weston gave a very interesting address on character study.

The Saturday outings arranged by Mr. Dancy and his committee during the beautiful fall weather have given an opportunity not only of healthful exercise but also of getting better acquainted. The lunch room is filled to capacity nearly every day and Miss Armstrong is providing a menu which gives general satisfaction.

On the evening of Monday, November 10th, the Young People's Union of St. John's Road Baptist Church, of which Mr. Dixon Burns is the pastor, entertained the student body and the faculty at a thanksgiving day supper. Nearly 100 were present and afterwards a service of praise and devotion was held in the Church auditorium.

## The Evangelistic and Missionary Society

The evangelistic work is well under way in all branches, including Sunday School teaching, hospital visitation, factory meetings, the Yonge Street Mission meetings, and Gospel services in various places. The Gospel services were somewhat late in getting started, as the President of the Evangelistic Society, Mr. Tiffin, was not able to leave his mission field in Alberta for some weeks after the session opened. Since he returned, however, the evangelistic work of the College has been carried on at its full strength and with evidence of divine blessing.

The Saturday evening prayer meeting is sometimes so large that the Prayer Room is not able to accommodate all who wish to attend, and an overflow meeting has to be held upstairs. In the early part of the fall when the weather was good a group

of students used to go out after the Saturday evening prayer meetings and conduct an open air meeting on one of the street corners.

In the absence of Mr. Walter, President of the Missionary Society, during the early weeks of the term, Mr. Hubert Fisher was chosen to lead the Missionary Society. The regular weekly meeting has been addressed by quite a number of returned missionaries from different parts of the world. The work of the Volunteer Band and the Mission Study groups is being maintained. During the present year three missions have been added to the large number in which the College is already interested, viz., the Heart of Africa Mission, the Sudan United Mission, and the Christian Testimony to Jews.

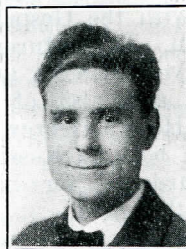


## Students Appointed to Foreign Service Sailed Since September 1st



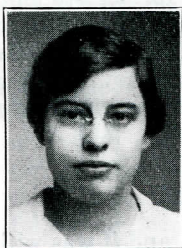
FLORENCE MARY WALKER

Home, Simcoe, Ontario.  
Postgraduate, 1924.  
Sailed, Oct. 11th, for Africa.  
Sudan United Mission.



VICTOR EDWARD VEARY

Home, Toronto.  
Postgraduate, 1924.  
Sailed, Oct. 11th, for Africa.  
Sudan United Mission.



MARJORIE ETHEL PALMER

Home, Stratford, Ontario.  
Postgraduate, 1922.  
Sailed Sept. 3rd. for Bolivia.  
Baptist Mission Board.



LAVINA SCHIERHOLTZ

Home, Kitchener, Ontario.  
Graduate, 1924.  
Sailed Sept. 25th. for China.  
China Inland Mission.



VERNON WHITE GIBSON

Home, Willowdale, Ontario.  
Graduate, 1924.  
Sailed, Oct. 11th, for Africa.  
Sudan Interior Mission.



KATHARINE BLANCHE OLIVER

Home, Toronto.  
Graduate, 1924.  
Sailed, Oct. 11th, for Africa.  
Sudan Interior Mission.

## Christian Testimony to Jews

During the first week in November a series of lectures were delivered in the College on the Modern Jew, his difficulties with the Gospel and how to meet them. The lecturer was Rev. Henry Hellyer, M.A., a graduate of the College, and also of Princeton Seminary. He is a Hebrew Christian, having been born in Russia, and his heart is burdened for his Hebrew brethren in that land.

He has recently made two visits to Soviet Russia and he has found that the door of opportunity has been wonderfully opened. There is a movement in the heart of Israel turning towards Jesus Christ. There are Christian congregations among the Jews worshipping Jesus as the Messiah. Jews will crowd a meeting place to listen to a Gospel message as soon as they see a light in the hall. Mr. Hellyer having seen this movement with his own eyes and having been in the heart of it, has a passionate con-

viction that it is a genuine work of the Holy Spirit and that God is calling the Christian Church to co-operate with it by intelligent sympathy and prayer. He is seeking to awaken an interest among earnest minded Christians in America in these shepherdless Hebrew Christians of Russia. For this purpose he has organized and is directing a work called "Christian Testimony to Jews."

Mr. Hellyer is sailing this month for another visit to Russia. A little group of students meets every week for special prayer for this member of our Bible College Family on whom God has laid this burden. The leader of this group is Mr. G. Allison Holland, and if any former students or friends of the College would like to know more about this work Mr. Hellyer is doing for the Jews they might write to Mr. Holland and he will keep them in touch with it.

### Miss Mary Fraser, '23



On September 27th, a message came to Toronto by cable from China, stating that Miss Mary Fraser of the Ebenezer Mission at Mi Yang Shien, Honan, had passed away.

There had been no previous intimation of any illness. Since then word has come saying that on the morning of Wednesday, September 17th, she fell from the verandah of the second floor of the mission house, an insecure railing having given way under her weight. It was several minutes before she could be reached, and it was found that her ankle bone was broken and she was suffering great agony. The nearest hospital where she could get proper medical attention was sixty

miles away, and it was with great difficulty that carriers were secured. Finally, at 5 o'clock that afternoon, Miss Alice Broughton started out with her in a pouring rain. The journey was over slippery roads, and it was late on Friday evening before they arrived at the hospital. Miss Fraser received all the attention that medical skill could give, but tetanus had set in, and this finally resulted in her death.

During the two years she spent in the Bible College, Miss Fraser was an active and beloved member of the Missionary Tabernacle on Bathurst Street, and she represented that congregation in China. She was the daughter of a Scottish evangelist. Before her Bible College course was done she had already been appointed to foreign service, and she sailed soon after her graduation. She was the first of her class to reach the foreign field, and she is the first to be called home.



## From the Bible College Family

### Rev. A. A. Wilson, Angola, South Africa.

The particular reason for our transfer to Angola last year was that I might do the printing for this huge part of the S.A.G.M. sphere of activity, and possibly at the same time do some for the field that we have just left, the Bakaonde district, though on account of the distance between these two districts and the difficulties of communication it does not at present seem very likely. It takes almost as long to communicate with our fellow-workers in Rhodesia through the ordinary medium of the mail as it does to communicate with you people in Canada. At present I am engaged in getting out a bilingual hymn book containing about 100 hymns each of Portuguese and native languages. This is almost finished, a new supply of paper having just arrived that will enable me to print the last two sections. Then I shall start right away on the Gospel of Matthew, the translation of which is just being revised, and shall follow on with the other three Gospels and Acts. The work is of necessity slow on account of our small treadle press and the present limited amount of type, together with the great distance that we are from the source of supply for materials and the difficulties of transport. It takes two or three months for goods to come up from Cape Town. I have two natives in training as assistants and these are able to render help in the running of the press while I look after the composition—though of course I have to keep a strict eye on them!

It may interest you and others at the T.B.C. to know that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Proctor are our fellow-workers at Muye, Jack looking after the industrial work outside, such as is involved in the buildings, etc., and Mrs. Proctor giving me very valuable assistance in the binding of the books. Jack and I

are also sharing the rest of the station work, Gospel services, etc., whilst the ladies carry on the school for women and children and other work among the women, my wife specializing in the medical work.

The difference between work in Portuguese territory and work in British territory is mainly caused by the difference in the two methods of administration and the consequent effect on the natives. Here we are sometimes quite amused by the methods adopted; one would almost imagine that a lot of children were at the head of affairs. But most of the time we are kept on the alert wondering what the next move will be. Generally speaking they are not openly hostile to the preaching of the Gospel but do all they can by sundry petty laws to hinder it as much as possible. They harass the natives living close to the Mission upon every conceivable pretext, and consequently many of them flee from the country.

With these facts before you, intelligent prayer for our work will be possible, but pray especially for the native Christians—they have quite a severe test at times. We know that this will tend to make them better and stronger Christians, but our responsibility as prayer-helpers is not thereby lessened.

### Herbert Gerrard, Jujuy, Argentina.



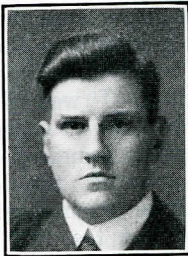
Five years have passed since I first enrolled as a student of the T.B.C. I have just been thinking over those first weeks I spent there. It was all so new to me. How often some of us have left the lectures with hearts almost too full to speak! The study of Job was of immense blessing to my spiritual life.

Then the Psalms, with their deep expression of personal experience, followed.

I had a vision of foreign service in the Lord's work before I ever knew of the T.B.C. But during the months I spent in the lectures and Prayer Room the longing to go forth grew greater and greater. I would have gone before the first year was ended, so consuming was the desire in my heart. How thankful I am now that I did not. Even after the two complete years I feel the equipment was certainly no more than enough to meet the demands that have met us. Many a time Mrs. Gerrard and I have expressed the longing to be able to attend a few lectures again.

We have started our fourth year in South America. These three years, though full of many happenings and many changes, have gone very quickly. We are now able to work with a good deal of liberty in the Spanish tongue, and I am devoting a good deal of time now to the Chiriguano. This is very difficult as we have but little to help us. But we have a great desire to see at least some portions of God's word printed in the Chiriguano dialect. So far no one has ever become sufficiently efficient to do any translating. If anyone does really master it he will need much of God's grace. We would value the prayers of those upon whose heart God puts this matter.

#### **Bruce Morton, B.A., Porto Rico.**



The plan of our Mission Board was for me to study the conditions of the people with the possible idea of commencing an Agricultural Mission work. At the end of a year

I was to send in my report as to the advisability of starting such work. We

have spent our time studying the language.

Our field is entirely along the sea coast. It is all owned by big land-owners except the town property, and sugar cane is grown almost exclusively. The average yearly rainfall is between 30 and 40 inches and the cane fields are irrigated. The class of people that would be benefited by agricultural mission work live in little villages, composed of 50 or 60 huts, called barrios. Not more than one per cent have enough land to grow more than a banana plant or so. The cane-cutting season comes at the same time that it would be necessary to take care of gardens and so the lean season would be just as lean. I do not advise starting agricultural missionary work in our field. My advice to my Mission Board is that some industrial work be given to fill out the lean season. The women do the finest kind of drawn-thread work on handkerchiefs, table runners and any place where decorative linen is used.

The year at T. B. C. will always be one of the greatest years in my life. I so often think of the Prayer Room and the Lunch Room as well as the auditorium—but the small rooms especially, where in one place we were in His presence and in the other that social life was developed which is almost as necessary as the other. Often I have wished I could share with those that patronize the Lunch Room the fruits that grow here, or the jellies that are made here. Possibly I may yet send something.

Although it is summer here the year round and one forgets the seasons until he consults the calendar, yet everything is not a bed of roses. We have the thorns as well as the beauty. But we have much to comfort us. We can never look at these hills without thinking of Psalm 121: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord."



**Mrs. Leslie Garrett (Mary C. Gomme)  
Severn, Hudson Bay.**



We left Montreal on July 12th. In about a week we arrived at Burwell, where we made our first acquaintance with an Eskimo settlement. It is the most barren

place one could imagine—not a blade of grass, tree or shrub to be seen. And dirty—it was beyond description. The people live in hovels, a few in tents, but they gave us a great welcome. There is a German mission house there, but no missionary.

We reached Chesterfield Inlet about the end of the next week, and stayed there three days. The people here were Eskimos, and although Chesterfield is much cleaner and in a more promising situation naturally, the people seemed even more uncivilized. The men all wore long hair. They say the men want to cut their hair, but the women won't let them on account of a "taboo".

By July 29th we were at Churchill, where we left the steamer and stayed at the mission house which has been vacant all this year. We were able to hold services with the aid of an interpreter, and we had a great crowd out the first two weeks. The last two weeks, the Indians had nearly all gone to their winter hunting and trapping quarters several miles inland. It was a funny experience for me, playing the organ to hymns which I could not understand. Their idea of time was very different from mine, but I soon caught on to their rhythm and let them have their own time in spite of anything indicated in the book. They enjoyed it, for when the Post Manager got back the first thing he heard about was the "wonderful music" they had

had that morning. They have a lovely little organ in the Church there but for years there has been no one to play at all, so my poor attempt was quite a treat to them.

We left Churchill on board the schooner Fort York on Friday, August 29th, for Severn. It is only a two days' journey but we took nearly four. The first day was lovely and by Saturday morning we were half way, but about noon it clouded over and presently we were in the grip of a terrific gale from the N.E. This continued all day and night and we had just begun to think we were through with wind and waves, when a gale from the N.W. sprang up. Again the poor little boat was tossed from one wave to another. Everything moveable was continually journeying from one side of the boat to the other as she is only a small boat, built to carry freight. We were occupying the Captain's cabin, about 6 feet by 3 feet with a bunk tucked under the side of the boat. To make matters worse the Captain had no idea as to our whereabouts, but it was blessed to know that the Lord had not lost sight of us, and so we were kept in peace in Him. Finally the storm went down, the sun came out, the captain found his way, and we arrived at Severn yesterday afternoon.

They have a Church here and are preparing to build a bigger one, but they have no minister. Last evening they held a service in their church and Mr. Garrett and I went. The service was taken by the chief's son. The old man is too feeble to do much, but he gave out the hymns and offered the closing prayer. I do not know when I have felt the presence of the Lord more real than when this old chief was down on his knees pouring out his heart to God. I did not know a single word he said, and most of the people there could not hear what he said, but one could feel that it was no mere formal "saying a prayer".



## Personals

Mr. T. Arthur Hawtin, of the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, Central India, was married on September 2nd to Frances Addington Good, at Brantford, Ontario.

Mr. Louis Milbert Smith ('23), pastor of the Baptist Church at Bothwell, Ontario, was married on September 3rd, to Luella Mildred Clapp at Rochester, N.Y.

Miss Queenie Walker ('20), is taking a session in the Presbyterian Deaconess' Home.

Miss Lillian Benner ('23) is now in New York City. She has been appointed to work among children in connection with the Madison Square Church House. The community is almost entirely foreign. At one of their large meetings recently thirty-six nationalities were represented. Miss Benner is on the Young People's Committee of the New York Presbytery, which is planning an intensive evangelistic effort for the early spring.

Miss Sadie M. Cook, after taking a year in the Bible College a few years ago, has pursued and completed a medical course. She left Toronto on September 30th for India as a medical missionary under the Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Rev. T. G. R. Brownlow, Ph.D. ('97), of Lansing, Mich., was a wel-

come visitor to the College one week end in October.

Mr. Waldemar C. Berg (24), who expects to sail for Africa early in the new year, has been engaged this fall in evangelistic work in the Catskill Mountains in New York State in association with a returned missionary from Africa.

Mr. Arthur Leggett ('23), and Mr. Harold Smith ('24) are taking a theological course in the Southern Presbyterian Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Carroll Boyter ('24) has gone to the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Messrs. Walter R. T. Romain, Harold E. Buchner ('23), George A. Brown ('24), and Albert Eikenaar ('24), are attending McMaster University.

Miss Florence Walker ('23), Miss Katherine B. Oliver ('24), Mr. Victor Veary ('23), and Mr. Vernon Gibson ('24), sailed from Montreal on October 11th for England on their way to the Sudan Mission Field.

Mr. David McDonald ('24), after serving for the summer on the mission field of Leask, Sask., has been carrying on evangelistic work this fall in some of the remoter parts of the same Province.

## Receipts

Between August 30th, and November 26th, 1924.

No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
1459	\$33.45	1480	5.00	1501	2.00	1522	25.00
1460	2.00	1481	208.33	1502	50.00	1523	37.00
1461	15.00	1482	5.00	1503	10.00	1524	5.00
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1463	10.00	1484	85.00	1505	5.00	1526	5.00
1464	20.00	1485	100.00	1506	5.00	1527	25.00
1465	2.00	1486	100.00	1507	20.00	1528	5.00
1466	301.00	1487	4.00	1508	5.00	1529	14.00
1467	5.00	1488	25.00	1509	100.00	1530	15.00
1468	5.15	1489	1.00	1510	10.00	1531	10.00
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1471	145.00	1492	3.00	1513	26.00	1534	5.00
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1477	1.00	1498	30.00	1519	500.00	1540	50.00
1478	20.00	1499	30.00	1520	5.00	1541	10.00
1479	28.00	1500	35.00	1521	2.00	1542	5.00