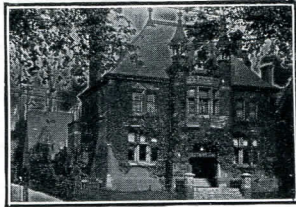


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The College Building

Graduating Exercises

The graduating exercises of the College will be held on Friday, April 29th. at 8.00 p.m. in Trinity United Church, corner of Bloor and Robert Streets.

The Need of a New Building

For several years past, the desirability of larger College quarters has been much felt. Now, however, with our greatly increased attendance of students, this is becoming an absolute necessity. The enrolment in the regular three years' course, two years ago, was 141; last year it was 167, while this year it has grown to 195.

The question of enlargement of the College has received much consideration. The building, however, covers all the available ground space, and expert builders pronounce the foundations too weak to carry a second story above the assembly hall. This means that expansion on the present premises is impossible.

As the land is leased from the University for a limited time, and cannot be bought, it is doubtful if further extensive expansion on this land would be advisable, even if it were possible.

With only one large class-room, the work would be greatly handicapped

if it were not for the fact that a room in Zion Chapel has been generously placed at our disposal.

In an effort to meet the need for more study rooms, a store-room in the basement has been cleared out, the walls have been whitewashed, and a radiator has been installed to supply heat and dry up the damp walls and floor. The boys have accepted this gratefully.

Our office room is entirely inadequate, while the library is very cramped, both as regards space for books and rooms for tables.

The staff and students have accepted the situation without complaint, and have undoubtedly profited by the discipline.

The Staff is making this a matter of united prayer every week, and would ask the friends of the College to kindly join with them in this matter.

"My Little Pail"

By Edith Appleton, '27

(Suggested by a thought in one of the lectures).

Into the ocean of God's grace
I dip my little pail,
Standing on His appointed place,
The Rock that cannot fail.

I draw it up, filled to the brim
With mercy, love and joy,
Pardon and peace, all found in Him,
Who gives without alloy.

My pail is full, but cannot hold
The ocean deep and broad,
Treasures beyond my ken, untold,
Eternal, hid in God.

Yet may my pail so filled be,
That it shall overflow;
Blessings unstinted, willingly,
On all around bestow.

Impressions of Toronto Bible College

By Wm. C. McKendry, B.A., B.Th.

(This article appeared in the January number of the "Evangelical Christian.")

After three months daily contact with and observation of the life and work of the Toronto Bible College, I wish to bear personal testimony to the uniqueness and efficiency of this institution. Such first-hand knowledge not only disarms prejudice, should it exist, but also promotes active participation in a spiritual ministrations that is reaching to the ends of the earth.

The testimony of the College is unique. It has stood for a sane, spiritual interpretation of the Bible throughout its history of thirty-three years. During that period there have come and gone many varying emphases of teaching. But the testimony of the College has been so thoroughly Biblical that it has been uninfluenced, and instead of being a mere runner-up in the game, it has been a recognized leader in the forces of truth. It was fundamental before that designation was thought of, and it still keeps on its even way. It has borne a great corporate testimony to the divine inspiration of the Bible and the unity of its truth in Jesus Christ, our Lord. It is true that its faculty and students do not spend time groping for light in sundry ways and places but that is because they already dwell and minister in the light of the glorified Son of God.

May I speak a word about the character of its training. Here, too, it is sane and unique. It fully recognizes the intellectual as the faculty of the spiritual, so it does not neglect intellectual training. It goes about this task with a good deal of method and thoroughness. It teaches its students

to read, to think, and to discriminate. It does not depend on any mere pouring-in process. No time is wasted here on useless study and reading. In everything the spiritual values are the determining factor. A more responsive body of students you could not find. The necessary drudgery in essay writing and language work here is a fine preparation for the inevitable drudgery and delayed fruitage of actual Christian service on the home and foreign mission field. This intensive training would not be possible apart from the strong spiritual life of the College which is maintained by prayer and testimony.

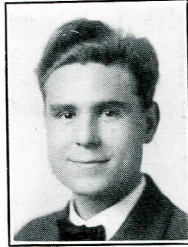
And what shall we say of the fellowship! It is wonderful. It embraces not only all the students but also all the former students and graduates scattered over the world. There is a real comradeship between the graduates and students, and between the students and faculty. Here are young people from various lands and races, and members of many evangelical churches, all realizing the essential unity which is in Christ. This is not attained through compromise, but through understanding. Augustine's famous dictum is practised as a matter of course: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." So the graduates go out not as cranks and protagonists, but as brotherly fellow-workers in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ.

I speak of the missionary spirit last because it is the normal issue of the College's life and activity. Not all the graduates find their way into active missionary service, but all feel the call and obligation. In listening to the testimonies of the members of a recent class who were able to gather for a class supper, I noticed that every

one of them squared his course with the Great Commission. I cannot see how anyone could pass through this College without contracting the missionary spirit. It is not forced upon, but it so permeates the place that you cannot escape it. It is normal, not abnormal, here. Only those who do not know the College express surprise when they learn that already nearly half of last year's graduating class of thirty-four have gone to the foreign field.

In conclusion, I recommend the College and its work to all friends and supporters of the gospel of the grace of God and of world-wide evangelization. It is serving all the churches, and has its graduates on twenty different mission fields. There is no better missionary investment than to share by our sympathy, generosity, and intercession in the training of a great band of willing and consecrated young people who will represent us in the very ends of the earth.

On the Rivers of Africa



Mr. and Mrs. Victor Veary are in French Equatorial Africa. A glimpse of their long journey up from the coast is given in this passage from a letter from Mrs. Veary:—

For nearly four weeks now we have been on this river (the Benue). The barge we are travelling in is about fifteen yards long. It is divided into four compartments, so you will see each one is not very large.

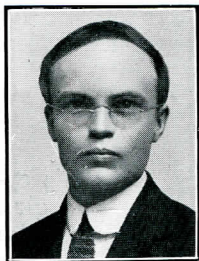
In the front one we put most of our luggage; then on large planks on each side of this the barge men stand to pole. Seven of them do the poling at the front and one steers behind. They use long poles made from the stem of the palm branch; these are very strong and also supple. They push with all their might into the sand, and thus the barge moves along. The next compartment is our living room and my bed room at night. In this we have a folding table and a couple of chairs. In the third com-

partment is more luggage, and the fourth is the kitchen where the boy prepares our food on an open fire.

We have seen many interesting sights, lots of crocodiles sleeping on the sand banks, flocks and flocks of the marabout birds and pelicans. Just now we can see some hills behind the sand banks; they are quite a change from the flat country that we have passed until now. The men usually pole all day, rising about five, and resting in the evening about six. When there is no moon, they light big fires on the banks and sit around talking until quite late.

We have been able to study the black man real well on this journey, for we are living in such close touch with them. But it is a problem to really understand them. This cook that we have has been in the employ of our Mission off and on for six years or more. He has never made any profession, though he attends the church services and reads his Bible. But the black man has no idea of what sin is. When we visited one of the chiefs in the Lupwe district, where I worked with Miss Venestra, we tried to show him that he needed a Saviour. But he said "I have never sinned, I have never murdered anyone, nor stolen another man's wife." These two things were sin to him and nothing else.

In the Chaos of China



Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Windsor are in the province of Kweichow, China. Mr. Windsor gives some account of the chaos and anarchy around them.

Let me tell something of the circumstances under which the work is being carried on. I said that the bandits have gone. They have, but in their place, more pitiless, more ravenous, the so-called "authorities", those in power, are making the lives of the people many times more bitter. Justice, not to speak of mercy, seems to have fled. Holding a public office is the means of private gain.

In the spring a tax or fine for planting opium was levied throughout the district, the proclamation stating clearly it was for planters of opium only. Before long, however, it was evident an attempt was to be made to collect from everybody. I wrote a friendly letter to the magistrate in Weining, asking if everyone should pay (a most unjust thing) or planters only. After a long delay the reply came that the fine was for planters and smokers only. On the strength of this the churches protested against the tax. Then the powers of evil were released. In spite of his letter to me, the magistrate instructed all local officials (I saw these instructions twice) to collect irrespective of any connection with opium or not, those protesting to be heavily fined, or arrested and imprisoned.

On my third trip I ran into the thick of it, and am speaking from personal observation. Bands of armed men were quartered on the churches, stealing grain, chickens, and anything they liked; in one place humbling the women when the men were hiding on the hills. An evangelist, a teacher, and an elder were arrested and imprisoned in the city, where they were for over three months. In six or eight instances three times the original tax was collected at the muzzle of rifle and point of sword. At one place, in my presence, because the evangelist persisted in asking for the official tax receipt which was refused when the money was paid, rifles were loaded and swords drawn and the evangelist was arrested. A scene of bloodshed was narrowly averted, for the people were so provoked by the overbearing behaviour of the men, that had they attempted to take the arrested man away, a general assault would have been made to effect his rescue.

The elder from another place was "strung up", i.e. hung by his wrists, or head or thumbs to a beam (a common form of torture here) till he promised the money demanded, and an elder from still another place was imprisoned a week and given two hundred lashes. Here, at our central station, with a district of one hundred and twenty families, just half the tax was forced out of thirteen Christian families. The bandits robbed the rich and left the poor alone. These people, in the name of the government, rob the poor and let the rich go free. I could fill pages with the details of individual cases of injustice,—just today I have had two related to me, and scarcely a week passes without fresh acts of violence being perpetrated.

In days gone by, the foreigner could be of some help in such cases as these.

Today his influence is nil. However, this is just the opportunity to point them to the One Who cares, and we are beginning to see now instances of real faith in the lives of those who are really born again, and the church

is gradually losing those who had profession without reality. We can but pray that the true church will rise stronger and purer out of the ashes left by these fires of persecution.

The Sunday School by Post

Miss Abbie Garbutt ('09), who occupies an important Home Missionary post in Saskatoon, tells of a new method in Sunday School work:—

One phase of my work among New Canadians in the West is "The Sunday School by Post."

There is an enrolment of two hundred or more. Every three months quarterlies are sent out and the members of Junior and Intermediate grades return leaflets with answered questions on each lesson at the end of

the quarter. I do rejoice in this opportunity of enlisting boys and girls in the study of God's Word. It also affords me the point of contact for correspondence with a personal appeal to accept Christ, or to give a word of encouragement, or counsel. I also enclose suitable tracts.

As one observes the New Canadians coming to the front ranks in our educational and professional world the heart is uplifted in prayer for their salvation, that they may be rightly equipped for leadership.

"Through Much Tribulation" in China

Mr. Edwin R. Baker ('15) writes:



Recently a large band of robbers from the north of the province came down this way and occupied the large market town of "North Temple Village." A few of the Christians who lived on the

street and our recently appointed worker to that place, a Mr. Hong, lost everything they had. Finally the brigands were brought to the city and taken into the army.

About two months after the robbers were taken into the army, soldiers were sent out to the same place, to put down a rising of the "Red Spear Society." The latter, largely made up of farmers when first organized, had as their objective the protection of their respective districts

against small bands of brigands, but gradually as they grew in numbers and power, they became little better than brigands themselves. The "North Temple Village" being their rendezvous, the soldiers suddenly came down upon the place and burned nearly the entire village consisting of several hundred homes.

Only a week ago Mrs. Baker and I visited that district and passed through the town on our homeward journey. What a sad sight the place presented! The entire village was in ruins, and the commodious church which the Christians had newly built was destroyed. They were scarcely out of debt, now this calamity has befallen them. When I was home on furlough their first church was burned, now this is the second time they have had to suffer such a loss.

Recently we spent sixteen days at four different stations all in a dis-

trict about 30 miles to the N.E. Crowds came daily, and very noticeable indeed was the young life, the numbers of young men and women. How quickly they take hold of things and answer questions. I still see some of the girls in their teens with bright smiling faces as they sat directly in front of the pulpit, quick as a flash to answer questions. I wish

you could have seen the look of disgust on their faces when I asked them if idols should be worshipped. No, came the quick reply, they are nothing but clay and wood; God alone is to be worshipped. More and more I am impressed with the real value and worth to the Kingdom of God of the many hard working, sincere, honest country Christians.

News of the T. B. C. Family

Rev. Ernest E. Smith, '23, was married to Mildred Augusta Behrend on January 31st, at Cleveland, Ohio.

Agnes Morrison, who entered the College with the present graduating class, was married to Mr. Harry Barnes on January 15th. at Delta Tabernacle, Hamilton.

Miss Bernice Chalk is taking a nurse's training at the Victoria Hospital, London, Ontario.

May Smith ('22) is married to Mr. L. Hallett who attended the College for a session several years ago. They are living at 9 Norton Ave., Toronto.

A son (Paul Edwin) was born on September 30th to Rev. and Mrs. Leslie Garrett, at Trout Lake, Manitoba.

A daughter was born in Toronto on January 30th to Rev. and Mrs. Duncan McDonald who are at home on furlough from Central India.

Dorcas McCourt ('22) was married on February 5th at Westminster United Church, Windsor, Ont., to Rev. Archie M. Dallas. Their home is 18 Maryland Blvd., Toronto.

A son (Mark Timothy) was born at 785 Pape Ave., Toronto, on January 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Wilson (Gladys Waddell '17).

Samuel Brownsberger ('26) is headmaster of the public school at South End, near Niagara Falls.

Nora Weber ('22) was married on January 1st at Waterloo to Mr. Ivan Groh. Their home is at Walkerton, Ont.

Esther Peters, who attended the College for two sessions and went back to her home in India two years ago, was married on Feb. 7th to Mr. V. C. N. Swamy, of Rangoon.

Bertha Groh ('19) was married on December 27th to Mr. Dan W. Lehman, at West Liberty, Ohio.

Edith Howell ('24) was married to Mr. Henry F. Stobbe at Miango, Northern Nigeria, on Christmas Day. Their address is Dama, Kasuwa (via Jos), N. Nigeria.

Rev. and Mrs. Levi Atkinson ('13) who spent many years of service at Oxford House, Manitoba, have been transferred to Hornepayne, in Northern Ontario.

Rev. L. A. Gredys ('10) was a welcome visitor to the College last month. He is Pastor of the First Roumanian Baptist Church in Detroit. Mr. Gredys, who was born in Roumania of Jewish parents, is one of the leading authorities in North America on Christian work among Roumanians.

Herbert A. Foster ('20) has been appointed to the staff of the 28th Street Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Los Angeles, Cal.

Edward C. South ('23) is pastor of the Baptist Churches at Erie View and First Houghton, Norfolk County.

One of the new versions of the Scriptures published by the British and Foreign Bible Society last year was a translation of Mark's Gospel made by Mr. F. X. Stanley, one of

T. B. C. members of Sudan Interior Mission.

George Medley ('24), Cyril Forth ('27) and Enid Newcombe ('27) have recently been accepted by the Sudan Interior Mission. Other members of the out-going class already under appointment by the same Mission are Aubrey Hunt, David Rough and Beatrice Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. William McLean, who for the past two years have been serving in the Sailors' Institute in Montreal, have been accepted by the Inland South American Missionary Union, and will be leaving for South America in the spring. Their places in Montreal will be taken by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baggett, of the present graduating class.

Receipts

Between November 27th, 1926, and February 28th, 1927.

No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
2793	\$ 10.00	2824	12.02	2853	159.60	2883	100.00
2794	5.00	2825	50.00	2854	7.50	2884	2.00
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2796	385.00	2826	5.00	2856	1.00	2886	5.00
2797	250.00	2827	5.00	2857	25.00	2887	25.00
2798	100.00	2828	25.00	2858	100.00	2888	10.00
2799	12.00	2829	5.00	2859	22.00	2889	5.00
2800	10.00	2830	5.00	2860	20.00	2890	16.00
2801	10.00	2831	20.00	2861	5.00	2891	2.00
2802	1.00	2832	100.00	2862	5.00	2892	100.00
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2813	5.00	2843	5.00	2873	18.00	2903	10.00
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2815	5.00	2845	76.00	2875	10.00	2905	208.33
2816	1.00	2846	5.00	2876	25.00	2906	10.00
2817	100.00	2847	100.00	2877	3.00	2907	100.00
2818	10.00	2848	10.00	2878	5.00	2908	2.00
2819	25.00	2849	26.00	2879	82.50	2909	200.00
2820	10.00	2850	10.00	2880	100.00	2910	500.00
2821	208.37	2851	16.00	2881	8.00	2911	300.00
2822	10.00	2852	10.00	2882	50.00	2912	5.00
2823	5.00						

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