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Cordial Christmas Greetings to all Friends and Former Students

The Fall Term

It may seem early to express Christmas greetings, but these will not reach some members of our far scattered T.B.C. family before the middle of February.

The session of 1927-28 is well under way. The new students who entered the College in September have found such an atmosphere of friendship and true fellowship and have already become so fully identified with the College and its activities that they feel as though they had always been members of the T.B.C. family.

The enrolment in the regular three years' course to date is 132. Of these 46 are men and 86 women. Several more have applied for admission in January. The present numbers permit of close and personal touch between the students and the staff, which means much to both. Among our students are eight public school teachers. We are glad to have them in the College, we believe that their normal school training and their experience in teaching, along with the thorough course received in the College, provides them with the most

effective preparation for work, especially among women, at home or abroad.

The city congregations of all denominations are well represented in the evening classes, while a number of students from the surrounding districts are also very regular in their attendance. The enrolment at present is 190 but will probably be 225 before the session closes. When one considers that these classes have been held regularly twice a week during the College year for a whole generation, one can realize something of the contribution the College is making to the religious life of the city, not to mention the work that is done by the students in city missions, factories, hospitals, &c.

Our problem of new and adequate quarters is still unsolved. Zion Chapel, however, is still available for our overflow classes, and we look with confidence into the future, knowing that in God's good time and way the need will be met. We would ask our friends very kindly to continue their intercession regarding this matter.

An Ohio Reunion

(This account was received at the College at the opening of the present term, sent by Miss Ida Brubacher '22 of Toledo. A fine example for other geographical groups to follow.)

A reunion of former Toronto Bible College students who are now residing in Ohio was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Byler in Kent, on September thirteenth. A delightful afternoon and evening were spent together.

Those who arrived early in the afternoon enjoyed several hours of visiting and a motor ride about Kent and the surrounding country.

Others arrived near supper time, bringing our number up to twenty-two (including the Byler family).

After our pleasant supper hour, the Byler children splendidly entertained us with songs and instrumental selections, then scampered to bed,

leaving the grown-ups to complete the program.

Each former student gave a brief account of himself while at the College and since leaving there—told what recent news he had from the College,—and gave a personal testimony. It was impressive to note that in practically all the talks the fact outstandingly expressed was that the training which was received at T.B.C. has proven a real foundation on which to stand in facing the problems which arise in our various lines of work.

With this account—this group want to send our best wishes to the faithful faculty and to the student body for the year just begun.

"Thou Remainest"

Written by one of the 1924 class in the heart of Africa, Mrs. Victor Veary, when the March Recorder telling of the need of a new building reached her in June.

With the passing years the changes come,
Bringing blessings for the present need;
Each change its course must run,
But "Thou remainest."

We would not stay the hand of time, dear Lord;
For all our days, and all our ways,
In wisdom they are planned.
Enough, "Thou remainest."

Looking backward, we see our College Home,
Dear to our hearts; we met Thee there;
Familiar scenes appear; they pass,
But "Thou remainest."

Looking forward, 'tis by faith we see
A larger College Home prepared by Thee;
The curtain falls upon the old;
Still "Thou remainest."

Keep us still united, Lord, we pray,
Whether within its walls, or far away;
Time, place, with Thee are one;
Always "Thou remainest."

Notes from a T. B. C. Diary

Edited by H. A. B.

SEPTEMBER 20TH

First day of college for another term and isn't it wonderful to be back at the dear old College again! The front hall is simply packed and the usual round of pushing, jostling and hand shaking is faithfully attended to. The new students feel very new but they'll soon settle down in "the family."

There is a hush in the Assembly Hall as Principal McNicoll gives his first message of the term. Then we unite in prayer for our Bible College family scattered over the entire world; we know that former students think of us to-day; their thoughts turn back to the College and its work.

On the west of the platform sits Dr. Waters. How good it is to see him there. He is the one who prescribes for your ailments! toothache, headache, backache, heartache—it makes no difference to the Dr.—he has a remedy, a balm for them all.

Yes, that's Harry Moore, the president of the Student Council. He's always ready to lend a helping hand; and over there, why, that's Grace Ferris, the head girl—the Big Sister of 1927-1928.

OCTOBER 4TH

Two weeks at lessons and lectures. Examinations are already in prospect! Ernie Tatham is an enthusiastic leader of the Evangelical Band. Factory meetings, Yonge Street Mission, Hospital Visitation are all in full swing.

OCTOBER 10TH

Lena Elliot and Dorothy Whiting are doing splendid work in the Lunch Room. Such crowds to meals! Two extra tables in the Assembly Hall to-day! My turn to wash the dishes.

OCTOBER 15TH

Went to College Outing at High Park; played ball, and had a lovely hike down to the lake. (This can't be

compared to the hikes of yore. In 1916 we went to Clarkson or Lorne Park. A couple of newly weds missed the train. The games we didn't play are not yet invented.)

OCTOBER 22ND

A time of real blessing and fellowship at the Saturday night Prayer Meeting. A good crowd at the Open-Air afterwards.

OCTOBER 24TH

Spent Monday afternoon in company with several other girls at Mrs. McNicol's. We took our sewing, and sat around, talking in the good old fashioned way. We had an extremely happy time for we all dearly love our "Bible College Mother."

(For a good many years, Mrs. McNicol has set apart Monday afternoons for the express purpose of being the councillor and guide of the girls of the College. The girls come up in groups each week and the time is spent in social fellowship and problem-solving.)

OCTOBER 28TH

The social evening of the first term. Dr. Weston gave us a lecture on physiognomy, illustrated by drawings and living examples. The Dr. rewarded the "victims" with many compliments and Constance Knight carried away the "roses."

(By the way, we recall being in one of Dr. Weston's classes when the question of memory was up for discussion. The Dr. remarked that the Chinese had particularly good memories; he recalled a Chinaman being in his classes, whose examination papers were so perfect that he corrected his lecture notes from this student's exam paper—and then—he gave the poor student 95%. The Dr. believes that perfection is unattainable here below.)

NOVEMBER 10TH

Tried to study "Church History" in the library to-day; but the brain cells were clogged with exegesis. And there stood the "silent policeman" saying, "Silence please; no talking in study hours."

NOVEMBER 15TH

The Devotional Meetings of this term have been bright and helpful. To-day, four of the boys who were on

summer mission fields gave an account of their experiences. The keynote of all was, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation."

Students come and students go but the spirit of the T.B.C. and the fellowship within its walls remain the same. The Holy Spirit Himself is the Head of this institution and His Word abideth for ever. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly."

Our Lunch Room

"To everything a time and place." One place within our College walls which has become more and more popular with each succeeding year is our lunch room.

At the ring of the lunch-time bell a crowd quickly gathers from all corners of the building and there is jostling as each strives to find his or her number at the different tables. Quite frequently it has been necessary to open wide the doors and set tables in the Assembly Hall in order to accommodate the numbers who come.

Once all have succeeded in finding their respective places how we love much good-natured laughter and to join in the singing of our "College grace" or in listening to one voice returning thanks unto Him from whom all good gifts come!

Then everyone does justice to the good things which our cook supplies so tastily and in such quantities. Not one has ceased to marvel how such quantities of good things can be forthcoming for the small sum of fifty cents, and yet it is so.

When each one appears to have been satisfied for the time being, again a bell is heard and an ominous silence is noted—not the joyous laughter which greeted the former bell. As Mr. Phillips rises from his chair many faces seem to lengthen by inches, as in very solemn tones he announces the four teams, four boys

and four girls for dish washing. Gradually faces begin to look less elongated and more hopeful, until by the time the list is completed they are quite natural, for each has accepted his fate, whether it has been to wash dishes or to be excused, and each goes happily about his business. Judging from the sounds which issue from the lunch room during dish washing period one is led to believe that this part of their College training is greatly enjoyed and the time profitably spent.

The evening classes also make good use of their privileges in the lunch room and have a pleasant time around the tables.

On the Friday previous to Thanksgiving a special lunch was prepared by the lunch room committee and a group of helpers, which was voted a success by all who partook of it. At this time there were eighty-five present and our resources in many lines were almost taxed to the limit. Limited space and equipment are a great handicap. Yet withal, each accepts it, happy in the privilege of being able to be present and to enjoy the fellowship within the sacred walls of T.B.C. Happy faces and animated conversation on all sides are noted. How strange it is that people seem to become better acquainted around a table than most anywhere else! Is it because all meet there on a common level and partake of a common

meal? At the close of a sumptuous repast a few were called on to make stump speeches to which happy replies were made.

We can never be too thankful to those who make this room possible;—our cook, Miss Whiting, who gives so much of her time, and those who help from week to week,—for with-

out them the privilege of such fellowship as we now enjoy about the tables would be lacking, and many would still remain more or less strangers to each other. And so our lunch room plays a very real part in the life and fellowship of our College and shall not soon be forgotten.

W. H. M.

In Memoriam

Rev. Horace G. Halse

Students of a few years ago will remember the Rev. Horace G. Halse who attended the classes of the College during his pastorate in Toronto. Mr. Halse died suddenly at Wakarusa, Indiana, at the end of August. He had been called to the Victoria Park Christian Church in Toronto and was to have preached his first sermon there on September 5th. Instead of that a memorial service was held for him in the church on that day.

Miss Elizabeth Arnott

Students who were in the College during the session of 1925-26 will be grieved to know that Miss Elizabeth Arnott died on her mission field in Nigeria, West Africa, on August 16th. She had been ill only four weeks. She was laboring under the auspices of Christian Missions in Many Lands at the Ugbokpo station among the Agatus, and had been greatly used in her ministrations among the sick. She lies buried there in the midst of those for whom she gave her life.

Rev. C. E. Luce, B. D.

An item in the September "Recorder" announced that the Rev. C. E. Luce of Gloucester, England, a former member of the staff, was in Canada and had paid a visit to the College. We now have to record the

sad fact that he died suddenly just about the beginning of the session. He was visiting the United States in the interests of his church in Gloucester and had preached at Providence, Rhode Island, on Sunday, September 18th. He took ill that night and passed away on the following Wednesday.

During the time Mr. Luce was teaching New Testament Greek in the College he was pursuing his theological course in Wycliffe College. After his graduation he was appointed Rector of a new church at Birchcliffe, on the east of Toronto. He returned to England in 1919 to take a position in a college at Cheltenham. From there he was called to succeed his father as Rector of St. Nicholas Church in Gloucester, one of the oldest churches in England. His father had been for many years one of the regular speakers at the Keswick Convention and was one of the best known evangelical clergymen of England. The unanimous invitation of the congregation extended to Mr. Luce on his father's death was a splendid tribute to the work which he had already done and to the esteem in which he was held.

Mrs. Luce is a daughter of Mr. J. J. Gartshore, one of the members of our Council, and the deep sympathy of all the friends of the College has gone out to her.

News of the T. B. C. Family

A daughter, Marjory Constance, was born on May 28th to the Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Windsor (Constance Brock) at Hong Kong, China.

A daughter was born on August 18th to Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Powell in Jujuy, Argentina.

A son was born on August 27th to Dr. and Mrs. Welford H. Russell (Ruth Rodger) at Indore, Central India.

A daughter, Ruth Adell, was born on September 9th to Mr. and Mrs. C. Leslie Rumball at Woodbridge, Ont.

A daughter was born on September 10th to Mr. and Mrs. C. Gordon Beacham (Marjorie Crothers) at Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Beacham are at home on furlough from Nigeria.

A son was born in October to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Stobbe (Edith Howell) at Dama Kafuwa, Nigeria.

Olive Atkinson ('23) was married on August 17th to Mr. N. J. Amos at Shanghai, China.

Ethelwyn J. Holland, B.A. ('25) was married on October 4th to Mr. Joseph S. Hulse at Chefoo, China.

Queenie Fiddament ('24) was married on September 3rd to the Rev. George Medley ('24), who is now Pastor of the Baptist Church at North Hatley, Quebec.

Martha E. Wallis ('09) was married on September 7th at Toronto to Mr. Alexander Smith. They are living at Brackenrig, Muskoka.

Gertrude Bendell ('20) was married on July 27th to Mr. John Wilson, and has returned with her husband to missionary service in South America, where they were both laboring before. They are at Santaigo del Estero, Argentina.

Enid Newcombe ('27) left Toronto on Wednesday, November 2nd, and sailed that week from New York for her field of service in Nigeria under

the Sudan Interior Mission. She is travelling with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver, who are returning to their field.

Edward Hancox ('22) is pastor of the Baptist Church at Gladstone, Ontario. Mrs. Hancox was Winnifred Paton of the evening classes. They were married last year.

Robert Moynan ('23) is pastor of the Baptist Church at Etobicoke, Ontario.

Rev. Elmer Loney ('22) has been called to Humber Bay Baptist Church in the Toronto district.

Mrs. Olford of the Evangelical Mission in Angola, Portuguese West Africa, who, as Bessie Santmire, attended the evening classes in 1914, writes, saying that she finds the lectures given that year very helpful in her work now.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Etherton (Mary Lagar), both of '17, have gone from England to South America to engage in Christian work there. They are in Tartagoe, Argentina.

Mrs. Wm. Payne (Constance Coomber '19) is also back in South America working among the Indians in San Pedro.

Harold T. Smith has finished his theological course at Louisville, Kentucky, and is settled in the Presbyterian Church at Curwensville, Pa., where he was ordained on November 17th.

Frank C. Guyatt ('23) is pastor of the First Friends Church at Carthage, Indiana. He is meeting with encouragement in all departments of his work. He writes that he is glad to have people know that he is a graduate of the Toronto Bible College.

Rev. Constantine Perry ('18) was moved by his Conference in the fall to the united charges of Amherstburg and Sarnia in Ontario.

Walter R. T. Romain ('22) graduated last June from the Virginia Theological Seminary and received the degree of B.Th. with honorable mention.

Mary Mukanik ('27) is laboring at present among the new Canadians in Guelph. Her special work is among the Ukrainian people, whose language she speaks.

Hilda Duckworth ('23) is on the staff of Grace Hospital, Toronto. At the Graduation Exercises of this hospital last June she won the gold medal for the highest standing in the final examinations and also the medal for general proficiency.

Edward Haugh and Thomas Lindores who went to Brazil last spring are making steady progress with the Portuguese language and are already doing some public speaking in it. Mr. Haugh has been making a long journey during November and December to the farthest point of the Mission to work among the Nhambiquara Indians. This is one of the tribes whose language has never yet been learned. It is a hard and difficult task that lies before Mr. Haugh and he needs the prayers of his fellow members in the Bible College family.

Alumni Notes and News

Members of the Alumni Association are requested to send nominations for next year's officers to the Alumni secretary, Rev. D. A. Burns, 110 College Street, Toronto. It is the privilege of all graduates to participate in the fellowship and business of the Alumni Association. Your executive has matured this plan of nomination so that it may receive suggestions from its members in all parts of the world. Nominations should reach the secretary by April 1st of each year.

At the present time, a committee of the Executive of the Alumni is working on the problem of "A reconstructed Alumni." This committee is composed of Rev. Geo. Booth '16, Mr. W. H. Moore '28, Mr. H. Jackman (chairman), representing the evening class graduates, Principal McNicol, and Rev. D. A. Burns '16. The committee will be in a position to report to the Alumni conference in April next, and it is proposed to make some radical changes in the functioning of the Alumni. It has been felt for a considerable time that the graduates and former students should more keenly feel their responsibility to their Alma Mater. In days gone by,

the evening class graduates have been considered a sort of appendage to the Association. That attitude should be made impossible. We write this note to URGÉ ALL GRADUATES AND FORMER STUDENTS TO PLAN NOW TO BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE AND CLOSING EXERCISES ON THE LAST THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF APRIL, 1928. It will be worth your while to spend a few days with us again.

We do not recall that the Alumni has ever honoured its members who serve in the Foreign Field by electing one of their number to the presidency of the fraternity. This year Rev. Geo. Booth, China Inland Mission, who is on furlough, is the *real* president of the "larger fellowship." We trust it will not be the last missionary abroad to wear the garb of this office.

The subject decided upon for discussion at the Alumni Conference in April is, "The Enlarging Opportunity of the Toronto Bible College." This will be discussed from the standpoints of evangelical or theological influence and secondly, from the practical side including the oppor-

tunity of further developing our work internally. In order to accommodate the ever increasing numbers who are seeking training in Bible College, we

must arise to the occasion. God is thrusting opportunities before us. It is our duty to go in and possess the land.
D. A. B.

Receipts

Between May 13th. and November 28th. 1927

| No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount | No. | Amount |
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| 3032 | 10.00 | 3067 | 5.00 | 3102 | 50.00 | 3137 | 15.00 |
| 3033 | 15.00 | 3068 | 5.00 | 3103 | 15.00 | 3138 | 45.00 |
| 3034 | 25.00 | 3069 | 10.00 | 3104 | 5.00 | 3139 | 12.00 |
| 3035 | 10.00 | 3070 | 10.00 | 3105 | 32.00 | 3140 | 10.00 |
| 3036 | 5.00 | 3071 | 12.50 | 3106 | 90.00 | 3141 | 5.00 |
| 3037 | 2.00 | 3072 | 208.33 | 3107 | 44.00 | 3142 | 15.00 |
| 3038 | 15.00 | 3073 | 50.00 | 3108 | 8.00 | 3143 | 120.00 |
| 3039 | 208.33 | 3074 | 5.00 | 3109 | 5.00 | 3144 | 12.00 |
| 3040 | 385.00 | 3075 | 100.00 | 3110 | 50.00 | 3145 | 50.00 |
| 3041 | 2.50 | 3076 | 100.00 | 3111 | 43.00 | 3146 | 25.00 |
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| 3056 | 10.00 | 3091 | 72.00 | 3126 | 5.00 | 3161 | 4.00 |
| 3057 | 10.00 | 3092 | 32.00 | 3127 | 25.00 | 3162 | 100.00 |
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| 3059 | 5.00 | 3094 | 208.33 | 3129 | 15.00 | 3164 | 5.00 |
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| 3064 | 208.33 | 3099 | 103.00 | 3134 | 208.33 | 3169 | 7.00 |
| 3065 | 20.00 | 3100 | 10.00 | 3135 | 3.00 | | |
| 3066 | 50.02 | 3101 | 10.00 | 3136 | 100.00 | | |

The present term will end on Tuesday, December 20th, and, after the Christmas vacation, the Evening Classes will be resumed on Tuesday, January 3rd, and the Day Classes on Wednesday, the 4th,