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A New College Building

For several years past we have had to contend with the problem of inadequate accommodation owing to the greatly increased number of students. We have been able to carry on the work in the meantime because we have had the privilege of using rooms in Zion Chapel for our overflow classes.

Now, however, the question has been brought to an issue by the action of the University in notifying us that they require the land on which the College stands, along with the adjoining sites, for a new Pathological Building, which they intend to erect within a few months. We have taken this as an indication of the Lord's will that we should "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" through the securing of premises that will meet our requirements, and so we are diligently seeking guidance in the choice of a site on which a suitable building can be erected.

It is thought wise that we should move northward with the growth of the city, and so our new location will probably be on Bloor Street. This has the advantage of cross-town street car service, which makes it easily accessible to all parts of the city.

The necessity of abandoning the old building brings keen regrets. It has grown very dear to students and staff, and to every graduate it is a place of many sacred memories, as letters from all parts of the world testify. We are confident that the same spiritual atmosphere that pervades the present College will be continued in the new one.

The price of our present building and the compensation for surrendering the lease has not yet been fixed, but even with liberal treatment from the University, it will be but a fraction of the amount required for the purchase of land and the erection of a new building.

We would ask our friends to continue to remember us earnestly in prayer, that as we seek to obey the Lord's command to go forward, we may in every step be guided by His Holy Spirit. Would you pray also that God may put it into the hearts of His children to supply the funds for the erection of a College building that will be adequate to the requirements of the work and an honor to His Name.

The Bible College Spirit

Visitors to the College have frequently remarked upon the spirit which they find within its walls. A number of elements have contributed to the creation of this spirit and it may be of interest to review some of them. For it is our earnest desire and prayer that this spirit may be manifested in the new College building also.

There is first of all the interdenominational character of the College. In this kind of fellowship there is a constant enlargement of spiritual life; for, without losing their own denominational loyalties, students discover the rich contributions that have been made to the common life of the Church by other denominations. The secret of this fellowship is not compromise but sympathy and understanding, and it results in a larger and broader development of Christian character.

There is also the wide missionary outlook of the College. The members of the T.B.C. family are scattered abroad in practically every mission field of the world. They are laboring under nearly every missionary society, denominational and interdenominational, represented in Canada. The whole world comes into view as the students pursue their course of study, and there cannot but be a more intelligent interest in the cause of Christ and a deeper realization of the needs of men everywhere.

The absence of a College dormitory and the fact that the students are scattered in groups or as individuals in boarding houses and in private homes, instead of preventing the growth of the common College spirit as it might seem to do, has been found to be one of the chief elements of its strength. The variety of circumstances under which the students live makes for an enrichment of experience. The value of this experience is all gathered up and concen-

trated in their common fellowship within the College walls. The students are being tested and tried by contact with the world and by the discipline of the life of faith at the same time as they are being instructed and trained in the classes of the College. They are learning to witness for Christ and to do personal work under the ordinary conditions of daily life in the world.

Another thing which helps to strengthen and deepen the College spirit is the system of self government under which the students carry on their activities. This tends to develop personal responsibility and initiative. The students have their activities thoroughly organized and each student finds his place in the midst of them. Ample opportunity is given for the development of individual and personal gifts. The whole life and work of the student body is directed not by rules imposed from without but by personal motives of honor and loyalty.

There is also the devotional approach in the class room. The curriculum of the College is thoroughly intellectual and covers the whole theological field, but the students are taught that in the things of God no truth can be found or understood without reverence. It is no mere formal service when the lectures begin each morning with devotional exercises, but a definite act of worship and approach before Him in whose light alone light can be seen. This attitude of mind and heart, which is maintained day by day throughout the session, avoids the errors of intellectualism on the one side and emotionalism on the other. It is one of the most marked features of the College spirit.

Then again the leadership of the Holy Spirit is recognized in all the life and work of the College. This principle has guided the development

of the College. It is on this principle that the self government of the student body is based. Through all their organizations and activities the students learn to wait upon and recognize the lead of one unseen Head. This accounts for that unity of spirit which is so profoundly realized in all the College fellowship, both among the instructors and among the students. There is no feeling of restraint or compulsion but a joyous sense of devotion to Christ in all the College activities.

Last of all there is the prayer life of the College. It is in this atmos-

phere that all the work is carried on both by the staff and by the student body. The prayer room is one of the most sacred spots on earth to many a member of the T.B.C. family in the distant parts of the world. It is the power house of all the College activities. There, too, many an individual student discovers the meaning and reality of prayer. This atmosphere pervades the whole College life, so thoroughly and yet so naturally that it gives to the student fellowship a manifest stamp of reality. It is this sense of reality that is perhaps the most characteristic mark of the Bible College spirit.

The Scripture Union

For the past three years we have had in the College a branch of the world-wide organization known as the Scripture Union. The primary purpose of this organization is getting people to read the Bible, but in addition to this the Scripture Union now publish monthly booklets of Daily Notes on the Scripture portions. These consist of one page of notes for each day's reading, or about three hundred words. At the top of the page appears the "Subject Title" of the portion. Underneath this the message appears.

These notes are now written by the Rev. W. Graham Scroggie, of Edinburgh, Scotland, one of the leading Evangelical Bible Expositors of the present day.

The Toronto Bible College branch was started in order to make it convenient for the students in attendance at the College to procure these notes at the cheapest rate possible. But it has now grown so that it includes in its membership not only a large proportion of the Day and Evening students, and many graduates of the College, but also many others who are in this way linked up to the College. Although they cannot attend the College they are thus privileged to use an

excellent home-study system along with their private devotional readings or at family worship for which it forms a basis.

We are now seeking to extend this work to a great many more. At present we have nearly seven hundred members in the branch, about twenty-five of whom are on the foreign field, but we would like to have every reader of the "Recorder" enlisted in the Scripture Union. The subscription price for the Daily Notes for one year is thirty-five cents (35c). Pastors will find this an excellent system of reading for the members of their churches. The quantity prices on the notes are even lower than thirty-five cents and will be furnished on application. Then we particularly want as members those serving on the foreign field and if they feel that they cannot pay for these notes themselves we will arrange for someone else to pay the subscription price.

Samples of the Daily Notes will be sent to any one who will get others to read the Bible or any further particulars may be had by writing. Address communications to Gordon Mellich, Toronto Bible College, 110 College Street, Toronto 2.

Motto over the Main Entrance:

"Holding Forth the Word of Life" Phil. 2: 16

Motto over the Platform in the Assembly Hall:

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly" Col. 3: 16



THE OLD COLLEGE BUILDING

**The Graduating Exercises of the Session will be held in
Knox Church on Friday Evening,
April 27th, at 8 o'clock.**

A Last Look Around the College Hall

The T. B. C. must move its headquarters. The old building that we love so dearly has been commandeered by the University authorities for extension purposes. July 1st, 1928 has been set as the day upon which the T.B.C. family must "flit". We know you will want to have a last look at the old place before it is "no more". The writer recalls meeting a young lad from his church who had enlisted in the Great War, and who was wounded and invalided home. He was asked how he felt when he set foot on Canada's soil again. His answer was, "I felt like hugging the first lamp-post I came to". Many of us feel the same way about T.B.C. We love her dearly. The very building has sacred memories for many of us. A particular seat in the Assembly Hall, or a particular spot in the Prayer Room is peculiarly dear because of the truths and fellowship we received while there. If you want to look at your old seat, if you want to browse around in the library and in the Prayer Room, you must ATTEND THE ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE on the last Thursday in April—April 26th—at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon. There will be time to look around and to renew old acquaintances. Our last meal in the old building will be served at 6 o'clock and the last evening service will take place the same evening at eight. WHAT A DAY THAT WILL BE! No T.B.C. graduate or former student can possibly afford to remain away on this occasion. The Bible College is on the march and we want the entire family present when we strike tents.

A splendid Conference will be held in the afternoon, Rev. George Booth ('16) of China presiding. The subject for consideration is "THE ENLARGING OPPORTUNITY OF THE TORONTO BIBLE COLLEGE". The topic will be discussed from two angles. First, Rev. W. T. Steven, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Toronto, will speak on "The T.B.C. as a Conservative Influence in Theology." This will be followed by an address on "The T.B.C. as an agency of Practical Christian Service" by Rev. Dr. O. G. Dale, of Dovercourt Presbyterian church, Toronto. There will be an open conference following the addresses, and the Secretary will present the proposed new Alumni constitution for consideration and adoption. Kindly write the undersigned at 110 College Street, Toronto 2, to say you will be present on April 26th.

Make new friends but keep the old,

These are silver, those are gold.

MEET YOUR OLD FRIENDS IN THE OLD
COLLEGE—APRIL 26TH.

D. A. Burns,

(Secretary Alumni Association.)

A Changed Life

The following testimony given a few weeks ago by a convert in The Yonge Street Mission, illustrates the influence of the Bible College Evangelistic Band.

I was born in Great Yarmouth, England, and came to Canada after dissipating a promising business in which my people (proprietors of one of the largest departmental stores in Great Yarmouth) had placed me. My grandfather was a Baptist minister, and I had two uncles also in the ministry.

I served four years and 198 days with the Canadian overseas forces, was wounded twice, took my discharge in England, and married a woman of considerable means. I went into business in my father-in-law's store, lived absolutely free of rent, rates, taxes, food, everything, and could have saved \$250.00 per month had I wished.

There was a wine and spirit department in this store, and in twelve months I had delirium tremens once, was twice through the Keely Institute and had broken my wife's heart.

The climax came when I barricaded myself in my smoking room with a large supply of liquor, food and candles (in case they cut off the light). I also filled the bath to the brim (in case they cut off the water). For days

I drank steadily. It was no uncommon thing for me to consume two bottles of wine and half a bottle of brandy before six in the morning. Drink-maddened I crept into my wife's room with a drawn knife in my hand, meaning to kill her and commit suicide, but her coolness saved the situation.

I left England, and wandered all over the world, sinking lower and lower in the dives of Port Said, the drinking dens of Cape Town, the Chinese quarter of Sydney, the cafes of Buenos Aires and Montivideo.

At last I returned to Canada, and one night went into the Yonge Street Mission, friendless, hopeless and penniless. I did not pay much attention to the speaker's utterances, but the happy faces of the Toronto Bible College students on the platform, convinced me they had something I had never possessed. Then a text on the wall caught my eye, "This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his trouble."

The next day I had a talk with Mr. Davis, the result being that today I am firm on the Rock, a member of a church, a Sunday School teacher, my wife expects to join me in Canada this summer, and last but not least, my troubled heart has found peace.

Current Events in the College

So here we are in the middle of the last term of the session. This term has been just as full as ever; lectures, prayer meetings, evangelistic assignments, and study.

We have missed Mr. McKendry this term, for he has made a very warm place in our hearts. One Wednesday morning a whole hour was set apart in which the Faculty and student body joined in special prayer for his recovery.

We are glad to have with us several former graduates home on furlough, who are taking some of the lectures; Miss Booth, Miss Kreiek, Miss Botterell, Miss McDougall and Messrs. George and John Bell. Being on the missionary prayer list their names were familiar to us, but names are not the same as real live missionaries.

The Senior class are struggling these days with Homiletic outlines for Dr. Weston. Of course we talk very

learnedly to the Juniors about expository, textual and topical sermons. This is the kind of thing one hears in the Library. "Whatever is the main topic in this passage?" "Who's got that commentary?" "I've written my introduction and conclusion but I can't think of any main headings!"

At our Social evening we had an innovation in the form of a debate. "Resolved that social service should be advocated and practised by the Church". The debaters were very enthusiastic and produced several hearty laughs. The judges who were three of the evening students gave the

decision in favor of the negative. After the debate Mr. Russell Graham gave us an illustrated lecture on India.

Students who have recently graduated will be interested to know that the 1922 class have presented us with a brand new piano, which many of us have surreptitiously tried out.

The next event of the term is the devotional meeting, to be held next Friday night. It will probably be the last one held in this College building, so it is most fitting that our Principal should be the speaker for the evening.

Some Stray Thoughts

It was about 5 o'clock one winter afternoon. The last student had collected his books, put on his hat and coat and hurried off. As the soft twilight settled down I slipped into a seat by a pillar and the peace and quiet of the deserted hall filled my heart.

I looked at the motto on the wall and remembered how it had impressed me the first day I entered here. I wondered if the Word of Christ had been richly dwelling in my heart, or whether I had become so accustomed to these words that they had lost their meaning.

These bare brown walls have a stateliness and beauty of their own. What sacred memories cling to them! What secrets they could tell of lives enriched and consecrations made! My thoughts strayed to those other lives that have been moulded here in days gone by.

"The old order changeth", and soon these walls will be pulled down. But I realized then, that winter afternoon, that the fellowship of the College rests not in material things, dear though they may be, but in the spiritual reality that unites us all in one.

News of the T.B.C. Family

A daughter (Lois Ann) was born to Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Groh (Ada Headings '25), on the 7th of January at Canton, Ohio.

A daughter (Lillian Evelyn) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dodham, at Birchcliffe, Toronto, on September 7th.

Stella M. Warring ('26) was married to Geo. C. Reeve ('24) at Miango, Northern Nigeria, on January 6th.

Elizabeth Amy Marwood ('26) was married to Harold K. Dancy ('24) at

Miango, Northern Nigeria on January 6th.

Ruth Ellen Headings ('15) was married to Lloyd B. Millar at Canton, Ohio, on January 21st. Their address is 602 Ninth Street North West, Canton, Ohio.

Dorothy W. French ('26) was married to Mr. Glenn P. LaRue on March 2nd at Shanghai, China.

Walter R. T. Romain ('22) was married on December 23rd to Miss Betty Clark, of Wilson, North Caro-

lina. Mr. Romain is continuing his course of study at the theological seminary in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Joseph Taylor ('26) is under appointment by the India and Ceylon General Mission and will be sailing for his field of service this summer.

Constance Bissex ('26) is engaged in City Mission work in Hamilton.

Lillian Benner ('23) has been appointed to service in South America by the Inland South American Missionary Union and expects to sail in May.

Beatrice Jackson ('27) sailed from New York on February 18th for her field of service in Northern Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission.

W. Sheldon Dodds ('27) is Pastor of the North Darien Baptist Church at Darien, New York.

Miss Annie Soper, whose splendid work in the hospital at Moyobamba, Peru, South America, was referred to in the September number of *The Recorder*, is now at home in England resting after the strain of her very strenuous work in that pioneer field.

Miss Mary Martin who was a student in the College during last session is now teaching in the training school of the Gospel Missionary Union in Kansas City. She expects soon to go to Africa for missionary service.

Marjorie Laskey ('23) was married on the 19th of last May to Mr. Mervin P. Morningstar, of Detroit. They are both now in the training college of the Salvation Army in Chicago. They hope ultimately to go to the foreign field.

S. Frank Page ('20) who has been taking a University and a Normal School course in Edmonton, Alberta, was taken ill some time ago with infantile paralysis. He is at present in

the hospital there making progress towards recovery. We trust his health will soon be fully restored.

There is a small group of Bible College graduates in New York City who are keeping their Bible College fellowship alive. They are Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar C. Berg, of Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koffend, who are in the Biblical Seminary in New York, and Mr. George Page who is in the Boys' Department of the Brooklyn Y.M.C.A.

Edward Haugh ('26) has written to say that his proposed trip into the interior of Brazil, announced in the last Recorder, had to be abandoned, and a married couple sent instead, as the Government of the country prefers to have married couples go in among the Indians.

We deeply regret to record the death of the wife of the Rev. Geo. A. Williams ('13). As Miss Edith Foote she took her course in the College about sixteen years ago. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Williams spent some time in the home mission work of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. They were afterwards appointed to the foreign field and went out to Formosa. There they rendered valued service in the evangelization of that Island. Mrs. Williams' health gave way and they returned nearly three years ago. For some time she seemed to be getting better, but it was only a temporary improvement. Through all her illness she maintained that bright and courageous faith which characterized all her life. She passed into the presence of her Lord on New Year's Day. Mr. Williams is a past president of the Alumni Association and the deep sympathy of all the friends of the College goes out to him and the four children who are left behind.