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Gratitude and Thanksgiving

This number of the "Recorder" is sent out with a deep sense of gratitude. The transition session has passed into history. The things that happened unto us have fallen out for the furtherance of the cause of Christ and of the interests of His kingdom among us. The homeless condition of the College has served to manifest the secret of its life and the efficiency of its work. The session closed on as high a level as has ever been attained.

The task of providing a new building has revealed, as perhaps nothing else would have done, how fully the College enjoys the confidence of its friends and the good will of the Christian public, while it has brought out anew the loyalty and devotion of its students and Alumni. The annual meeting of the Board of Governors and Advisory Council, on the after-

noon of the closing day, was very largely attended, and the encouraging character of the reports concerning both the work of the session and the progress of the new building made thanksgiving and praise the key notes of the discussion which followed them.

We are looking forward with great hopefulness to the new College home. The building is nearing completion and will be ready for occupation, it is expected, by the beginning of August. It will be in every way worthy and suitable, with its chaste and dignified exterior and its splendid arrangement of lecture rooms and offices. The best work and the best materials are being put into it. The Board of Governors are making plans to dedicate the building with suitable services at the opening of the next session.

The Principal's Report

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Board and Council on the afternoon of April 26th

The Thirty-Fifth session of the Toronto Bible College has been carried on under unique conditions. It was opened on September 18th in the old building at 110 College Street where the work had its home for thirty years. Ten days afterwards, under arrangements made with the University of Toronto for the expropriation of the building, the College moved out and its work was scattered. The offices and headquarters were located in the building where the Board and Council are holding their meeting to-day. The Regular Classes re-assembled on October 1st in Knox Church, the Session and Board of Managers having graciously granted the use of the Sunday School hall and the lecture room for five days each week. The Evening Classes moved over to Zion Chapel, where the overflow classes of the Regular Course had been meeting for several years.

Thus, throughout the rest of the session, the work was carried on without a College home and without a central meeting place. It might have been expected that under these circumstances it would lose something of its efficiency. Instead of that, however, we are able to present a report which reveals no weakness anywhere and proves that the Bible College does not depend for its vitality upon temporal circumstances. For all this we are deeply grateful to Him whose good hand has been so manifestly guiding us.

1 Registration of Students

The total number of students enrolled in all classes during the session was 406.

A. The Regular Course.

In the Regular Classes the total registration was 174 as against 162 last year and 197 the year before.

These students were distributed among the three years of the course as follows: 1st Year—28 men and 51 women, total 79; 2nd Year—15 men and 29 women, total 44; 3rd Year—10 men and 30 women, total 40. Special students including graduates and missionaries—2 men and 9 women, total 11. In all 55 men and 119 women.

The geographical distribution of this body of students is as follows: 46 came from Toronto, 98 from other parts of Ontario, 5 from Quebec, 3 from New Brunswick, 5 from Alberta, 4 from the United States, 2 from England, 1 from Norway, 3 from missionary families in China, while 7 were returned missionaries at home on furlough from Africa, India, China and Korea.

Their denominational classification is as follows: Anglican 4, Baptist 88, Presbyterian 12, United Church 18, Associated Gospel Churches 12, Mennonite 9, Evangelical 3, Brethren 3, Christian Missionary Alliance 3, Disciples of Christ 1, Congregational 1, Advent Christian 1, Undenominational 19. It will be seen that more than two-thirds of the student body belong to the four major denominations in Canada, while the others are distributed among nine of the smaller but no less important branches of the Christian church.

B. The Evening Classes.

The enrolment in the Evening Classes was 232 as against 248 last year. Of these 43 were men and 189 were women.

This body of young people was distributed denominationally as follows: Anglican 29, Baptist 72, Presbyterian 47, United Church 38, Mennonite 4, Salvation Army 4, Brethren 3, Christian and Missionary Alliance 3, Dis-

ciples of Christ 3, Free Methodists 3, Congregational 2, Pentecostal 2, Advent Christian 1, Methodist Episcopal 1, Undenominational 20. Eighty per cent. of the students enrolled were from the four major denominations, while the rest were distributed among ten of the smaller denominations. Taking the Day and Evening Class enrolment together we find that 16 branches of the Christian church were represented among the student body this session.

No fewer than 88 separate churches in all parts of the city (and probably more, as our figures in this respect are not complete) were represented in the Evening Classes. They include 11 Anglican churches, 24 Baptist churches, 11 Presbyterian churches, 21 United churches and 21 churches of other Christian groups. This fact alone is sufficient to indicate that the wide spread influence which the Bible College exercises among the Christian young people of the city did not suffer any loss during the year.

2 Work of the Staff

The full curriculum of the College was followed out through the session. Each member of the staff, including Mr. Hyde, Dr. Weston, Dr. Waters and Mr. Shildrick together with the Principal, carried on his full share of the work of instruction.

To supplement their work, four special lecturers gave very valuable help. Rev. Dr. McTavish lectured once each week to the senior class on the Life and Teaching of Christ. In sending in the returns of his work at the end of the session he wrote, "The interest in my class was everything that could be desired. The results show what splendid work the students have done in a rather difficult subject." Rev. Dixon Burns lectured once each week on Religious Pedagogy to the junior class. The Rev. Walter T. Steven took up English Literature twice a

week with a group of the First Year students. Rev. Elmore Loney conducted junior and senior classes in New Testament Greek two days each week.

Taking the work as a whole we believe the instruction in the classroom has never been more thorough and efficient than during the past session. The interest of the students was maintained, and as the session drew towards the end a deepening spirit was manifested. In no previous year have we seen more marked evidence of that strong, well-balanced, combination of intellectual and spiritual development which is the ideal of the Bible College training.

The same may be said of the Evening Classes. They were conducted as formerly on two evenings each week, but a change was made in the plan. Instead of two classes each night, it was arranged that each instructor should take a whole evening and finish his subject in one term. Accordingly, during the fall term Mr. Hyde took Tuesday night and the Principal took Thursday night. After the New Year Dr. Weston took Thursday night, but instead of the Principal taking Tuesday night as had been announced, Mr. Hyde was requested to continue. So much interest had been aroused in his teaching of the Gospel of John which he had not been able to finish, that he agreed to carry it on throughout the winter. His class was continued to the end of the session with evident tokens of spiritual blessing.

3 The Student Activities

The peculiar conditions under which the College work was carried on during the session created certain limitations for the student activities. The principal difficulty arose from the absence of the lunch room and the fellowship it afforded. In the old building this had proved of great

value in cultivating acquaintance among the students and in developing the College spirit. It was also a radiating centre for some of the College activities. The loss in this respect, however, was largely made up by the spacious and comfortable accommodation so generously put at the disposal of the College by the congregation of Knox Church.

The principle of self-government which dominates all the life of the student body was put to a test this year which it never had to face before. Not only have the students splendidly stood this test but they have shown how thoroughly this principle has taken hold of all the life and fellowship of the Bible College, and how satisfactorily it works. The Cabinet, or the Executive Council, chosen by the students themselves which presided over the student activities during the year was composed as follows: Mr. Ernest Tathan, President; Mr. Alex. McLean, Leader of the Evangelistic Society; Mr. Rowland Simpkins, Leader of the Missionary Society; Miss Grace Ferris, Superintendent of the Girls' Department, and Miss Doris McCandless, Secretary.

(1) *The Evangelistic Work.*

From the reports of the Evangelistic Society and its various departments we gather the following summary: Sunday evening Gospel meetings in various churches and missions 14, Gospel meetings held weekly at Yonge Street Mission 26, Noon hour factory meetings held in three centres 65, miscellaneous Sunday services 115, and miscellaneous week-day services 109. This makes a total of 329 services at which the reports show there was an aggregate attendance of 16,412.

In addition to this the students assisted in Sunday School work all over the city; 110 of them (34 men, 76

women) serving as regular teachers in 56 churches of 10 different denominations, while 30 other students served as supply teachers in 13 churches. As an illustration of the definite purpose which these students keep before them in teaching Sunday School classes let me quote from one of the weekly reports handed in towards the end of the session by a First Year student who has been teaching in one of the large churches of the city, "Above are names and addresses of girls in my Sunday School class at Dovercourt Rd. Presbyterian Church who professed to accept Christ as their Saviour on Easter Sunday. They quite understood what they were doing as we have been stressing man's need of salvation and God's provision for it during the whole quarter. The risen Saviour won them, thank God!" There were eleven names on the report.

The hospital visiting was also carried on in the same efficient and purposeful way. A small group of students visited one or other of the larger hospitals every week, except during the period when the hospitals were closed on account of the flu. Two other groups of four each conducted services every Sunday morning in the wards of the General Hospital. The Superintendent of the Hospital Visiting for the city has spoken in warm terms of the value of these Sunday morning services, and of the wise and tactful way in which these young people have carried them on, not only winning the favour of the patients but the approval of doctors and nurses as well. A summary of the hospital reports shows that 163 personal visits were made with a total of at least 880 separate interviews. Very few weeks passed in which no conversions were reported as a result of the patient work of the hospital visitors.

A review of the weekly reports of the practical work done by the students shows that at least 1,821 persons were dealt with individually and that 188 decisions for Christ were recorded during the session. These figures do not tell all the story. Complete reports were not possible under the unusual circumstances of the session, but those that have been recorded are sufficient to show that the streams of evangelizing influences flowing from the Bible College through the city are running as full and strong as ever.

And besides, there is much that cannot be recorded in tabulated reports. Two such cases for example may be cited: Two of the men in the senior class have been engaged all through the winter in visiting among the Jewish people of the city. One of the First Year girls, acting as secretary of an organization whose object is to encourage the reading of the Gospels among school children, has been in correspondence with over 1,000 children scattered through the loneliest parts of Canada from Newfoundland to British Columbia. By personal letters explaining the way of salvation she has been the means of winning for Christ quite a number of these boys and girls.

(2) *The Missionary Interest.*

The Missionary Society carried on the usual programme so far as it was possible under the altered conditions. Weekly meetings were held on Wednesday afternoon at which missionaries were heard who represented the great mission fields of the world including China, Japan, Korea, India, Africa, South America, Russia, Labrador and also missions among foreigners in our own land and among the Jews.

The Thursday morning prayer meeting was maintained for special intercession in behalf of the members of the Bible College family scattered

abroad and of the missionary work of the world. 101 noon hour prayer meetings were also held when small groups of students met for special prayer for fields in which they were specially interested.

A number of mission study groups were organized which met each week for the special study of particular fields, or for the consideration of the practical preparation of the missionary.

Since the session opened nine recent students have sailed for fields in South America, China, Africa, Persia and Manchuria under five different missionary boards.

(3) *The Student Fellowship.*

Although there was no central meeting place, yet the students were able to maintain their common spirit and fellowship remarkably well. The whole life and work of the College has depended all along on the daily practice of united prayer. In the old building the room where the students used to meet for this purpose had come to be called the Prayer Room. It was known as the power house. When this room had to be abandoned with the building the power remained. On the very first day the College moved into Knox Church the students met for prayer before the classes assembled, and this early morning prayer meeting was continued without intermission until the end of the session.

Before the fall term was very far on a few of the young men, feeling the need of more time for united prayer, began to meet every Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock for a quiet period of waiting on God. A month or so afterwards a group of the young women, moved by the same deep earnestness of purpose, began to meet for the same object every Friday morning at the same hour. Here lies the secret of the uninterrupted blessing

of the year. Whatever else they may miss, whatever mistakes they may make, these young people see to it that they do not lose their contact with the secret springs of life and power.

And their social life was not forgotten. In the fall term a social gathering of the Day and Evening students together was held in the Sunday School hall of St. James' Square United Church, which had been very kindly offered to them for the occasion by the minister and the session. In the winter term the Young People's Society of Knox Presbyterian Church entertained the whole student body at one of their weekly meetings, when a very happy evening was spent together. The annual spring outing which usually follows the closing examinations and gives much needed relief after the strain of the session, was held this week, and wound up with a supper in the new building of the Church of the Deaf.

4 The Graduating Class

It is a curious fact that the present Third Year began with the largest enrolment of any First Year in the history of the College—exactly 100—while the number who have succeeded in fulfilling the conditions required for the diploma is the smallest of the last four years, being only 28. It is true that a large proportion of those who enrolled three years ago did so without intending to take a full course. Some others were prevented from completing their course by providential reasons and some by getting married. Whatever causes may have contributed to the large falling off in this class, yet one fact at least is made clear. While no academic tests are required for entrance, yet regular attendance and a certain standard of progress and attainment are the conditions of graduation. In order to

receive the diploma of the College, perseverance and singleness of purpose are required on the part of the student. It should be said on behalf of those who receive the diploma this year, that no group of graduating students have reached a higher average on their final examinations or given more satisfactory evidence of progress throughout the three years of their course.

In the Evening Classes eleven young people who have been attending the classes for three years, some of them for a longer time, have passed the necessary examinations and are entitled to receive the College certificate.

5 The Outlook for the Future

It will be evident from the above report that the Bible College is ready to enter upon the new era which is opening up before it. Recent events now known to all have vindicated the wisdom of the Board in waiting for a providential leading before taking definite steps to determine the future of the steadily growing work of the College. The new site now chosen, so favorably located, and the new building now nearing completion, so worthy of the work, both bear witness to the carefulness and thoroughness with which the Board have improved the opportunity that came. The hand of God has been so manifest through it all that the College can now go forward with devout thanksgiving for the past and with confidence and hope for the future.

As we take up the work in the new building no change should be made in the curriculum or in the principles of the College. These have been fully tried and tested during the past years. But there are some things we shall need to keep in mind as we move on.

1. The enlargement and strengthening of the staff. An additional in-

structor on the permanent staff, suitably equipped and giving his full time to the work, will be needed to carry on the curriculum next session, while more help will be required for the office.

2. The building up of the library. This could not be done in the limited space at our disposal in the old building. The library should at once be organized and catalogued, and provision should be made for its continuous growth.

3. The development of the Evening Classes. It is obvious that great numbers of young people throughout the churches of the city are earnestly desirous of systematic Bible teaching and of training in Christian life and service. The Bible College will now be in a much better position to minister to their needs. While the old classes should be continued, it will be possible also to provide some special training for leaders of Young People's societies and for Sunday School teachers.

4. New departments. Although the curriculum of the College requires no change in its character and contents, yet it may need to be extended in one or two directions. On the one

hand it may be necessary to provide a preparatory year for those students whose academic equipment is not sufficient for them to benefit by the curriculum. And on the other hand it may become necessary to provide a post graduate year for students who desire a further equipment in some of the specialized subjects of ministerial education.

The Bible College method of advance has not been to lay down plans and push them through, but to wait upon the Lord for providential leadings and to follow them when they are given. It is not yet clear what lines of development the College will be called to take, but it stands ready to follow whenever the lead becomes clear. It has been raised up among the churches of Canada to serve the will of God in this day and generation, and to minister to the coming of His Kingdom. Its business is to bear witness to the unity of the faith, to magnify those living verities which are the common heritage of all Christians, and to send out into all the world young men and women who know the Word of God and can lead others into the way of life. May it never be found worthy of this high calling.

A New Appointment

The Board of Governors have invited Rev. Dixon A. Burns, B.A., B.Th., pastor of St. John's Road Baptist Church, to join the staff as Superintendent of Student Activities. Mr. Burns is a graduate of the Bible College and also a graduate of McMaster University in Arts and Theology.

Immediately after finishing his course in the College, in 1916, he entered the ministry. His first pastorate was at Todmorden on the northeast of Toronto, where he established Bethany Baptist Church. In 1920

he was called to his present charge in the west of Toronto, where he has built up a flourishing church with a large Sunday School and a very active Young People's Society.

During his pastorates, Mr. Burns has pursued his studies at McMaster. He has accomplished the difficult task of securing both the Arts and the Theological degree while carrying on successfully the work of his congregation and serving also as one of the leaders of the Young People's work in the denomination.

By his experience and his training. Mr. Burns is well equipped for the post to which the Board have called him. His personal qualities, his sympathetic understanding of the Bible College principles and methods, and his wide familiarity with the members of the T. B. C. family also add to his qualifications for a place on the staff of the College.

He will enter upon his work when the College moves into the new building, and give his whole time to it.

He will keep in personal touch with the students and supervise their various activities, having a separate office in the new building for that purpose. He will also give some time to lecturing, his special subjects being Religious Pedagogy and Pastoral Theology. In his capacity of Secretary of the Alumni Association he will be able to give more time to correspondence with former students and so help to link up the whole T. B. C. family with the new College home.

A Descriptive Account of the Closing Exercises

(By D. A. W.)

The dampness of spring failed to dampen the enthusiasm and interest which for years have been manifested in connection with our annual Graduation Exercises. This year we assembled in the Trinity United Church, Bloor and Robert Streets, a church with a seating capacity of 1800 besides the choir, and the building was packed. Late comers who did not desire to march up the aisles to the corner seats on the right and on the left of the pulpit chose to stand. We never recall having attended exercises which were characterized by such an evenness of tone or uniformity of excellence. From first to last the evening's proceedings were marked by a ripeness of devotion and a sanity of judgment that greatly impressed the listening congregation.

Dr. R. P. MacKay, in his matchless manner, guided the meeting throughout. The opening exercises were conducted by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. L. Armstrong, D.D. (The College must feel indebted to the session of this church for the use of its beautiful and commodious auditorium). Principal McNicol made a compact statement concerning the work of the year, and Mr. R. C. Kilgour, a member of the Board's Executive Committee, gave a comprehen-

sive and concise report on the progress of the new building, which could not fail to impress upon the audience the fact that God's guiding hand is upon this institution and its work.

The musical items on the programme were ably rendered under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Shildrick. The exceedingly large choir, with the white foreground of young women and dark background of men, was most impressive. The addresses of Mr. Ernest Tatham, Mr. Harold Brown and Miss Aileen Ratz were well thought out and well delivered. Their themes were, respectively, "Christ, the Wisdom of God", "Fishing for Men", and "God's One Unfailing Purpose". The climax of the great meeting found the vast audience on its feet, immediately after the presentation of diplomas and certificates, being led in a prayer of dedication by the saintly Canon Osborne Troop.

Reverting, in conclusion, to the meeting of the Students and Alumni, held in Knox Church on the preceding evening, we were impressed by the sense of the divine presence in our midst. Indeed, at all the services in connection with this year's closing exercises, the impression of the leadership of the unseen, divine Guide was very real. It had been feared that,

the College being on an itinerary, our Alumni meeting might suffer. The fact is, however, it was, if anything, a little larger than usual. A number of former students had come in from outside points and several missionaries, home from their various fields, were present, among them Mr. and Mrs. Victor Veary, who had just arrived from Central Africa after a three months' journey. The Bible College spirit is not confined to brick and mortar. It is an intangible reality possessed by all who have been identified with the College. The experience of the past year has proven this, and has greatly encouraged those who are engaged in the work.

We are compelled to pass over the reports of the Student Activities, for

we understand that they will be summarized elsewhere in this issue. But we desire to tell our friends in all parts of the world that the addresses of Mr. Louis E. Chinal, '06, of New York, and Rev. George Booth, '16, of the China Inland Mission, were most inspiring and will long be remembered. Mr. Booth is on his way back to his work in China, as we write, and Mr. Chinal is engaged in business in Wall Street, New York. What a contrast of conditions and environment! Yet the same Christ is sufficient for both, and the experience gained at Toronto Bible College leads one man to witness in the heart of China and another man to witness in the financial heart of New York City.

The One Unfailing Purpose

An Address delivered by Miss Aileen Katz at the Graduation Exercises on April 25th

Deep within the recesses of the human heart lies a thirst for reality. History and biography prove this truth, and experience and observation of life have confirmed the words of Him who said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again"—this earthly water of pleasure, wealth, fame and ambition. But with true wisdom He adds, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." The One who uttered those words had come to fulfil God's unfailing purpose—the redemption of all life, and of human life in particular, for Himself.

As we look down the avenue of the ages, from the time of man's creation, we can see the hand of God working out His redemptive purpose which He had planned long before the crown of His creation, man, had been marred by the work of Satan, His enemy.

Side by side with the black thread of sin, all through the ages ran the blood-red thread of sacrifice, until both were gathered up in the one supreme act of redemption—the death of Christ on the Cross. The cost of God's purpose to redeem the world was His only Son. Did He withhold Him? "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son."

"Under an eastern sky,
Amid a rabble's cry,
A Man went forth to die
For me."

All of God's unfailing purpose was centralized in Jesus Christ. The saints of the Old Testament looked forward to something God was going to do for their redemption, and Christians look back to what He has accomplished. The same event made redemption possible for all. It was the sacrifice of the man who went forth to die for us. That man was none other than God Himself, in the

person of His Son. God undertook to do something Himself which would make it possible for the world to be redeemed from sin. That which accomplished our full redemption fell on Him, not on us. No effort of ours could lift a soul from the pit of sin. It is God's work and we receive the benefit of His redemptive purpose only when we cease our own efforts to save ourselves, and trust in His redeeming blood, for "He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed."

It is said that four hundred thousand crushed roses are required to produce one ounce of attar of roses, but when the Rose of Sharon was bruised for our iniquities the fragrance of God's love filled all heaven and earth.

At the Cross the veil of the temple was rent in twain and personal access to God made possible. God's unfulfilling purpose had been accomplished in His Son, Who, by His death, had opened the way for fellowship with Himself. Bearing our sins in His own body on the tree, Christ made it possible for "whosoever will" to have his thirst for true fulness of life satisfied.

God, through Christ on the Cross, did something which made redemption an eternal fact and brought the Kingdom of Heaven into actual being as a spiritual order. A new world was opened up to believers—the world of unseen reality. It is a new creation which is not of this world. All true Christians are profoundly conscious of the fact that they have passed into a new order of life which is based on the redemptive work of Christ in His death and resurrection.

To them, Christ is a living reality. They look at this world with an entirely different point of view from others, because they are members of a new order whose seat and centre is in another world and whose head is the risen and glorified Redeemer of the world, Jesus Christ.

These material things which we now touch and handle are but temporal and will pass away, but the unseen realities, which are no less real because they are invisible, are the only things which will remain through time and eternity. Beneath the seen a great unseen is resting, and the Christian who will take time for fellowship with God, may live in this wonderful order of unseen reality. It was for this God planned His great redemption—that we might have that glorious life of reality which comes from fellowship with Him, and that in this way our thirst for true life might be fully satisfied.

Although the Cross was the guarantee that the fulfilment of God's unfulfilling purpose, the redemption of the world, would be realized ultimately, yet its consummation awaits the return of our Lord and King. Then only can the complete redemption of those who have believed on Him take place and the glorious unseen reality be carried triumphantly, in visible manifestation, into this material order in which we now live. Then right will be forever on the throne, and, "The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

To all who have faith in His unfulfilling purpose, He has given the wonderful privilege of making that purpose known in all the world. In His redeemed people He is still at work carrying out His purpose to fulfilment, but

"He has no hands but our hands
 To do His work to-day;
 He has no feet but our feet
 To lead men in His way;
 He has no tongues but our tongues
 To tell men how He died;
 He has no help but our help
 To bring them to His side.
 What if our hands are busy
 With other work than His?
 What if our feet are walking
 Where sin's allurements is?
 What if our tongues are speaking
 Of things His lips would spurn?
 How can we hope to help Him,
 Or hasten His return?

The great world-heart is aching,
 aching fiercely for the reality of life
 and the peace which passeth under-
 standing, and how can we hold our
 peace if we withhold it? God calls
 us to invest our lives in His service.
 We all invest our lives whether we
 want to or not—for good or evil, and
 the question each one of us must de-
 cide as we stand at the threshold of
 life's service is, "Shall I regard my
 life as a career or a calling?" Both
 classes have made untold contribu-
 tions to the healing of the world's
 need, but only those who recognize
 life's service as a call from God can
 satisfy the need of a dying world
 for life. To the person who thinks
 of life's service as a career, there
 arises the question of personal com-
 fort, public display or earthly power,
 but the one to whom life's service is
 the call of God, has the joyful assur-
 ance of being in the will of God,
 which is the supreme place in the
 universe.

True investment of life lies not in
 self-seeking, but in self-sacrifice and
 loyal devotion to the part He has
 given us to fulfil in His great unfail-
 ing purpose. Jesus stated it forever
 in these words, "He that loseth his
 life for My sake shall find it", and
 the wonder of it is that we find our

lives the moment we lose them in Him
 —find the reality which alone makes
 life worth living. He that finds his
 life in God's calling shall have the
 power of God to fulfil His calling.
 The way to find our lives in God's
 calling is to trust in Him, then to
 work with Him, but the full realiza-
 tion of life will come only when we
 are able to trust in Him, and work
 with Him in full sympathy and with
 a deep understanding of His purpose
 —the redemption of human life for
 fellowship with Himself.

A poor, blind boy was operated
 upon by a skilful oculist. After he
 had recovered, his mother led him out
 to the garden and gave him his first
 view of sunshine and flowers. "O,
 mother", he cried, "why did you not
 tell me it was so beautiful?" The
 tears started as she replied, "I tried
 to tell you, my dear, but you could
 not understand." So must the spiri-
 tual eyes be opened if spiritual glories
 are to be discerned. But how can the
 spiritual eyes be opened unless those
 who have beheld the King in His
 beauty, answer to His call to tell
 others of the purpose for which He
 came—that purpose which He Him-
 self disclosed when He said, "The
 Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, be-
 cause He hath anointed Me to preach
 the gospel to the poor; He hath sent
 Me to heal the broken-hearted and to
 preach deliverance to the captives
 and recovering of sight to the blind."

"I heard Christ call,
 'Come, follow', that was all;
 My gold grew dim,
 My soul went after Him;
 I rose and followed,
 That was all."

May we all who name the name of
 Christ answer His call and invest our
 lives in the part He has given us to
 fill in His unailing purpose—the re-
 demption of the world.

Institut Biblique

By Dorothy Richardson, '28. Nogent-sur-Marne, France.

Burdened with the need of an institute in France, where young men and women could be trained for the service of the Lord in their own country, the Institut Biblique was founded in 1921 by M. le Pasteur and Mme. R. Saillens, in Nogent-sur-Marne, near Paris. This work was not commenced without many trials and prayers on the part of the founders. And because of the small number of evangelical Christians in France, the systematic interest and support of Christians in America and England was also necessary.

The primary purpose of M. Saillens was to train labourers for the work of the gospel in France. In response to the request of certain mission boards in America, it has also become an institute in which missionaries may acquire a knowledge of the French language, preparatory to their work either in France itself or in her colonies. This has become a very important branch of the work, as some ninety-five English-speaking missionaries have, for different periods of time, studied the French language here. But the training of French students is the work which M. Saillens was led to undertake.

Coming from the Toronto Bible College, it was, of course, quite natural to compare the two Bible schools. Being in different countries, there are, needless to say, many differences; but the general impression is that there is much in common.

My first impression was that the same Spirit Who is in control in the Toronto Bible College, is here also. This is manifest in different ways, primarily, I would say, in the spirit of prayer. The students meet in a body, and in small groups, regularly throughout the week. The fruit of

the Spirit is also seen in the harmony in which the students dwell and in the kindness and love that is shown among them.

The doctrinal basis of the Institut Biblique is in perfect accord with our own teaching. The motto of the school is, "Le Christ tout entier, dans la Bible tout entiere"—"The whole Christ in the whole Bible."

It was also interesting to note that the same truths that are being emphasized in our own country to-day are foremost here. I would say that the truth that is given the foremost emphasis is the divine inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. After that, the personal return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The third is the natural outcome of the other two, an interest in missions, and the desire to respond to our responsibility for spreading the gospel, both at home and abroad.

Another bond of union which should be appreciated by every true T.B.C'ite is the "honour roll", by which the students are notified as to when they may have the privilege of doing the dishes!

Students leaving the Institut have many places of labour open to them. Some are in foreign fields, some in churches in France, and others are in different branches of Christian work. In fact, the demand for Christian workers in France is greater than can be supplied by the Institut with its present number of students. But they, as we, leave their College with a desire to preach the gospel, and to witness for Christ in whatever way He may choose.

There is a great need here, the burden of which may be shared by their fellow Christians in America. The greatest need is for more French

students. Pray that more of their own young people may respond to the opportunity of studying the Word of God here. And will you pray for the French students who do attend? As there are so few evangelical churches in France, many of the students come, not only without the financial support

or prayers of their churches or parents, but in the face of real opposition from them. It is only by God's miraculous care that their needs can be supplied. Pray also that the Institut Biblique may be used by the Lord to turn the people of France to Himself.

Diplomas and Certificates

Presented at the Graduation Exercises, April 26th

The following students who completed the regular three years' course of the College, passed the required examinations and met all the conditions necessary for graduation, received the College Diploma:

Bruce Melville Brillinger.....	Toronto
Harold Alexander Brown.....	North Bay, Ont.
Miranda A. Brown.....	Mildmay, Ont.
Harold Chambers.....	Beamsville, Ont.
Martha Sybilla Bickel.....	Neustadt, Ont.
Edith Grace Ferris.....	Courtland, Ont.
Florence Rachel Fletcher.....	Upham, N.B.
Mrs. Merritt H. French.....	Calgary, Alta.
Evelyn Gertrude Harrow.....	Freeman, Ont.
Ella Freda Hildebrand.....	Hercules, Alta.
Caroline Frances Leader.....	London, Ont.
Sarah Amelia Lunn.....	Saint John, N.B.
Mabel Irene Lyon.....	Aurora, Ont.
Alice Margaret Nash.....	Brantford, Ont.
Beulah Doris Northey.....	Lakefield, Ont.
Mrs. Christopher W. Sorley.....	Niagara Falls, Ont.
Ruth Lillian Phillips.....	Walter's Falls, Ont.
Aileen May Ratz.....	Elmira, Ont.
Dorothy E. Palmer.....	Stratford, Ont.
Ralph Cuyler Rumball.....	Toronto
Hilda Stephens.....	Picton, Ont.
Rowland Simpkins.....	Toronto
Charles Ernest Tatham.....	Toronto
Velma Dorothy Turner.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
Gertrude Irene Tooke.....	Port Sydney, Ont.
Mrs. Harry Taylor.....	Mimico, Ont.
Janet Vanderwell.....	Keephills, Alta.
Mary Vickers.....	Hamilton, Ont.

A Certificate for attendance throughout the regular three years' course and for evidence of consecration and fitness for Christian service was granted to

Lillian Rose Greenslade.....Ingersoll, Ont.

The following students who completed the three years' course of study in the Evening Classes received the College Certificate:

Margaret Florence Algeo	Edgar J. Gunter
Doris Barrow	Norma Jane Manning
Vera Carson	Gladys Aileen Pow
Lena Florence Clark	Mrs. Jean A. Tranter
Helena Matilda Griffith	Mrs. Betty R. Weeks
Kathleen Elizabeth Marguerite McGarrie	

The following students of the regular classes received special certificates in Music for Gospel song leading:

Martha S. Bickel	Aileen Ratz
Bruce Brillinger	Ralph Rumball
Miranda A. Brown	Rowland Simpkins
E. Grace Ferris	Mrs. Christopher W. Sorley
Mrs. Merritt H. French	Velma Turner
Margaret Nash	Janet Vanderwell
	Geo. E. Webb

News of the U. B. C. Family

A son (Arthur Newey) was born on January 4th, at Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson (Grace Pearce '22).

A son (Gerald William) was born on January 21st, at the C.I.M. Station, Tsunyi, Kweichow, China, to Mr. and Mrs. Glen P. LaRue (Dorothy French '26).

A daughter was born on March 8th, at Port Clyde, Maine, to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Baker. Mr. Baker is pastor of the Advent Christian Church and Principal of the Grammar School.

A son (Douglas Hedderly) was born on April 1st, in Paris, France, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith (Laura Ivory '24) of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been familiarizing themselves with the French tongue before going to French Indo-China.

Miss Ethel Rowe ('27), was married on May 7th to Rev. Arthur Leggett ('23), at Coleville, Sask. Their home will be at Kindersley, Sask.,

where Mr. Leggett is minister of the Presbyterian Church.

The marriage of Miss Irene Shields to Mr. Howard Phillips ('28), pastor of the Baptist Church at Benalto, Alta., is announced to take place on June 5th.

Miss Edith Peake ('28) is to succeed Miss Rowe as deaconess in the Coleville Presbyterian Church.

Miss Dorothy Richardson ('28), who sailed in January, under the Sudan Interior Mission, has been studying French at the Institut Biblique near Paris under Rev. Dr. R. Saillens, in preparation for entering the French Sudan. An interesting account of this school from her pen will be found on another page.

Rev. Joseph Koffend ('25) was ordained in Bonar Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on March 26th, and sailed with his wife, in April, for Manchuria. Mr. and Mrs. Koffend will be associated with Dr. and Mrs. Goforth in the new mission of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. George Booth ('16) and Mrs. Booth (Laura Bates, '18) sailed for China with their family in May, after being absent from their field for three years. Mr. Booth has been completely restored to health.

Rev. Harold T. Smith ('24) has been appointed Director of Christian Education in Knox Church, Toronto.

Harold A. Brown and Rowland Simpkins, both of this year's graduating class, are in United Church mission fields in Saskatchewan.

Miss Miranda Brown and Miss Aileen Ratz have entered the Nursing-at-Home Mission in Toronto.

C. Ernest Tatham is engaged in evangelistic work in Ottawa and in the Ottawa Valley.

Orville Thamer and Arthur Homer are working in and around Montreal, in the service of the Scripture Testimony League.

Alex. McLean is visiting among the Jews in Toronto, in the service of the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Robert Allan is on a Baptist Mission field at North Bay.

Miss Gertrude Gibb is going out to Alberta to be associated with Miss Mary Martin in the Prairie Sunday School Mission.

Miss Rose Olsen will be spending the summer in the work of the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Rev. Samuel McNeilly ('16) has left Warsaw, Ill., and is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Joy in the same state.

Miss Lorena Burke, R. N. ('18), after travelling about for several months, has joined the staff of the County Hospital, San Diego, California.

Miss Agnes Slimon of the Evening Classes ('17) has just graduated from St. John's Hospital, Toronto.

Miss Vera Hallman ('18) and Miss Selena Gamber, R.N. ('23), of the Mennonite Mission in Argentine, have returned home on furlough.

Miss Marjorie Palmer ('21) who was in the Baptist Mission in Bolivia, has been obliged to return home on account of ill health.

C. L. Rumbal ('26) was ordained in the Oakwood Baptist Church, Toronto, on April 16th.

Miss Christina Richardson ('27) has entered the service of the Upper Canada Tract Society.

Miss Gladys Stephens ('28) and Miss Mary Vickers ('29) have begun training in St. John's Hospital, Toronto.

Joseph McDermott ('22) and Albert Eikenaar ('24) received their B.Th. degree from McMaster University last month.

Miss Nellie E. Elliott, of the Evening Class of 1904, who has been at home for some time, expects to return this fall to her work as secretary of the Y.W.C.A. in Hong Kong, China.

Fred Darnell has been appointed by the Baptist Mission Board to Dorion, Northern Ontario.

Miss Ella Hildebrand is under appointment to foreign work in Nigeria, under the Sudan United Mission.

John Byers is in charge of Bethel Baptist Church in Orillia.

Mr. Johan E. Anderson, who came from Norway to attend the Toronto Bible College, is working in Northern Ontario, under the Shanty-men's Christian Association.

Louis Daigle, our French-Canadian student, is engaged in evangelistic work in Northern Ontario.

George Rice is in charge of the Welcome Mission in North Toronto.

Miss Martha Bickel is entering the Toronto Nursing-at-Home Mission this month, and Miss Grace Ferris expects to enter later on.

Miss Ruth Phillips, Miss Wilhelmina Hoogstad and Miss Audrey Wood will be assisting at Bowmanville, in the Fresh Air Camp of the Memorial Institute.

The following students will be on the staff of the Bronte Fresh Air Home of the Toronto City Mission:— Miss Annie Wright, Miss Evelyn Harrow, Miss Margaret Macaulay, and James Hutchinson.

Fred Bregman will be assisting at "Pine Crest", the summer camp of the Central Y.M.C.A., at Torrence, Muskoka.

Miss Barbara Beal is assisting in

the work of the Day School Gospel League.

M. A. J. Waters, the son of our secretary, is on the Colleston mission field of the United Church, near Prince Albert, in Northern Saskatchewan.

Mr. Louis Chinal '06, of the firm of Proudfoot & Chinal, New York, motored all the way up to Toronto, with his wife and family, to be present at the closing exercises of the session.

The Cabinet elected to preside over the Student Activities for the next session is composed as follows: D. Orville Thamer (President), George A. Rice (Evangelistic Leader), Ross Almas (Missionary Leader), Lily Poley (Head Girl), Kathleen Anderson (Secretary).

The Thirty-sixth Session of the College will open on Tuesday, the 17th of September. For the Calendar and all information write to the Secretary, Dr. J. M. Waters, at the present headquarters, 760 Spadina Avenue, Toronto, up to September 1st, and at the new address, 16 Spadina Road, after that date.