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The New Bible College Building

Looking Forward

“One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on.” So wrote the great Apostle in describing the character of his Christian life. He did not live upon the experiences of the past, but was ever looking forward. This did not mean that he considered the experiences of the past to be of no value, but that they were allowed to fall behind where they belonged, while he kept pressing forward to the goal which was always farther on.

This principle of progress in spiritual life is also the principle of progress in spiritual work. It has a very important application to our present position in the Bible College. It will not do for us to rest upon the experiences and attainments of the past years. Our new building has not been given to us for that purpose. It is a challenge, rather, to look forward, and to make ourselves ready for, and to be worthy to enter upon, the larger opportunities of the future.

While we are not to rest upon the past and be content with its attainments, yet the past has given us experiences which will help us in moving forward into the future. Whatever steps we may be called upon to take in developing the work of the College will be but to carry out more fully those principles which have been already tried and proved among us.

First of all there is our Bible-centered curriculum. The primary and fundamental need in Christian education today is a mastery of the English Bible. To this end all Christian scholarship should be directed. Every student who takes the three years' course in the Bible College is taught to read the English Bible through systematically until he knows what it contains. Thus he comes to see rising

out of its pages the majestic march of the redeeming purpose of God as it moved down through the ages. All the rest of the curriculum, and it covers the whole theological field, gathers round this central discipline. The Toronto Bible College will continue to stand for this Bible-centred method of Christian education, and more and more will it bring to bear upon it the resources of Christian scholarship.

Next there is our interdenominational fellowship. Another fundamental need among the churches today is a profounder understanding of what Christianity really is. We believe that this can be most fully secured in such a fellowship and such an atmosphere as we have sought to cultivate in the Toronto Bible College. It is not that the differences between the Christian churches are suppressed or ignored. The students are taught to be loyal to their own church connections and to understand their principles, but they are also taught to cultivate a sympathetic and intelligent understanding of all other churches and their principles. Thus we are enabled to see that Christianity is too large a thing to be confined to any one denomination or to any single church, and that the essential heart of Christianity is common to all denominations and to all churches. The Bible College will continue to stand for a just and true emphasis on the essential reality of Christianity as a whole, and more and more will it seek to make its own vital contribution to its various branches as represented in the Christian churches.

Furthermore, there is our practical and missionary objective. It is a third great and pressing need today that the work of the Lord should get done in the world. In the midst of all the varieties of Christian activity that are

being carried on in this busy and confused age, there is danger of missing that. The supreme business of the church is to bring men and women into allegiance to the Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim to all the world the redemption which He has accomplished. Whatever attention may be given in the future to specialized forms of training, this one main pur-

pose of all Christian service will be kept in the front. The Bible College will continue to stand for an emphasis upon the evangelizing and missionary character of Christianity. It will continue to be a missionary training school from which young men and women will go out into the uttermost parts of the earth.

The Services of Dedication

The opening sentence uttered in a public way in the Assembly Hall of the new home of Toronto Bible College was "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord." To all who in years gone by have been associated in any way with the work of the College this brief quotation will recall the controlling principle of the entire College life. It was very fitting that our beloved Principal, Rev. John McNicol, should preside at the Service of Dedication. Old students present on the evening of September 16th felt immediately at home in the midst of new surroundings on hearing the familiar voice and by being led in devotion by the Principal who had so often led them in the old building.

The major denominations were represented by Rev. J. D. Inkster, D.D., of Knox Presbyterian Church, who read the Scripture and led in the opening prayer; Rev. John MacNeill, D.D., of Walmer Road Baptist Church, who offered the Prayer of Dedication; Rev. Prof. R. Mercer Wilson, M.A., of Wycliffe College, and Rev. Principal Alfred Gandier, D.D., of Emmanuel College, both of whom brought timely addresses to the audience which thronged every corner of the new auditorium.

The newly elected President of the College, Mr. E. G. Baker, presented the key of the new building to the Principal, who, in accepting it on be-

half of the Board of Governors, referred to the loss which the College had sustained in the death of its late President Dr. R. P. MacKay, who was to have presided at this service, but was called home before witnessing the completion of the work in which he had taken so keen an interest.

The service from first to last breathed a spirit of reverence and devotion, and one concluded that the period of transition brought to a close by this Service of Dedication, had in no way marred or dissipated the Toronto Bible College spirit so wonderfully manifested in the old building. At the conclusion of the service the various classrooms and students' quarters were thrown open for public inspection when over five hundred interested contributors viewed our new home.

The great public gathering to fittingly mark the opening of this new era in our College life was held in the Walmer Road Baptist Church on the evening of Tuesday, September 17th, when Dr. J. Campbell White of New York delivered a masterly address on the subject "Biblical Christianity — the Hope of Humanity." The large auditorium of the entertaining church was well filled. Rev. Principal McNicol gave a brief statement regarding the history, principles, and ideals of the College, and the College choir rendered two beautiful anthems. The close of this service saw many friends

making their way to the new building, several hundred passing through on the way to their homes.

Those who have maintained an interest in the work of Toronto Bible College from its inception must have been greatly cheered and gratified by the keen interest manifested on the part of the great host of friends who, during these opening sessions, paid tribute to the worthwhileness of the work being done by the College. Some of those used by God to originate this work have passed on to their reward

but their labours follow them. Others remaining, participated in the joy of this new achievement. The staff finds itself in a very much better position for carrying forward effectively the ideals for which the College stands. The generation of loyal friends whose kindness and generosity have made the new building a reality, bequeath to succeeding generations a true Christian heritage. Our hope is that the students of future years will be worthy of this trust.

D.A.B.

The Art of Dedication

For the benefit of those who were not privileged to attend the Dedication Service of our new building, especially the members of our Bible College family in the distant parts of the world, we print herewith "the Act of Dedication"—that part of the service in which the entire audience took part.

Chairman:

To the glory of God the Father, Who has called us by His grace;
And of His Son, Who loved us and gave Himself for us;
And of His Holy Spirit, Who illumines and sanctifies us:
We dedicate this house.

Congregation: Amen.

Chairman:

For fellowship with God in praise and prayer;
For the teaching of the Word of God;
For training men and women in the service of Christ:
We dedicate this house.

Congregation: Amen.

Chairman:

For the diffusion of the knowledge of God;
For the promotion of the will of God;
For the coming of the Kingdom of God:
We dedicate this house.

Congregation: Amen.

Chairman:

In the unity of the faith;
In the bond of Christian brotherhood;
In charity and good will to all:
We dedicate this house.

Congregation: Amen.

Chairman:

In gratitude for the labours of all the saints;
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord:
We dedicate this house.

Congregation: Amen.

Alumni Department

Alumni Conference

It was fitting that the entire College family should be represented at the services marking the opening of our new headquarters, consequently on the morning of September 17th the Alumni Conference, postponed from April, was held. The President, the Rev. George Booth ('16) had returned to China during the summer and the Rev. William Yates of '12 First Vice-President was in the chair. The regular business transactions were quickly dealt with, after which the Rev. Robt. Pogue of St. Enoch's United Church, Toronto, gave a very suggestive and helpful address on the subject "If I had my life to live over again." Adjourment was made to the new dining hall, about two hundred persons sitting down to the first meal.

The afternoon session opened with devotional exercises by Mr. F. W. E. Storey ('11) after which new officers for the year were elected as follows: Honorary President: Mr. Louis Chinal ('06), New York; President, Rev. Wm. Yates ('12); First Vice-President, Mr. Hamilton Jackman ('24), Toronto; Second Vice-President, Rev. A. A. Wilson ('13), of Africa; Third

Vice-President, Miss Marguerite Booth ('20), China; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. D. A. Burns ('16), Toronto. Telegrams, cablegrams and letters from widely separated parts of the world bearing messages of goodwill were then read after which the report of the Alumni's appeal for funds with which to furnish our new College home showed that \$9,000. had been contributed for this purpose and the meeting approved the suggestion that the objective of the Alumni for 1929-30 be \$800. to be used in connection with the College quarterly, the Recorder. The many friends assembled from various parts of the world expressed themselves as being anxious to see the paper increase in size so that the Principal or other members of the staff might have opportunity of sending messages of encouragement and spiritual help to the College family scattered throughout the world. The addresses of the afternoon were given by Mrs. Veary and the Rev. Andrew Imrie. Both messages were timely and heart-searching. The afternoon session closed with a season of prayer, after which adjourment was made to the dining hall for supper.

An Interview With L. E. Chinal

Honorary President of the Alumni Association

While on a flying visit to Toronto a few days ago, the Honorary President of the Alumni Association dropped in to my office to chat over the work of the Alumni. Mr. Chinal is a slightly built, middle-aged, successful business man, whose business headquarters are in Wall Street, New York. He is financial adviser and investigator for some of the leading financial and com-

mercial houses of America and his investigations carry him to all parts of this continent. He attended College in the days of Rev. Dr. Elmore Harris and Rev. Dr. Wm. Stewart, graduating twenty-three years ago, and while he has been cut off physically from the College fellowship during the greater part of this period, he has carried the College spirit into the affairs of daily

life and is deeply interested in the new movement to extend the influence of his Alma Mater.

We asked Mr. Chinal for his opinions respecting the work of the Alumni Association. He was very frank and decided in his answers. To him the Alumni Association means a bond of true fellowship existing amongst all members of the Toronto Bible College family. He expressed himself as being particularly anxious to conserve the interest of the students of the Evening Classes and to cultivate the

sympathy of all who at any time have registered as students of the College, whether they have secured the diploma or not. Mr. Chinal felt that the Alumni Association should have a place of increasing importance in the welfare of the institution. Personally, he was willing to co-operate in every possible way in any movement that would secure closer co-operation between our students and graduates, and which would make the Alumni Association a more potent factor in our College life. D.A.B.

The Bible College Revisited

The following fine statement of a returned missionary's impressions was received from Mrs. Victor Veary just in time to find a place in this issue. It was written from Paris while she and her husband were on their way back to their field of service in French Equatorial Africa, after spending the summer on furlough in Canada. It will be much appreciated by all former students especially and by other readers of The Recorder.

"Someone has said 'That to appreciate home one must leave it.' I think this could be well applied to our Bible College home.

"After five years away, in a strange land, among a strange people, the home coming is peculiarly stirring. Oh! the feelings that well up as one travels nearer and nearer home.

"The first place I longed to see after meeting with my own home folks was our beloved College. But the old building was gone and the new one not quite ready for occupation. So the first meeting that I attended was in the Knox Church Sunday School Hall. I had entertained the thought that I would miss the old building. But I didn't. I sat in that meeting with a crowd of Bible College students of different years, and looked

again into the faces of our beloved Principal, and Mr. Hyde, and Dr. Weston, Dr. Waters and Mr. Burns. Then the first hymn was given: "True hearted, whole-hearted, faithful and loyal." My heart was thrilled. I literally bathed in the atmosphere of heaven. It was a foretaste of heaven to my soul, for the gracious Holy Spirit was manifestly present, making so real our living Lord amongst us. In my heart I kept saying over and over 'Oh! it's the same, the same Bible College that I left five years ago.' We were in a different building, yet that was forgotten as we entered into the spirit of the meeting. There was a difference, but that was not in the College, it was in myself. I found myself no longer a student in training but a soldier in arms. I had not come back to the Bible College to lay down my sword, but just to have it sharpened again.

"Dear students on the far flung battle line, I write this testimony to encourage you. The power house still throbs with unceasing prayer, the Word of God is still held forth, the same Lord is exalted, the same Spirit contro's the life and teaching of our College. I write of what I have seen, and I return again to my field of ser-

vice, strengthened after renewing my vows of allegiance to Christ in the place where I met Him face to face.

"A special privilege was ours too, to witness the opening of the new College. It is so much like the old building in the structure that one does not feel the strangeness or newness, but unconsciously fits in to the place as if it had always been thus.

"To describe it I would say the difference between the new and the

old building could be likened to a Christian who has grown in grace and who manifests all the fruits of the Spirit. The new College is the old one made more beautiful and more meet for the Master's use. Let us be loyal and true to our new College Home. May the Lord help us to keep our pledge unbroken, even though we are away we are still members of our great Bible College Family."

Florence Veary.

Alumni Objective

The members of the Alumni Association will be glad to know that the campaign for funds with which to furnish our new College resulted in contributions to the amount of over \$9,000. At the Conference in September last, the members of the Alumni present decided to raise \$800. annually, to underwrite the expense of the College quarterly, the "Recorder." Our friends will notice that, beginning with this issue, more

space is being given matters pertaining to the Alumni and student bodies. It is our hope that our members will respond as willingly to this annual objective as they did to the special objective of last year.

All communications and contributions for this fund should be addressed to the Secretary of the Alumni, Rev. D. A. Burns, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto.

T. B. C. Branch of the Scripture Union

The bond of Union that binds together the members of the Bible College family is an invisible, intangible reality. To strengthen that bond has always been the desire of those who are most closely identified with the work of the College. For a number of years a Bible College branch of the Scripture Union has been maintained. Recently it has been made plain to us that we could express our common fellowship by the daily reading of God's Word. Our hope is that each member of our family circle scattered throughout the world will join the

College branch of the Scripture Union. By this means the entire family will be gathered around the same passage of God's Word each day. There is always something inspiring in the reading of the Scriptures, but to read them knowing that during the hours of the same day the same passage will be read by hundreds upon hundreds of one's closest friends, is to add inspiration to inspiration. All communications regarding this matter should be addressed to Rev. D. A. Burns, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto.

Student Activities

The Evangelistic Society

The pendulum of the Evangelistic Society has been set in motion for another college session, and the various groups embodied in this important organization of the college have been bearing the glad tidings to many people in many different ways.

The citadel of the arch enemy is being attacked from all angles, and morning, noon, and night the fight goes on. Churches who request supply are being well looked after on Sundays by a band of students who carry the message to those vacant pulpits, and send it forth to the congregation in testimony and song.

Gospel services, bright, cheery, and brotherly, are being conducted in various missions throughout the city, and these are exceptionally well attended. At these meetings, during the testimony period, men and women are found who are eager to arise and tell others what Christ has done for them.

Factory meetings are held at one or two of the large manufacturing concerns in the city. Noon hour finds those students who are appointed to this service carrying on the good work, and giving the employees a pleasant break in the routine of the day, and sending them back to work-bench and office, perhaps with the seed of the Word seeking a permanent dwelling place in some hungry soul. Even before the day's task begins, in one plant, a solitary student, alone, "yet not alone," is witnessing for Christ to the workmen, who join heartily in the hymns that are sung, and who listen

most attentively, and respectfully to the message given.

The young, and the sick are not forgotten. Sunday School work, and hospital visitation, constitute two of the important subsidiaries of the Evangelistic Society. In the former the young citizens of to-morrow are taught the fundamental truths of the Bible, while pedagogical specialists take care of the very young in many of the primary classes of the various churches throughout the city.

In the hospital work special tactful methods are necessary and these are not overlooked. The sick are approached by sympathetic visitors who bring to them a message in song and testimony about the Great Physician of souls. Many are seeking the light in these wards of suffering humanity, and the Master is constantly adding new members to His Kingdom.

One of the most recent and interesting departments of the Evangelistic work is that of the house-to-house visitation. On various Saturday afternoons, a band of the students take a certain district in the city and visit every house. If possible a tract is placed in each home, and an invitation is extended to those who have no church connection, to link up with a church or mission in their vicinity. Surprising results are being obtained in this field of labour.

In all these departments souls are being won. Truly "he that winneth souls is wise," and God is blessing this wisdom.

J.N.H.

The Missionary Spirit

It is an encouragement and joy to review the various missionary activities of our school, carried on with the express purpose of extending the kingdom of God in all the earth.

We have five school days each week. After our noon luncheon each day, a group gathers in a room known as "the prayer room" to remember one particular mission field. The fields in China, South America, Africa, India and Japan, as well as the work among the Jews, are in this way brought in prayer before our God. We are sure the Lord is pouring out blessings on the missionaries, the native evangelists, the Bible women, the native Christians, the school children, the homes, the groups in the churches, and revealing Himself unto them in many marvellous ways, partly because we are drawing near to Him on their behalf. We believe also that God gives a peculiar blessing to those who are seeking good things for others. If any one is not sure of this, let him "Come and see."

On Wednesday afternoon we are brought into living contact with our brothers and sisters living in other parts of the world, through the inspiring talks of missionaries home from the firing line. The Lord has variety in all things and no two soldiers give the same report of things which take place at the battle front. Through these messages we believe God is calling a life here and a life there to enlist for His service. It is, on the other hand, a great privilege to speak to a group of consecrated young persons who are waiting to hear the Master's voice, and who are saying, Send me, send me.

As in former years, we are engaged also in the study of specific fields through the agency of Study Classes and, as opportunity opens, we gladly go out to churches and missions and tell why we plan to devote our lives to the cause of Foreign Missions.

E.M.D.

Around the Halls

September 17 was the commencement of another school session when former students greeted each other with warmest handshakes and new students moved timidly through the corridors of our new College home. With brief preliminaries, lectures were commenced and school started in real earnest. The poet has said we are not "carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease." With what fitting adaptation may this be applied to all who enlist at T.B.C.! How could ease and report blanks conscientiously abide under the same roof?

The main corridor possesses daily reminders. For example, at each end are the report box and bulletin board

respectively. The bulletin board, or our silent reminder, gives striking messages which find their way direct to the heart. You are certain to find your name among those in the list of "Evangelistic Appointments" or see it in bold type informing you that you are to lead in singing or preach next homiletic period. The familiar call, "All staying to lunch please get tickets between first and second periods" is always pleasing and acceptable.

Our lunch-room is one we may sincerely be proud to own. It is spacious, cheery, and in short, is well adapted to serve the physical and social needs of College life. The kitchen, modern in all its conveniences, is a great im-

provement over the make-shift of former days.

Additional meeting places are found in the boys' and the girls' common-rooms; and what "homey" places they are with their inviting chairs, tables and couches in pleasing colour schemes. Our thanks and appreciation are tendered to Mrs. McNicol, who so kindly added her cheery touches.

Our first social, held on the evening of October 17, was, as it was termed, a tremendous success. The dining-room was artistically decorated in orange and black, which lent the Halloween atmosphere to the evening. The short programme was succeeded by a promenade throughout the building; games followed. The delicious lunch, needless to say, met with the

approval of all. A surprise for everyone was tactfully tucked within each serviette—a miniature picture of the new College. The evening was brought to a fitting close by Principal McNicol conducting family worship in the Assembly Hall.

On Saturday, November 16, the Outing Committee arranged a hike in the form of a treasure hunt in High Park. After rambling over the hills and dales the happy hikers wended their way back to the College, where they did justice to the hot supper.

As a cloud on the horizon, our Christmas "exams." loom into view. With sincere earnestness, one and all prepare to plod through notes, textbooks, etc., while the green signal still says "GO!" A.C.W.

Fall Term

Our friends who have helped to make the new College building a reality will be glad to know that the work of the first term in our new home has been one of great blessing. There has been an increase in registration over the past few years and certain phases of training have been

made possible of accomplishment by our increased accommodation. The term closes on December 20th and the Spring term will begin on Monday, January 6th, 1930. Intending students should consult the Registrar, Dr. J. M. Waters prior to that date.

Students' Devotional Evening

The students of the Day and Evening classes met together on the evening of Friday, November 22nd for the Fall Devotional Service. The College orchestra opened the meeting with the rendering of several old hymn tunes. The vocal numbers consisted of a ladies' duet, one solo and a mixed quartette after which a period of testimony and prayer was conducted. Rev. Noel Palmer, B.A., B.D., Pastor

of the Christian Missionary Alliance Tabernacle gave a heart-searching message on the Holy Spirit as the power for service. At the conclusion of his address a few moments were spent in quiet meditation, giving the students an opportunity of yielding themselves afresh to God. Principal McNicol led in the closing prayer and benediction.

An Evening of Christmas Music

Our friends who are lovers of Christian music will be interested to know that on Thursday evening, December 19th, the College Choir, under the direction of the instructor in Gospel singing, Mr. Ernest Shildrick,

is rendering a programme of Christmas music in the Assembly Hall of the College. The friends of the students and those interested in the work of the College are invited to be present and to enjoy the programme.

News of the U. B. C. Family

A son (George Harry) was born on September 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore of the Baptist Church, at Capreol, Northern Ontario.

A son was born on October 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey de Vere Hunt (Enid Newcombe), of the Sudan Interior Mission, at Vom, in Northern Nigeria.

A son was born on October 2nd at Blind River, Ontario, to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thompson (Zelma Turner).

A daughter (Alice May) was born on October 4th to Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harry Taylor (Olive Redfearn '29), at Long Branch, Ontario.

A daughter was born on October 29th to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Baggett ('27), of the Sailors' Institute, Montreal.

Benjamin Gomme ('28) was married to Linda Grace Sewell in the James Street Baptist Church at Hamilton on September 14th.

Rev. John Knight ('27) has been married and has gone to take charge of a mission at Clarksonville, Cave Valley, Jamaica.

Velma Turner ('29) was married to Arthur Shulte, in Calgary on September 24th.

Rev. Arthur Baker ('22) is now at Easton, Maine, where he is teaching high school and supplying in Baptist churches round about.

Ivy Bunt ('28) has been appointed Bible woman on the staff of the Toronto City Mission.

Evelyn Harrow ('29) has been accepted by the South Africa General Mission and is taking a short course in the Nursing-at-Home Mission in Toronto.

Lena Elliott ('28) is attending the normal school in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Griffin, after spending some time in Belgium, sailed from Antwerp on September 10th for their mission field in the Belgian Congo.

Donald Stitt and Margaret Macauley were married in Toronto on September 16th, and are now living in Detroit.

Carrie Leader ('29) is working at present in connection with the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Ella Hildebrand ('29) left Toronto on September 27th, for her field of service in Africa under the Sudan United Mission. She is at present at the Institut Biblique at Paris, learning the French language.

Bruce Brillinger ('29) sailed for Africa in October for his field of service in northern Nigeria under the Sudan United Mission.

Dorothy Whiting ('28), Margaret Nash ('29), and Janet Vandervell ('29) have entered St. John's Hospital for a course of training there.

Rowland Simpkins ('29) is taking a course in theology at the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tatham ('29) have been ministering in the Gospel during the fall in a number of places throughout Ontario, including Elmira, Guelph, Ottawa and Capreol.

Mr. Alfred Price ('22) is now Pastor of the Baptist Church at Haileybury, Ontario.

The Misses Muirhead (Edith '23 and Ella '26) have gone to Jamaica to spend a year revisiting their home.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. James Currie, a retired Baptist minister, who graduated from the

Bible College with the class of 1898. He passed away in Toronto on November 17th.

Mrs. Merritt H. French ('29) has returned to her home in Calgary. She is President of the Young People's Union of her church, is teaching in the Sunday school and has opportunities of ministering in the Word in other places also.

Miss Ida Brubacher, R.N. ('22) has recently accepted the important position of Industrial Nurse with the Canadian Goodrich Co., Kitchener, Ontario.

After spending several months in England, Rev. George Tester ('07) has recently returned to California.

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