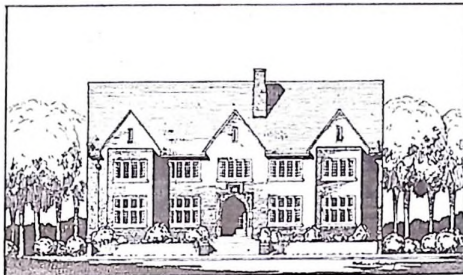


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The Bible College Witness to the Presence of the Spirit

This year marks the 1900th anniversary of the birth of the Christian Church. The attention of the whole Christian world is being turned towards that event which took place at Pentecost when the Spirit of the risen and ascended Jesus came down to dwell in the midst of His people on earth. This will undoubtedly lead to a wider interest on the part of Christian people in what actually occurred in that day. It ought to lead also to a deeper and truer realization of the transcendent fact that the Holy Spirit resides in the Church of Christ.

During the last generation considerable attention has been given to the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. This is manifested in the large number of books and tracts which have been issued on the subject and in the eager interest which many groups of Christian people take in what is called the baptism of the Spirit. But most of this attention has been directed to the relation of the Holy Spirit to the individual believer, and most of the

teaching has to do with what the Holy Spirit does for the individual.

Now the gift of the Spirit was a corporate as well as an individual gift. The baptism of the Spirit was a corporate baptism. The individual believer shares in it not as a separate individual but as a member of the body of Christ. This aspect of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit still awaits the attention it deserves. Let us hope that the new interest that will be taken in Pentecost this year will result in a profounder realization of the truth that the Holy Spirit resides in the Church to give it corporate life and leadership.

In some measure the Toronto Bible College has been illustrating this aspect of the truth. Some years ago those who are responsible for the development of its work became convinced that one of the deepest needs of the Church today is to recover the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and that most of her problems would be solved if congregations and Christian

organizations were trained to recognize for themselves the unseen and silent Leader in their midst. Accordingly, the members of the Staff and of the Board sought this leadership for themselves in their fellowship in the work of the College. The principle of self-government was fostered in the student body and in the student activities in such a way as to lead these young people to look for and to find in their common fellowship the leading of their common Head.

The constant application of this principle accounts for the atmosphere of prayer which pervades all the life of the College, so deep and yet so natural and so free from emotionalism, for the refusal to follow controversial methods, for the cultivation of a spirit of loyalty to the churches and of a sympathetic understanding of denominational differences, for the

emphasis placed upon the denial of self as the fundamental mark of a true Christian experience and as the essential condition of a common spiritual fellowship in which Christ is to be truly magnified and the Holy Spirit to have His way.

While the Bible College comes far short of the ideal, yet we believe that the peculiar blessing we enjoy is due to the fact that we are seeking to follow it. In the realization of a common fellowship under a common Head, problems that loom up in our way are dissolved before we reach them. The members of the Board were sensible of this in the preparation for and erection of the new building. The members of the staff have been sensible of it during this first session in the new building where the unity of the Spirit is manifest day by day in the bond of peace.

The Missionary Spirit in U. B. C.

The founders of the Toronto Bible College expressed as their aim "The training of consecrated young men and women for Christian service at home and abroad." Since its inception over thirty-five years ago, this purpose has always been kept in the forefront.

From the very first class held in Walmer Road Church, there went forth missionaries to India and China. Ever since then students have been following in the footsteps of these pioneers, and over 300 have reached the foreign field, where today they are serving under 21 different mission boards.

Since the College closed last April, six have gone out; since April, 1927, 37 have sailed. That is an average of over one a month for the last three years. Ten of the young women who graduated in 1929 are following up

their College training with a complete or partial course in nursing.

During their course students are given the opportunity of hearing and meeting men from all quarters of the home and foreign mission field. Once a week, at least, and frequently twice, an address is given by a foreign missionary. The missionary spirit is also fostered in the class-room, where courses are given in Missionary Methods and Principles, the History of Missions, and the Study of Comparative Religions.

During the Fall term several groups of students were engaged for two months in the intensive study of the Mohammedan world, based on "The Mohammedan World in Revolution". Since the beginning of the new year groups are making a study of the various mission fields: China, Japan,

Korea, India, Africa, and South America.

The interest in missions, however, is not confined to study and the hearing of addresses. The members of the T. B. C. family on the mission fields of the world are constantly upheld, not only by prayer-partners who correspond with them, but by the student body. The Thursday morning prayer meeting is largely given over to intercession on their behalf. Besides this, a daily noon-hour prayer meeting is held, where, in rotation, the work of the mission fields of the world is remembered. It is our privilege from time to time to welcome home on furlough members of our family who come from the ends of the earth, and the College is never without missionaries who are registered in its classes. Thus a close and intimate contact is maintained between the

graduate on the field and the student who is following in his footsteps.

Although foreign missions have been emphasized in this article, we draw no distinct line of demarcation between the home and the foreign field. We emphasize the fact that upon each one rests the necessity of seeking to know God's will for his or her individual life, assured that a fully surrendered life will not lack the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We emphasize, too, the responsibility which rests on every Christian of having a self-sacrificing share in the evangelization of the world, whether his lot be cast in the home or the foreign field. Thus a missionary atmosphere pervades the College and the very lives of the students, and a strong though invisible bond unites the College with the missionary world.

J.M.W.

Mohammedanism in Africa a Challenge to the Church of Christ

By John H. Bierworth, Missionary on Furlough from Africa, now attending the College

The spread of Mohammedanism in many parts of Africa since the sixth century constitutes one of the greatest problems that the Christian missionary to that continent must face.

In the period of the early Christian church, flourishing Christian centres were established in Northern Africa. Because of the fanatical zeal of the Arab forces which swept across the continent from Egypt to the Atlantic, many of these were wiped out. Since that time Islam (which means "resignation") has continued to spread.

In the sixteenth century, we are told, the University of Timbuktu began to radiate, even to Europe, its zeal and learning, and in the nineteenth century, under great Moslem conquerors, Islam spread over the Western Sudan.

From East Africa Arab slave traders carried their faith into the interior,

without much effect, however, upon the pagan peoples.

Now, in the western Sudan, under British rule, a certain social prestige has won victories that arms never achieved. The easy-going Hausa trader settles among the pagans, who look up to him as a person of superiority.

The Dervish orders of North Africa with their fanatical zeal probably include some of the most zealous followers of Mohammed today.

The Fulanis of West Africa are one of the most interesting and intelligent races of the continent. They were the rulers before the British occupied Nigeria, and early in the nineteenth century had established a powerful empire under Dan Fodio at Sokoto. Another rather remarkable tribe is found north of Nigeria (south of the Sahara). They are known as the Tuaregs. They have the cross on their

weapons and are monogamists, and it is thought that they are descendants of some of the early North Africa Christians. These and other tribes are keener intellectually than many African pagan tribes.

A missionary in Nigeria told the following story:

"A Fulani man who had heard the Gospel was very sick. He sent for the missionary. She saw that he was beyond the reach of medical assistance, but as he wished to see her, she said by way of introduction, 'You have been a faithful Moslem: you have kept the fast month, gone through your form of prayers and the rest of it. Does it not give you peace?' He replied, 'No.' She said, 'Do you remember anything that the missionary told you?' He replied, 'I remember it all.' She said, 'All you can do is to trust the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.' He replied, 'It is all that I can do.'"

One of the greatest opportunities of the missionary is in the mission school. As he comes in contact with the Mohammedan children, he realizes the privilege it would be to give them Christian teaching.

The question might be asked: Do the results of missionary work among Moslems justify the expenditure of

time and means? Statistics indicate that results in work among Moslems are small compared with work among pagans. There are, however, instances of individuals who through much persecution have been loyal to the Saviour. Many are secret believers in Christ, but because of fear of persecution do not confess their faith in Him openly.

Experience has shown that where Christianity comes first, Mohammedanism has no chance of success in a pagan tribe. In Nigeria alone it is estimated that there are over 30,000 schools for boys who are instructed in the Koran. They gather around a fire early in the morning, and in some cases in the evenings as well.

Oh that the true Church of Christ might accept the challenge! To use a simple illustration, a stream rises no higher than its source. Mohammedanism cannot be expected to rise above the precepts and example of its founder. The strength of our Christian faith is in the unique Person of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whom even his bitterest enemies could find nothing to condemn. His kingdom shall prevail; to Him every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Evangelistic Campaign at Woodbine Heights Baptist Church

Through the kindness of the Evangelistic Society of the Toronto Bible College, we have been privileged to enjoy a two weeks' special evangelistic mission at Woodbine Heights Baptist Church. It has been a time of spiritual uplift, and has resulted in great spiritual blessing and real revival.

I shall never cease to thank God for the service of love given by the students of the Toronto Bible College. I have never met a band of workers, young or old, who gave themselves more wholeheartedly and unreserved-

ly in sweet, loving service than did these young people.

First of all I want to bear tribute to the devoted band of workers who on the two Saturdays previous to the meetings, in spite of cold and stormy weather, distributed 4,000 handbills in the homes of the district, giving a personal invitation with each one. Through this work we obtained the names of many who never attended church—and children who had never entered a Sunday School. Already three families have started attending

church and over thirty new scholars have been enrolled in our Sunday School. This was certainly a worthwhile service. At the close of each day's canvass in the district, the students met around the throne for prayer. On bended knee they asked God to take charge of the mission to be conducted and use them for His glory unto the salvation of souls—that was prayer that God could and did answer.

I wish also to bear tribute to the way the glorious Gospel of the Son of God was proclaimed in word and song throughout the meetings. The presentation of the Gospel message in song by the College quartette and choir was made a means of grace to many souls. We were certainly borne at every service into a warm spiritual atmosphere on wings of song.

But how my heart rejoiced in listening to those simple, direct, heart-searching Gospel messages given by the students—and what messages were delivered! What spiritual power and force rang through them, and denunciation of sin, both of the flesh and the spirit! But the dominant note was Divine love manifested on the Cross, breaking down barriers and bringing conviction and conversion to sinners and backsliders alike. Each night there were tokens of the Holy Spirit's activity in the hearts of young people particularly, and on the closing Sunday night it was unspeakable joy to see a number of young men and women come out boldly for Christ.

I must mention the happy mission among the children. Much blessing

rested from the first upon these meetings. Every afternoon for the two weeks the Gospel story was told in picture, word and song, in a simple and attractive manner, and won not only the interest of the children, but their ready and whole-hearted response.

The Bible readings, given three afternoons of each week, to women only, proved to be both instructive and stimulating, striking testimonies being given afterwards by those who were helped.

Throughout the fortnight's mission the Gospel was forcefully and faithfully proclaimed. We praise God for His blessing bestowed. I cannot tell what is the result of the mission. God alone can do that. I do know that there were some splendid decisions for Christ and they are rejoicing in the light of God's salvation. A further blessing, for which I praise God, is the revival of spiritual life which has come to some of my members. They have received a new vision of what it means to follow their Lord and be His faithful witnesses. I am persuaded that there are others in whose hearts there has lodged the good seed of the Word that will yet yield precious fruit. The work of the students was not finished when the mission ended—the river of blessing is still flowing.

My heart's gratitude goes to the students of the Toronto Bible College for their service of love.

James A. Grant,
Pastor.

Christmas Festivities

"Joy to the world, the Lord is come!" This was the predominating note of the Christmas festivities at the Bible College. And why not? During this season above all others our hearts should be overflowing with praise and

thanksgiving to God for His unspeakable gift. Then, too, examinations were over and most of the students were looking forward to two happy weeks at home. This year a new outlet was provided for this joy in the

form of a Musical Evening arranged by Mr. Shildrick, our instructor in singing.

On Thursday, December 19th, at eight o'clock, the College choir filed in to the assembly hall to find it comfortably filled with the students of the Evening and Day Classes and their friends. For weeks previous, the singing class had been practising Christmas carols, and on this evening they sang with enthusiasm and artistry. The programme consisted of a number of carols, some old and some new, several sung by the audience together with the choir, and some interpreted by the choir alone. The male chorus rendered two selections, and there were several solos. We are indebted to Mrs. Schell, a graduate of the College, for her solo contributions to the program. The two hours slipped away all too quickly, and it was with some reluctance that the students and friends dispersed. It is to be hoped that this joyful testimony of the Bible College will become an annual event.

On Friday, December 20th, the last day of the term, the usual Christmas dinner was enjoyed by about one hundred and fifty students and College

friends. The lunch-room was prettily decorated in red and green with a bright silver star gleaming here and there, and the cooks excelled themselves in providing a delicious lunch which was artistically served.

The food, however, was not the only attraction, for from the chatter and the occasional peal of laughter which could be heard from every group in the room, it was very evident that the happy fellowship which is always found in the Bible College was being enjoyed to the full. At the conclusion of the meal, the Christmas gifts from the students to the members of the faculty, and to Mrs. McNicol, Mrs. Gray, Miss Lunn, and Mr. Allan were presented by the different members of the Cabinet. Speeches were, of course, the order of the day, and there was much merriment as the presentations and acknowledgements were made.

At last all was over, and with a final note of praise to God in the singing of the doxology the friends parted, each one reseuing, to keep as a souvenir, his place-card, on which was printed an appropriate verse of Scripture. Thus the first term of the year 1929-30 came to an end. K.A.

Missionary Activities

These are busy days at the College. with the lectures, studies, meetings of various kinds and calls from expected and unexpected quarters. Yet we must not forget the command, "Pray ye." So day by day, immediately after lunch, the missionary prayer group continues to meet around the throne of grace, bearing up the various needs of their elder brothers and sisters who are at the forefront of the battle against sin and superstition. The students still believe that prayer is the great secret of power both at home and abroad.

The attendance at the regular Wednesday afternoon meetings is a proof that the missionary spirit is still keen

in the hearts of the students. It has been our privilege and joy to have visits from several graduates who have given us interesting accounts of their work and experiences in distant lands. One feels that these messengers have been sent by God as a means to call more workers into His great harvest field. We thank God for so many young people who are waiting upon Him and are willing to say, "Here am I, send me." At least five of the present graduating class are anticipating the joy of carrying the good news to those who have never heard it.

The Missionary Society was not forgotten during the recent Evangelistic

Campaign at Woodbine Heights Baptist Church. One entire evening was devoted to the presentation of this work, when by word and song the

great needs of the world field were presented to the people.

N.R.A.

Among the Sick

It is with much thanksgiving to God that we review the work He has been accomplishing among those laid aside for a time in the hospital. How often man's disappointments are God's appointments! Truly many souls may testify to this, seeing that their enforced residence in the hospital has brought them in contact with the Gospel of Christ through whom they have been saved.

Of approximately 818 persons who have been approached on the matter of their soul's salvation, 23 have definitely realized their need and have professed to accept Christ. Others have listened with interest to the story of the saving love of God manifested in Christ and have been urged to think the matter over, while gospels and tracts have been left with them to help make clear the truth.

Readers may rejoice to hear the

story of one dear old man who was saved a short time ago. The visitor, after a word of introduction, asked if he would like a little tract to read, to which he replied, "I am not feeling good, and cannot read as I am almost blind." The visitor offered to read the tract, and the man gladly consented. The message was on the "saving blood." When the words "this blood can cleanse you too from your sin" were read, the man cried, "Oh, is that there? Read it again." The visitor could not quite understand the feelings expressed by the groans, the grip of the hand, etc., and asked, "Are you saved?" There came the reply, "Well, girl, I wasn't then, but thank God I am now."

Truly He is a wonderful Saviour and can save all who put their faith in him.

E.N.

Sunday School Work

There have been many calls received during the present College year from various churches and missions throughout the city for Sunday School workers. We were able to supply teachers to all schools requesting help until recently, but now the demand has exceeded our ability to meet it, and the majority of the students are engaged in this work. In this way they are serving over fifty schools, representing ten denominations and many nation-

alities. It adds one more phase of service to the many in which we are now engaged, and presents opportunity for putting into practice what is learned in the classroom, thereby adding to the efficiency of the schools served. The students' efforts have been appreciated and the results have been gratifying. At least seventeen conversions have been recorded so far this year and many of the classes have increased in attendance.

E.C.

Evening Class Activities

Recently the students of the evening classes formed a simple organization through which they can more effectively co-operate with the Student Cabinet in matters pertaining to the welfare of the entire student body. The fol-

lowing were the officers appointed:

President Mr. J. G. Aitken
 Vice-President Mr. Herbert Lane
 Sec'y-Treas. Mr. Gordon Young
 Committee: Miss Margaret Knowles,

Miss Isabel Miller, Miss May Russell, Mr. George Wooling.

A prayer meeting is held each Tuesday and Thursday evening, commencing at seven o'clock and continuing for forty minutes. During the fall term, September to December, eleven meetings were held with an average attendance of thirteen. Four Tuesday evening meetings, with an average attendance of seventeen, and four Thursday evening meetings, with an average attendance of twelve, were held during January.

There has been a very marked increase in the liberty with which the students have brought requests and taken part in prayer. Especially has this been noticeable during the last month. The spiritual atmosphere of the meetings is very good and blessing is received by all attending. It is in-

tended that until the end of the term a short message will be brought to each meeting by a student, thus giving opportunity to take part in a public way, and also that greater blessing may be experienced by all. It is hoped that more of our students will meet with us and receive encouragement and help.

Each evening on which lectures are given supper is served at the College, at six o'clock. This provides a very good opportunity to become acquainted and is a time of real fellowship that we feel should be shared by all students who can possibly attend.

At the Christmas musical evening gifts were given to the members of the faculty and office staff, as an expression of appreciation for the blessings received during the term.

H.A.L.

Student Parliament

Just a word respecting the development of recent political experiments, by certain aspiring young statesmen of our Student Body, the educational value of which we feel should be commended.

Towards the close of last term a Student Parliament was convoked in the Assembly Hall. The opening was impressively conducted by His Excellency, Hon. J. M. Waters. The speech from the throne was followed by an interesting debate respecting certain items of the proposed legislation. Among other matters of discussion were: the necessity of immediate relief for the unemployed, a reformation

of the tariff, and measures of a more selective character were considered advisable to a successful immigration scheme. An amendment to the speech was then proposed and rejected, likewise a proposal of non-confidence in the present government.

A bill was then introduced by a distinguished member of the cabinet, respecting the prohibiting of the distribution of all free literature and the conducting of street meetings. It will be noted with interest that this bill is to receive its second reading at the next session of the house, which is anticipated as an event of the near future. God Save the King. F.T.D.

The Lunch Room in the New Building

The following is the statement of a former student as she was on her way to see our new home: "It must be a wonderful place and they say a wonderful kitchen, but it can't be anything like the dear little kitchen on College Street." However, after seeing our spacious room with all its

modern conveniences such as electric stoves, ventilation fan, coffee-urn, electric refrigerator, cupboards, pantry, etc., she gave us a revised version. Although many things are different and our equipment fully modern, it is just as dear to our hearts as was the lunch room in the old building. The

same old fashioned spirit prevails, "It was good for our mothers; it was good for our fathers; and it is good enough for us."

Looking over our books, we notice that from the opening of the term until the present time, 7,875 lunches have been served upon 135 different occasions. This shows the large number of students who partake of the blessings that God has so richly bestowed upon us. Of course we have our ups and downs: on Thursday, we frequently have about a hundred students for lunch, but on Friday the work at Yonge Street Mission reduces our number to about forty.

The lunch room is one of the centres of the social life in the new building as it was in the old. When we come trooping in, there is the same search for numbers. Sometimes every number appears to be on the table except the one we are looking for. We never know where we are going to sit, who is going to be at the same

table, or what we are going to have, but this adds to the fascination of the lunch room.

A new building and somewhat changed conditions demand a change in the system. A number of students who are unable to remain for lunch at the usual hour, are served early. Then, too, when lunch is over, each person carries his or her own dishes to the kitchen and piles them up. This makes less work in dish-washing. It enables us to have less help and to give each helper a slight remuneration.

After lunch the kitchen is a scene of much merriment. Laughter, jokes, choruses and occasionally the sound of breaking dishes resound through the lower hall.

Truly it is much the same as our old College. We feel sure that those who graduated in former years will feel perfectly at home when they visit the new lunch room.

M.S. and M.H.

Social Evening

All students of T.B.C.—past and present — remember the enjoyable socials where old acquaintances were renewed and new friendships formed. Judging from the number of people present at the last social evening, held on February 21st, these gatherings have lost none of their old-time popularity. Despite so large a gathering, composed of day and evening students with their friends, about four hundred in all, the "family" spirit was well maintained.

After singing a few well-known hymns, an interesting programme followed. Mrs. Baker, the speaker of the evening, in her own inimitable way, vividly portrayed something of the wonders of the heavens and the magnitude of the stars. Mrs. Baker has long been a student of astronomy, spending many nights in the study of the heavenly bodies. With the aid of

her sister, Mrs. Eva Rose York, and the use of yards of black, red, pale blue and yellow cloth, and a great deal of patience, they constructed, while in an isolated spot on the Rocky Mountains, a unique map showing the relative position and size of certain constellations. As we listened spell-bound, the words, "when I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him?" came home to our hearts with renewed force.

Needless to say, all heartily partook of the excellent refreshments which followed, enjoying the time of fellowship in the dining and common rooms. The musical selections provided by students of the day and evening classes were much appreciated.

In what better way could our family reunion close than by our beloved

Principal leading us in "family prayers?" After singing that beautiful hymn, "The sands of time are sinking," our thoughts were turned to the glory of the Lamb by the reading of part of the first chapter of Revela-

tion. In closing, Mr. McNicol commended our T.B.C. family, at home and abroad, to the love and keeping of our Heavenly Father.

G.M.G.

A Reunion at Kitchener

A Toronto Bible College Reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartwick (Gertrude Thompson '27), 37 Heins Avenue, Kitchener, Ontario, on the 26th December.

A number of graduates, present students, and a few prospective students who reside in Kitchener and vicinity, were present.

After some time spent in singing the favorite College hymns, several gave short addresses. Miss Mabel Groh spoke impressively on the theme "Christ in us". Rev. Andrew Inrie (a former instructor at T. B. C.) gave an inspiring address, emphasizing the need of more definite and persevering prayer.

There were also some impromptu

talks. Miss Clara Umbach related her experience in her work in the Polish Mission in Kitchener. Mrs. Ivan Groh (Norah Weber '22) told about her work among the Polish people in St. Catharines; Miss Emma Bauman ('21) referred to her interesting work in the Orphanage in West Liberty, Ohio, where she was formerly engaged. Mr. Frank Melbourne spoke of the blessing he is receiving while attending T. B. C. After these addresses a short session of prayer followed, at the close of which refreshments were served.

It was decided to make this reunion an annual event, and Miss Clara Umbach was appointed convener of the committee.

Reunion of Classes 1926 and 1927

On January 15th a very enjoyable evening was spent in the College, when two of the former graduating classes (1926 and 1927) gathered back for a time of fellowship and to experience once more that feeling of "belonging." The classes held their meetings separately in the rest rooms, coming together later for a social time when Mr. and Mrs. McNicol added greatly

to the pleasure of the evening by joining them for a while, and afterwards conducting them through their new home.

The 1926 and 1927 classes meet each month for prayer for their members and friends, and it was but natural to hold their re-union also as one.

A.E.L.

Notable Revival

"The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear."

That this verse has not lost its reality, even in these trying days, may be readily seen as we briefly survey the work of the Lord at Caroline Street Mission in Hamilton.

This work was organized about sixty years ago by a husband and wife

who were earnest Christians and who were anxious about the souls of men. The beginnings were difficult, but by the grace of God these dear saints persevered in prayer, and one by one people were won for Jesus Christ and thus the cause progressed.

The pastor, Rev. I. H. Pritchard, a graduate of T. B. C. of the class of '13, was called of God to this work

before coming to the College, and after graduating at once took up the pastorate of this little flock which then consisted of only a handful of people. His first congregation numbered from twelve to twenty persons and the subsequent course of the work was by no means easy. But with his coming a new era began in the life of the mission and during the past sixteen years the Lord has abundantly blessed the labours of this man of God. The congregation has grown steadily and hundreds of souls have been born again under his ministry.

The last five months have been full of singular blessing. The presence of the Holy Spirit is being manifested in a most remarkable way and souls are being saved at every service. The mid-week prayer meeting has even become a unique type of evangelistic service. Before the commencement of the regular services, at times, a burdened soul breaks down, desiring to know what he or she must do to be saved. Individuals, even during the

day, have visited the pastor's home, seeking the way of salvation. Since November, 1929, over 150 persons have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, in response to the quiet, genuine, reverent, wholesome type of work which is being carried on and which is devoid of the sensationalism which characterizes so many modern revival movements.

Recently it was found necessary to enlarge and remodel the building, at an expense of several thousands of dollars. The opening services in the new chapel took place on January 26, 1930. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Dixon A. Burns, who also delivered the opening address.

The glory of the Lord came down upon his people in this initial gathering in the new house of praise, and during the day definite decisions for Christ were recorded. "It is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes."

J.H. and C. VanD.

News of the Bible College Family

A daughter was born on October 7th, at Indore, Central India, to Dr. and Mrs. Welford Russell (Ruth Rodger.)

A son (Alfred David) was born on October 9th. at Kweitch, Kansu, China, to Rev. and Mrs. John Bell.

A daughter (Frances) was born on October 26th. at Barwani, Central India, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Toombs.

A son (Douglas George) was born on December 13th. at Chung King, Sze, China, to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sadler (Edith Gibb).

A son (Thomas Hughes) was born on December 15th, at Burlington, Ont. to Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Roberts (Joyce Windsor.)

A son (David George) was born on January 19th, at Cainsville, Ont., to Rev. and Mrs. George W. H. Medley (Queenie Fiddament.)

A daughter (Ruth Noreen) was born on Jan. 19th. at Rusylvia, Sask., to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Parsons.

A son was born on February 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher W. Sorley (Muriel Raham '29) at Niagara Falls, Ont. Mr. Sorley graduated in 1928.

A son (David) was born on October 8th., at Toronto, to Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Proctor of the South Africa General Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor are now in Lisbon, studying Portuguese for a few months on their way back to their mission field in Portuguese West Africa.

Harold A. Chambers ('29) and Doris McCandless were married by Rev. Charles Waddell ('03) on December 10th. at the home of the bride's parents, R.R. 4, St. Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have gone to reside at

Monek, where Mr. Chambers is in charge of the Baptist circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Ganton have been obliged to return from South America for health reasons. Mr. Ganton is acting as postmaster at Hillsdale, Ont.

Rev. George A. Williams ('13) formerly of Formosa, is now Field Secretary of the Missionary and Maintenance Fund of the United Church of Canada.

Rev. C. Edward Burrell, LL.B., D. D., a member of the first graduating class of the Bible College, and pastor of Main Street Baptist Church in Christiansburg, Virginia, opened and dedicated a new church building in January. He embodied in his opening service the Act of Dedication as used in the dedication of the new Bible College building last September.

The Alumni Conference

In connection with the closing exercises, the Alumni Executive has arranged for a conference to be held on Thursday afternoon, April 24, at 2.30. The addresses will centre around the theme, "My T. B. C. course in the light of my experience as a Christian worker." Several of our graduates from the foreign field, as well as a number in the homeland, are expected to bring messages, after which a general discussion will be conducted. Im-

Easter Musical Evening

The College choir under the direction of the teacher of singing, Mr. Ernest Shildrick, has arranged a fine programme of Easter music, which is to be rendered on Good Friday evening, April 18th, at 7.30. The programme consists of selections by the choir, solos, and readings from the Bible. All former students and friends of the College are cordially invited. We can assure our friends that a real musical treat is in prospect.

Rev. A. A. Wilson ('13) who has spent two terms in Africa is now acting-Secretary for the South Africa General Mission. His address is Room 242, 73 Adelaide Street West, Toronto 2.

Rev. John Kerr and Mrs. Kerr (Mary Halpenny '08) after six years in the Peace River Valley and seven years in British Columbia, have recently returned to Ontario and are settled in Port Burwell, where Mr. Kerr is the Rector of the Church of England.

Mr. R. C. Halliday, husband of Mary G. Mitchell ('97) has been appointed to a special mission in South America by the American Bible Society.

Important business items are on the agenda. Let every member plan now to be present.

Supper will be served in the dining hall at six o'clock sharp, after which a time of fellowship will be enjoyed. At eight o'clock the annual meeting of the Alumni and present student body will be held. Reports for the year will be presented and the president will deliver an address.

Closing Exercises

The Graduation Exercises of the Thirty-Sixth Session will be held on Friday evening, April 25th, commencing at eight o'clock, in the Trinity United Church, Bloor and Robert Streets. Addresses will be delivered by members of the graduating class, the College choir will render several selections, and diplomas and certificates will be presented to those students who have successfully completed their College course. We invite all our friends to join us on this occasion.