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Principal's Report

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Two events have occurred since our last Annual Meeting which have made this a notable year in the history of the Bible College. On May 27th, one month after the close of the session, Dr. R. P. Mackay, our revered and honored Chairman passed away. He had been associated with the College since the beginning, being the first vice-president of the original Board of Incorporation. During the past twenty years he had served as Chairman of the Board of Governors and had presided at almost every session, at the Annual Meeting and the Graduation Exercises. To his wise counsel and gracious leadership the College owes more than can be told.

On September 16th, the day before the present session began, our new building was opened and dedicated with services which appropriately set forth the spirit, character and aims of the College. In this beautiful and finely equipped new home the work of the 36th session has been carried on, with a feeling of satisfaction and a fullness of efficiency not possible before. The spirit of devotion which characterized the College in the old building has been preserved, while a sense of enlargement has been given to the work which marks a new stage in its development. The following report is an attempt to summarize the work which the session has accomplished.

I.—REGISTRATION OF STUDENTS

The total number of students enrolled in all classes was 466, as against 406 last year. This enrolment is classified as follows:

(A) *The Regular Course.*

In the Regular classes the total registration was 212, an increase of 38 over last year, and of 15 over the high-

est total recorded before. These students were distributed among the three years of the course as follows: First year, 45 men, 53 women, total 98; Second Year, 26 men, 43 women, total 69; Third Year, 15 men, 23 women, total 38. Special students including graduates and missionaries home on furlough, 2 men and 5 women. The most notable feature of this registration is the marked increase it shows in the attendance of young men, which is 32 more than last year. The numbers of men and women last year were 55 men and 119 women, while this year they are 87 men and 125 women. The proportion of men in the present first year, the incoming class of the session, is still more marked, being little less than half the total.

The denominational classification of these students is as follows: Anglican 5, Baptist 66, Presbyterian 21, United Church 31, Mennonite 18, Associated Gospel Churches 9, Evangelical 7, Christian and Missionary Alliance 6, Congregational 2, Lutheran 1, Methodist Episcopal 1, Christian Church 2, Brethren 2, Pentecostal 3, the Friends 1, Undenominational and unclassified 37.

The geographical distribution of the homes from which this body of students came is as follows: 68 came from Toronto, 108 from other points in Ontario, 10 from Quebec, 1 from Saskatchewan, 2 from Alberta, 1 from British Columbia, 1 from Nova Scotia, 3 from the United States, 2 from England, 1 from Scotland, 1 from Ireland, 2 from Norway, 1 from Russia, 6 from missionary families in China and Formosa, while 5 were returned missionaries from China, Africa and South America.

(B) *The Evening Classes.*

The enrolment in the Evening Classes was 256 (45 men and 211 women) as against 232 (43 men and 189

women) last year. Their denominational classification is as follows: Anglican 35, Baptist 61, Presbyterian 50, United Church 44, Congregational 5, Christian and Missionary Alliance 11, Mennonite 8, Pentecostal 8, Brethren 5, Evangelical 2, Associated Gospel Churches 1, Advent Christian 1, Methodist Episcopal 1, Dunkard 1, Undenominational 23.

No fewer than 99 separate congregations in Toronto were represented in the Evening Classes this session. These include 15 Anglican churches, 24 Baptist churches, 13 Presbyterian churches, 24 United churches, and 23 churches and missions of other Christian groups. These figures reveal something of the widely representative character of the Evening Class work carried on by the College. These young people come from all denominations in almost equal proportions, and from all parts of the city. It is our experience year after year that Christian young people can be discovered everywhere who have an earnest desire for systematic instruction in the Word of God, and eagerly welcome it when it is provided for them. Many of these young people who have completed the Evening Class curriculum and are not in a position to take the regular course in the Day Classes, have expressed a desire for additional Evening Class work. It is the purpose of the staff to meet this need next session by adding a special Evening Class for teacher training and young people's work.

II.—THE WORK OF THE STAFF.

The class room work was divided among the members of the staff as in former years in such a way as to carry on the regular curriculum as fully as possible throughout the session. This curriculum has been built up, as was explained in a previous report, on a Bible-centred principle. It covers the whole Biblical and theological field,

but the various departments are all related to one centre—the English Bible; and the whole curriculum is directed to one end—the equipment of the student for the service of God in any part of the world.

Every department in this system is capable of development. This session has been marked by a development in the department of Practical Christianity. Last summer the Board added a new instructor to the regular staff in the person of Rev. D. A. Burns, B.A., B.Th., a graduate of the College with fourteen years' experience in the pastorate. In addition to his class room work he was assigned the special position of Superintendent of Student Activities, and was given a separate room in the new building to enable him to keep in close and constant touch with the students and give them personal help and counsel both individually and in groups. Mr. Burns has devoted himself to this work with ability and enthusiasm, and is making a valuable contribution to the course of training in practical Christianity.

The progress which is being made in this department emphasizes a need which exists in other parts of the course. Last year it was pointed out that while the curriculum requires no change in its character, it may need to be extended in one or two directions. The increasing number of young men who are looking to the College to equip them for their life work in the service of the Gospel is a challenge to us to provide them with all the education the preacher of the Gospel needs. Before any further extension can be made in this direction the staff needs to be strengthened by the addition of another man—a man who has the requisite equipment of academic training, ministerial experience and spiritual maturity.

III.—THE STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

The enlarged facilities provided for the students in the new building have

given new scope to their activities. The principle of self-government which obtains in the life of the College had already prepared the students for entering upon this heritage, and no change in their organization was found necessary when they took over these larger responsibilities. The Cabinet which presided over the student activities during the year, chosen by the students themselves, was composed as follows: President, Orville Thamer; Head Girl, Lily Poley; Evangelistic Band Chairman, George Rice; Missionary Society Chairman, Ross Almas; Secretary of Student Body, Kathleen Anderson; Lunch Room Superintendent, Mildred Smith. The whole realm of student life is covered by the interests over which the Cabinet presides. The ideal purpose which this system has in view is to give every student an opportunity for the full and free development of his own gifts and qualities. Personal contacts are maintained and standardization is avoided. In their self-government the students proceed upon the same principle as that which guides the Board and the staff, the recognition of one spiritual leadership discovered in a common fellowship of thought and prayer. A brief review of the main activities of the session may be given under four heads as follows:

1.—*Evangelistic Work.*

The following summary is gathered from the reports of the various departments of the Evangelistic Society: Services conducted by individual students—Sundays 334, Week days 110, total 444.

Services conducted by the Evangelistic Band—Sundays 36, Week days 30, total 66.

Gospel Mission services—Yonge Street Mission 23, other missions 10, total 33.

Special two weeks' Evangelistic Campaign—Sunday Services 6, Week days 28, total 34.

Factory Meetings—Greedy's 24, Christie's 6, Willard's 20, total 50.

Sunday School Work—116 students served as regular teachers and 4 students as officers in 57 Sunday Schools, while 21 students served as supply teachers in 12 Sunday Schools.

Hospital Visiting—Two quartettes of students conducted services of song every Sunday morning in the wards of the General Hospital. Another group assisted in services in the Western Hospital. These groups of students also made individual visits on week days among the patients in the general wards, reading the Scripture to them and speaking of the Saviour and Healer of men.

Open Air Work—On Saturday evenings during the fall term open air meetings were conducted in the central section of the city, and several Saturday afternoons through the winter were devoted to house-to-house visitation in connection with missions and churches in different parts of the city.

Gospel Music—The students were called upon to furnish music every week in the form of solos, duets, quartettes and choruses for religious meetings of various kinds in many churches and missions throughout the city.

This list shows the great variety of service rendered by the students. One supreme object is kept in view in all these activities, the winning of men and women for Christ. The students are taught and trained to make personal evangelism the central thing in Christian work. A summary of the reports made by the students from week to week regarding their personal work shows that 2,609 persons were dealt with individually and that 442 decisions for Christ were recorded during the session. With all due allowance for the uncertain nature of statistics, these figures cannot fail to

indicate something of the stream of spiritual energy that is moving out through the lives of the Bible College students and something of the contribution they are making to the work of the churches in Toronto.

From a number of letters that have come to the College commending the work of these young people, we take the following quotations as a testimony to its character and quality. The Rev. James Grant, pastor of Woodbine Heights Baptist Church where the evangelistic campaign was held, writes as follows: "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 unreservedly in sweet, loving service than did these young people." Then after giving a general survey of the work of the campaign he closes as follows: "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." The Rev. James Binnie, minister of Harwood United Church, where a group of students have been teaching in the Sunday School and working among the young people, sends a letter reviewing their work and closing as follows: "It would be impossible for us to tell how much the students of the Toronto Bible College have assisted in the work at Harwood. Without their assistance the Sunday School could not have been carried on in the successful way in which it has been done. Our attend-

ance has constantly increased during the past year. With the exception of two junior girls assisting in the Primary Department we have no teachers living in the neighborhood of the school, and it would be quite impossible to carry on the work except for the response we have received from the Toronto Bible College as again and again we have sent out a call for help."

2.—*Missionary Interest.*

The Missionary Society also carried out its regular programme throughout the session. This student organization is an important auxiliary to the Missionary Department which is under the supervision of Dr. Waters, whose twenty years' foreign service in India and wide experience in missionary conferences at home, eminently qualify him for this work. In addition to the instruction given in the lecture room, mission study classes were organized which the students conducted themselves. Addresses by experienced missionaries and Board secretaries representing 19 different missionary societies were delivered at the Wednesday meeting of the Society and the ministry of intercession for missions was maintained in the Thursday morning prayer meeting. A valuable feature of the work of this Society is the correspondence which is carried on with former Bible College students in the mission fields of the world, and the small prayer groups who devote part of the noon hour to special prayer for the particular fields where these students are laboring, 134 such meetings being held during the session. The mission fields of the whole world and the mission work of the whole Church are thus passed in review before the student body each session and no student who enters the Bible College can escape the missionary appeal. The stream of missionary candidates continues to go out from the College

without interruption. Six former students have sailed for the field during the year. Three of the present graduating class are already under appointment, and five others have been in correspondence with missionary societies with a view to subsequent appointment.

3.—*Devotional Life.*

The fact that the new building contains a special Prayer Room in addition to the regular lecture rooms bears testimony to the spirit and atmosphere in which all the work of the Bible College is carried on. It does not mean that prayer is confined to this room, but that it stands in a central place as a visible and concrete sign of those unseen springs that are the source of all our life and power. To have a room set apart for this purpose makes it possible to develop the devotional side of the life of the College more fully and freely. Here the students meet every morning before the lectures of the day begin. Here at the end of the week they gather on Saturday evening in order to remember in prayer their Sunday work. Here, too, the Evening Class students hold their devotional services, for this room has made it possible for them on their part to enlarge and develop their spiritual fellowship. Here, also, students may withdraw individually or in small groups at any time for quiet meditation and prayer or spiritual fellowship.

An important series of meetings held in this room during the past session was conducted by Mrs. Eva Rose York at the special request of a number of the students who were longing for the deeper experiences of the Christian life. Every Thursday afternoon throughout the greater part of the session she met with this group and gave them special instruction regarding the principles of the spiritual life and the perils which lead many

into false forms of spiritual experience.

The meetings held in this room were not the only devotional services of the year. The Tuesday devotional hour in the Assembly Hall is still maintained, as it has been since the beginning, when messages are heard from chosen Christian leaders from the home and foreign field. Two evenings were set apart, one each term, when the students of both Day and Evening classes met together in the Assembly Hall for devotional fellowship and heard earnest and helpful messages from two of the city ministers. The devotional life of the College was fittingly brought to a head on the last Sunday morning of the session in a communion service conducted by the members of the staff.

4.—*Social Fellowship.*

The students have greatly appreciated the fine facilities which have been provided for their social fellowship in the well furnished common rooms, the spacious dining room and the well equipped kitchen. This is no unimportant part of the life and training of the Bible College student body. In the dining room no fewer than 9,387 individual meals were served at the lunches of the Day class and the suppers of the Evening class students, all managed and financed by a small group appointed for this purpose. The two social evenings, one each term, planned and carried through by the student cabinet, brought together the students of both Day and Evening classes in such numbers that they filled the Assembly Hall during the programme and swarmed over the whole building afterwards, showing how much this side of the College life is appreciated. The Principal's new residence was thrown open every Monday afternoon and Mrs. McNicol, who used to entertain groups of the young women in the old building, was able this session to entertain groups of both

young men and young women together. All this is of value as part of the many sided training provided by the Bible College in helping to develop fully rounded Christian personalities.

In this connection may be mentioned a new feature added to the programme of the College life this year. Two services of sacred song were rendered by the College Choir under the leadership of Mr. Shildrick. One of them was held at the close of the fall term and illustrated the singing of Christmas carols. The other was held on Good Friday and set forth the suffering and death of our Lord.

IV.—THE GRADUATING CLASS.

This year's graduating class numbers thirty-five (13 men and 22 women) who have successfully completed the curriculum of the regular course. Four of these have spent only two years in the Bible College, being entitled in the judgment of the staff to enter with one year's standing, three of them because they had already received considerable training and Biblical education in other institutions, and the fourth because he had eight years' experience as a missionary in China and had come all the way from Norway to attend the Toronto Bible College.

In the Evening Classes two men and four women have completed the prescribed course for the College Certificate. This is a small number compared with the large attendance at these classes. It is true that by far the greater number of those who enrol in these classes are unable, for one reason or another, to continue regularly year after year and so complete the course; but we believe that something might be done to encourage more of them to do so.

Even in the regular course it is only a portion of the class who endure to the end. The present graduating class of 35 numbered 67 in their first year. Most of those who drop out are

prevented from continuing for providential reasons. Some find themselves without sufficient preliminary education to understand the more difficult subjects of the curriculum. A few do not respond to the discipline of the course. The great body of students, however, give themselves faithfully to the work of the College with open minds and humble hearts and make such marked progress as to delight their instructors. The members of the staff have no greater joy than to teach their classes in the Toronto Bible College.

V.—THE AIMS OF THE COLLEGE.

In bringing this report to a close it may be well to call to mind the object for which this institution exists, in view of the fact that we are really making a new beginning. The purpose of the College as stated in the constitution is "to train men and women for Christian work at home and abroad in the knowledge and practical use of the English Bible on an interdenominational basis". This is positive and constructive work. We refuse to turn aside from it to take part in any controversy or to share in any movement for emphasizing special aspects of Christian truth. We are seeking rather to magnify the living verities of Christian faith and to illustrate the essential reality of pure Christianity in such a way that the spirit of controversy dies away and special emphases find no place. We believe that we can best serve the cause of Christ in the world by going on with our own constructive work in this way.

The interdenominational basis on which the College is founded means that it should serve as a handmaid to all the churches. We are seeking to accomplish this object not by suppressing or ignoring denominational divisions but by transcending them. Having no organized church or Christian

denomination behind us to depend upon, we have learned to depend upon the unseen Guide whose presence is in all the churches and in all denominations, to whose coming at Pentecost 1900 years ago the attention of the whole Christian world is being directed afresh this year. We believe that the unfailing blessing which we have enjoyed year after year and which has followed us so manifestly in this new building throughout the session now closing, is due to the fact that the Board of Governors, the staff and the student body alike have sought to follow in some measure at least the cor-

porate leadership of the Holy Spirit. If this is the case, then we are surely called to maintain this testimony with jealous care as the best contribution we can make to the life and work of the churches. With deep gratitude to Him who has led us through the years and has blessed us again this session and with goodwill to all Christian groups the Bible College will go on with its work, striving to fulfil its own task, seeking to serve the interests of the churches and helping to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

John McNicol.

Closing Exercises

The Graduation Exercises of the Bible College were held on Friday evening, April 25th, in Trinity United Church, before a very appreciative audience of almost seventeen hundred people.

Mr. E. G. Baker, President, occupied the chair and guided the meeting throughout in a very masterly way. Rev. J. G. Jones, B.A., conducted the Devotional Exercises, and the choir, under the baton of Mr. Ernest Shildrick, the efficient teacher of music on the College faculty, rendered three anthems in a beautiful and effective manner.

Principal McNicol gave a brief statement of the year's work and Mr. R. C. Kilgour presented a report on finances in connection with the new

building, after which Miss Louida Bauman gave an address on "The Simplicity of the Truth", Mr. F. T. Darnell spoke on "The Christ of the Unseen" and Miss Kathleen Anderson delivered the valedictory address on "Abiding in Christ". Thirty-five graduates were presented by the Principal to receive the Diploma of the College at the hands of the President, and six young people who had completed the course of instruction in the Evening Classes were presented for Certificates. The audience stood as Rev. Dr. McTavish invoked God's blessing upon the outgoing classes, after which the College hymn "Help Me, O Lord, the God of My Salvation", was sung and Rev. Dr. W. L. Armstrong pronounced the benediction.

The Alumni Conference

On Thursday afternoon, April 24th, the Alumni Association of the College held its Annual Conference. The theme for consideration was a very important one, namely, "My Bible College Course in the Light of My Experience as a Christian Worker". Miss Hope Wallis, '14, on furlough from Africa, and Rev. A. A. Wilson, '13, Acting General Secretary of The South Africa

General Mission, spoke from the point of view of the foreign field, while Rev. Wm. McLean, '24, and Rev. H. T. Smith, '24, considered the theme from the viewpoint of the ministry at home. As these addresses are to be published in later issues of the "Recorder", we give no digest of them here, except to say that each address was suggestive and thought-provoking. The Bible

College with its increased accommodation desires to serve successive generations of students in the most efficient and effective manner. Consequently, it takes counsel with those who have left its halls, and values their judgment on the training received during their student days for their life work.

The Secretary read the final report of the Furnishing Fund, which showed that almost \$9,200.00 had been received from members of the Alumni towards the furnishings of our new building—an amount which practically paid for all that had been bought and installed to date. The report was gratefully received.

Adjournment was made to the dining hall at 6 p.m.

At 8 p.m., the assembly hall was filled to hear the reports for the year from the students' organizations and to listen to the address of the President, Rev. W. H. Yates, '12. Principal McNicol presided, in his own characteristic way emphasizing mat-

ters of moment in the reports submitted. Mr. Yates chose to speak on the subject of "Soul Winning".

The President welcomed the new graduates into the fellowship of the Association, and Rev. Wm. McLean led in prayer dedicating them to God and His service.

The following officers were elected for the year:

Hon. Presidents—Rev. A. A. Wilson, '13, Mr. Louis Chinal, '06
 President Rev. Wm. Yates, '13
 Vice-Presidents—Mr. H. Jackman, '24
 Rev. C. C. Boyter, '24
 Miss M. Booth, '20
 Secy.-Treas.—Rev. D. A. Burns, '16
 Councillors—Miss K. Brown '22, Rev. Glen Wardell '13, Miss A. Jennings, '24, Mr. R. Chappell '26, Miss N. Manning '29, Mr. M. Love, Mr. J. H. Hunter, Miss Eva Meen.

Several gave brief messages of greeting, after which the proceedings were brought to a close by prayer.

Abiding in Christ

The Valedictory Address delivered by Miss Kathleen Anderson at the Graduation Exercises on April 25th

On looking back over three years spent in the Toronto Bible College those of us about to leave are greatly impressed with the spirit that seems to permeate every activity which is carried on there, and by an atmosphere from which we are loath to depart, and which we know will be difficult to find elsewhere once we have left these walls behind us. This spirit or atmosphere may be very well summed up in the words of Isaiah, "In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." What is the secret of this quietness and confidence, this attitude which is taken towards all the activities of the College life? It would appear to be in the fact that all who are entrusted with offices or special duties have realized, or are realizing, the necessity of "abiding in Christ."

The Command:

Our Lord said "Abide in me and I in you." Once we have come to the place where we have acknowledged that we are included in the verse "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God", and have had our eyes opened to "behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world", and have responded to His gracious invitation "Come unto me", surely our ears should not be dull to hear His command, "Abide in me". The constant touch of our Saviour and our Master must be upon our lives if we are to continue steadfastly on the road in which He set our feet when we surrendered ourselves to Him.

"Saved to serve" should be the watchword of every Christian. Surely the good things we have received are

not to be selfishly kept to ourselves when there are so many hungry ones on every side. Yet there must be a vital communion with the Life Giver Himself if we are to present the beauty and wonder of His gracious invitation, in all its simplicity, to those who have never heard.

Would you know the secret of this abiding? Christ said, "If ye keep my commandments ye shall abide in my love." This is the key which opens the door into the life of abiding. When we are glad, even eager, to keep the commandments of our unchanging Friend because of our love for Him, if we become miserable when we know we have done something to grieve or hurt him, then we may have the assurance that we are living in the right relationship with Him. Obedience is as essential in the keeping of this command as it is in the realizing of most of the blessings of God.

The Enablement:

But the question may be asked, how may I be sure that I shall be able to continue to abide? The Lord Jesus Christ while on this earth gave a very beautiful illustration which is an answer to this question. In the fifteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel we have the figure used of the vine and the branches. Do the branches need to struggle to remain in the vine? This would appear to be a foolish question. Then why need we fear that it must be a struggle on our part to abide in Christ? When we surrender our lives to be grafted into His, then He keeps us abiding.

Then again we read that the Father is the Husbandman. He is the One Who cares for the vine and its branches, and there is no tree or plant which needs as much care. It is true that many a time the wise Gardener sees that, to be kept in proper condition, the branch must be pruned, but that can be left to His wisdom and loving foresight. Though the branch

may find this purging process to be grievous for a time, yet it may have the joy of knowing that the watchful Husbandman sees in it the possibility of much fruit and wishes every hindrance to be removed.

There are many kinds of hindrances and each branch may be affected in a different way, but with the same result to all. The life of the vine is prevented from flowing into the branch, and it is not long before the branch becomes a dead thing, good for nothing but to be burned. How then may we guard against these obstructions? We read again, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." The searchlight of God's Word thrown upon our lives will reveal anything which is hindering our receiving of Christ's life, or anything which might cause a severance between the vine and its branches. Thus we see the necessity of continually seeking God's will in His Word and of waiting upon Him in prayer for His guidance. In this way the passage will be kept clear and free for the inflowing of the sap which alone gives life to the branch.

The Result:

With this life-power flowing through us, then, and then only, may we hope to accomplish something for our Master. The class of 1930 has chosen for its motto this verse, "Striving together for the faith of the Gospel", but each one recognizes the fact that "Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing." There are so many earnest Christians to-day straining every nerve for their Lord and yet seeming to accomplish so little. Why should this be? Again we have Christ's answer, "Without me ye can do nothing." He must be the One who works and we must simply be the instrument in His hands.

As each branch does not stand out by itself but is merely part of the vine, so each abiding Christian will be

part of the whole. Each may, indeed must, occupy an individual place, but each will think not of himself, but of what he can contribute to the whole. Perhaps you may say, "But I can do nothing. I am occupied with household duties, or the routine of the business world. What can I contribute to the vine?" The answer to that comes in the verse of the hymn:

"The daily round, the common task
Will furnish all we ought to ask,
Room to deny ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God."

It is in the daily round and the common task that there comes the test of abiding, and as we, recognizing that we have the life of the vine in us, continue to remain in the place where we will be receiving more and more of that life, even so there will be provided an opportunity for fruit-bearing.

This, then, is the main necessity of abiding, namely, that we may bear fruit. In using the vine as an illustration, our Lord used the plant whose sole purpose is for fruit bearing. It is of no use in any other way, and so Christ speaks of us as branches of a vine, meaning that our main function is to bear fruit. In John's Gospel, He is recorded as saying, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit," and this fruit which we have been called to bear is the Christian life in all its loveliness, which will "adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour", so that men and women will see in us the winsomeness and grace of the Son of God, Who for them became man and dwelt among men, finally going to the death of the cross for their sakes, and will long in some measure to pay the great debt they owe to Him. We ourselves may never hope to portray this Saviour unless He Himself is living in us and working through us. But when we closely abide in Him our lives will reflect His

love and mercy, and men will be constrained to ask concerning Him Whom we serve.

When our Lord has said that He has ordained us to bring forth fruit He will supply the strength and power to do so. Turning again to the picture of the vine it will be noticed that those branches which bear the most fruit are the strongest, and also as one has said, "The most heavily laden branches bow the lowest." No fear of pride in one who bears much fruit, for as he abides in the vine he realizes that he is not doing it of himself, but by the power which comes from being united with the vine, the one source of life.

The Purpose:

There is a great purpose in this abiding and fruit bearing, a purpose which may be traced through all the commands of the Bible, the one purpose which should dominate all our work for the Master. We have it expressed in the well-known words, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever." To Him be all the glory for this privilege of fruit bearing. For His glory and for that alone we go forward to win men and women to Him, and to surround those who have taken the step of decision with love, giving to them an aiding hand as they start out on the new road so that they, too, may glorify God. Our Lord and Saviour came down from His glory to live as a man upon this earth, to bear the bitterest reproach and finally to suffer an agonizing death that the Father might be glorified in the saving of lost humanity. Now He is at the right hand of God interceding for us, but He has left us an example, and He has sounded the keynote for all our endeavours, namely—that the Father may be glorified.

At the same time, however, there is another purpose behind Christ's command to abide and that is that "our joy may be full". The Christian re-

ligion is one of joy, and a true Christian life is one in which joy and happiness have a very prominent place. We know that our sins have been blotted out as a thick cloud, we know we have a loving Father Who holds the key of all unknown and Who will supply every need, and we know we have an unchanging and ever faithful Friend Who will never leave us nor forsake us. Why should our cup of joy not be full, yes, even running over? But as we abide in Him, Christ has promised us a joy more precious and more complete, a joy that will flow from us to touch those lives around us, and which will finally be perfected when we reach our Father's mansions and meet those souls we have won for Him, the fruit of our branch produced by His life in us.

Communion Service

On Easter Sunday morning, the College faculty and several members of the Board, together with some 170 students of the Day and Evening classes, met in the Assembly Hall of the College to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The service began at eleven o'clock and was conducted throughout by the Principal. The atmosphere of the meeting was one of devotion and thanksgiving to God for all that the Easter message means, and was an illustration of the common fellowship which characterizes the life of the school:

Alumni Banquet

The afternoon session of the Alumni Conference having come to a close, all adjourned to the dining-room, which was too small to accommodate the hungry, happy members of the T.B.C. family assembled. The "overflow" found tables laid in the Men's Common Room, and for a while nothing was heard but the clatter of dishes as all "attacked" the potato salad which was indeed a credit to the College

God grant that each one of us stepping out into active service, and each one of you who must go back to the place of duty, will seek to realize this secret of "abiding in Christ" and will participate in its blessings and joys: "That mystic word of Thine, O Sovereign Lord,

Is all too pure, too high, too deep for me,

Weary of striving and with longing faint,

I breathe it back again in prayer to Thee.

There have been seasons beautiful and rare,

Abide in me and they shall ever be, Fulfil at once Thy precept and my prayer,

Come and abide in me and I in Thee."

"We are not divided,

All one body we—

One in hope and doctrine,

One in charity."

Rev. T. B. Hyde gave a brief devotional message suitable to the occasion, after which appropriate passages of Scripture were read by the Principal and prayer was offered by Dr. J. M. Waters. As the elements were dispensed, the audience waited quietly and prayerfully upon God, seeking to realize His presence in a fuller way and responding to the challenge of the hour.

cooks who, at the proposal of the chairman, Rev. A. A. Wilson, received a unanimous vote of thanks.

After supper, Rev. Ma T. Wou, ('08), of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., was called upon to speak. Mr. Wou, after expressing his appreciation of the enjoyable banquet, pointed out that it was not the banquet itself which impressed him so much as the unity and

fellowship which characterized the gathering.

Miss M. McDonald, '10, of the Department of Health in Toronto, spoke of the lasting benefits which she had received from the fellowship of the Bible College family, and called upon the graduating students ever to remember the principles which they had been taught at the school.

Mr. Wilson then called upon Miss Lulu MacIntosh to represent the first year students. Miss MacIntosh insisted (as she said, the young bridegroom did) that "This 'ere thing has

been forced upon me." She spoke of the benefits received during the past session, referring especially to the Medical Course. She made mention of the prayer life of the College, emphasizing the need of living in the atmosphere of prayer continually.

Ex-Rabbi H. Bregman, of the class of '09, spoke with much feeling on the need of the Jewish people of today and commented on the unique place which "our principal", Rev. John McNicol, holds in the affections of all the students.

G.P.M.

The 1930 Class Banquet

To secure a peep into the closely guarded College dining-room on the afternoon of April 4th would have been a difficult undertaking, but well worth the effort in view of the transformation which had taken place since lunch. There was also unusual activity in the always busy kitchen. Such hurrying to and fro on the part of certain individuals who seemed to have pressing and important duties to speed them on their way! And just to sharpen one's curiosity, to say nothing of one's appetite, savoury odours were floating around the halls, greeting one unexpectedly every now and then in a most tantalizing and appetizing manner. What was it all about? Why, the 1930 Graduating Class Banquet, the first in the new College, was about to be enjoyed and all these "signs and symbols" were simply forerunners of the occasion.

The committee which had been appointed some time previously was at last engaged in carrying out its carefully made plans. When the doors were opened and guests and class members invited to take their places at the table, exclamations of surprise and delight were heard on every hand. The dining-room had lost its usual decorous appearance and was gaily decorated in the class colours, blue

and gold. This colour scheme was also carried out in the choice of spring flowers which decked the artistically arranged tables, adding their beauty and fragrance to the scene.

The food was all it promised to be judging from the odours encountered earlier in the day, and someone was heard to remark that any food would be most delectable which was served by such trim and dainty waitresses.

There is a special warmth of friendship which seems to develop "over the tea cup" and tempts one to linger and enjoy this fellowship as long as possible. Formality is not at home at a time like this, but instead there is a freedom and a certain ease and kindness which breaks down reserve and builds stronger and deeper ties between those who are privileged to enjoy such association. Our class banquet was no exception, unless it was that there was more warmth than usual. We were reminded of the words, "He brought me to the banqueting house and His banner over me was love." Truly Christian love was the predominant note that night as we partook not only of the material blessings which our Heavenly Father had provided for us, but also of all those spiritual blessings in Christ which He has given us richly to enjoy.

The hour which followed will not soon be forgotten, but will live long in the memories of all who shared in that fellowship.

The musical contributions and speeches were thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated, but most of all did we

appreciate the words of admonition and encouragement which fell from the lips of our instructors as they gave us their parting messages before we went forth to "strive together for the faith of the gospel."

D. S.

College Picnic

A strong committee, with Mr. Reuben Chappell as chairman, is busily engaged in making arrangements for our first College picnic. The date chosen is Saturday, June 28, at 2 p.m., and the place, Area 8, Exhibition Grounds (on the lake-front). All graduates, students and friends of the College are heartily invited to be pre-

sent and to enjoy the programme of the afternoon. Kindly bring well-filled baskets of food so as to enable the committee to amply provide for our physical needs. A very happy time is in prospect according to the opinion of several members of the committee, who are working hard to make the outing a real success.

Summer Prayer Meetings

On Tuesday evening of each week during the summer months, the students of the Evening and Day classes remaining in the city meet for prayer in the interests of the work of the College, particularly remembering students on fields of service at home and abroad. This summer has witnessed a noticeable increase in the attendance at these services and it has been arranged to have special monthly

meetings with missionary speakers as follows:

May 13—Mr. R. Oliver, Sudan Interior Mission.

June 10—A speaker representing China Inland Mission.

July 8—Miss Clark, Ceylon and India General Mission.

August 12—Mr. Cook, Evangelical Union of South America.

The friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

News of the Bible College Family

A son (James Theodore) was born in November last, at Stamford Centre, Ontario, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Brownsberger.

A son (Raymond Lorne) was born on January 11th, at Ohsweken, Ontario, to Mr. and Mrs. Melchi Henry.

A daughter (Doris Evelyn) was born on May 17th, at Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLean ('30).

A daughter (Edna Ruth) was born at the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, on May 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tatham ('29).

The sympathy of the Bible College family goes out to Mr. and Mrs. John

Bell, of Kansu, China, whose little son, Alfred David, died last December, at the age of two months.

Rev. and Mrs. John Hall (Maude Whan, '16), will have the sympathy of the Toronto Bible College family in the death of their youngest child, Edna, at Kaltungo, Nigeria, West Africa.

Mr. George Kelly, who was a student in the College during the winters of 1927 and 1928, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 8th while returning from a meeting which he had conducted in a lumber camp in Northern Ontario, under the auspices

of The Shantymen's Christian Association, in which organization he was a missionary.

Miss Sadie Bishop ('27) graduated from St. John's Hospital, Toronto, on May 22nd.

Joseph McDermott, '22, pastor of Byng Avenue Baptist Mission, Toronto, received the B.A. degree at the Convocation of McMaster University, on May 13th.

Robert Moynan ('23), pastor of the Baptist church at Creemore, Ontario, graduated in Theology from McMaster University on May 13th.

Principal and Mrs. McNicol sailed from Montreal on May 9th, on the S.S. "Doric", for Britain, where they will spend three months, returning to Toronto early in August.

Miss Elise Barlow, a returned missionary of the Presbyterian Church, who has been attending the Evening Classes, has been appointed Principal of the Girls' Training School at New Amsterdam, British Guiana.

Rev. Edward Hancox ('22), who has been pastor of a Baptist church in Owen Sound, has been appointed as a missionary to Liberia, Africa, under the Regular Baptist Board.

Rowland Simpkins ('29) has been appointed to French Equatorial Africa by the Sudan United Mission. He will take a further year in Louisville Baptist Seminary.

Ross Almas ('30) has been appointed by the South Africa General Mission and will go out after another year of training.

Lily Poley ('30) has been appointed to French Equatorial Africa by the Sudan United Mission, and is to go out after another year of training.

Gladys Timney ('30) has been appointed to evangelistic work in the Gwalior Mission, Central India, under the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. H. V. Higginson (Winnifred Parker, '16) was ordained to the work of Gospel ministry in the Canadian

Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, at Cornwall, Ontario, on May 9th.

Rev. Arthur Leggett ('23) is now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Swift Current, Sask. Mr. Leggett closed his ministry at Kindersley on March 31st.

Arthur Homer ('31) is student pastor of the Baptist church at Spring Bay, on Manitoulin Island.

Fred Darnell ('30), Edward Hales ('30), and Roy Cook ('31) are serving on summer fields in Ontario, under the Baptist Home Mission Board. Mr. Darnell is at Thessalon, Mr. Hales at Dorion, and Mr. Cook at Schreiber.

Peter Cowland, Frank W. Dean, David Hanna, J. N. Hepburn and James Hutchinson are serving the Presbyterian Church this summer on the Home Mission field. Mr. Cowland is at Redbank, N.B., Mr. Dean at Bar River near Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Mr. Hanna is near Red Deer, Alberta, Mr. Hepburn is at Sussex, N.B., and Mr. Hutchinson is in New Westminster, B.C.

John Trewin is doing personal and evangelistic work among the sailors arriving in Toronto harbour, in the service of the Sailors' Mission of the Upper Canada Tract Society.

Mr. L. A. W. Pepperdene, ('32) is serving as assistant camp director at Camp On-wee-go, Whitevale, Ontario, for Broadview Y.M.C.A.

Rev. and Mrs. John Harvey ('28) have left Vareysburg, N.Y., and are living at Dunnville, Ontario. Mr. Harvey has been appointed colporteur of the Upper Canada Bible Society, for the Niagara Peninsula.

Moir A. J. Waters, B.A., son of Dr. J. M. Waters, secretary of the College, is in charge of the services for the summer at the Community Church, Ward's Island, Toronto.

The following students of the past session are on the staff of the Toronto City Mission Fresh Air Camp, at

Bronte, this summer: Ruth Phillips, ('28) will be assisting Miss Gladys Langley ('26) at Bowinville, in the Fresh Air Camp of Memorial Institute, during the months of July and August.

Nellie Poole ('31), Kathleen McGarrie ('30) and Mrs. Beth McKay

Graduates of the Regular Course

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

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| Newman Ross Almas | Freeman, Ont. |
| Johan Edvard Andersen | Hoiavag, Norway |
| Kathleen Anderson | Beauharnois, Que. |
| Louida Bauman | Kitchener, Ont. |
| Philip Harold Bird | Paisley, Ont. |
| Gertrude Eleanor Bridger | Southampton, Ont. |
| John Byers | Edinburgh, Scotland |
| Viola Gertrude Cherry | Mimico, Ont. |
| Frederick Thomas Darnell | Clinton, Ont. |
| Ivey Isabelle Estall | Montreal, Que. |
| Gertrude May Gibb | Shanghai, China |
| Herbert Charles Gooderham | Toronto, Ont. |
| Charlotte Gooderham (Mrs. H. C.) | Toronto, Ont. |
| Ephraim Habermehl | Kitchener, Ont. |
| Edward Sidney Hales | Vineland, Ont. |
| Violet Hancox | Toronto, Ont. |
| Bernice Haynes | Toronto, Ont. |
| Mildred Sadie Johnston, R.N. | Toronto, Ont. |
| Kathleen McGarrie | Toronto, Ont. |
| Alexander McLean | Winona, Ont. |
| Ethel Neale | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Lily Ursula Poley | Verdun, Que. |
| George Albert Rice | Dublin, Ireland |
| Vera May Schwass | Port Elgin, Ont. |
| Dorothea Smith | Calgary, Ont. |
| Mildred Mary Smith | Big Valley, Alta. |
| Clara Snider | Waterloo, Ont. |
| Alexander Stein | Toronto, Ont. |
| Kathleen Swayze | West Hamilton, Ont. |
| Gladys Louise Timney | Toronto, Ont. |
| Hilda Tipp | Toronto, Ont. |
| Daisy Victoria Walker | Brenchley, England |
| William Robert Warring | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Rev. Lewis Shantz Weber, B.A. | Toronto, Ont. |
| Mary Zimmerman | Moose Hill, Ont. |

Certificates of the Evening Course

The following students have completed the three years' course of study in the Evening Classes and passed the required examinations. They receive the College Certificate:

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| Clara L. Brown | Ellen Dorothy May Robinson |
| Cyril Albert Hemmings | Evelyn E. Wood |
| Herbert H. Lane | Viola H. Wood |