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The Coming Session

The Bible College will begin its thirty-eighth session, the third in the new building, on Tuesday, September 15th. The opening service will be held at 10 o'clock, when old and new students will gather with the members of the Staff to give the keynote of praise to the new session as they have done on so many former occasions.

During the summer the students of the College have been scattered throughout the Dominion and have been carrying on different forms of service. Twelve of the young men have been occupying mission fields not only throughout Ontario but in the Eastern and Western provinces as well. Quite a number of them, both men and women, have been engaged in the work of the Summer Camps on Lake Ontario and at the Keswick Conference at Muskoka. A small band has been conducting evangelistic services at different points in Saskatch-

ewan. Others have been doing city mission work of one kind or another in Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal. Since the close of last session three former students have sailed for foreign fields and six or seven others are ready to go early in the fall.

There is every promise of as large an attendance as ever during the coming session. Applications from new students have been coming in all summer. There is evidently a wide interest throughout the country in the work of the College.

A few adjustments have been made in the Time Table. Incoming students will take up the study of Biblical Introduction at once without waiting until their second year. Logic will be studied in connection with Homiletics. The senior class will work out the great ideas of the Epistle to the Romans and thus make an intensive study of essential Christianity. The other

subjects will follow the lines of former years. The first hour each day will be devoted as usual to the English Bible, beginning this year with the Book of Job and going through to the end of the Prophets.

In the Evening Classes also some changes are being made. Dr. Weston, while continuing to lecture to the Day Classes, has been obliged to give up his evening work. In place of his course, we are glad to announce that the Rev. Professor T. W. Isherwood, M.A., of Wycliffe College, will give a series of lectures on the Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A special Teacher Training Course will be started in connection with the Evening Classes. This will enable those who have already completed the Evening Class curriculum to take further work in the College. It will also qualify for the Teacher's Certificate given by the Evangelical Teacher Training Association.

We should like to add here that friends of the College are cordially invited not only to attend the opening service on September 15th, but also to visit any of the classes during the session. The doors of the Toronto Bible College are always open to visitors.

God's Response to Man's Cry

An address delivered at the Graduation Exercises in Walmer Road Baptist Church, April 24th by Ethel Georgina Dawson, Secretary of the Graduating Class.

In one sense God is always near us. He is not an absentee Deity needing to be brought down from heaven or up from the deep. He is near at hand. His being pervades all being. The whole world is filled with signs of His presence. Every flower pushing through the dark mould, every firefly in the forest, every bird on the wing, everything that is—all are as full of God's presence as the bush which burned with His fire, before which Moses bared his feet in acknowledgment that God was there.

But there has been placed in man's being a longing after God that cannot be satisfied with a mere manifestation of His presence through nature. Down the ages comes the cry, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God." Job had this longing when he cried, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him! that I might come even to His seat!" "There is no daysman betwixt us that might lay his hand on us both."

As we read the books of the Old Testament we find Israel continually seeking for One who was promised to come and prove to be Immanuel—God

with us. In the Pentateuch such a One is sought in the priesthood. Aaron is ordained, the Levitical system of worship is built up—but when we finish Leviticus the Perfect Priest has not been discovered.

Throughout the historical books of the Old Testament Israel looks for a King, but at the end of every reign there is one word written—failure. There has not yet been found the true King of Israel, the King Eternal.

The books of prophecy reveal the fact that Israel was ever looking for a prophet, one who would come and abide in their midst. But though there were many prophets, the voice of The Prophet is not heard. So the books close—with a disappointing sense of failure, of expectation unfulfilled.

Is man's yearning for priest and king and prophet, for one who will dwell with him and reveal to him the glory of God, never to be satisfied? Praise God we can answer, "It has been satisfied! God's response to man's longing cry has come in the person of Jesus."

He came into the midst of the

world's troubled sea of life and immediately the world's courses changed direction. From the day of His earthly advent the world's events have gathered around a new Center. And—the emphasis of His presence in the world has never changed since He came! Why? Because He was Immanuel, God with us. He was God revealed in man. He was? Let me rather say He is, for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. He is the perfect manifestation and image of the invisible God. In Him we have revealed the God we know and love and trust.

Turning to Paul's inspired description of Him, we read, "In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2:9)—for it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell (Col. 1:19)." To Him, then, belong all the powers and attributes of God.

There is in the state of Florida a marvellous spring called the Crystal Spring. It suddenly breaks out of the ground as a river. It started somewhere in the far-off mountains. It drove its way under rock, breaking forth here and there until it had woven itself into one great moving purpose, gathering its force into a fast flowing river. Then, finding a place in the yielding soil, it burst forth as a mighty stream, flowing down to the sea and back to the ocean, from which it sprang by the way of cloud and rain and snow to its original source on the far away mountain top. So God's life reached down out of heaven, travelled on in subterranean passages of prophecy and ceremony until in Christ He broke forth—God Eternal.

Now, no longer need man cry, "Oh that I knew where I might find him!" No longer need there be a vain searching for One who will reveal God, for One who will weld God and humanity together. Christ's coming into the

world makes possible man's union with God, for in possessing Him we possess the Father also.

In His great intercessory prayer, Jesus proposed nothing short of this very thing as He prayed, "And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one".

Let me illustrate this truth. The husbandman grafts into the branch the new and tender shoot and the sap coursing through the tree enters the shoot, uniting the two. The sap is the bond of union. The sap is the life without which the branch and shoot would die. With it coursing freely they live, and live as one. So Christ is our life-giver, conveying to us the divine nature. When that conveyance is made through Him, the life of God is communicated to man and man passes out of death into life.

Having thus been made partakers of the divine nature, what riches of glory are ours! There is no element in the nature of God that is not revealed in Christ; and since Christ is ours, then there is no quality in the nature of God that cannot be revealed in us.

Oh that we would dare to believe it and appropriate it! There is naught that we need that we may not have if we will only open our eyes to His presence and yield ourselves to Him in absolute surrender.

Do we need the sense of guilt to be lifted from our hearts? Let us lay our hands on Christ, the one Sacrifice, and leave all other altars and priests and ceremonies alone. Do we seek to know God? Let us behold Christ. Do we crave strength for our spirit, guidance for our lives? Let us cleave to Christ and we shall be no more helpless and bewildered.

Though all the earth were covered with helpers and all the heavens were

filled with the faces of angels who cared for man, all could not do for him what he needs. Though all these were gathered into one mighty, loving creature, even he were not sufficient for the soul of man. We want more than creature help. We need the whole fulness of the Godhead to draw from and it is all there in Christ.

Why should we leave the fountain of living waters to hew out for ourselves cisterns that can hold no water? *All* we need is in Christ. Let us lift our eyes from the earthly and material and behold "no man any more—save Jesus only" that we may be filled with all the fulness of God.

My T. B. C. Course in the Light of My Experience as a Christian Worker

(An address delivered at the Alumni Conference, April 1930, by Rev. A. A. Wilson '13)

What I have to say on the subject of "My T. B. C. course in the light of my experience as a Christian Worker" will be more or less in the nature of a testimony, and for this purpose I emphasize three verses of Scripture which were much impressed upon us during our time here, the first of which was hung on a banner over the blackboard and was thus brought daily to our notice:

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom", Col. 3:16, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed", 2 Tim. 2:15, and "Redeeming the time because the days are evil", Eph. 5:16.

When I entered the Bible College in 1911 I came as a young man having yielded my life to God for service, and with Africa as probably the field in which that service was to be rendered. But I came also as a very young Christian, lacking Christian experience of any kind, except as a Sunday School teacher and an ordinary Church worker. I knew very little of the Word of God, and consequently my first weeks here were especially a time of wonderment as the Word was expounded and the Bread of Life broken to me by our devoted teachers. New truths were opened up to me and fresh insight was given, not only of the majesty of God

and His holiness, but of His matchless love and righteousness.

I was also made to realize what opportunities for service there were on every hand and I was taught how to apply myself to those opportunities, and was encouraged and even urged to take part in the activities that my instructors well knew would prove invaluable to me in my later service. "Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" was the first and last injunction, and how many times since I left the old T. B. C. in 1913 have I praised God for the faithful ministry of those teachers, which enabled me to be well grounded in His Word and which gave me some understanding of the eternal doctrines that are found therein.

But, and here I would address myself particularly to those yet in training, although these advantages existed along with the many others which the course afforded, and although there were some things lacking in the T. B. C. course of 18 years ago, one thing stood out again and again very clearly, often with condemning force, as I went about my duties in Africa, or came in contact with men and women of the world on my ocean travels, with Government officials in Northern Rhodesia and Portuguese West Africa, and with Christian workers from other Bible schools and colleges: that was,

that I have failed to study to shew myself approved, had failed to buy up the opportunities.

This was especially so in regard to two subjects listed in the curriculum as additional subjects, but which I am now glad to know are in the regular curriculum, viz: Music and English. It was very amusing to me, and possibly to others at the time, when our music teacher asked me to join the singing class. I could not sing, nor did I think that I would ever need to be able to sing sufficiently well in order to lead congregational singing. I deeply regretted that opportunity lost when I found that I had to do the teaching of hymn tunes to my black audience, an audience that had hitherto been accustomed only to singing in chanting strain to the accompaniment of the beating of drums—and all in a minor key. Many times there was no other at hand to teach them or to lead them in the singing of the songs of redemption. Ability as a song leader is just as necessary on the foreign field as in the homeland, but I failed to buy up the opportunity. I needed voice training. You recognize that readily, don't you? And I failed even to avail myself of what little there was then in the course. I strongly advise all students to avail themselves of the increased opportunity to receive such training if they have not already done so.

I took the English classes as a kind of "make up" to secure graduation. I thought that I knew sufficient of my mother tongue and its construction to enable me to learn any primitive African language, or to preach the gospel to my fellows. But I made one of the biggest mistakes of my life. I recall that at the examination on that subject I treated the matter very lightly and actually answered one question jokingly. I was somewhat taken aback when I received my marks

on my paper! And when I began to take up the study of my first African language I received a further very rude shock—I had once more failed to buy up the opportunities and it was too late to redeem the time. The same thing was impressed upon me when I came to study another African language and with it also the Portuguese. My difficulties were increased tenfold and my value as a worker was lessened by my failure to adequately understand my own mother tongue and its construction.

All of this may seem to you as a tale of woe. My side of it is! The course that the T. B. C. provided at that time, whilst possibly not by any means adequate, yet was suitable and sufficient to have fitted me much better for the service that lay ahead than eventually proved to be the case. The trouble was not so much with what the course lacked as in my failure to avail myself of the opportunities that were before me. The very best course that can be provided will be ineffective so long as *you* fail to buy up the opportunities and redeem the time. We need to study to shew ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed. If we are not ashamed before God, you can take it as certain that we shall never be ashamed before our fellowmen. They are watching us and judging our institution of learning by our accomplishments in life, and incidently they are judging our Lord by our lives. Do you get that thought? You *need not* be ashamed, either before God or men! If you are, then you yourself are mainly responsible. It may be because you have failed to redeem the time, not because of the inadequacy of the course provided or through lack of opportunity.

In conclusion I would like to state that during the last eighteen months my work in the homeland has em-

phasized the necessity of an all-round training. The standard of educational qualification demanded by most missions is high. We recognize that a definite Christian experience is essential, and the deeper and wider your experience as a Christian worker the more valuable you will prove on the field. A good knowledge of Comparative Religions is needed for contact with those of other beliefs. A course in Phonetics is being stressed nowadays as an invaluable asset in the acquiring of a foreign language, especially the primitive languages. But a

thorough Biblical knowledge, the ability to use the Sword of the Spirit, and above all a deep experience in Christ, an entire separation unto Him, a full dependence upon Him for the supply of your every need—these things are of paramount importance and you have need to go no further than the Toronto Bible College for such. Let us all study to shew ourselves approved unto God, redeeming the time, buying up the opportunities as they present themselves, and so be a praise to our Lord.

Mrs. Leslie Garrett (Mary C. Gomme '24)

One of the heroic pioneer missionaries of the Bible College family was called home during the past summer in the person of Mrs. Leslie Garrett. Her father, the late Rev. George Gomme, was a Baptist pastor. A few weeks after her graduation from the Bible College in 1924 she was married to the Rev. Leslie Garrett, Anglican missionary among the Cree Indians at Trout Lake in the Hudson Bay district. During the first three or four years of their life there they got news from the outer world only twice a year. Later on, when the planes of the Consolidated Smelting and Mining Co. at Sioux Lookout, 500 miles to the south, began to fly over the northern country as far as Hudson's Bay, mail reached them more frequently and the journey out to the borders of civilization which formerly took three

months could be made in as many hours.

Towards the end of last year Mrs. Garrett took ill and suffered very severely through all the winter months. Finally in the early summer a plane of the Mining Company made a forced landing near the Trout Lake Mission and Mr. Garrett arranged to have himself and his wife and their three children taken down to Sioux Lookout from where they made their way by train to her mother's home in Hamilton. At first she seemed to be improving, and Mr. Garrett returned to his work among the Indians. Then an operation was performed which it was thought would help her. But from this she did not recover, passing away on Sunday, July 12th. Deep sympathy goes out to the bereaved husband and his three little boys and also to the members of her mother's home.

Teacher Training Class

A Teacher Training Class for Sunday School teachers and those interested in the work amongst the young, will be held in the Lecture Room of the College each Tuesday evening at 7.45, beginning on Tuesday, September 15th. The course includes, in addition to Bible study, classes in Biblical Geography and History, Child Study, Pedagogy, Sunday School ad-

ministration, Missions and Personal Evangelism and leads to the diploma granted by Evangelical Teacher Training Association. The subjects to be studied this winter are, Child Study and Pedagogy. Information concerning the course may be obtained at the office of the College, or by phoning Ki. 1582.

News of the U. B. C. Family

A daughter (Esther Olive) was born on April 15th at Chengtu, Szechwan, China, to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Amos (Olive Atkinson '23).

On April 21st a son (William Bruce) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Groh, at St. Catharines.

A son (Matthew Goforth) was born on May 24th at Toronto to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilson (Gladys Waddell '17).

Helen Margaret Anderson ('27) was married to Harold Edwin Pangburn of New York on May 15th in Knox Church, Toronto.

On June 2nd, 1931, by Rev. E. Thamer at Fullarton, Ont., Eileen Marie Pridham was married to David H. Baillie.

Marjory J. Howe ('31) and Lewis James Lake ('31) were married at St. Anne's Anglican Church, Toronto, in June.

Rev. Cecil K. Dolby ('22) and Elsie May Wood, R.N. ('23) were married in Toronto on July 8th by Rev. H. H. Bingham, D.D., at Walmer Road Baptist Church.

Lily Ursula Poley ('30) was married to Rev. Rowland Simpkins ('29) on August 22nd at Montreal. They are sailing for Africa in the Fall under the Sudan United Mission.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Hubert E. Fisher ('26) to Miss M. C. Binnie, R.N., a graduate of the Vancouver Bible School. Both are working under the China Inland Mission in the province of Kweichow.

A Gordon Chambers ('31) and Edna M. Trout ('31) are to be married early in September, and thereafter immediately proceed to the Belgian Congo under the Women's Board of the Regular Baptist Church.

Rev. E. C. Austin ('05) of Barranquilla, Colombia, South America, reports that his work is very encouraging and that recently a new church

building was opened at Medellin. Mr. Austin was a student in the College during the days of the late Mr. Martin Love.

Dr. I. H. Erb, ('11) has received the appointment as lecturer in Pathology in the Medical College, Toronto University.

Cecil K. Dolby ('22) was ordained to the Gospel ministry on June 18th by a representative council of the Baptist Churches of Toronto Association. The Secretary of the Alumni took part in the evening programme.

Rev. Robert Moynan ('23) was ordained and inducted this summer into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Church at St. David's, Ont.

Miss Alice Bachert ('28) who has been taking a special nursing course in New York, has been appointed to foreign work in Costa Rica under the Latin America Evangelization Campaign, and will be sailing in October.

Miss Barbara Stevenson ('28) has now successfully completed her course of training in Brooklyn and has received her R.N.

Miss Sadie Lunn ('29) who has given such efficient service during the past two years both in the office of the College and in the management of the Lunch Room, returned last month to her old home in New Brunswick. Her marriage to Rev. Gordon E. Lantz, B.A., B.Th., of Bridgetown, N.S., is to take place this month. The good wishes of the Staff, of the student body and of the Alumni Association go with her in her new sphere of life and opportunity.

The position which Miss Lunn has occupied will be filled temporarily by Miss Gladys M. Langley, ('26), whose experience well qualifies her both for the office and for the Lunch Room.

Miss Gertrude Gibb ('30), after serving the Shantymen's Christian Association for a year, sailed for

South America on August 8th under the Inland South America Missionary Union.

Mr. John Austin and Miss Jean Spence of the last graduating class were accepted by the China Inland Mission in May and will be sailing for the fields of service in the fall.

Mr. Serge Constantinoff, ('31), left Toronto on July 29th for London and Paris. He is to carry on Christian work in Europe among his Russian fellow countrymen under the World Wide Christian Couriers of which Rev. Paul Rader is the head. His headquarters will be in Paris.

David W. Hanna ('31) has been appointed to work amongst the Cree Indians in the Hudson Bay District under the United Church of Canada and left for his field early in August.

John W. Hadall ('31), Donald Sinclair ('32) and Allan C. Hathaway ('33) have been conducting evangelistic services in Saskatchewan during the summer months. Their messages have been eagerly received by large audiences in the remoter sections of the province, and a recent letter from Mr. Hadall states that many have professed conversion.

Miss Ivey Istall ('30) and Miss Hilda Morris ('31) have been serving in Northern Ontario under the Shanty-men's Christian Association, their headquarters being at Englehart.

Miss Annie G. Soper, R.N., with a few fellow-workers, has established a new mission, with an orphanage and medical work, at Lamas in Peru, four days away from her nearest missionary neighbours at Moyobamba where she was formerly working. Lamas has about 4,000 whites and 8,000 pure Indians belonging to five tribes living at enmity one with another.

Mr. Neil Shellen, who came from Norway to take a Bible College course, and spent the last two years with us, has felt the call to pioneer missionary

work among the Indians of South America, and was sent out this summer by the Inland South America Missionary Union.

Miss Iris Errey, R.N., who has spent a year with us in the Bible College, has been appointed by the Women's Missionary Society of the Canadian Presbyterian Church to their foreign mission work in Manchuria. She will take a year in the Presbyterian Deaconess Home before going to the field.

Miss Elsie Shaw, who also spent the last session with us in the Bible College, has been appointed to the staff of the Indian Residential School at Elkhorn, Man., under the Anglican Church.

Miss Hilda Harrison, B.A., who was a student in the College during the session of 1930-31, is sailing for India on September 26th. Her address will be Tekkali, Ganjam District, South India.

Frank Melbourne (32) has been engaged during the Summer in Evangelistic work in the West.

Mr. G. W. Gibb, of Shanghai, whose two daughters, Edith and Gertrude, are graduates of Toronto Bible College, has been appointed a China Director of the China Inland Mission, and Mr. W. H. Warren, father of our fellow-student, Harold Warren, has been appointed Assistant China Director.

Mr. E. G. Baker, President of the Board of Governors of the College, was elected to the Presidency of the International Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations, which met at Cleveland, Ohio, last month.

Officers of the College

E. G. Baker	-	-	President
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