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### In Memoriam

In the early weeks of this year two devoted members of the Bible College family were called home, Mrs. D. E. McDonald and Mrs. Elmer Loney. Both laid down their lives in the midst of faithful and fruitful service in the cause of Christ, one on the foreign field and the other at home. Our hearts go out in deep sympathy to the two bereaved husbands and their families.

A week after the New Year a cable came to the Presbyterian Mission Board in Toronto that the wife of the Rev. D. E. McDonald had suddenly passed away, on January 5th, at Jobat, Central India. Grief was expressed throughout the whole of Canada, for the Church had no more devoted servants than these two missionaries.

Myrtle Moore, as was her name originally, took the full course in the Bible College, graduating in 1909. She was a radiant personality, and

her home was a centre of social fellowship for the whole student body, her father and mother being the soul of hospitality. Duncan McDonald graduated two years afterwards, and both of them at once applied to the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. They were appointed to work among the Bhils in Central India. They were married in September and sailed in October of that year. Since then they have given unremitting and joyful service in that field. Mr. McDonald is left in the midst of his work with seven children, one child having died during their first term on the field. Miss Margaret Moore, a sister of Mrs. McDonald, also a former student of the College, is matron of a school in South India where most of the children attend.

Mrs. Loney passed away on February 1st after an illness of less than a week, at the Baptist parsonage of Humber Bay. She attended the Bible

College as Grace McConnell during 1921-1922. Then she married Elmer Loney, who had graduated that year, and they both went down to the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. Loney was by disposition a thoughtful and eager student. She took the whole theological course along with her husband and also a course in missionary training and in vocal music. She was thus splendidly equipped to help her husband in his pastoral work. Before leaving Louisville both of them had also taken some work in preparation for the Master's degree.

In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Loney re-

turned to Canada and settled in the Baptist Church at Chesley, Ont. A little over four years ago Mr. Loney was called to Humber Bay, on the outskirts of Toronto, and for the past three sessions he has been also teaching New Testament Greek in the Bible College. A series of special services was being held in the church when Mrs. Loney took ill, and the suddenness with which her beautiful life was removed from their midst has left a profound effect on the congregation. Mr. Loney is left with two children, one seven years old, and the other only seven months.

### Student Life at Toronto Bible College

By Miss Cranfield ('35)

The aim of a Bible College is not only to give its students a certain amount of knowledge about the Bible, but also to lay the foundations of character that will hold good all through life.

The Toronto Bible College has two ways of influencing its students. First by the curriculum of studies; second, and not the least important by the "student life".

The foundation of the student life is the private life of the individual student. The student body as a whole will in its life express the mentality of its individuals. Therefore, it is impressed on the students that they are under obligation to the College, even when they are absent from it; when they are at home or temporarily away from the city. Students are expected to apply the teaching of the College to their own lives, and only to the degree in which we realize these Christian principles in our individual lives will the student body as a whole do so. Student life at the Toronto Bible College means, therefore, for each one of us to be deeply devoted to God and impressed with the privilege of the service we have been called to. It

means to seek the presence of God and His guidance in all undertakings; and to have a feeling of Christian love and brotherhood towards our fellow students.

The student body seeks to express the spirit of the College teaching in three different ways, by prayer, by evangelism and by the fellowship of the students among themselves. Much time is devoted to prayer. One or two prayer meetings are held every morning at the College. These prayer meetings are the student's opportunity to pray for God's blessing on the work of the College and whatever else is near to his heart. The noon hour every day except one day of the week is given to intercession for missionary work. There are students of the College working in almost every mission field and in all parts of the world, and the common interest in the work of these missionaries is one of the bonds that holds the students together as a family.

Out of prayer rises the evangelistic spirit of the students. Activities along this line are many and of various kinds. There are evangelistic cam-

paigns, mission meetings, factory meetings, Sunday School teaching, visitation in hospitals and homes and so on. Almost every branch of Christian work is represented. In the conducting of these meetings the students are of great help to one another.

The common interest in the results of these activities brings about a fellowship that we have not found anywhere else. They also help to give us a wider outlook and a better appreciation of the difficulties connected with the work we are called to do. Often, too, they are in themselves a reward for the labour that we give to them.

The third thing that the student life of the College is seeking to express and realize is the Christian fellowship, the brotherhood of those that are called to the same work. Nowhere is there a happier fellowship than here. The College forms one great family, tied together by bonds of Christian love and common interest in the work of the Gospel. We see

this spirit of friendship manifest in many things. In the social meetings of the College, in the help and interest that the students give to each other, in the help that the teachers give with difficult work, and in the thousand and one things that turn up day by day. This fellowship helps to form our Christian character. It calls for and brings forth and exercises the Christian principles in our lives. It broadens our views and helps us to understand and sympathize with other people. It is a study of different personalities that will be valuable for our future work. The experiences of others cheer us and strengthen our faith, when we see how the Lord is leading them and is near to them even during difficult times.

The student life of the Toronto Bible College is reverent in its attitude towards God, evangelistic in its attitude toward the world and is the manifestation of Christian fellowship among the students themselves.

### Montreal Students at T.B.C.

As the queen of Sheba on hearing of the great wisdom of Solomon could scarcely believe until she came and saw and then exclaimed, "The half was not told me", for it exceeded the fame of which she had heard, so we Montrealers had both read and heard of T.B.C., but did not realize that such wonderful Christian fellowship could exist till we arrived here and saw for ourselves. Strange to say some of us had planned to study elsewhere and we are so thankful that our feet were turned in this direction. The privileges one has in such a Protestant religious centre as Toronto mean much to us who come from a great Roman Catholic city.

In coming to T.B.C., we wondered how, without dormitories, the social fellowship of the college was maintained. We soon learned. Who could resist the joyful spirit that prevails

as we all sit down to lunch? If laughter is good for digestion there is no need for our dietitian to worry should there occasionally happen to be too much starch in the menu. Then, too, many a happy and profitable hour of social fellowship is spent on the volley ball court or on hikes, thus caring for our physical as well as our social natures. Our "living out" system also keeps us in contact with the folks outside and affords many opportunities to exercise practical Christianity.

Many have asked how the student body is governed and have expressed surprise when informed that the students govern themselves. We did, too, until we were told how it was accomplished. The absence of any man-made laws was truly a new method to us of governing a student body. Yet the harmony that prevails is never seriously disturbed because the Holy



Spirit is recognized to be the Head of every department of this beloved institution, and nothing is undertaken without His definite leading.

In school life one always finds a barrier between teacher and pupil, so that the intimacy existing between the teachers at T.B.C. and the students was a revelation to us. No difficulty with our studies is too trivial for their

notice nor is any burden too small for them to seek to lighten. Their office doors are always open and, provided no one is ahead of us, we receive a warm welcome. It is in these private interviews that we realize the subjects of study are not superficially taught but are a real part of the lives of the men who open them to us day by day.

The simple yet thorough presenta-



Montreal Students at T.B.C.

tion of the Word of God by such Spirit-filled men rapidly won our admiration. How can one experience any mental strain when taught by those whom we love on those subjects which are nearest and dearest to our hearts? Friday comes and we long for Monday. Holidays take so long to pass we wonder why they are necessary anyway. Oh, that this course were ten years long. Letters come from home asking if we are studying too hard and getting run down, but that is because they do not understand the school programme.

And the secret of this joy and happy fellowship we found to be the prayer life, the centre of which is the morning prayer meeting. Here we find strength for our day's work. At noon our vision turns from ourselves to the front lines where many of our family are labouring. What a joy it brings

to know we have even a small share in the blessings showered upon those toiling under difficulty and danger. The Saturday night meeting is the climax of the prayer life. Here we come to know one another intimately and how our sympathies are enlarged! What a joy it is, too, to confess our failures and mistakes to one another and to report our successes and blessings in our assignments for the week. The result of so much prayer gives an atmosphere to the college that impresses every one who enters its doors. It binds us all closely together and keeps us alive to the fact that the Lord is in our midst.

The fact that no mention is ever made of finances within these walls—except "Get your lunch tickets early"—made a great impression upon us. Here is an institution making no charge for tuition, yet never making

an appeal for funds. How is it maintained? We might well ask, and we lift our hearts to God our Father in thanksgiving for those dear ones of whom we know nothing in this life, who by their love gifts and sacrifices, are making all this possible for us.

Time does not permit to give more

than a glimpse into T.B.C., but with what you have read do you wonder that we are so happy? If, as the queen of Sheba, you think that all this is scarcely credible, do follow her example—"come and see". We venture to say that before long you, too, will say, "The half was not told me".

### Winnipeg Students at T.B.C.



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"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are exceeding glad." From the Western Country to the Queen City, and Bible College; the realization of many a fond dream, and the answer to a multitude of prayers!

Naturally we looked forward to coming to Bible School with eager anticipation; but as we were the first students from our church and even from our city to train here there was no one to whom we could go with the many questions that rose up in our minds. And so the greater part of our time was spent in wondering and imagining what the future held for us and in perusal of the catalogues, letters and Recorders received.

Upon our arrival in Toronto we soon made personal contacts both in and out of the school, which were of

great assistance to us in becoming acquainted with the city and in finding suitable homes.

Toronto is indeed a Queenly City, yet vastly different from the old home town. Its narrow streets, and general compactness are things to which we are not so accustomed in the West. Nevertheless it is a pleasant place in which to live, and in a short space of time has become like a second home to us all for this reason, if for no other, that it is also the home of the Toronto Bible College.

Toronto Bible College! the name already holds for us a great charm. This wonderful school, with all its sacred history and fragrant associations with the past, is yet withal a place where the presence of God is very real. At last the dreams have become realities and we six from the

Gateway of the West have entered upon our College course, and have been united with unseen bonds to the rest of our great T.B.C. family.

Here we have been privileged to partake of the sweetest Christian fellowship and have oft-times seen the wondrous workings of our Mighty God and felt the guidance of His Holy Spirit. Here new truths have come home to us from the same age-old mine, the Holy Scriptures; and the light of His Word has fallen across our several pathways with a greater diffusion.

Space will not permit for very much detail regarding the school life, but we would like to touch some high spots which have impressed us.

First of all the personal interest of the faculty in the student body and their patience and willingness to take time for interviews when any students desire them. They certainly do "shepherd the flock".

Secondly, the social contacts we have made and the many friendships which have accrued therefrom. These come to us in various ways; both in our ordinary school life and in the social functions held from time to time. In this connection we should make mention of the kind treatment

we received from our older brothers and sisters in the family.

And greatest of all, the Spiritual blessings we have received. It is impossible for words to express the joy and uplift we experience at the Saturday evening prayer meeting. This time of praise, prayer and testimony has given us a wee foretaste of what heaven will be like when we see Him face to face.

Since the New Year we have felt that there has been a deepening of the spiritual life amongst our students. This began with our opening "Devotional service" for the term when our Principal urged us to "Redeem the time" in prayer and study of the Word. Then we were given a message on "Separation" which we believe was from the Lord, and a real work of the Holy Spirit was accomplished in our midst. We have been led to the place where we desire to experience more of the fellowship of His sufferings in our own lives.

The more we consider it, the more we are constrained to say, Toronto Bible College is none other than the house of God, and to raise our voices, even as we did upon that never-to-be-forgotten morning of Sept. 15, 1931 "All hail the power of Jesus' name—and crown Him Lord of all." Amen.

### A Voice from the Valley—The Triumph of Grace

We are indebted to our Vice-President for this remarkable statement of Christian experience. He has also kindly furnished us with a biographical note about its author.

Rev. Kenneth M. Munro was born on Cape Breton Island forty-six years ago. He was a graduate of Dalhousie University, N.B. and of Pine Hill Theological College, Halifax, N.S., graduating from the latter in 1911. He held pastorates in North Sydney, N.S., Boston, Mass., and Truro, N.S.,

before going to Montreal. During the summer of 1930, he rendered most acceptable service as holiday preacher in one of the largest United Free Churches in Glasgow, Scotland. In January, 1931, he became minister of the American Presbyterian Church of the United Church of Canada, Montreal. On his return from vacation that summer he preached only once. An insidious disease had developed seriously, and he passed away December 11th. Knowing that the end was

near, he sent the following message to his people:

"Lying here upon my bed waiting for the end, it seemed to me that I should not miss this opportunity of saying a word to you whom for a few short months I have been proud to call my congregation. It seemed to me that if ever I had a right to speak with anything like authority, it is out of a time like this. But what I have to say must be in the nature of a revelation of one's own faith. Indeed, what I say must be in answer to a question which you have a right to put to me. A preacher has a right to put many questions to his people, but there is one question he himself must submit to and it is this:—What about your own faith? You have spoken to us of comfort in the bitterness of sorrow. Have you found it? You have preached to us of resignation in the face of disappointment. Have you said, "Thy will be done"? You have spoken to us of confidence when the structure housing the dearest things we possess comes crashing down in ruins. What about your confidence? You have told us that a Christian trusts God even though it seems as if God had turned into a cruel devil, delighting to torture and to wound. How have you weathered the storm?

"Well, may I say that I think I came to know something of the awful bitterness that can overwhelm the soul. I dreaded to think afterward of how my heart raged against God. "How cruel God is! He could be so gentle", cried a great European doctor looking into the unplumbed misery of human life. But what I want to say, and this may be the most effective sermon I ever preached, is that God gave me a victory so wonderful, a peace so deep and sure that I do not know what it is unless it is the peace that passeth all understanding. I want you to know that God gave me a happiness so wonderful that I found myself over

and over again praising God for the strange experience which seemed such a complete frustration of all my hopes. Death lost every vestige of terror, indeed, I could think of no better description of what happened than in the words of the apostle, "He hath destroyed death."

I cannot tell you the effect that it had upon my soul, when I realized that the gospel is true, that it works. A sense of strength and confidence and peace suffused my whole being, and now for the first time in my life my soul seems to be garrisoned with a peace which is not disturbed by a single doubt. Remember I did not come to that easily, but now that I have come into possession of it my heart is full of praise. Amid all the awesome mysteries of life Jesus Christ is the truth. In Him one more wanderer has found the secret of happiness and the soul's true home.

It would be absurd to hope that a pastorate as short as mine could leave any deep impression. Perhaps, however, it is unique in this—that in a peculiar sense I have been permitted to speak to you from the shadows. We as it were have hailed each other on a boundless sea. You graciously invited me to give you what counsel and inspiration I might. But ahead there loomed a dark cloud. It was not your course so you steered into the sunshine, but for me it was the heart of the darkness. And my message to you as I am about to enter is this,—that never did I have a deeper confidence, nor a sweeter assurance of the presence of Christ. The dominant note in my consciousness is not, "He brought me under the power of an insidious disease blasting all my hopes," but this, "He brought me to His banqueting house and His banner over me is love." "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"



## News of the U. B. C. Family

A son, Victor Edward, was born on September 7th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Colton (Annis Carr '23).

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was born on September 9th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gooderham ('30) (Charlotte Cowper).

A daughter, Edith Joyce, was born on October 11th, 1931, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bell (Dorothy Wade '23) at Kweitch, Kansu, China.

A daughter, Evelyn Jane, was born on November 23rd, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Almas ('30) (Evelyn Harrow '29) at Freeman, Ontario.

A daughter, Margaret Wyllis, was born on January 3rd. to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. J. Jones (Helen Paton Lindsay '27), at Wheaton, Ill.

Vina Mounce ('24) was married to Rev. W. H. Burgess on July 15th, 1931 by Rev. Dr. Martin at St. Christopher's United Church, Hamilton.

Miss Alberta Jennings, R.N. ('24) sailed for Brazil on February 18th.

Rev. George A. Brown ('24) is settled as pastor of Point St. Charles Baptist Church, Montreal.

Miss Alice Bachert ('28) sailed on December 4th. for Costa Rica. Her address is Box 901, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Miss Ivey Estall ('30) sailed for India in January, where she has been appointed to serve under the Biblical Medical Mission.

Miss Bernice Haynes ('30) has been appointed to mission work in Central America under the Latin America Evangelization Campaign.

Ross Almas ('30) is pastor of the Independent Church at Corson's Side-ing, near Balsam Lake, Ont.

Mrs. Daisy V. Walker ('30) and Miss Audrey Wood ('31) are engaged as missionaries in the Royce Avenue Polish Mission, Toronto, under the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec.

Miss Wilhelmiena Hoogstad ('31) sailed for Africa on December 26th. to engage in Mission work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

John Hadall ('31) commenced his new duties as pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, Dunnville, Ont., on February 1st.

Dora V. Billings ('31) is taking nursing training at the Ontario Hospital, Hamilton.

Mae Faust, Elizabeth Ferguson, Flora B. McCutcheon, Gladys Pow, and Ethel Thompson all of ('31), are taking training at the Nursing-at-Home Mission.

## Communion Service

The third annual communion service of the college will be held in the

Assembly Hall on Sunday, April 24th at 11 a.m.

## Closing Exercises

The closing exercises of the present session will be held in Trinity United Church, Bloor and Robert Streets, on Friday, April 29th, at 8 p.m. Friends are advised to come early in order to secure good seats.

The annual Alumni conference is arranged for Thursday, April 28th at 3 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the

college. A detailed programme will be mailed to all members closer to the date of meeting. The banquet which will be held at 6 o'clock will mark the completion of thirty years of service in the work of the school by our principal and Mrs. McNicol. Those planning to attend this function should secure a reservation early by writing or telephoning the office.