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### The Class Budgets

Each graduating class which goes out from the Bible College is organized for the purpose of carrying on its fellowship through the years that follow. The members of the class keep in touch with one another as they scatter through the world by means of letters which are circulated among them from time to time in the form of a budget. Each member sends a personal letter to the secretary of the class, who gathers them all into one collection and sends duplicated copies of this budget to all the members. This entails a great deal of work for the secretaries, but it is a labour of love, and it is one of the finest contributions that can be made towards preserving and disseminating the Bible College fellowship.

The class secretaries send copies of their budgets to the office of the College and so keep us in touch with what our students are doing throughout the world. The letters are always read

with great interest. They often bring the whole world into view before us. One of the most persevering and enthusiastic of these secretaries, representing one of the recent classes, sent us a budget last fall containing thirty-three letters. Among them we found three letters from South America, six from China, seven from Africa, one from India, one from Persia and two from missionaries home at the time on furlough. The other letters represented many parts of the home field.

The pioneer in this good work is Miss Minnie Pitman of the class of 1913. She was the first to introduce this method, and for twenty years she has kept in touch with the students who were in the College in her time, and by means of her annual budget she has kept them in touch with one another and with the College. Last month we had the privilege of reading the collection of letters she was about to launch on its way around the world

for the present year. They were letters from veterans. They breathed the old spirit of joy and confidence, but now and again a note was struck which told something of the sternness of the conflict in which the army of the Lord is engaged. A budget like this, with twenty years of experience behind it, reveals a cross section of the world-wide warfare of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We want to commend the faithful

work of these class secretaries. It is not only helping to maintain the unity of the Bible College family scattered abroad with mutual encouragement; but it is also helping to strengthen the work at the centre. When we read these letters that come from all the world and see what the Bible College students are doing to help to hasten the coming of His Kingdom, we thank God and take courage.

### A Session of Student Evangelism

On the morning of December 28th twelve students left the College, giving up their Christmas holiday, to engage in a campaign of evangelism at Hillsdale, Ont., a village twelve miles north of Barrie. Good weather favoured the efforts of the band and the roads were open during the three weeks, thus allowing the farmers to come in to the various places of meeting. From the very first the services attracted attention and, while the original plan was for a five days' campaign, it was not until January 15th that the meetings were brought to a close. With Hillsdale as a centre the churches and school houses in the surrounding district were visited. Children's meetings were held in a number of places, and an outstanding feature of the entire campaign was the Gospel singing of the male quartette and individual students. The bulk of the preaching was done by the senior students and the Holy Spirit blessed the ministry of His Word in all these ways.

Can you imagine what it means to a village such as Hillsdale, cut off from the main current of spiritual life, the members of the churches struggling along to maintain their church fellowship and the young people scarcely ever challenged by the virility of consecrated young manhood and womanhood, to come into contact with

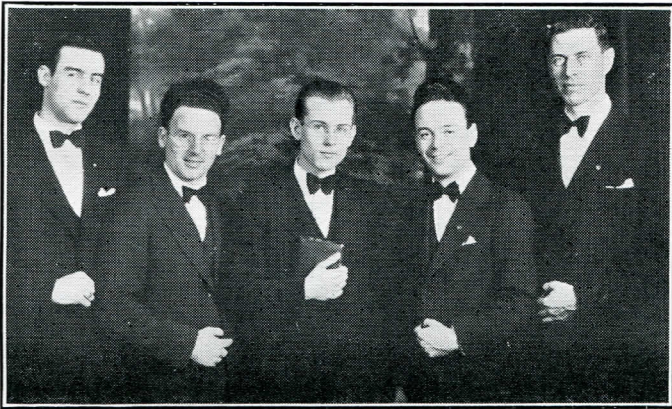
a group of students from Toronto Bible College?

Mervin Ganton of the class of ('13), who spent several years as a missionary in South America, and is now a resident of the village, was instrumental in arranging for the services, and from reports in the newspapers and letters from individuals since the campaign closed, we have the assurance that the churches of the neighborhood have been revived, and that the work of God in the entire district has received a new impetus. The local paper has the following to say about the campaign: "The work of the students was widely recognized as beyond criticism. The many who attended their meetings received the richest of blessings, and as for those who did not attend they will never know what they missed. Many are hoping for a speedy return of these earnest young Christian workers to assist in bringing Gospel messages." Over 100 were led to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour during those days and a fine fellowship of young people has been established to carry on the work of evangelization. The male quartette is making a return visit over the week-end of February 26th to help confirm the work already begun, and it is hoped that during the summer months further evangelistic efforts will be undertaken in the district.

At the time of writing, a campaign is in progress in Park Street Baptist Church, Peterboro. The male quartette together with the president of the Student Missionary Society is in charge. The Peterboro paper in writing about the first week of meetings has the following to say: "The services of one of the senior students and the male quartette of four other students have been secured for these meetings and only those who have heard these fellows sing can appre-

ciate the harmony that results from not only voices, but lives, that have been dedicated unreservedly to the furtherance of God's Kingdom. Because of the great blessings received by those attending these services it has been arranged that the male quartette remain over until Wednesday. The young and old people of Peterboro should not miss this spiritual treat."

As at Hillsdale, so at Peterboro, special emphasis has been laid on the



S. Love      A. MacGillivray      K. Miles      W. Rae      E. Burritt

work amongst the children and a systematic effort has been launched in each place to secure attendance of the parents. Many people, older in years, have been reached for Christ but the majority of decisions have been made by young men and young women in their teens, some of whom are already planning to come to the College for training.

In addition to these campaigns, a feature of the evangelistic life of the school during the present session has been week-end evangelism. Bands of students have visited in recent weeks

Newmarket, Grimsby, Hamilton, and Woodbridge, and engagements made for Hillsdale, Woodstock and several other centres. A campaign, to be conducted by the Senior band, has been arranged at Bloem Avenue United Brethren Church, Toronto, for the first two weeks in March, and a ten days' mission by the Junior band at St. Clair Avenue West Mission will complete the schedule of special appointments for the Session. Altogether the evangelistic work of the student body of the present session has been one of far-reaching consequences.

## The Palestine Trip

The Members of the Alumni Association the world over:

Dear Friends:—I want to let you know how we are using the gracious and generous gift which you presented to Mrs. McNicol and me at your annual meeting last spring and what plans we have made for the trip you proposed and made possible for us.

It was too late at that time to arrange for a visit to Palastine last year without running into the hot season, when the country does not look its best and when it is not quite so comfortable to travel about in it. We decided, therefore, to make no plans till the new session began. The question then was whether to go soon after the New Year and return in time for the Graduation Exercises, or to wait till the work of the session was nearing its end and be away for the close. In either case something would have to be sacrificed. We felt that for the sake of the College and the student body it was better to complete as much of the year's work as possible before leaving, even though we could not be with the graduating class at the end. This will be the first time we shall have been absent from the closing services of the College in thirty years.

On enquiring about ways of travel, we learned that the American Export Lines have a fleet of fine new passenger steamers specially built for the Mediterranean service, which go all the way to Palestine without change. They are boats of moderate size, carrying a limited number of passengers. They sail from New York every two weeks, and call at several Mediterranean ports, allowing time for short shore excursions. It was just something like this we were looking for, and we accordingly booked our passage on one of these boats, the "Exochorda", for Tuesday, March 7th.

The itinerary we expect to carry out is as follows: Passing Gibraltar on March 16th we arrive at Marseilles on the 18th. Here we have several hours in this ancient seaport, where the Phoenicians from Tyre and Sidon settled in the earliest times, and where the Greeks afterwards established a colony six hundred years before Christ. In the early morning of the 20th we reach Naples, and that whole day will be given to the excavations of Pompeii a few miles away. This old Roman town which was so suddenly blotted out of existence by an eruption of Vesuvius, smothered in volcanic dust, now after all the centuries, lies open and exposed to view by the skillful work of modern excavators. Its life can be seen in fancy in its streets almost as it was caught and arrested forever on that summer day in A.D. 79. We arrive at Alexandria on the 23rd and, as the boat remains there two days, we shall have time to go up to Cairo in order to see the Pyramids and visit the Museum where most of the treasures of ancient Egypt are stored.

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On the 26th we land at Haifa, and our first experience in Palestine will be as guests of Mrs. S. B. Rohold at the Mount Carmel Bible School. Our next four weeks will be spent in the Holy Land. We are making no plans for this period till we arrive, for Mrs. Rohold has most kindly taken them in hand and will make our programme for us. Under her advice and guidance, and with the expert knowledge of such authorities as Dr. Christie and other members of the staff of the British Jews Society's Mission at Haifa, we shall get the very best results out of our month in Palestine. As we go up and down the land, our one purpose will be to recover, so far as we can, the background of the Bible story and to follow the earthly footsteps of our Lord and Saviour. We hope to spend a good deal of time in and around Jerusalem, and it may be possible to be there at Easter time. The address that will reach us in Palestine is, care of Mrs. S. B. Rohold, Box 206, Haifa.

We expect to sail from Haifa on April 23rd, for the return trip, on the steamer "Exeter." Next morning we arrive at Beyrout, and we have a day and a half for a visit to Damascus in the interior and the famous ruins at Baalbeck, which are among the most massive and impressive in the world. On the 24th we shall be at Alexandria again and have a few hours to see something of the city that was so famous in ancient church history. Then we go on towards Rome. At the time the closing exercises of the Bible College session will be held in Toronto, we shall be just about the place on the Mediterranean where the apostle Paul was on his voyage to Rome, when he was sailing from Malta to Puteoli in a ship of Alexandria. On the 29th we arrive at Naples, and now we take six days for an overland trip through Italy, giving special attention to Rome and Florence, spending two days in each place. The purpose of this side trip is to get the visible background of ancient Rome and of Medieval Florence. We join the boat again on May 4th at Genoa, the city of Christopher Columbus, and from there we sail for home, being due at New York on May 17th.

It may appear selfish that we should be going off on such a pleasure trip at this particular time when there is so much hardship and suffering all around us, and when so many of you throughout the world are bearing unusually heavy burdens. But in view of your gracious act last year, it would be ungracious on our part not to carry out your plan when we have the opportunity. And besides, the prospect of the rest afforded by the long sea voyage makes the trip doubly welcome just now and we hope to come back better equipped for the work of the College in the future.

With grateful and affectionate remembrances to you all from Mrs. McNicol and myself.

Yours very sincerely,

*John W. Wied.*

## Students From Missionary Homes

We four sons and daughters of foreign missionaries, are glad to bear our simple testimony to the kind of life we have found at Toronto Bible College.

Of course, to us, it was not entirely new, for, as one of our number says, "The fame of the college has spread for I heard of it in far-off China from those who had graduated and who had gone to tell those in darkness of the Saviour who had died for them." Then, too, it was not new from another point of view, for, according to the testimony of a member of our little group the Bible College spirit is very similar to the spirit found on

the foreign field among the missionaries,—“It was at the Chefoo schools, China, that I found what a great joy it is to know Christ, not only as Saviour but as Lord. So that in coming to Toronto Bible College, it was as if I was coming into just such another circle where every member of the staff is out to win souls and to bring them to a deeper and fuller knowledge of what the Holy Spirit can do in a life wholly yielded to Him.”

Another quality of the college life which greatly appealed to use was its fellowship. “Having been born in China, and, having lived there all my life, I was a stranger in a strange



R. Tharp  
China

R. Roberts  
India

I. Rouse  
China

B. Rice  
Africa

country when I came to this land last spring. However, this feeling of strangeness rapidly vanished when I had the privilege of becoming a member of the Toronto Bible College family and suddenly found myself in the enjoyment of the fellowship of dozens of brothers and sisters besides numerous spiritual fathers. Truly I cannot be thankful enough for the fellowship and spiritual uplift which it has been my joy to experience during the past six months.”

Among the things that impressed us most when we first entered the college, and attended the first devotional service, was the hearty singing of the student body as unitedly we offered our praises to God. That sense of praise and joy has been a dominant note throughout the work of the entire term.

Then, too, we were deeply impressed by the deep sense of the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst, for, as one of our young men says, “We have

found Toronto Bible College to be a place where Christ reigns in the hearts of all; where His Spirit distils himself in a sweet fellowship," and where the life of the college as well as the life of the student is under the leading of the Spirit of God.

Here, too, we have found the call of the Lord to take his gospel to those

dark lands of our birth, and, much as we love the dear T.B.C., our hearts' longing is to be on the field serving Him.

Dear friends of the Toronto Bible College, will you pray for us, each one, that the Lord will continue to lead us step by step of the way in which he would have us go. R.R.

### Miss Annie G. Soper

The following fine tribute to the work of one of our former students appears in "The Other Spanish Christ," a new book on missionary work in South America by Dr. John A. MacKay, who is succeeding Dr. Robert E. Speer as Secretary of the Presbyterian Board in the United States. Miss Soper was a member of the class of 1913 and visited the College in the fall of 1928 on her way back to Peru from a furlough in England.

"Buried in the Peruvian wilds in the virgin forests of the Amazon are three English ladies, two of them nurses and one a teacher, whose work will live on as one of the most heroic and purest examples of Christian missionary devotion in modern times. The

leader of this little band, an English lady, Miss Annie Soper, after having rendered valuable service in the Peruvian capital in the organization of a school for nurses in connection with the city hospitals, founded along with a friend an independent work in the Peruvian interior. The influence of these ladies has radiated Christianity through a wide region, and only a biographer is required to add to the annals of Christian Missions one of its noblest figures. Christ-like personalities like Annie Soper belie the allegation sometimes made by Hispanic writers that Protestantism, while it has produced well-ordered societies, has given to the world no missionary heroes."

### "Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret"

This little book of 178 pages, written by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor, and published by the China Inland Mission, in which is traced the development of Mr. Taylor's life of faith and prayer and its practical issue, is one of the best handbooks that could be given, not only to candidates for missionary service abroad, but also to Christian workers at home. We are glad to give it special mention in the "Recorder", for we owe so much, in the Bible College, to Mr.

Hudson Taylor. The kind of blessing that has followed us here, we believe, is due largely to the fact that we have been trying to follow in our own sphere, and to work out in the administration of the Board and in the fellowship of the staff and in the life of the student body, so far as we can, those spiritual principles which were illustrated by Hudson Taylor in his life of prayer and faith and waiting on God.



## Personals

On December 30th, at Big Valley, Alberta, Mildred Mary Smith ('30) was married to James McAllister, of Sunnybrook, Alberta.

Ethel Neale ('31) and Orville Thamer ('31) were married at Egbe, Nigeria, on January 12th.

In January, in Nigeria, Dorothy Wandland was married to Edward Cook. Both were students in the College three years ago.

Rev. Thomas Lindores, '24, was married to Miss Mary M. Hamilton, R.N., on January 26th, at Posadas, Argentina. Mr. and Mrs. Lindores are labouring among the Indians of Mato Grosso, Brazil.

On January 25th Grace Ella Irwin, a member of last year's student body, was married to Alva Huvart Roblin ('34).

Miss Doris E. Bingham, B.A., daughter of Rev. H. H. Bingham of Walmer Road Baptist Church, who conducted the work of the Preparatory Class in the Bible College during the Fall Term, was married on December 22nd to Mr. Norman J. Kennedy of Calgary.

Word has just been received of the death on January 2nd, of Mrs. D. H.

Baillie (Eileen Pridham) a former student of the College.

Rev. Kenneth Prior, B.S.A., '20, on his return to the United Church Mission in Angola, Africa, last fall, was appointed Acting Principal of the Currie Institute during the absence of Dr. Tucker on his present furlough.

Rev. Walter R. T. Romain, B.Th., was transferred last fall from Winnipeg to the Edmonton circuit of his church. He has been successful in re-organizing two congregations that have had no oversight for four years.

Rev. R. E. Stanley Hunt, '26, is pastor of the Bonnie Doon Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alta., having been called there in October, 1930. He was married in July of the following year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson ('31) left in February for work in Berlin, Germany, under the European Christian Mission.

Jack Percy ('32) sailed in December for Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Grace Weir ('32) has entered the Nursing-at-Home Mission.

Mr. Victor Freeman was ordained on December 22nd, and he and his wife are now settled in Christian and Missionary Alliance work in Montreal.

## Closing Exercises

The closing exercises of the thirty-ninth session will be held in Trinity United Church, Bloor and Robert Streets, on Friday, April 28th at 8 o'clock. On Thursday evening at the same hour, in the assembly hall of the College, the annual meeting of

the Students Association will be held when reports for the year will be presented and the graduating class welcomed into the fellowship of the Alumni Association. Friends of the College are invited to attend both services.

## Communion Service

The annual Communion Service of the College Staff and Student body will be held in the Assembly Hall at 11 o'clock on Sunday morning, April

23rd. To this service the friends of the students and of the College are invited.