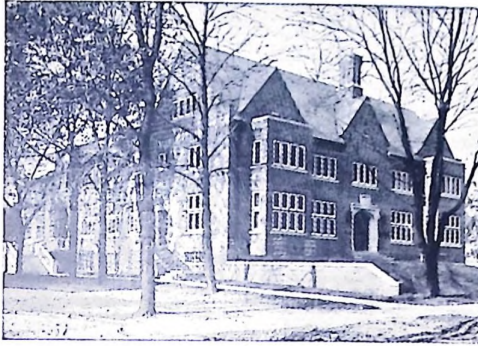


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The Fortieth Session

The fortieth year in the history of the Bible College will begin with the new session. The session will open on Tuesday, September 19th. There will be the usual service at 10 o'clock when instructors and students will unite in an act of renewed dedication to God, and the new students will be welcomed into the fellowship of the College life.

The afternoon and evening of the same day will be devoted to the annual meetings of the Alumni Association, which were postponed from the close of last session in order that the Principal might be present and bring a report of the visit which he and Mrs. McNicol made to Palestine early in the year. His first public address on the Holy Land will be given to the Alumni Association on this occasion. The programme of these meetings will be found on another page of this issue.

The work of the session will proceed along the lines of last year. The new preparatory year for students who are not yet adequately equipped for the full curriculum has met with much favor and will be continued as a regular part of the day class work. The Teacher Training Course is already fully established as a regular part of the evening class work.

More applications for admission to the College have been received this summer than in any previous year, and there is every prospect that the attendance of new students will be above the high level of last session. The rising tide of interest in the work of the College on the part of Christian young people shows no sign of abatement. Increasing numbers of earnest young men and women are turning to the College for the kind of training which will fit them for the service of the Kingdom of God in this day and generation.

Remarkable Record of a Bible College

An Editorial from the Evangelical Christian, June 1933

It is unusual today to have an institution reporting spiritual revival, and a definite ingathering of hundreds of souls! It is just as unusual to find a cause that has no occasion to reduce salaries because they have always been so modest: and reporting a balanced budget. But all this and more is contained in the following report of striking growth in days of adversity.

The Toronto Bible College has just concluded its thirty-ninth session, and the record of the past year is worthy of consideration, especially by Canadian Christians. This year it has had the largest year of its history. The number of students attending the day classes was 289, and this has been supplemented by a very full evening course, at which they have had in attendance 414 registered students.

This year fifty-three graduated from the full three-year course in the day classes, while seven completed their evening course and received their certificates. In addition to this the College last year put on a Teachers' Training Class, and fifteen received their diplomas for completing the full course in this connection.

But the most remarkable thing to us in the record of the Toronto Bible College has been the manner in which, on a very small budget, it has carried on so great a work. When the Bible Colleges across the line were moving up higher and higher in their expenditures and paying such salaries from which the depression has caused a very wholesome recession, the Toronto College has given one of the finest curriculums of any of the colleges on a minimum staff, and paid such modest salaries that they have not any cause to recede in this time of depression, but could publish a detailed statement of the whole of their payments,

and yet appeal and receive the support of the humblest Christian.

We are quite sure that the more widely the Toronto Bible College makes its financial budget known, the stronger will be the support which it would receive from all classes. It has closed the year again without debt.

The only regrettable thing in this connection is that it has depended on the legacies of this year in order to meet its normal budget. We are confident that this would not be if the work which the College is doing was made more widely known to the Canadian constituency.

The College is a hive of activity. Every kind of Christian work is carried on. The missions of the city depend a good deal on the co-operation given by its students. One night a week they take the service at the Yonge Street Mission. Scores of churches and missions owe a debt of gratitude to the ministry that goes forth from the College.

And as to the practical results, the fact that last year over 700 definite conversions were registered through the ministry of the students, indicates how much the hand of God has been upon the work.

During the year there was a gracious revival in the College which broke out among the students and for a day or two caused a cessation of the ordinary classes, and carried on with refreshing power through the whole of the remainder of the session. We know individual churches that call for almost as large a budget as the Toronto Bible College and who can scarcely point to a dozen souls led to Christ in a whole year.

We especially commend the work to the entire circle of our readers, and remind them that today, the smallest gifts are really the source of supply of many of these institutions. We

shall be glad to pass on to the College any gifts from any of our readers, small or large. It is one of those institutions that has stood, and still stands, foursquare for all the great fundamentals of our faith.

The Alumni of the school expressed their gratitude this past year by sending their beloved principal, Mr. and Mrs. McNicol, on a Palestinian tour, and for the first time in more than a

quarter of a century, Mr. McNicol was absent from the closing exercises of the College. We are quite sure that this tribute of love on the part of his old students will bring him back enriched to his ministry for the next session.

At the graduating exercises 2,000 people packed Trinity United Church almost beyond its capacity.

The Man on the Throne

An address delivered by Miss Gertrude E. Morgan at the Graduation Exercises, April 28th, 1933

The Man is on the Throne. That Throne is the seat of final and supreme authority. The rule of that Throne is the perfect and complete will of God. That Throne is set forever in the heavens, and no power in Heaven, on earth or under the earth, can prevail against it. The Man is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, Shiloh, "whose it is" to sit upon that Throne. He is the Lamb who is worthy, to whom they sing the new song, "Thou wast slain and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation."

This fact is the great and glorious marvel of the ages. It is not a heavenly being that sits upon that Throne, but a Man, the Son of Man. He is a genuine Man. He has suffered from hunger and thirst, heat and cold. He knows what it is to be loved and followed by the multitudes, but did not seek after it. He knows the tremendous power of Satanic temptation, but did not yield to it. He knows the hate and malice of men in authority, but did not fear it. But this Man is God. God was manifest in the flesh that He might pay the infinite price of Man's redemption. He, giving up all that was His as God, became Man, "humbled Himself, became obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the Cross," there freeing man completely and finally from the power of Satan

and ultimate end of sin. Then the God-Man having faced and fought and won the greatest conflict of all eternity, returned to glory to the Throne that was His by right of merit. Jesus "sat down upon the right hand of the Majesty on High". The Man is on the Throne.

The Man on the Throne, knowing human nature as He does, and loving men as only man's Redeemer can, is intensely interested in the affairs of men. He watches closely the trend and course of every empire, kingdom and state. Throughout every day of every year, the Sovereign waits as men and nations go on. He lets them use their authority and rule themselves, but He over-rules. When a crisis is reached, it is He who turns the tide of events as He deems best. Every senate, council, and conference, great or small, has a silent, unseen, but intensely interested and all-powerful Listener. Whether it be in Geneva, London or Washington or in a backwoods village, He is there. He is waiting for the day when He shall establish His Kingdom, when every rebel force shall be put under His feet, when all the malicious, puny narrowness of human nature shall be completely changed, when all men shall seek wholly and solely to do His will, as they rule with Him over all the universe of God. Then will His plan for man and man's redemption be

complete. Thus, the Man on the Throne is vitally concerned with human history.

The Man on the Throne makes the word of God to function as the author has ordained, and from Him comes the overwhelming proof of its veracity. The fact of the revelation of the Man therein proves that this book has its source in the very mind and heart of God. He is foreshadowed in type or pointed to in prophecy on every page of the Old Testament Scriptures. He is upheld and portrayed in person throughout the entire New Testament. By a comprehensive study of the whole book with a seeking heart and an understanding mind, the Man, Christ Jesus, is known.

But the Book is even more than such a revelation. Not only does the Book reveal the Man, but the Man reveals the Book. The Man, as one with the Author of the Word makes its pages, to the longing soul, a living message from the loving Lord. He, speaking through its pages in all His winsomeness, seeks to lead us into a deeper relationship with Himself, that between the lines of sacred writ we may feel the throbbings of His loving heart, hear the accents of His voice, vibrant with infinite tenderness, and sense the very moods of His soul. To make the Word of God this to us, is the great joy of the Man on the Throne.

The Man on the Throne, Jesus, is not far away. He is near. He is near now, just on the other side of that "cloud" which received Him out of the sight of men. There He is tonight, waiting until the time comes when He shall again step through that doorway between the Unseen World and ours and appear a second time to perfect our Redemption and reveal

His glory. The Man would have us realize this and live in that "heavenly place" wherein is our citizenship, for, to the things of time and sense we are now but pilgrims and strangers. Thus, by Old Testament picture lessons and types, by His own life and teaching in the Gospels, by the outpouring of His heart's desire through the inspired pen of His Apostles, He calls us, His redeemed ones, to turn away from the "beggarly elements" of this world, to look Christward and live the new life that is ours in Him.

Day by day throughout our years at College, this glorious truth has been presented to us and we have gradually come to realize that the true Christian life means a daily turning away from the things of this world to those of the unseen, reckoning the old self-life with all its habits and desires, dead, and that God's will for us is living to Christ, in Christ and for Christ.

This is not a vague, impractical, visionary thing, nor does it mean a life of ascetic mysticism. It means a life among men as one of them, rubbing shoulders with them in the daily walk and menial round of events. But it means, too, the secret dwelling of the soul with the Man on the Throne in that Unseen Heavenly place. Within the precincts of that place, the soul can see Him in His beauty, receiving the homage of all heaven; can understand the wonder of that World at the presence of a Man, one bearing the nature of that fallen race, in their midst; can marvel at the grace which imparts to a depraved and sinful creature the very life of God, and tremble with awe to know that it is made a joint-heir with Christ, the Man enthroned. Thus, even here and now the fact of His glorious imminence can be realized.

Summer Activities

While the halls of the Toronto Bible College during summer months cease to respond to the tread of students' feet, and its class rooms, after the crowded appearance of the session, seem to settle down to sombre stillness, Graduation Exercises do not end but rather scatter the activities which have been carried on during the winter months. The seven hundred students who were enrolled last winter did not stop training nor give up their practical Christian service between sessions. If a record could be compiled of the work accomplished by these students during the summer months it would, no doubt, be as challenging as that compiled during the weeks of the session.

Many of the students are able to complete plans for the summer before the spring term closes, and at once embark on their summer work. Small groups arrange tours of evangelism going to fields in Western Canada and Northern Ontario, where no religious work is carried on. They report a deep longing on the part of the people of these remoter sections for the Gospel, as well as a great interest on the part of the boys and girls in the simple stories of the Word of God. This summer, while visiting in Northern Ontario, we came across two former students preaching in the villages, distributing tracts, and visiting in the homes of the people. It is this kind of work that is bearing so much fruit in the rural sections of our country.

Of course, a number of students each year receive appointments to mission churches under the Boards of the major denominations. Most of these young men go on into the regular ministry of the churches and their work during the summer months forms part of their practical training. It has been our privilege from time to time to visit many of these boys on their fields and occasionally to

preach for them and we found from observation that they have a lofty conception of their calling and a genuine love for the souls of men.

During the present summer, the College male quartette has been rendering fine service to numbers of our churches in the cities and towns. Starting in at Woodstock immediately after school closed, the band reached as far east as Peterboro, spending several weeks in preaching in the Apsley district and going out into the Indian villages with the Gospel. Over one hundred and fifty have definitely decided for Christ through the work of the band this summer and several remarkable conversions are reported, one of which we relate. At one of the services a woman came forward. She took her stand for Christ. One of the boys learned that her husband was in penitentiary but was soon to be released. As soon as he secured his liberty the man went back to his old ways but the boys went after him. He, too, made his decision. Then, husband and wife, both serving the Lord, went out with the band for a brief time until the boys could secure employment for them. Now they are at work and both happy in the fellowship and service of Jesus Christ.

In addition to this ministry carried on by groups of students, hundreds of individuals have gone back to their homes and home churches to witness in the quiet walk of every day life to the reality of things not seen.

But not only outside the walls of the college but inside as well, the ministry of the school goes on uninterrupted from year to year. Never has a week passed since the opening of the present building in which there has not been at least one prayer meeting held. Following the graduation exercises each year, the evening class students band themselves together, meeting each Tuesday evening to pray

for the work of the school throughout the summer and especially to remember those who have gone out into active Christian service. And the same Spirit who presides over all the meetings of the college session broods over and directs these extra-session gatherings. This year, in addition to this regular meeting for prayer, the evening class students have conducted the evangelistic service each Thursday evening at Yonge Street Mission, so that, from year to year, without interruption, Toronto Bible College students will be found at their post of duty where for so many years they have labored so acceptably.

The annual Alumni picnic in mid-summer has become a rallying centre between sessions. On the last Satur-

day in June over four hundred gathered at Sherwood Park, Toronto, and enjoyed a fine programme of games and races. Several classes held meetings on the grounds during the afternoon, and, at supper, Class '13 had a table reserved for their members, the guests of honor being Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Wilson, who are now on their way back to Africa. The day was ideal for such an event, and the spirit of fellowship which characterizes all the activities of the school welded the company into one large family, and gave us an insight into the meaning of the poet's words:

Peoples and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest
song.

Personals

A daughter (Dorothy Joyce) was born to the Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Windsor ('20) on April 29th, at Anshun, Kweichow, China.

A son (David Stephen) was born on May 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Barros (Rose Stephen '23) at Joao, Pessoa, Brazil.

A daughter (Elinor Ruth) was born to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Haugh ('26) on June 30th, at Guelph, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Haugh are at present on furlough from South America.

A son (Colin Murray) was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson (Frances Cecil-Smith '24) on July 17th, at Chefoo, China.

A son, Napier, was born on July 21st, at Grace Hospital, Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. George Malcolm (Hilda Duckworth, '23), formerly of Persia, now of Bina, C. P. India. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm have been in Toronto since May and are returning this month to their field of service in India.

At Toronto, on August 23rd, a daughter (Alice Mary) was born to Professor and Mrs. T. W. Isherwood.

Irene Thede ('31) was married in June to the Rev. J. Henry Good, and will reside in Collingwood, where Mr. Good has charge of a Church.

Hilda Bunsch, who attended the College last year, was married to Bert Hawley on July 29th, at Kitchener.

Percy A. Breakey ('10), one of Toronto's best known and most highly respected automobile dealers, died on July 1st, at Streetsville, Ontario. Principal McNicol assisted at the funeral service.

Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Wilson ('13) after five years in Toronto, where Mr. Wilson acted as Secretary for Canada of the South Africa General Mission, left Toronto on August 4th, for their field at Muye Mission Station, Portuguese West Africa. They are leaving behind their four children to be educated during their absence.

Rev. Geo. H. Booth ('16) of the China Inland Mission, has been transferred for an indefinite period to work at Chefoo. He is supervising the erection of new buildings, his work and experience as a builder thus being utilized by the Mission.

Rev. John C. Procter ('16) who is serving the South Africa General Mission among the native tribes of Portuguese West Africa, has been studying their dialects with a view to reducing them to a common written language. He has compiled two dictionaries and a grammar from notes taken in the study of five dialects, and he is now engaged in the translation of the New Testament, having begun with the Gospel of John.

Rev. Dixon A. Burns ('16) while visiting in Manitoulin Island during the summer, spent a few days with John McLeod ('32). Mr. Burns conducted the services on Mr. McLeod's circuit on August 6th. During the first week of August, twelve graduates of the College were present on Manitoulin Island, forming a miniature alumni conference.

During the summer months the following former students from across the line visited the College: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd B. Miller (Ruth Headings '15) of Canton, Ohio; Rev. M. I. Johnson ('20) of Carrollton, Illinois; Rev. Frank Scott, Detroit, Mich., as well as groups of interested friends from other parts of the United States who were visiting in Canada.

Mrs. Mervyn E. Morris (Gladys Langley '26) has been obliged to resign the position in the office of the Bible College which she filled so efficiently and helpfully for the past two years, and Mrs. Sarah A. Lantz (Sadie Lunn '29) who also served in the office so acceptably for two years after her graduation, and who lost her husband last year in a motor accident, has been appointed in her place.

Rev. John Byers ('30) has led his people in the erection of a new Baptist Church in Orillia, which has been opened recently.

George Darby ('31) has been appointed assistant to the Rev. James McFarlane of the Victoria Avenue Gospel Church in Hamilton.

Miss Catherine MacLeod ('32) has completed a year of special study in the National Bible Institute, New York, and is now living in Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melbourne ('32) are located in Madrid, Spain. Their permanent address is Calle de la Sociedad No. 6, Colonia de la Glorietta, Carabanchal Bajo, Madrid, Spain.

Bob Simpson ('32) is leaving shortly for New York to take a short medical course in the National Bible Institute.

Evelyn Underhill ('32) has been appointed to China under the C.I.M., and is sailing in the Fall.

Mrs. Teresa Monts ('33) is now working as a missionary with the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Tenas Karel ('33) has settled in Chatham, Ontario, having received a call to do evangelistic and pastoral work among the Dutch and Belgian people in that city and in the neighbouring towns.

Burton S. W. Hill ('33) is pastor of the Friends Church at Wellington, Ontario.

R. Edward Harlow ('33) is doing evangelistic work in Muskoka.

In the absence of Rev. J. G. Inkster, D.D., in Scotland, Principal McNicol supplied the pulpit of Knox Church during July and August.

DeLoss Scott ('34) has recently finished a successful evangelistic campaign in South End Baptist Church in Owen Sound. Eighteen definite decisions for Christ were made during the meetings.

October is Alumni Month

The Alumni calls upon graduates and former students everywhere to remember the College especially during this month. Make your contribution to the support of the school during the month of October. The executive have designated this month "Alumni Month" in order to assist you to remember your responsibility.

Annual Alumni Conference

Tuesday, September 19th

Programme

10.00 A.M.—Presiding—Principal McNicol.

Opening Devotional Service.

Welcome to new students.

2.30 P.M.—Presiding—Mr. R. H. Chappell, '26.

Conferences:—

(a) On Personal Soul Winning and Revival, conducted by Mr. S. J. Moore, President, Bank of Nova Scotia, member of the Board of Governors of the College.

(b) On Sunday School Work, conducted by Mr. Wm. Inrig, of Gordon, Mackay Co., member of the Board of Governors of the College, Mr. Morley P. Bell, '97, Miss H. M. Telford, '23.

(c) On Young People's Work, conducted by Rev. J. F. Holliday, '21, B.A., Mrs. (Rev.) Arthur Leggett, '27.

(d) On City Church Work, conducted by Rev. Geo. M. Blackett, '15, Rev. Roy McGregor, '15, B.A., B.Th.

(e) On Rural Church Work, conducted by Rev. L. Milbert Smith, '23, Rev. Arthur Leggett, '23.

(f) For Missionary Volunteers, conducted by Rev. Victor Veary, '23, Rev. Duncan McDonald, '11.

Address: Rev. Principal McNicol, "The Past and the Future in Palestine."

8.00 P.M.—Presiding—Mr. Alex. McLean, '30.

Welcome home for Principal and Mrs. McNicol.

Brief addresses by:—Mr. E. G. Baker, President of the Board of Governors; Rev. T. B. Hyde, representing the Faculty; Mr. Alex. McLean, '30, President of the Alumni Association.

Special Music.

Address: Principal McNicol, "Our Month in Palestine."

Lunch and supper will be served at 1 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. in the dining hall of the College, for the convenience of those attending the conference. The charge will be fifteen cents each meal.