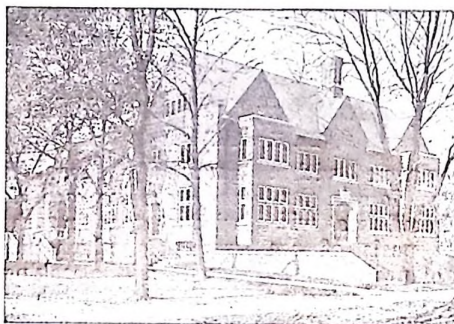


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The Fall Term

As we glance in retrospect over the forty years of the history of the College, we learn not to despise "the day of small things". But what a contrast! In the session of 1894-95, 12 students, enrolled in a two years' course, meeting in a Sunday-school room; in 1933-34, 300 students (114 men and 186 women), enrolled in a three years' course, 50 of them adding a fourth (preparatory) year to their training, meeting in a beautiful, commodious College building.

The history of the College for several years past has proved that "records are made to be broken", each successive session having had a total enrolment exceeding all previous records, only to be surpassed by the registration of the following year. Since 1925 the enrolment in the day course has much more than doubled. The present third-year class, numbering 83, is the largest in the history of

the College. The first-year class, of 151, with 119 in the regular and 32 in the preparatory course, has the same distinction. At the present rate of increase, our new building, opened in 1929 and already filled to capacity, will soon become too small.

The enrolment in the evening classes, too, is increasing year by year. Already this term 375 have registered. These evening class students represent 140 congregations in the city and vicinity. Our total registration, which stands at 675, will be considerably increased by those who enter in January.

The students come from eight provinces of the Dominion, the United States, and several European countries, as well as from missionary homes in Africa, India and China. Among them are seven school teachers, an equal number of graduate nurses, and three university graduates.

Among those who have recently graduated, twelve are pursuing university courses, while others are supplementing their course with hospital training. Since the graduation last April, no fewer than five of those who

received their diplomas at that time have either sailed for the foreign field or expect to do so in the very near future, while several others have settled in the active ministry in the homeland.

A Christmas Day in Central India

by Dr. J. M. Waters

Christmas Day has dawned with a cloudless sky. It always does in Central India. It was ushered in at midnight by the joyous peals of the church bell, anthems of praise in the boarding schools, and the singing of carols from house to house.

Every one is early astir to-day. At eight o'clock the church bell again rings to call the congregation to a service of prayer and praise. Every one wears his newest and brightest garb. The radiant faces of the children are aglow with admiration for the handiwork of the young men who have spent most of the night in decorating the church with Hindu texts, palm boughs, and festoons of long ribbon-like strips of colored paper. The joyous spirit of Christmas is manifested in the whole service. How heartily they sing "Come All ye Faithful, Joyful and Triumphant" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". The benediction is pronounced, but the people linger. What handshakings! No wonder this has become recognized as a token of fellowship. What fervent good wishes oft expressed, "apka Bara Din Mubarak Ho" (May this great day be blessed to you.)

"The Great Day"

The people hasten home to prepare Christmas dinner for themselves and their many guests. Hospitality is one of the delightful characteristics of our Indian Christians, and many of our villagers will to-day dine in Christian homes in Rutlam.

All assemble again in the afternoon. The sports committee has a long pro-

gramme of events. Unique among these are the race for girls, who run without touching the brimming-over waterpots, which they carry on their heads, and the cooking race for women. In the latter, each woman is given a few bricks or stones with which to construct a small fireplace, a few sticks of wood, some matches, some whole-wheat flour, and a little water, and a frying pan. The prize is given to the one who produces the first thoroughly baked chappati (unleavened pancake). When the games are finished, delicious sweetmeats are passed around to all who are present.

The non-Christians remember the day too. We are awakened before day-break by the drone of old Abdul's bagpipes, which he plays with all the dignity, if not with the melody, of a Highlander. Friends and grateful patients come to exchange greetings, or send gifts of fruit and raisins, sweetmeats and rock candy. The postman, whitewash man, milkman, waterman, the sweeper, and the policeman, all come to pay their respects, and incidentally collect tribute. When we say to the policeman that we cannot recall ever having seen him on the beat, he says, "Of course not, Sahib; I guard you at night." We give him the benefit of the doubt and a rupee.

Strange and Wonderful

All day long the village Christians, who are present in large numbers, come to shake hands and inspect the bungalow and its contents. They examine the iron bedstead with springs and mosquito netting, the dining-room

table with those fearful and wonderful implements, knives, forks and spoons, used by those faddy westerners, who have forgotten the use of their fingers. The Victrola too, is a source of endless wonder. An old man, the sage of one of the groups, "stops, looks, and listens." He opens the doors and examines it critically, then, with a shake of his head, sits down on a mat in front of it with the mystery still unsolved exclaiming "yih mere samajh se bahar hai" (this is outside of my understanding).

But another event comes at the end of a perfect day. We gather around one of the largest trees in the school yard. It holds in its outstretched

arms a present for every child in the Christian community. Its boughs bend with its load of Bibles and hymn books, pencil boxes, beads, mirrors, ribbons, dolls, jack knives, whistles, bags of marbles, pieces of cloth, warm scarves, wool caps, and scores of other gifts. Here is a village child who has trudged many miles, lured by this vision. Her dream comes true as she receives a piece of bright cloth, a doll, and a box of candy. When the presents are all distributed, a hymn is sung, the benediction is pronounced, and the crowd gradually disperses, but later into the night we hear the hymns of praise arising from the grateful hearts in Christian homes.

Mr. Shenstone and Mr. Gartshore

Since the last number of the Recorder was issued, the Bible College has lost two members from its Board and Council who were the last remaining links with its original founders.

On September 18th, Mr. Joseph N. Shenstone passed away, after a long illness. He had been very closely associated with Dr. Elmore Harris, the first President, and Dr. William Stewart, the first Principal, when the Toronto Bible Training School was established in 1894. During all the years since that time, he had not only remained a member of the Board of Governors, but also served as Treasurer of the College. He had helped in every stage of the development of the work from its beginning in Walmer Road Church, through its history on College Street, to its establishment in the present new building four years ago.

On October 9th, Mr. John J. Gart-

shore passed away after a brief illness. He had been a member of the first Advisory Council associated with the original Board of Incorporation. In the midst of the many Christian activities in which he shared, he maintained to the very end an unbroken interest, not only in the progress of the College, but in the welfare of the students also.

Both Mr. Shenstone and Mr. Gartshore belonged to the older generation of Christian business men in Toronto, who have meant so much for the cause of Christ. It is one of the most hopeful and encouraging signs that younger men of the same spirit are rising up to take their place. At the last meeting of the Board of Governors, Mr. John Westren was unanimously chosen Treasurer of the College in succession to Mr. Shenstone and he has cheerfully undertaken the responsibilities of the office.

Cordial Christmas and New Year Greetings to all our friends and former students.

“Cross Sections”

Toward the end of last term we had a series of Tuesday morning devotional periods which proved to be of unusual interest. These were in the form of what one member of the staff called a “cross section” of the student body and consisted of three groups representing the “Men Preachers” the “School Teachers” and the “Trained Nurses”, each in turn being asked to tell why they came to the College, what they were getting out of their course, and what their outlook was for the future.

The background of the individual student was necessarily varied, but all led ultimately to a common purpose—that, having decided to trust the Lord for their salvation, there followed a desire to pass on to others the blessing they themselves enjoyed, and, in order to do this intelligently, there came the purpose to obtain a course of biblical training that would make them workmen that need not to be ashamed in handling aright the Word of Truth.

The Men Students, being in charge of several churches and missions in the city, told how valuable and practical their studies were in furnishing them with material for their weekly services, while the fellowship they enjoyed in the prayer life of the College carried them over many difficult places.

The Teacher group remarked that “you could always tell a school teacher—but that you could not tell her much”. Yet they were all agreed that the course of study they were following in the College opened up new fields of truth and experience of which they had no previous idea—the Bible had become a living book and Christian experience a constant delight.

The group of “R.N.’s” joined their fellow-students in deep and grateful appreciation of the value of their



course of study which stood in such marked contrast to the course they had already taken in the realm of medical science. The spiritual atmosphere of the College life was the first outstanding fact to be stressed by all of them, then the compelling interest of the Scriptures as they were unfolded in a comprehensive and continuous manner, revealing the living message running through the entire book, and culminating in the person of our Lord as a present, living Friend and Saviour whose service henceforth was a compelling challenge and delight.

Each group looked forward to the future with the joyful anticipation of translating into a living experience the truths they learned and enjoyed in the College.

T.B.H.

Pennsylvania Students at T.B.C.

About two years ago, the Lord laid upon the hearts of a number of His own in and about Lancaster, Pa., the burden of organizing a prayer group, the object being the getting in touch, by letter, with those holding the fort in distant lands, intercession for them, and prayer that the Lord of the Harvest would thrust out labourers from among us. A year later, two of us were led to Toronto Bible College. The following year, He spoke to others, the result being that when school opened this year two more had been thrust forth from our band and one from another which had been organized through the Lancaster group, making our number five.

We do praise Him for the prayer atmosphere which pervades the College life and is the secret of its power. Here we have been taught by the Spirit that He is interested in every detail of our lives, it matters not how small. He has really taught us to know the secret of that clause, "where prayer is focused power falls", and "our great things are little to His power and our little things great to His love". From here we have gone out with renewed vigor to be fishers of men, returning with rejoicing because He has honoured His Word in that it has borne fruit.

One of the most marked impressions is that our instructors not only preach Christ, but really live Him out in their lives. We are brought face to face with the reality of Christ and His sovereign right to our lives. He is not a Saviour who lives in a world far distant from our own, for we are seated with Him. He is just behind the veil, in the unseen, waiting the summons from the Father to return for His bride. Again and again our Principal has unfolded to us, by the power of the Spirit, that we are dead—our lives are hid with Christ in God. We are to die daily, that the

Spirit of the living Christ may constantly be manifested in our lives.

No rules or laws govern the student body, but the Holy Spirit alone, Who is the predominating factor in the life of the school, governs. We marvelled at the way the Holy Spirit could guide, rule and use young lives when they were surrendered to Him. However, we have ceased to marvel because we have truly learned that He makes no mistakes and to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit brings victory for Him as well as joy and peace in our lives. Thus guided and led of Him, we are enabled to lead souls to the feet of the Lord Jesus. The missionary life of the College has enlarged our world vision and aroused within us a desire, born of the Spirit of God, to bring men and women to



Him who is the way, the truth and the life. Our eyes are no longer centred on one field, but upon the great harvest fields of the world, beginning at Jerusalem and, as He leads, going on to Judea and Samaria.

The evangelistic activities have shown us the dire need in every phase of work. Speaking, teaching, singing, conducting children's meetings, young people's meetings, visitation work and hospital work—all these avenues of service furnish an outlet for us to be doers as well as hearers, thus preventing spiritual indigestion.

We soon learned that T.B.C. life was not all one-sided, for the student

body met occasionally for a social evening. Here we discovered that the Lord Jesus can enter into the social life as well as into the spiritual. His presence and power pervade our friendships and the joy of the Lord Jesus finds expression on our lips in the form of testimony, prayer and song. The result of these evenings is that we are united in closer fellowship with Him. The fact that we represent various countries and many different denominations has awakened Christian sympathy and love one toward the other. Forgetting denominational

differences, we are lost in the one great thought of being one in Jesus Christ—all looking for His appearing, but while looking and watching, busily engaged in gathering in the sheaves from the white harvest fields.

In closing, we would offer our tribute of praise to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Who has led us to Toronto Bible College and Whom we are trusting to lead us on to know Him better and to make Him known in whatever field of service He may choose for us.

News of U.B.C. Family

A son, William Lyon (Billie), was born on August 30th, 1933, to Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davies, who have been attending the evening classes for the past three years.

A daughter, Betty Ella, was born on September 3rd, to Rev. and Mrs. George W. H. Medley ('24) (Queenie Fiddament) at Sparta, Ont.

A daughter, Mary Lois, was born on October 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn E. Morris (Gladys Langley '26).

A son, Herbert Charles, was born on October 15th. to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Gooderham ('30).

A daughter was born in Toronto on November 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gibson (Blanche Oliver) of the Sudan Interior Mission.

Earl Phillips ('33) and Ada Smith ('31) were married at Drumheller, Alta., on September 28th. Mr. Phillips is pastor of the Baptist Church at Benalto, Alta. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Howard Phillips ('28).

On October 7th, at the Church of

the Redeemer, by the Rev. R. A. Armstrong, Thelma Alberta Montgomery was married to James A. Currie.

The death of Mrs. Merritt H. French ('29) took place at Calgary, Alberta, in October, and the deep sympathy of the members of the staff and of the students who were in College with Mrs. French goes out to the bereaved husband. Mrs. French had been active in Christian work before coming to the College, but in order to equip herself more fully, she came down to Toronto for the three years' course, bringing her young son with her that he might attend school here during that time under her care. During the four years that have passed since her graduation and return to Calgary, she has exerted a wide influence in the Baptist Churches and in Temperance activities throughout the Province.

Principal McNicol has visited a number of churches this fall where graduates and former students of the College are at work. His messages on

The College choir will provide an hour of Christmas music in the Assembly Hall, on Thursday, December 21st, at 8.00 p.m.

Palestine have been particularly appreciated by the large audiences who have assembled to hear him.

Rev. W. T. Romain, B.Th. ('22) is now pastor of Grace American Methodist Episcopal Church, Wildwood, Alberta. He and Mrs. Romain recently visited Toronto and spent a few hours visiting the College.

Nellie Simpson ('22) left Toronto on November 16th, for a two months' holiday. She has been given leave of absence and is spending the time in England and on the continent.

Constance Margaret Bissex ('26) and Mary Laing Allison ('31) have been accepted for work in Africa, under the Heart of Africa Mission, and expect to sail for the field this winter.

Joseph Taylor ('26) is acting pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Estevan, Saskatchewan, for one year.

Barbara Beal ('31), who has been in England and Germany during the summer, in association with the Oxford Group Movement, has been taking part in their great campaign in London during the past two months.

J. N. Hepburn ('31), while in charge of the Presbyterian Church at Woodstock, N.B., took an extra-mural course of one year from the Presbyterian College in Montreal, received his graduation standing there last April and was ordained by the Presbytery of Saint John in June. In October he received a unanimous call from St. Andrew's Church in Lethbridge, Alberta, and was inducted on November 3rd. Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn are now settled in the manse there in one of the most important fields of service west of Winnipeg.

Ruth Frances MacLeod ('32) has been appointed to work in Formosa and expects to join her father there, sailing from Canada in February. She will be working under the Foreign Mission Board of the English Presbyterian Church.

J. Frank Ward ('32) was called to the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Little Current, Manitoulin Island, and commenced his duties there on Sunday, Nov. 19th.

Evelyn Underhill ('32) appointed by the China Inland Mission, sailed for China in September.

Herbert E. S. Browett ('33) is Acting-Superintendent of Grace Mission to the Jews, College St., Toronto.

Tom Devers ('33) has been appointed to work in Abyssinia under the Sudan Interior Mission and will leave with the next party of outgoing missionaries.

Nellie Horne ('33) has been appointed to work in South America under the Evangelical Union of South America and expects to sail for the field early in December.

Marie Timpany ('33), head girl in the College session of 1932-1933, is on her way to Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission.

George Worling ('33) and George Anderson ('34) have been appointed to work in Africa, under the Sudan Interior Mission, and will leave shortly for the field. Mr. Worling, in addition to his missionary work, will be engaged in printing portions of God's Word at the Niger press.

The 1933 Class held a farewell party for a number of the members of the class who are under appointment to the foreign field. The meeting was held at the home of the class

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and the Spring term will open on Tuesday, January 9th.**

secretary, Ruth Burrell, on November 24th, about thirty being present.

Miss Homera Homer-Dixon who spent a term in the school some years ago and who is now doing missionary work in Indo-China, sent us a copy of her Christmas circular of 1932. She is working at Hanoi and states that the population is nearly one million—a tremendous challenge to the work of evangelism!

F. E. Manktelow, a former student in the Evening Classes, was ordained to the gospel ministry on September 19th at Haliburton Baptist Church, Ontario. At the ordination service in the evening, Pastor A. Price ('22), of

Fenelon Falls, delivered the charge to the Church.

James Henshaw ('34) is the pastor of the Baptist Church at West Hill, a suburb of Toronto. During the summer he led his people in the erection of a new church home.

J. Henry Janzen ('35) is doing Christian work among the German people of Toronto and is editing a pamphlet in the interests of the spread of the gospel among his own people.

Robert N. Tharp who was a student in the College during the session of 1932-33 has gone to New York to take a course in medicine at the National Bible Institute.

Alumni Conference

The Alumni Conference, held on the opening day of the present session, was a great success. In the morning, after the opening devotional service of the College term, conducted by Principal McNicol, was over, a fine time of fellowship was enjoyed by the four hundred present.

At the afternoon session, the assembly hall was filled. The series of conferences as outlined in the last issue of the Recorder was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those present. Supper was served in relays, and after all methods to cope with the crowd were resorted to, several had to make their way to nearby eating houses.

Shortly after seven the assembly hall was crowded to capacity for the evening session. First, the day class

students and then the evening class students were asked to leave and give their seats to visitors and friends. At 7.50 Dr. H. H. Bingham, of Walner Road Baptist Church, who was attending the evening session, gladly consented to the request of the Alumni Association to transfer the meeting to the auditorium of his church. When the audience finally re-assembled, it numbered about 1200. How could we possibly accommodate that number of people in a hall seated for 400? The Principal was the special speaker throughout the day. He graphically portrayed the life of the Palestine of to-day. In fine shape after his trip, he led his audience to great heights. What a day! Shall we have our conference annually on the opening day of school?

The Annual Missionary Conference conducted by the Students' Missionary Society will be held on January 19-21, 1934. The theme for consideration is "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Rev. John McLaurin of India has been secured as the speaker at the Saturday evening meeting and Principal McNicol will address the Sunday morning session of the conference. Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend any meetings of the conference.