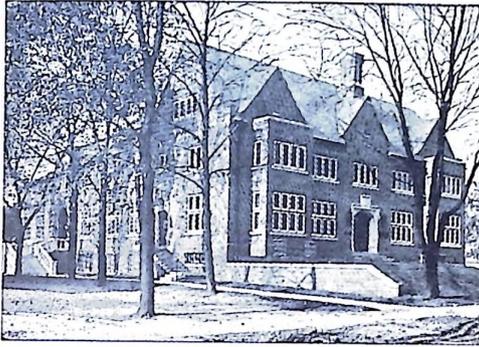


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### Principal's Annual Report

The Session now closing is the 40th in the history of the College and the 5th in the new building. It is a suitable occasion not only for reviewing the work of the year, but also for considering the growth of the work during these forty years.

#### I. *The Attendance of Students.*

A mere statement of the figures of the past session reveals the proportions to which the institution has grown. The Day Class registration comprised 130 men and 191 women, a total of 321, which is an increase of 32 over last year. The Evening Class total was 403, including 102 men and 301 women, who came from 138 different congregations in all parts of Toronto. A further analysis of these figures is here set forth:

*The Day Classes:*—The four years now included in the regular daily work of the College had enrolments as follows:

	Men	Women	Total
Preparatory Year	21	17	38
First Year	50	82	132
Second Year	19	43	62
Third Year	39	43	82

There was also a group of 7 students (1 man and 6 women) taking special work, bringing up the student body to 321 in all.

The great majority of these students came from homes in our own province, but a fairly wide constituency elsewhere was also represented. Of the total number, 134 were from Toronto, and an equal number from other parts of Ontario (including 14 from Hamilton, 8 from Sault Ste. Marie, 6 from Owen Sound, and 5 from Oshawa). Other parts of Canada sent 27 students (including 8 from Montreal and 3 from Winnipeg), all the Provinces being represented except Prince Edward Island. Of 26 students representing places outside

Canada, 9 came from other parts of the British Empire, 7 from the United States, and 4 from European countries (Holland, Sweden, Norway, and Hungary), while 6 were from missions or missionary homes in Africa, India, China and Japan.

Denominational distinctions fall out of sight in the fellowship of the students, who find when they come here that they are all one in Christ Jesus, and their church connections can only be learned from their application forms. When these are examined the Day Class student body divides denominationally as follows: Anglican 11, Associated Gospel Churches 5, Baptist Churches 135, Brethren 17, Evangelical Church 5, Mennonite 15, Pentecostal 8, Presbyterian 25, United Church 28, Undenominational 60, while 6 other denominations were represented by less than 5 students each. It will be seen that while 16 denominations, or separate Christian groups, are represented, nearly two-thirds of the whole student body come from the four major denominations in Canada.

*The Evening Classes:*—The denominational classification of the Evening students is as follows: Anglican 47, Baptist 91, Brethren 13, Disciples of Christ 7, Evangelical 12, Mennonite 7, Pentecostal 6, Presbyterian 76, United Church 70, Undenominational 63, with 5 other denominations represented by less than 5 students each.

As stated above, these young people represented 138 different congregations in Toronto, including 13 Anglican Churches, 34 Baptist Churches, 18 Presbyterian Churches, 38 United Churches, and 35 churches and halls of other Christian groups. If the significance of these figures is visualized, they will give some idea of the contribution which the Bible College is making through its Evening Classes alone to church life and work in the city of Toronto.

## II. *The Growth of the College.*

A glance back over the registration figures of the past 40 years, reveals

the following significant facts:

- (1) There has been a steady growth in the attendance during the whole period except during the war years, when there was a marked falling off, especially among the men.
- (2) The rate of growth was very slow for 25 years, but immediately after the war, this began to increase, and it has been increasing steadily ever since.
- (3) During the last 10 years in the old building, after it was enlarged, the attendance increased by 131, an average of just over 13 each year.
- (4) During the first 5 years in the new building the increase has been 147, an average of just over 29 each year. This increase is almost equally divided between the men and the women (75 men and 72 women). The present graduating class of 63, comprises 31 men and 32 women. The fact that the enrolment of men has grown from 55 to 130 in the last five years, is not to be attributed solely to economic conditions. There are fewer men in the College because of unemployment than the number who have turned aside from advantageous business positions in order to prepare themselves for some definite form of Christian work.

The significance of these facts can hardly be ignored. It is obvious that there is something in the Bible College which is making an increasingly strong appeal to earnest minded Christian young people all around us. It is obvious too, that the growth of the College is not due to any spasmodic effort. There is evidence here of a momentum which is gathering force as the years go on.

We believe that the secret of this steady growth, and the reason why the College draws so many bright young lives, is to be found in two unique features of its work, viz. its

Bible-centred curriculum of study, and its self-government system of training.

### III. *The Bible-Centred Curriculum.*

The College is now providing a thorough and comprehensive three years' course of instruction which it has developed along its own lines. The original course required only two years of study, and for thirty years the diploma of graduation was given to all students who took two full years of work. During the last half of that time, after 1909, an increasing number of graduates every session had been returning for an additional year of Biblical study. Then it was clear that the course should be lengthened, and for the past ten years the diploma of graduation has been given for three full years of work.

The lengthening of the course meant also the expansion of the curriculum and the raising of the standard. It had been the aim all along to build up a strong teaching centre, and as provision was made for this by additions to the staff, subjects were added from time to time till the course finally came to cover, as it does now, the whole theological field. One fundamental principle, however, was always kept in view, that the central thing in the course should be the mastery of the English Bible, and that every other subject should be co-ordinated with this. Furthermore, it was held that the method of approach in the study of the Bible should be primarily devotional and not critical, to discover the mind of God in the Word of God. Questions of criticism are not ignored in the Bible College course, but we believe that only in His light can we really see light.

As this method of teaching has been carried on year by year, we have seen lives open up as a flower opens up to the sunlight; and we believe it is because Christian young people are finding out for themselves that there is something in the Bible College course which expands both mind and heart, that they are coming to its classes in

ever increasing numbers. It has been no unusual thing since we came to the new building, to have students come to us in their last year and confess that they entered in their first year with a prejudice because they had been warned that the Toronto Bible College was not following the conventional lines of teaching, and now they were full of profound gratitude because the College course had led them into a new spiritual world and into a larger Christian life.

### IV. *The Self-Government System.*

The past session has once more proved the value and efficiency of our method of student self-government, which was introduced about 20 years ago, and is now a fundamental principle in our system of training. As the student body has grown larger, the responsibilities of the student cabinet have increased, and its work has become more elaborate. Where there were formerly five officers, there are now ten, each one heading an important department of student life and activity.

The student cabinet works under the superintendence of the faculty but entirely on its own initiative. It meets weekly and nothing gets out of hand. Every morning, after the opening devotional exercises conducted by the Principal, the President and Head Boy makes the necessary announcements for the activities of the day to the assembled student body. Two associated Head Girls divide the responsibility of watching over whatever pertains particularly to the life and fellowship of the large body of women students. Two associated young men preside over the organization and work of the evangelistic department with its many multiplied and widely extended activities, under the watchful eye of the Superintendent of Student Activities. The Missionary Society, the devotional life, and the social life of the College are each under the supervision and leadership of a separate student. Another member of the cabinet,

a trained nurse chosen by Dr. Waters for the purpose, co-operates with him in caring for the health of the students, a ministry calling for innumerable visits to homes, boarding houses and hospitals.

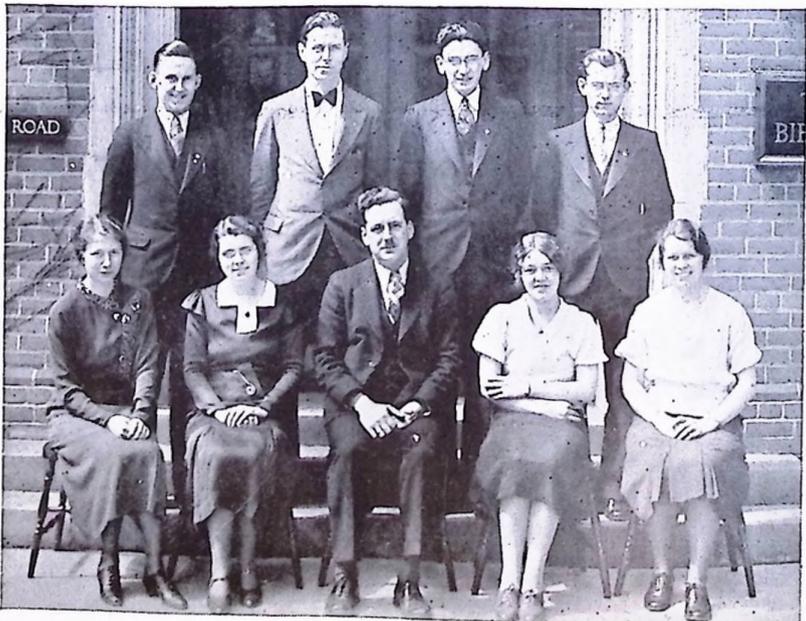
At this point we should like to express our profound thankfulness to God for the way He has watched over the lives of this large body of students throughout the session. We have had several cases of serious and sudden illness, necessitating major operations, but every case has been followed by a good recovery. The College is deeply indebted again to Dr. W. T. Hamilton who has given his skilled services as surgeon so freely in the interests of the students.

All these departments of student life, with the great variety of activity they represent, are united by this system in one corporate fellowship which is vibrant with spiritual life. The leadership of the Holy Spirit is recognized; the oneness of all in Christ Jesus is manifested; self-discipline is inculcated and practised, and everything is bathed in the atmosphere of prayer. The stu-

dents respond with remarkable loyalty to the discipline of the system, and they do it joyfully. All this has served to produce that unique quality of radiant life which has come to mark the Toronto Bible College, and here we find another reason why increasing numbers of young people are being attracted to it year by year.

#### *V. Christian Activity.*

When we turn to the various activities of the students and consider the influences which go out from the College through the contacts which they make upon the community during the session, we find these increasing and expanding. We have reason to be encouraged because the students give such a good account of themselves, both by their lives and by their work. It is true that we have had disappointments, but they are few compared with the numbers of testimonies we receive from all sides regarding the favourable impression they are creating by their cheerful spirit and their patient devotion. This is particularly true of many of the girls who are em-



ployed in homes in different parts of the city.

The evangelistic work has been more widely extended this year than ever before. In addition to the usual lines of activity, a plan of house-to-house visitation was inaugurated at the beginning of the session. Upwards of 130 students engaged in this work in two sections of the city with encouraging results which more than balanced all the discouragements. Some 9,480 house visits were made by this group. They found numbers of people hungry for spiritual comfort and help and were the means of leading many into life and light.

Shortly after the New Year a group of six students visited a rural church in western Ontario, and for two weeks assisted the minister, a graduate of the College, in a series of special meetings. Personal evangelism among the homes of the people rather than the usual type of revival work was the method employed, and it was attended by signal blessing and success. Brief week-end campaigns were held by other groups at Hamilton, Kitchener, Preston, and Pembroke. Our Montreal group held a series of services in that city during the Christmas vacation.

The session has been marked by a greater number of regular Church services carried on by individual students than in any previous year. Ten of the young men have been acting as pastors of small churches and missions in Toronto and the vicinity, and four have been sharing the work of two other missions.

One of the young men who graduates this year has been much used as an evangelist. Since the 1st of October he has preached in 17 different towns, holding some 60 services, in which he has been the means of leading 163 persons to decide for Christ, six of whom have signified their intention of coming to the College next fall.

In addition to all this, we are to keep in mind the ceaseless Christian activity which the students carry on

week by week in service and in song, in preaching and in teaching, in Gospel missions and in Sunday schools, in children's work and in young people's societies, in prayer meetings and in missionary meetings, in factory meetings and in cottage meetings, in hospital wards and by individual personal work anywhere.

When the reports of all these activities are summarized, we find that the students have been the means of leading 897 persons to a definite decision for Christ since the beginning of the session. This does not take into account the work they do during the summer months, of which no record is kept. Last summer, for example, a male quartet held Gospel services at six points in Western, Central, and Northern Ontario, which resulted in upwards of 200 young people deciding for Christ, the majority of whom were young men. The permanence of this work is indicated by the fact that the converts in several of these centres have been carrying on prayer groups all through the winter, and a number of them are preparing to come to the Bible College in the near future.

The missionary spirit of the College has been maintained, and is as strong as ever. The claims and needs of the unevangelized world are brought before the students every session. The annual week-end conference of the Missionary Society in January, created a wide and deep interest. The Society maintains a correspondence with former students on the mission fields of the world, and holds up their hands by weekly prayer groups.

During the year five members of the Bible College family have sailed for fields in China, Africa, South America, and Japan, while some ten others have been accepted by various boards, and are waiting to go. Thirteen members of the present graduating class have placed their applications as candidates before missionary societies, and some of them are already under appointment.

## VI. *The Future Outlook*

And now what shall we say of the future? We are profoundly and humbly thankful to the Lord for the blessing which has been so manifestly following the work of the College through these years, but this very blessing now calls us to take serious thought for the future. This will be evident if we consider present conditions of the work.

In the first place our new building, which we entered only five years ago, is already taxed to its capacity. Our assembly hall was seated for a limit of 315 students. Our student body now numbers 321, and when it is all assembled it overflows into the gallery. Our first year class room was seated for 99 students. Two years ago we had 18 new seats set in against the walls so as to accommodate 117. Our present first year numbers 132, and the crowded aspect of the room can be imagined. Our library was furnished for 40 readers, and now, especially near examination time, nearly twice that number will be seeking to use the library at one time, with the result that some students have to turn away disappointed.

In the second place, our classes have grown so large that we are in real danger of losing that personal touch with our students which is such an essential element in their training. Only the untiring devotion of the staff and the splendid loyalty of the students themselves have enabled us to maintain this feature of our work so well. But we cannot maintain it efficiently without some essential change in the near future.

If we review the way the Lord has led us in the past, and consider His good hand upon us in the present, we cannot escape the conclusion that He would have us prepare to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

We shall need to lengthen our cords. We should plan not for larger classes, but for smaller classes, and a larger number of them. We should continue as it is our preparatory year of aca-

demical work which has proved so helpful. We should divide our regular first year class into two sections, by a suitable method of grading. Our large senior class which comprises the second and third years could with advantage be divided into two separate classes. Then a special class in advanced work might be provided for men who are looking forward to the ministry. An increasing number of students are coming to us year by year whose ability and academic equipment qualify them for more rapid and advanced work than the average student is able to take, and their needs cannot be fully met unless we introduce some such system of grading as has been outlined.

This means that we shall need to strengthen our stakes. We cannot even begin to carry out such a plan as this without a stronger staff. The need of an additional lecturer for our regular Biblical and Theological work has been recognized for several years. This need has become more urgent, and such an appointment should not be much longer delayed.

The secret of efficiency and success in such a work as this lies altogether in the personnel of the teaching staff. The present staff have worked together during the year with a unity of spirit and a devotion to the College that is beyond praise. Our weekly meetings for fellowship and prayer have been a constant source of joy and strength throughout the session.

Let me add one final word. If these past years of development have taught us one lesson more than another, it is this—that there is wisdom in always recognizing the divine leading in our corporate fellowship and we should be careful not to violate it. We shall read the mind of God aright as to His purpose for us, if we lift our eyes above the mists in the lower levels unto the hills, whence has always come our help. In this quietness and in this confidence we shall always find our strength.

## Graduation Exercises

It was a vast assembly that crowded every corner of Massey Hall for the closing exercises of the fortieth session, on April 27th. Every seat was occupied, over one hundred and fifty persons were standing, and several hundreds more failed to gain admission. Groups of friends were present from Boston, Waterford, Hamilton, Brantford, London, Montreal, Peterboro, Hillsdale, Kitchener, Guelph, and Agincourt, and at least one person from as far west as Winnipeg. The College regrets that a number of its friends and supporters found the doors closed against them on their arrival at the hall, but it feels that every possible accommodation was made for those who desired to attend.

When, a number of months ago, the decision was reached to go to Massey Hall for the service of graduation, the problem which faced the governors of the College was whether the same spirit which had characterized these annual gatherings could be expected in such a building as Massey Hall. This year's closing is a tribute to the fact that the College is not dependent upon any outward circumstance or any institution for its remarkable spirit. This is to be found in the nature of the work it is doing and so it is carried by the students wherever they go. Old friends and new acquaintances alike were made to feel this on the night of April 27th.

The transfer to Massey Hall made possible several new developments. The College choir was, for example, at full strength for the first time in the history of the school. In addition to the one hundred and seventy-five students who made up the actual chorus, there were over one hundred and thirty others on the platform to help in the congregational singing. It was the unanimous opinion of those assembled that the platform arrangements were ideal. Tribute must be paid the leader of singing in the College, Mr. E. Shildrick, and to the

pianists, Miss Betty Willis and Mr. Allan Cherry, for their work in accompanying. The rendering of the simple gospel song "Almost Persuaded", by the double male quartette, was greatly appreciated. The audience readily responded to the message of the musical program. It was a fine blending of worship and evangelism and was a fine illustration of what the College is doing for the churches along musical lines.

We never heard our Principal to better advantage. The presentation of the salient facts of the growth of the school, coupled with the chief items of the annual report, made a fitting ground for his incisive appeal to the audience to examine carefully the work of an institution which is making such a fine contribution to the churches. To this must be added the greetings of the President, Mr. E. G. Baker, who in a quiet and effective way called the attention of the thirty-three hundred present to the need which the College has of loyal support.

Rev. Dr. John McLaurin of India opened the program with a brief period of worship which proved to be a fitting preparation for the testimonies of five graduating students, Misses Francklin and Weston and Messrs. Breckon, Dulmage and Rae, who in a simple, straightforward way told what their three years of training had meant to them. This was the first occasion on which such testimonies had been given at graduation, and the variety and breadth of the experience revealed, made a profound impression upon the audience. The note of assurance which characterized the valedictory address delivered by Mr. Kenneth Miles, President of the Graduating Class, is something which the world of our day wants.

Care had been taken, in making the platform arrangements, to allow the students to receive their diplomas personally from the hand of the President. In the cramped conditions of former

years, this had not been possible. Those receiving diplomas greatly appreciated the new arrangement, and the effect was to make the service much more of a graduation exercise than had been possible since the early days of the school life. The ninety-seven diplomas and certificates having

been presented, Rev. Dr. Dyson Hague led the vast throng in a thoughtful and reverent prayer of dedication. And then—the College hymn was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. A. E. Armstrong, and another class left the College halls for the ends of the earth.

### Comparative Statement of Enrolment

#### Forty Years — 1894-1934

	1899	1904	1909	1914	1919	1924
Men .....	31	37	30	38	17	61
Women .....	34	31	42	52	49	105
Total .....	65	68	72	90	66	166
Graduates .....	10	12	12	17	11	44
Post-Graduates .....			1	3	4	33
1899—5th year of history. 1st year in old building.						
1924—Last year of two-year course. First overflow to Zion Chapel.						
	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934
Men .....	55	87	88	115	113	130
Women .....	119	125	148	163	176	191
Total .....	174	212	236	278	289	321
Graduates .....	28	35	49	39	54	63
1930—First year in new building.						
1934—40th year of history. 5th year on new site.						

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

##### Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ending 23rd April, 1934

Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia, April 24th, 1934..... \$2,638.34

#### RECEIPTS

Annuity Deposit ..... 50.00  
**\$2,688.34**

#### For Operating Account

Contributions .....	\$6,198.95
Fees—Registrations .....	2,830.00
Parsons Memorial Lectureship .....	2,600.00
Recorder Subscriptions .....	705.44
Interest on Investments .....	2,029.71
Sundry Receipts .....	92.56
Bequests .....	2,446.92
Income from Sale of Students' Supplies .....	64.89
	<b>\$16,868.47</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

#### For Operating Account

Annuities Paid .....	\$ 202.00
Fuel .....	540.40
Telephones .....	223.50
Light .....	461.11
Water .....	64.48
Salaries .....	17,596.96
Postage .....	314.27
Revenue Stamps and Exchange .....	21.36
Taxes .....	17.24
Advertising .....	210.68
Office Supplies .....	381.25
School Supplies .....	160.31
Printing .....	226.77
Insurance .....	137.13
Janitor's Supplies .....	37.97
Repairs and Maintenance .....	181.17
Library Maintenance .....	53.55
The Recorder .....	283.69
Unclassified .....	158.47
Government Tax on Investments .....	12.00
	<b>21,284.31</b>
Operating Deficit .....	\$4,415.84
Furniture and Library Books Purchased .....	55.32
	<b>4,471.16</b>
Overdraft, April 23rd, 1934 .....	\$1,782.82

Audited and found correct,

WILSON FENTON, Chartered Accountant.

## Valedictory Address

(Delivered on April 27th, at the Graduation Exercises in Massey Hall, by Kenneth L. Miles, president of the Graduating class.)

Faculty, Students and Friends:—

I represent my fellow students as a whole when I state that we are profoundly grateful to those who by their gifts and their prayers have made possible our attendance at the college so dear to our hearts. We feel that you and the faithful faculty have made a contribution to our lives, the value of which will be revealed only in eternity.

Only those who have graduated from the Toronto Bible College in previous years are able to fully appreciate the emotions we, the 1934 class, are experiencing on this the evening of our long anticipated commencement. On behalf of my classmates, therefore, I should like to uncover a few of the countless thoughts that are flooding our minds this hour.

We readily confess that our mission is not an easy one as we face an untried future. In these difficult times we sense the feelings of pessimism and uncertainty around us, but somehow this very condition moves us to thank God because we have an optimistic and positive message to present. St. Paul, too, found himself in an age of moral collapse, disturbed social conditions and religious speculation, but was possessed, nevertheless, of at least three triumphant certainties.

First, Paul was certain as to the committal of his soul, for in 11 Timothy we read "for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day"

Paul had entrusted his soul to the keeping of God, and having done this, he rested serenely and joyfully in the faithfulness of his God. Salvation was to the apostle a present possession and was not a matter of theory, doubt or probability. This verse reveals the language of unqualified trust and confidence. It implies the fullest assurance in regard to the matter to which

it relates. It is the expression of one who would not admit the possibility of being deceived by the Person on whom he relied, or of being disappointed in the expectations which he had been led to cherish. We, too, by the grace of God have been brought to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Satisfier and have a message characterized by that identical ring of certainty.

It is very important in days like the present to have a ground of assurance from which we cannot possibly be moved by any assaults of the adversary; and the ground of assurance which is of the most value is not so much that which is framed by learned arguments in defence of Christianity as that which is composed of the living experiences of living disciples of Christ. I would not for a moment underrate the importance of arguments in favour of Christianity, for such have engaged our thoughts during the past three years. They have their importance and use, but they are not within the comprehension of all and are for the most part only accessible to a few; whereas that ground of confidence which lies in the personal assurance of the Redeemer's power and love is within the reach of all, the humblest disciple of Christ as well as the most learned.

Secondly, Paul knew the certainty of an overruling Providence for in the 8th chapter of Romans, we read "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose". Need I say that we do not expect to live lives of comfort and applause when our Master has been careful to warn His disciples that "in the world they shall have tribulation." But was David not at his best amid adversities and at his worst amid comforts? Crosses and losses will not be

unknown, but Paul urges that in the Divine government of the world all things contribute to the welfare of those who love God—"all", including "the sufferings of this present time". They are all the unfoldings of a design, parts of a perfect whole. We may not understand the chemistry of the process; we may not see how one element acts upon the properties of the other, nor how by the combination of all the cure is effected. Yet, confiding in the skill of the Compounder and submitting our reason to our faith, we take the remedy and receive the benefit.

When Joseph's brethren returned from Egypt requesting the person of Benjamin, Jacob said "Me have ye be-reaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me". But lo, the circumstances which to the dim eye of his faith wore a hue so sombre and an aspect so alarming were at that moment developing and perfecting the events which were to smooth his passage to the grave, and shed around the evening of his life the halo of a glorious and cloudless sunset.

It is true that we are leaving one school, but it is just as true that we are entering another. In this new school we believe that all things fair and foul, smooth and rough, prosperous and adverse will work to our greater good, for we truly love God. We know it because God has said it. We know it because others have testified to it. Best of all, we know it because we have already experienced it. Paul beautifully explains the Christian's attitude in his second letter to the Corinthians: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal".

In the third and final place, we say with Paul again, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." Of a house beyond, the apostle was eternally sure. Paul did not faint in the midst of his sufferings, because he knew that even when his earthly frame should be destroyed, he had a house in heaven, not like the present perishable tabernacle, but one not made with hands and eternal.

The farmer in the midst of snow, blizzard and almost unbearable cold, makes his way to his woods, there to spend the day in unceasing toil. True, despite the severity of prevailing conditions about him, he experiences genuine joy and satisfaction, knowing he is providing fuel for the needy inhabitants of the world in which he lives. But possibly the greater incentive to continue throughout the long day is the fact that when the sun lowers in the west and the night comes on he will go home. The greatest joy of going away is, beyond doubt, returning home. Needless to assert, that which inspires our love and longing for home is not alone a mere fondness for the material objects which go to constitute a dwelling place, but rather the loved ones who await our coming. So it has been that Paul and all subsequent believers have cherished those words, "Absent from the body, present (at home) with the Lord". That is our supreme hope—to see Him, the One whom we love. And when our service for Him is accomplished here and we are taken home to the glories of the New Jerusalem where we shall see His face, we are going to wish we could have given Him ten lives of whole-hearted devotion. In the meantime, may we not use Paul's own appeal tonight as we leave the College halls—"Finally brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord—through the class of 1934—may have free course and be glorified?"

## The Alumni District Conferences

(By Alex. McLean, president of the Alumni Association.)

The Toronto Bible College is a going concern. As has been pointed out from time to time no step is taken for the advancement of the work without first realizing the mind of the Spirit. This has ensured a growth which at no time has been spasmodic, but has, on the contrary, always been the result of steady pressure from within. In other words, no artificial means from without have ever been used to stimulate growth, but instead it has grown like a tree, firmly planted and well nurtured, because it cannot do anything else.

It was because of this growth that the need was seen for banding together in a more organized way the local groups of our ever growing Alumni Association, so that the interest of that body might be directed more definitely than ever before towards the College and its welfare. To meet this need, the Alumni Executive arranged for a series of spring conferences immediately following the closing of the College year.

Three such conferences were held at Kitchener, Hamilton, and Mississauga (near Barrie), with every evidence of real success, under the hand of our ever faithful God.

*Kitchener:* This new venture got under way on Friday afternoon, May 11th, from the Bible College, in Mr. Burns' car, with a team made up of Principal McNicol, Mr. Burns, Misses Ivy Bunt ('29), Ella Miller ('32), and Messrs. Rae ('34) (the irrepressible Bill), and McLean ('30) the Alumni President. With a fast moving car and lively conversation, the journey of seventy miles did not seem long.

There were two sessions on the programme, the one in the afternoon being held in the First Mennonite Church, with Rev. Elmer Loney ('22), President of the local branch of the Alumni Association, in the chair, and the evening session in Benton Street

Baptist Church, with the pastor, Rev. E. Lewis, conducting the worship period. "The Value and Maintenance of our T.B.C. Fellowship" was the subject under discussion during the afternoon, and was led by Miss Bunt, Miss Miller, Mr. McLean, and Mr. John Harvey ('28). Each approached the subject from his or her own viewpoint, and the whole was a constructive testimony to the value of Toronto Bible College training, its spirit, and its possibilities after leaving College. In the usual informal manner known to all our graduates, the meeting opened up for those in attendance to share their views and experiences. One of the particularly pleasing features was the testimony of Mr. J. D. Wilson ('00), a farmer, working hard every day, who had been consulting his record book, and found that since leaving the College, he had preached on an average of once a week, or over one thousand times, in the pulpits of the surrounding country. Surely such a record and testimony in itself justifies the existence of such an institution as Toronto Bible College. This period was followed by an address by Mr. Rae, in which he related many of his gripping experiences since conversion, and how the Lord Jesus Christ had become real to him during his College course.

The good ladies of the Church had prepared a tempting supper in the basement, to which we then made our way. Who so happy as Bible College graduates and students at such a time? After supper there was a roll call of the local organization at Kitchener, numbering 85, and each responded by telling in a few sentences what they were then engaged in. Many were the vocations being followed, but all were united in that they were serving the Lord in their respective callings.

At Benton Street Baptist Church in the evening, we had the pleasure of

listening to two very fine selections by the Mennonite Gospel Chorus. It was an excellent demonstration of finely controlled part singing. There was a large gathering present to hear a lecture on the College work, by Mr. Burns, illustrated by lantern slides. This lecture had been in the course of formation for a long time, being fitted together mainly from snapshots taken by students, from the early days to the present time. This was the first occasion on which it was given. This lecture was followed by a devotional address by the Principal based on the text "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength".

At the close of the meeting there were pleasant renewals of acquaintanceship and many inquiries by friends of the College concerning it.

The following Sunday morning, May 13th, the Principal and Mr. McLean returned to Kitchener to speak at Bethany Mennonite Church and Grace Tabernacle respectively, while Mr. Hyde who also came along and provided the transportation, spoke at Rev. Elmer Loney's Church at Preston.

*Hamilton:* On Wednesday afternoon, May 16th, we set out for Hamilton. Mrs. G. E. Lantz ('29) and Miss Helen M. Telford ('23), with Mr. Fred Breckon ('34) came along on this trip to give their contribution to the general afternoon theme of these conferences, "The Value and Maintenance of our Toronto Bible College Fellowship". While Kitchener had a local organization, Hamilton had none. How many, then, could we expect for an afternoon meeting? The Alumni President hazarded a very low estimate, based on what he had heard of the ambitious city's reputation for afternoon meetings, but the number in attendance proved that his prophecy was no more to be relied upon than his ability as a guide through Hamilton to Victoria Avenue Gospel Church, our destination, to which he led the group by a rather circuitous

route, finally having to consult a pedestrian on a corner. Fortunately we arrived on time to be greeted by a good representation of graduates and friends.

After the topic of the afternoon had been presented, we again had the joy of listening to ringing testimonies from a number of graduates, including two from the early years of the College, Mrs. Halliday ('97), and Mr. Morley Bell ('97), the latter coming from his farm in Glanford. The closing address of the afternoon was given by Mr. McLean on "Jesus as a student and Teacher". An excellent spirit prevailed throughout this meeting, under the chairmanship of Rev. H. D. Bower ('12), which culminated, on a suggestion made by the Principal, in the forming of a local Alumni group, with Rev. George Darby ('31) assistant pastor of Victoria Avenue Gospel Church, as president. The visiting graduates and members of the faculty were entertained by members of the congregation.

A well-filled church greeted us at the evening meeting, at which the newly elected president of the local group presided. Here Mr. Burns' lecture on the work of the College was followed by an illustrated lecture on Palestine by Principal McNicol. Former students enjoyed the riches of our Principal's morning lectures at the College. What are the students of the future going to receive, when he admits, as he did in this lecture, that the Bible has become a new Book to him since visiting the Holy Land?

*Minesing:* This spot, which lies north of Barrie, about eight miles, was our goal, when on the beautiful afternoon of Friday, May 18th, we left Toronto. As we sped northward through the green countryside and inhaled the pure air, we wondered why men build large, stuffy cities. With us this time we had "Bob" Allan, the genial caretaker of the College and a graduate of '33, along with Bill Rae again, who is pinch-hitting for Arthur Bateson ('34),

who could not come. Burns, McNicol, McLean, Rae, and Allan—looks like a deputation from the land of the heather this time, if names convey anything. Bill is not so lively this afternoon; that morning lesson in Chinese must have used up all his energy. We are to have supper here, and as we arrive we meet the caretaker carrying in the water needed for that event, for our place of meeting is a lovely country church, well removed from the madding crowd, where faucets and chlorine are unknown.

The representation of graduates in the afternoon gathering is small, but we have a good meeting, with short messages from the graduates, and a devotional address from the Principal on "The Heavenly Places" in Ephesians. Mervin Ganton ('13), who arranged this conference, presided at the afternoon session.

With time on our hands before the call for supper, we espied two local young folks playing "catch" so we joined in the game. It was not long before sides were chosen, and on that country side-road a ball game was soon under way, our bat being a stout limb of a tree. When the Principal returned from his walk, he was unanimously chosen as umpire, and did very well indeed until it became quite evident that he was out to "get" the batter. Yes, folks, that third strike he called on the writer was a foot on the inside of the plate. Who would have thought it?

The signal soon came for supper, and, oh, what a feast of good things!

The ladies of the local church had made ample provision for the physical needs of all.

The church was packed for the

evening service, Rev. Geo. Cruse, the local pastor, presiding, and a splendid service it was. A new lantern and an excellent screen did much to make speaking easier for Mr. Burns and Principal McNicol. The lectures on College life and Palestine were of a very high order. A male quartet had somehow been advertised, but not arranged for, but Toronto Bible College never fails, and '16, '29, and '34, in other words, Burns, McLean, and Rae, stepped into the breach, forming a trio, and came through without serious mishap.

Mining being on standard time, it was 12.10 a.m. Toronto time when we left, arriving in the city at 2.30 a.m. Mr. Burns told us he was preaching on "Flaming Youth" the following Sunday. It really looked as though he was out for "copy" considering the hours he was keeping.

We have recounted some of the happenings. What of the spirit of all these meetings? The College carries its own atmosphere wherever it goes, and all the meetings were characterized by that spirit that is so easily recognized within the College. There was an interest and enthusiasm shown by all who attended that augurs well for the days ahead. Old friends were brought closer; new friends were gained, and perhaps young lives faced with the call to preach the Gospel or with the question of some form of service for the Master, and of the possibility of securing their training at T.B.C. Who knows?

Looking back, we regard it as a splendid venture. It is only the beginning of a real work along this line. What can you do, graduates, to foster this sort of thing in your community?

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

A daughter (Ellen Louise) was born on February 24th to Rev. ('23) and Mrs. Harold G. Buchner (Grace Fitcher '24), at Trenton, Ontario.

A daughter (Esther Ruth) was born

on March 13th to Mr. ('28) and Mrs. Howard Phillips (Irene Shields).

A daughter (Joyce Margaret) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crossley (Vera Tassell '26) on March 28th.

A son (John David) was born on Friday, April 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Allan ('33).

A daughter (Isobel Esther) was born on May 16th to Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McLean, Toronto. Mr. McLean is president of the Alumni Association, and missionary to the Jews in the city under the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Edith Peake ('28) was married on May 2nd to Mr. Charles McConnell of Norwood, Ontario.

It is announced that Dixon H. Gordon ('32) and Helen Mary Walford ('33) are to be married in Montreal on June 5th, by the Rev. J. A. Johnston. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon will reside at Lorne Park, where Mr. Gordon is pastor of the Baptist Church.

John Marlow ('34) and Edith Stephens ('33) were married on April 28th, by Rev. James Proudfoot.

Bernice Hall ('35) and Stewart Mason ('36) were married on April 28th, at Walmer Road Baptist Church, by the Rev. Dr. H. H. Bingham.

Mrs. Gordon Chambers (Edna trout '31) died suddenly in Africa on March 13th. Her new born child lived only a few hours. Our sincere and prayerful sympathy goes out to Mr. Chambers in this sudden and great loss. Memorial services were held in Christie Street Baptist Church in Toronto, and in their home church in Stratford.

Rev. ('16) and Mrs. ('17) D. A. Burns with their son Paul are visiting their old home in Scotland during the summer months. Mr. Burns is preaching in Glasgow during July and Aug.

Rev. J. K. Holland ('23), who for the past six years has held a successful pastorate in the Baptist Church in Orillia, recently resigned to accept the pastorate of Olivet Baptist Church, Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Holland are visiting Scotland this summer.

Rev. Robert Moynan ('23) received his B.A. degree at the annual Convocation of McMaster University on May 14th. He is the pastor of the

New Westminster Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

Miss Constance Bissex ('26) sailed for England on May 5th, on her way to service in the foreign mission field.

Christopher Sorley ('28) has accepted the pastorate of Grace Tabernacle, Kitchener, and is already settled on his new field.

Alfred E. Owen ('28) is acting pastor of the united churches at Mascouche and New Glasgow, north of Montreal, for the summer months.

Mabel Davies ('28) has been appointed to work in Africa under W.M.S. of the Regular Baptist Church.

At the graduation exercises of the United Church Training School on May 4th class prizes for general proficiency were awarded to Miranda Brown and Aileen Ratz, of the T.B.C. class of '29, who came from their missionary work in western Canada to take a year of further study in that institution.

Edward Hales ('30) is in charge of the Baptist mission field at Redbridge, Ontario, for the summer months.

Mary Allison ('31) sailed on May 5th on her way to the Belgian Congo under the Heart of Africa Mission.

Hilda McIlroy ('31) graduated from St. John's Hospital on May 18th and expects to go to Africa under the Heart of Africa Mission.

John McLeod ('32) while attending McMaster University, has also been acting as student pastor at Etobicoke Baptist Church, a suburb of Toronto.

Donald Timpany ('32) is pastor of the Baptist church at Bronte, Ontario.

Ruth MacLeod ('32) left Toronto on March 31st on her way to Formosa to join the Mission of the English Presbyterian Church, in which her father has been serving several years.

Tom Devers ('33), Jimmie Orr ('34), George Butcher ('35), Ralph Hines ('35), and Francis Wright ('35) recently conducted a two weeks' evangelistic campaign at Tottenham, Ontario. Eighteen definite conversions resulted from the meetings.

Burton Hill ('33) commenced work with the Faith Mission Pilgrims on April 20th last. During the past year he has been Associate Pastor of a Friends Church in Eastern Ontario.

Catherine McNicol ('34) of the Evening Classes, sailed for Scotland last month, and will be going on from there to missionary work in Palestine.

Alvin Roblin ('34) is settled as pastor of the Baptist churches at Little Britain and Manilla.

Horace Dulmage ('34) is in charge of the Baptist church at Alvinston, Ont., for three months, during absence through illness of the regular pastor.

Tom Birch ('34) has been called to the pastorate of the Flamboro Centre Baptist Church, near Hamilton, Ont.

Archie McGilvray ('35) is in charge of the Baptist church at Kitchener Park, Toronto.

Mrs. Ethel Slingerland, who spent last year in the day classes, received her B.A. degree from Queens University at the annual convocation in May.

The members of the Kitchener

branch of the Alumni Association are having a picnic in Kitchener on the Civic holiday, August 6th.

Principal McNicol has become very popular as a lecturer on Palestine. He has visited many churches and missions in the city, and in several of the larger centres outside, as well as addressing a number of Jewish organizations. On May 22 he was at Markham.

Beulah Brent ('34), Ida Koch ('34), Violet Herber ('35), Vera Ray ('35), and Stanley Beard ('35) will be working at Toronto City Mission Fresh Air Camp, Bronte, during the summer.

Edgar Burritt ('36), Ruth Pecover ('36), Ruth Tyers ('36), will be working at The Canadian Keswick Summer Conference, Ferndale, Muskoka, during July and August.

Emma Sullivan ('36) is engaged in work at the Royal Muskoka, Lake Rosseau.

Marion Wilson ('35), our efficient College cook for the last session, is leaving in June for a holiday in Scotland.

## The Annual Alumni CONFERENCE

Will be held in the College Assembly Hall

on

Tuesday, September 18th, at 3 p.m.

*Afternoon session:—*

- Conferences:
1. What T.B.C. has to offer our laymen.
  2. What T.B.C. has to offer our women workers.
  3. Missionary Volunteers.
  4. Work in institutions, such as hospitals, gaols, etc.
  5. Visitation and community service.
  6. Soul winning.

6 o'clock—Supper hour.

*Evening session:—*

Addresses by Rev. Dr. C. H. Benson, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and Bishop Derstine, First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, Ont.

Invite your friends.

## The Following Students Received Diplomas or Certificates at the Graduation Exercises:

### Graduation Diplomas of Regular Course

George Anderson .....	Verdun, Que.	Mary McMillan .....	St. Thomas, Ont.
James D. H. Annan.....	Toronto	William J. Marlow, Pietermaritzburg, S. Africa	
Robert Montgomery Arnold.....	Winnipeg, Man.	Laura Audrey Marshall .....	Toronto
Eugene W. Ayton.....	Toronto	Thelma May Mason .....	Toronto
Archibald J. Barker.....	Hamilton, Ont.	Albert H. Mildon .....	Toronto
Arthur D. Bateson.....	Toronto	Kenneth LeRoy Miles .....	Boston, Ont.
Lovina Grace Benner.....	Burlington, Ont.	Albert Walter Motehman .....	Norwood, Ont.
Thomas H. Birch.....	Burlington, Ont.	Jean Ellen Munro .....	Toronto
Fred Breckon .....	Toronto	Margaret Miller Murray .....	Toronto
Beulah N. Brent.....	Coleville, Sask.	James Robert Orr .....	Edmonton, Alta.
Frances Ruth Burrell .....	Toronto	Helen Adeline Potzniek .....	Winnipeg, Man.
Iva E. M. Casement .....	Toronto	Gertrude Ethel Pogue .....	Omemea, Ont.
Jessie Findlay Clarkson .....	Toronto	Dora E. Price .....	Boston, Ont.
Ulf Eric P. Cronhielm.....	Stockholm, Sweden	William Frame Rae .....	Glasgow, Scotland
Horace A. Dulmage .....	Toronto	Mary Richer .....	Kimmel, Ind.
Benjamin W. Elliott .....	Toronto	Alva S. Roblin .....	Toronto
Vida Gertrude Ferguson.....	Bowmanville, Ont.	Irene A. Rouse .....	Chefoo, China
Marjorie Fisker .....	Hamilton, Ont.	DeLoss M. Scott .....	Boston, Ont.
Cameron A. Forrester .....	Toronto	Thomas James Smail .....	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Dorothy Francklin, R.N. ....	Winnipeg, Man.	Olive Margaret Smith .....	Hamilton, Ont.
Catherine Elizabeth Goldsworthy, Lachute, Que.		Hannah Snider .....	Waterloo, Ont.
James M. Henshaw .....	Belfast, Ireland	Donald Stockford .....	Saint John, N.B.
Elsie Holden .....	Nordegg, Alta.	H. Arnholt Strand.....	Salangsvetket, Norway
Minnie Elizabeth Hubbel .....	Norwood, Ont.	William Graham Tilly .....	Toronto
Samuel Stewart Irvine .....	Guelph, Ont.	Doris Violet Trout .....	Stratford, Ont.
Christina Catherine Keatley .....	Dorion, Ont.	William Roy Tuck .....	Burlington, Ont.
Edward Ernest Kent .....	Toronto	Alexandra Wilhelmine Webster.....	Udora, Ont.
Beatrice Ellen Kitchen .....	Waterford, Ont.	Pearl A. West .....	London, Ont.
Ida Kathryn Koch .....	Rostock, Ont.	Muriel M. Weston .....	St. Mary's, Ont.
Evelyn Leslie .....	Toronto	J. Percy Willamett .....	Toronto
Marguerite Elizabeth Lewis .....	Toronto	John Hood Wilson .....	Glasgow, Scotland
William McKenzie .....	Toronto		

### Evening Class Certificates

Florence S. Austin	Myrtle Arvilla Lee	Edward Sidney Sennett
E. Dorothy Crossley	William James McKee	Isabella P. Tilly
Arthur Leslie Fitkin	Catherine J. McNicol	Olive L. M. Tedford
Florence Nancy Fitkin	Leola May Patient	Mary Whitelaw
Grace Eleanor Hammell		Viola Pearl Workman

### Teacher Training Certificates

James D. H. Annan	Lillian Jessup	Alva S. Roblin
Robert Montgomery Arnold	Christina Catherine Keatley	Donald Stockford
Archibald J. Barker	Beatrice Kitchen	Hannah Snider
Irene V. Benner	Ida K. Koch	William Graham Tilly
Jeraldine Buck	Kenneth LeRoy Miles	William Roy Tuck
Elsie Holden	Ann D. Pope	Alexandra Wilhelmine Webster
Dorothy Francklin, R.N.	Dora E. Price	John Hood Wilson

## The Annual BASKET PICNIC

of the

Alumni Association

will be held on

Saturday, June 16th, at 2 p.m.

in

Sherwood Park, Toronto

(Take St. Clair car to Sherwood Avenue, and walk east)

A fine programme has been arranged.

Friends are requested to bring well-filled baskets.

An offering to defray incidental expenses will be taken on the grounds.

Come and bring your friends.