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### What Alumni Groups Can Do

An address by Mrs. Sadie Lantz '29 at the organizing meeting of the Hamilton Alumni Group

Someone once presented to Handel a portion of Scripture, requesting that he write a composition on it. The Scripture gripped his soul and he wrote what we know as the "Oratorio of the Messiah". It was rendered in London in the presence of King George II and his court. When the king heard the majestic strains of the Hallelujah Chorus, he arose in profound reverence, and his court followed his example. Handel immediately became famous, and to-day his name is honoured by lovers of music in every country of the world. It is said that part of his great composition was written on his knees, with the tears coursing down his cheeks—that the glory of heaven seemed to burst upon him and he seemed to see the Lord Himself standing before him. It was then he wrote the Hallelujah Chorus. Handel had caught a vision of the Lord, and in endeavoring to give his

vision to others, he himself received honour and blessing.

The Toronto Bible College has had a similar, but a deeper and richer experience. Its aim is to have Jesus Christ crowned King of kings and Lord of lords in the lives of the students in the College itself, and then to the uttermost parts of the earth. This is why blessing, I believe richer than its founders ever dreamed of, has followed the efforts put forth; this is why the atmosphere of the College is rare and the fellowship unique. A girl said to me just last Monday, "When I entered the Toronto Bible College, it seemed almost as though I had entered another world." The aim is ever kept in sight. The students learn that if Jesus Christ really has been crowned Lord, then He must rule in every department of life, and the endeavor is to make Him the centre of all thought and all activity.

This, I believe, is also the secret of the success of the system of self-government among the students. When Faculty and Students have before them this one great aim—when all are striving to know His will, to think His thoughts, to follow His guidance—there is no need of rules and regulations. We have not had them because we have not needed them.

So the fellowship of the Toronto Bible College is not only a fellowship between student and student, or between students and teachers, it is also a fellowship with Christ. You will remember the prayer of our Lord, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word—that they may be one as thou Father art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us." One in fellowship with each other and in our Lord is the ideal of our Master for us. I do not claim perfection for either the students or the teachers of the College, but I know of no fellowship that more nearly fulfils this ideal of our Lord for us than that found in the Toronto Bible College.

The rare atmosphere of the College is, I believe, sensed almost at once when the students enter, but I think few realize before leaving the College how real the unseen world has become to them. One of this year's graduates said in the office, the other day, "We get something here that is more than our studies." That something he could not define.

Of course the teachers are men of deep consecration. They needs must be in order to keep such a high ideal always before the students. I believe it impossible for any student who has listened for any length of time to the morning lectures by our Principal, to leave the College without forever afterwards carrying deep within his or her soul a blessed sense of the reality of the unseen. And what a source of

strength in time of need this is, perhaps only those of us know who have been called to go through some of life's deepest waters, where the floods have threatened to sweep us away, and have been sustained only by an unseen Presence and a firm conviction of the reality of that which we cannot see.

Prayer, one realizes, must be the background of the life within the College. I have learned that no step is taken by the Board until every member is agreed that it is in accordance with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The students have early morning prayer meetings, noon missionary prayer meetings, Saturday evening prayer meetings, and different group prayer meetings. And even yet I am thrilled by the Family Worship at the College after an evening of fun. Before I attended the College I was a group leader in a Young People's Society. Most of us felt that we should read a chapter from the Bible and offer prayer before a social time, but there were always those who thought it quite unnecessary. Perhaps, too, some of us did it more to ease our conscience than for any other reason. At the College it seems the most natural thing in the world to have Family Worship after an evening of fun. When He is the centre of all activity, it is natural to turn to Him, to commune with Him, at any time.

Do you graduates consider the fellowship of the College worthy of continuance? To my mind, it is one way of revealing our Lord to the world, and there is a tremendous challenge being presented to Alumni members at this time. Why should we fail, not only to maintain such fellowship, but also to share it with others? People are hungry for that which we can share with them and there are many things an Alumni group could do. I was greatly surprised when some of the women in a Bible class that I was teaching came to me stating they were

not satisfied with only a Sunday afternoon meeting, and asking, "Can we not have a mid-week study period as well?" I had tried to pass on something of what I had been given in the College. It would be helpful to have an Alumni study group here. Of course the meetings would be open to all who wished to attend.

And I am sure the churches in this city would be more than grateful if they could get in touch with your Alumni secretary and know they could be sure of a Sunday school teacher for a class of boys or girls who have been without one perhaps for several weeks, or of someone to address a Young People's meeting, or a Mothers' meeting, or a Missionary Society, or even to preach a sermon.

Then I have thought of a district museum, where articles from different mission fields could be collected and stored. Many of us correspond with foreign missionaries who would be glad to send us interesting articles for a small sum, which members from different churches could use. Different Alumni groups might exchange articles at times and so each district always would have on hand interesting material for use in missionary societies or in Sunday schools. I have thought, too, of a scrap book containing items of information from our missionaries, which would be avail-

able to each member of the local Alumni group.

And then there is the service of prayer that we can render, and no light service it is—prayer for each other, prayer for our missionaries, and prayer for the College. Let us pray much for our school at this time, for again the call has come to advance. A larger staff and more extensive building accommodation are needed for the greater number of students who are attending. Shall we who know best the service the College is rendering not realize our responsibility in this matter? Shall we neglect to stand behind the College with our prayers, and with our financial support as well, if we are able to do so? Indeed this may be a way in which we can help God to answer our prayers that more labourers be thrust out into the vineyard.

Let us each ask, then, these questions: "Do I believe the fellowship of the College is worthy of continuance?" and "Should I not contribute to the service the Toronto Bible College is rendering?" And if the answer to these questions is "yes", then let us unite to maintain such fellowship, and to co-operate with our Alma Mater to the best of our ability, not for the glory of the College itself nor for the glory of any teacher in it, but for the glory of "the King of kings and Lord of Lords."

The College office staff have experienced very much difficulty in procuring changes of address from former students and graduates, many of whom take it for granted that their new addresses are on file in the office. A number of cards now in our files bear the notation, "Recorder returned", showing that the "Recorder" has been sent to an old address and has come back. If you are not receiving your College quarterly, we should appreciate it greatly if you would telephone or write *the office* to see that we have your correct address. We are anxious to keep our files up to date, but we are unable to do so without your co-operation.



## Annual Alumni Conference

The Annual Conference of the Alumni Association was held on the afternoon and evening of September 18th. The afternoon session was held in the Assembly Hall of the College, and the evening session in Bloor Street United Church, by the courtesy of its minister and session. A number of items of business were attended to, amongst which may be mentioned the organization of Branch Alumni Associations in various parts of the world, and the Alumni support of the present work of the College.

One of the encouraging features of our College life, is the awakening consciousness of the Alumni, as a group, to the sense of its responsibilities for the continuance of the work so nobly carried on during the past forty years by the College. Prayerful effort is being made to make every former student an active prayer supporter in the ministry which T.B.C. is carrying on.

The Conferences held during the afternoon were not only very well attended, but were productive of much good. The various aspects of Chris-

tian activity which were considered are important avenues through which the Church is trying to discharge her mission to the world. It was a great pleasure for us to hear some of our own graduates and former students as they led in the group discussions of the afternoon.

In the evening to an audience of about 800, Rev. Dr. Clarence Benson, of Chicago, Secretary of the Evangelical Teacher Training Association, delivered a challenging address on the theme "A Neglected Ministry". In the development of his message, Dr. Benson sought to show that the work of the Bible School in which the Bible is the text book, was basic to every form of Christian activity. He felt that much of the lawlessness of modern life, the disregard for authority, the lack of respect for sacred things, could be combatted in no other way, than through the dissemination of God's Word through the Bible School.

It was Dr. Benson's first visit to the city since his election to the Board of the E.T.T.A., and he was warmly welcomed by those who knew his work.

## Week-End Evangelism

Each College year, bands of students from the College hold brief evangelistic campaigns in churches of towns and villages in Ontario, within easy reach of Toronto.

In October of this year, a group of five students ventured as far as Detroit, at the invitation of Rev. F. R. Vine ('12), who is the pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church in the motor city.

At the morning service the church was filled to capacity and the students were heartily received by the members of the congregation. The Sunday School session followed immediately the hour of morning worship, and over 400

scholars were in attendance. The young people from the College were each given groups of young people with whom to deal, and each concentrated on the message, "Fellowship with Christ".

In the afternoon it was the privilege of the quartette to sing at the Gideon Dedication Service at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, where the Gideons of America were dedicating 1,000 Bibles. Dr. Vine preached the dedicatory message.

At the Young People's service at six o'clock, held in the church, the service took the form of testimony, vocal and instrumental selections by the members of the party, including duets

by the Misses Sullivan, and a fine message by Gene Ayton ('34) on the theme "Christ Wants Young People".

The evening service found the building taxed to its utmost capacity. Chorus singing, solos, and duets featured the opening part of the programme, after which Ed. Burritt, leader of the Evangelistic Band of the College for the present session, brought the message from the story of the leper, his text being "If Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean".

It was a really wonderful day, and the Rev. Mr. Vine, writing to the College some days after the week-end campaign, has this to say:

"The memory of your visit to Trinity Baptist Church, lingers pleasantly with us. The freshness and brightness of your spirits quickened us agreeably. The earnestness of your messages in song, testimony, and ser-

mon, made a noticeable impression upon our young people. They got a vision that has moved them Christward. Some who have expressed themselves as wanting to do definite Christian work, were strengthened in their convictions that they should at the earliest moment seek special training for the Lord's work. You have given our people a living example of what it means to be happy, yet serious, in the Lord's service. Speaking for myself, it was a very happy privilege to have you in our home and in the services. I was carried back to the happy days when with other students I tried to do the same kind of work that you did here so well."

Mr. Vine is in a fine residential district in Detroit, and his work is a testimony to his earnestness and to his ability as a Christian pastor and leader.

### House-to-House Evangelism

The work of House Visitation is an important branch of the organized student activities of the College. During the present session several districts of the city have been reached, the students working in conjunction with Churches and Missions.

The usual plan is to accept the invitation of a church for special services, and as a part of the campaign the entire district is visited, house to house, when a Gospel message is left, and an invitation extended to attend the services. Wherever opportunity is afforded, the students do personal work, and a number of definite conversions have resulted from their labours.

Then, too, an increasing number of churches have a visitation campaign of their own each year, in an effort to arouse the interest of the unchurched in the services of God's house. The students of the College have assisted in this work, and they have discovered that it is a very fine

training for what many of them expect to do on the foreign field, in years to come.

For one church at least, a good many boys and girls were secured for attendance at Sunday School.

The usual afternoon programme allows for about 500 visits, which means that at least 500 Gospel portions are distributed. Districts visited so far this year, have been Parkdale, North Toronto, Silverthorne, Todmorden, and a section of down-town Toronto, adjacent to Parliament Street.

One young woman when approached in her home regarding her acceptance of Christ, was found to be in great trouble. Her husband was addicted to drinking; her married life was a failure, and her patience was exhausted. The crisis had come. She concluded that her bitter lot was more than she could bear. Just then when she felt that she would take her children and leave home, a student from

the College called at the home, seemingly by accident. She was led to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as her Saviour, and she is now striving to be a Christian mother and wife, and to win her life partner to the God in whom she has placed her trust.

From a letter recently received by one of the students, the following extract is taken.

"I find myself thinking about you and your pleasant visits. It seems quite lovely that we met, and I am sure you were sent to our house. When we were moving—all the hustle and bustle, and everything out of place—

I wonder if you know what kept going through my mind? Why, that lovely afternoon we spent, and Mr. Scott's explanation of "moving day." The more one thinks of it, the more true it becomes. I did enjoy that afternoon, and I know our dear Daddy did. That is something I am grateful for."

This husband and wife were both led to accept Jesus Christ, and shortly afterwards he died, and the widow is left with the six children to bring up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. Certainly the work of house-to-house evangelization is an important and fruitful work.

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

At Madrid, Spain, a son (Benton Joseph) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Melbourne.

On August 16th, at Von, Northern Nigeria, to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cook (nee Dorothy Wandland), a son (Edward Alvin).

A daughter (Eleanor Marion) was born on October 12th to Mr. ('31) and Mrs. Fred. T. Darnell (Margaret Jackson '32).

On October 15th, a son (Norman James) was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Currie (nee Thelma Montgomery), Toronto.

To Rev. J. N. ('31) and Mrs. Hepburn a son, Kenneth Townsend, at Lethbridge, Alta., on November 18th.

On Saturday, September 1st, at Winnipeg, Rev. John Byers ('30) was married to Miss Dorothy Cecilia Abbott. Rev. John Bellingham officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Byers are now residing in Orillia where Mr. Byers is pastor of a Baptist church.

On Wednesday, September 5th, at Toronto, Millicent Audrey Nelson was

married to James D. H. Annan ('34). Wilson Flanigan ('33) was best man, and Gene Ayton ('34) sang. Mr. and Mrs. Annan may be addressed at St. Johns, Antigua, B.W.I. where Mr. Annan is a missionary under Christian Missions in Many Lands.

On September 8th, at Scarborough Baptist Church, Toronto, James Henshaw ('34) was married to Mildred Allan by Rev. Glen Wardell ('13).

On September 21st, at Hong Kong, Lillian M. Reeks, of London, England, was married to John A. Austin ('31). Mr. and Mrs. Austin are missionaries under the China Inland Mission, and are stationed at Kiuchow, Kwei.

On October 3rd, at the Mennonite Church, Jones Avenue, Toronto, by Rev. S. Goudie, Ethel Fidler was married to Gordon Johnson ('33). They are living at the Manse, Port Elgin, where Mr. Johnson began his pastorate in the Mennonite church, on October 14th.

On Friday, October 26th, at Calvary Baptist Church, Burlington, by Rev.

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

J. J. Roberts ('17) Lovina Grace Benner ('34) was united in marriage to Tom Birch ('34). Hazel Benner ('35) was bridesmaid, and Roy Pitts ('36) was best man. Irene Benner ('33) sang a solo. Mr. and Mrs. Birch will reside at Flamborough Centre, where Mr. Birch is pastor of the Baptist church.

On October 27th. at Downsview United Church, Ethel Ivy Moddle was married to Harold Walter Dickin.

On November 2nd, at Toronto, Viola Pearl Workman (E.C. '34) was married to Francis Arthur Emberson. They will reside at Hillside, Muskoka.

Rev. Arthur L. Baker ('22) is in charge of the United Baptist Church at Bar Harbor, Maine, having settled there in September. On August 4th, his third child, a boy of four years, was struck and killed by a truck. The sympathy of the Bible College family goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Baker in this sad loss.

On September 13th. Fred. I. Shore, who was a student in the College a good many years ago, passed away in a hospital in Buffalo. He had been suffering for only a few days, and was operated on, but did not survive the operation. We shall miss him at our graduation exercises, as he had for many years come from Buffalo to attend them. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Shore and their son and daughter in their loss.

On November 2nd, Mrs. Andrew Duff passed away after a lengthy illness.

Rev. Glen Wardell ('13) has resigned his pastorate at Birch Cliff, Toronto, to accept the pastorate of Calvary Baptist Church, Oshawa, Ontario.

Rev. George Blackett ('15) is now pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle in Winnipeg, having recently resigned his pastorate in Toronto.

Frank Holliday ('21) is editor of "Revival Fires", a monthly paper

published in the interests of the Independent Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec.

Rev. C. K. Dolby ('22) is pastor of the Baptist church at Chesley, Ontario, not at Thessalon as announced in a recent issue of the Recorder.

Edward Carl Knechtel, B.A. ('28) was ordained as a missionary to South America on October 16th, at Dovercourt Road Baptist Church, Toronto. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse ('00) offered the ordination prayer and Rev. J. W. H. Cook, secretary of the E.U.S.A., delivered the charge to the missionary.

Kathleen McGarrie ('30) is taking the one-year medical course at the National Bible Institute, New York, in preparation for service in South America.

George Darby ('31) has been called to the pastorate of the Victoria Avenue Gospel Church, Hamilton, Ontario, to succeed Rev. James Macfarlane, recently resigned. Mr. Darby has been associate pastor of this church for the past two years.

Tom Devers ('33) sailed late in October for Abyssinia, to serve under the Sudan Interior Mission.

John Bliss ('33) has matriculated in the University of London, England, and has entered New College there to take the theological course leading to the B.D. degree.

Herb Browett ('33) and Fred Kreick ('33) are working at Mullingar in northern Saskatchewan, where they have opened up six stations. In recent letters they report great interest in the gospel services in this pioneer field. The work will be permanent. They are holding meetings in the schools and homes of the people, and the attendance at some services has reached upwards of fifty. They ask prayer for this new work.

Horace Dulmage ('34) is pastor of the Baptist churches at Thamesville and Louisville in western Ontario. He is also attending McMaster University.



Mr. Dulmage reports a growing interest in his work and a number of definite conversions this fall.

James Henshaw ('34) was ordained to the gospel ministry at Scarborough Baptist Church, Toronto, on Nov. 20th. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse ('00) gave the charge to the candidate. Rev. Mr. Henshaw is pastor of the Baptist church at West Hill, a suburb of Toronto.

DeLoss Scott ('34) concluded a campaign of revival services at Wortley Road Baptist Church, London, on November 25th. During the two weeks he was assisted by Jimmie Orr ('34) as cartoonist and children's evangelist, and for the last three days Betty Willis ('35), the College pianist, also assisted in the meetings. About thirty accepted Christ, and a number of others were restored.

Stafford Love ('35) is associated with the Rev. W. E. Wilson in the pastorate of the King Street United Church, Toronto.

Wm. Walker ('36) recently led his people at Scarlett Road Baptist Mission in the erection of a new mission hall, which was dedicated on Novem-

ber 18th. On November 25th, the College Evangelistic Band commenced a week of special services. Mr. Walker is assisted in his work by Jack Adams ('37), who also superintends the work at Lambton Mills.

Bert Turner, who was a student in the College last session, has been conducting evangelistic services in Nova Scotia, and a recent letter from Digby County, by a friend who attended the meetings, tells of the blessing received by many who are attending.

During the past year 18 former students have sailed to the Foreign Field, and 8 others are under appointment to proceed in the near future.

On November 23rd. the fall social of the students of the day and evening classes was held, when about 300 were present. The committee in charge took precautions to prevent overcrowding in any one part of the building, by dividing the company into five groups, meeting in the various rooms. The experiment was very successful, and the evening which was brought to a close by a period of family worship conducted by the Principal was greatly appreciated by all present.

The Annual  
Service of Christmas music  
by  
The College Choir  
will be held  
at 8.00 P.M.

on  
Thursday, December 20th.

in  
Trinity United Church  
Bloor and Robert Streets

Under the Auspices of the

Toronto Branch of the Alumni Association

1600 Seats

Offering

The Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend