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### The New Start

On September 17th the Bible College will enter upon its 42nd session. During the summer the staff and students have been widely scattered. The President of the Board, Mr. Baker, took a holiday from business and spent two months, with his family, in Britain. The Principal and Mrs. McNicol were on the Bay of Chaleur, on the New Brunswick seacoast. Dr. Waters spent a few weeks in Muskoka, as also did Mr. Maas who gives such careful supervision to the College property. Mr. Hyde retired to his summer home on Lake Simcoe. Mr. Burns sailed to his native land, with Mrs. Burns and Paul, and did some preaching in Glasgow during July and August. Miss McCarthy also sailed to the Old Land, to visit her father and mother who are the representatives of the China Inland Mission in Ireland. Mrs. Lantz was away from the office during July and Mrs. Gray during August.

The graduates of last spring are scattered throughout the Dominion as far west as the Rockies, some of them already settled in definite fields of

Christian service. By the time the new session is under way, nine recent students of the College will have sailed for the foreign field, and several former students who were home on furlough will have returned.

An important change has been made in the teaching staff. Prof. Isherwood, for reasons of health, was obliged to give up the courses in Systematic Theology he had carried on so acceptably for several years. The Board has been fortunate in securing the service of a special instructor who is well equipped to take his place, Rev. J. B. Rhodes, M.A. Mr. Rhodes was born on the mission field, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rhodes of the China Inland Mission. He is an honour graduate of the University of Toronto and took his theological course in Princeton Seminary and in Knox College. He is now the minister of the Presbyterian Church in Cobourg, Ont. It has been arranged that he will come to Toronto and give two lectures every week throughout the session, one to the junior class and another to the senior class.

A new subject is being added to the Time Table which will round out the department of Biblical Theology. The

Principal will give a series of lectures to the senior class on the Doctrine of Redemption in the Old Testament.

### Graduating Testimonies

Three of the five brief testimonies given at the last Graduation Exercises in Massey Hall

By Mary Hershey

My motive in coming to Toronto Bible College was to prepare for active Christian service. I had consecrated my life to God just one year before. That was, I thought, a completed act, done once for all. I have come to realize, however, that surrender is not only an act or experience of the past, but a life, a surrender of my will to God's will moment by moment.

During our course we have come to see that fundamentally it is not really sin that hinders the Christian following Christ, but rather self. The original sin of the human race was choosing self-will instead of God's will as the rule of life. Our Lord's temptation in the wilderness was of the same kind. Satan sought not to turn Him aside from His Messianic work, but to have Him undertake it in the attitude of self-dependence and follow His own will instead of His Father's will. Our Lord refused to have the matter referred to Himself at all, and fell back on the will of God. Throughout His entire ministry His attitude was that of denying self, continually giving up all rights that were His own for the sake of others, until at last He came to the cross where He gave up His life for us. This is the principle of life Jesus now calls His disciples to follow. "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me."

I have learned that to follow Him in this way means continually to share His way of dying. I have found the cross for me is not a thing to carry, but a means of suffering and humiliation, by which my self-will is crucified. But I have also learned that as we share His death, we also share His life and victory. With Him I can now

look up into the face of my Father and say—"I delight to do Thy will, O God."

As we have thus learned individually to dedicate ourselves to the Father's will and follow Christ's principle of life, we have found the same principle sufficient to govern our group of over 300 students inside and outside the College walls. No rules are necessary as each one of us recognizes the leadership of the Holy Spirit, Who though unseen, is the real bond of our union. In every detail of our College life His presence and guidance have been sought, and have been found. Prayer has thus been the central feature and the moving power of all activities, and we have been led harmoniously in each department of our College fellowship. Submitting to the revealing light of the Holy Spirit day by day, we found our personal prejudices and denominational differences disappearing, and there came a deepening desire to know Christ and make Him known to others.

In the Bible College we are challenged in the midst of the visible world ever to remember the invisible world. During our course my eyes were opened to the great unseen spiritual realities. I have come to see the Man, Christ Jesus, my Saviour, in all His majesty, ruling in that world and in this. In the midst of the uncertainty of this world and the conflict with spiritual wickedness, I have learned to look away to Jesus Christ the Lord of Hosts, and find peace and strength in the quietness of His presence, and the confidence of His power.

As I leave Toronto Bible College, it is not to go out to convince the world of the error of its ways, or condemn other religions, for we have not so

learned Christ. Our message is to tell men of One Who loves them and gave Himself for them, that they too may be reconciled to God and enjoy fellow-

ship with Him, and that they too may desire His will to be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

### By Edgar Burritt

I came to the Bible College that I might learn more about the Bible. Throughout my early Christian life I realized my inability to cope with questions that continually arose concerning spiritual things and my own spiritual life. Hence my desire to know more about the things of God.

Great as was my desire however. I little realized that God's desire for my life was infinitely greater, for He who saw into the deepest recesses of His child's heart knew that this desire of mine was really the yearning of the creature for His Creator and the sinner for his Saviour.

To explain the way by which God led me, is beyond me. This I do know, that by the beginning of my second year I was in some way different. Spiritual things had a different aspect, a different meaning for me. But explain it I could not. Beginning my third year I was still more changed, and now, at the time of my graduation, I am able to look back and see that a very important change has taken place in my life. And on this account a song of thanksgiving to Almighty God rises up within me, for His patience, for His guiding hand in every experience through which He met the need of His child who so needed Him. I found that my real need was not to know more about the Bible, but rather to know the Christ of the Bible and to come into intimate terms with the living Word of God.

Gradually the fact dawned upon me that there is a world more real than this one; a world which lies just beyond our sight, where Christ is seated in authority at the centre of ultimate reality. This world which we see around us, which we handle and use, and which we think is so solid and secure, is but temporal. It is passing, and it will some day be superseded by

that which is real and lasting. Here is the import of what God said through His servant, Paul: "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."

It was while this truth was gradually taking hold upon me that the practical value of it was working out in my experience; for all unknown to myself there was taking place in my life a gradual conforming to the will of God. The nature of sin was opened up to me. I discovered that sin was my will as opposed to God's will. While I had known in theory something of sin in my life, I had never really understood that it was the "I" as against the Lord. Now I found that sin was not something imposed from without but something that had its roots in the well-fertilized soil of my own self-will.

Yet all of this great truth became known to me without my striving for it. The truth was there and all that was needed was a proper adjustment of my spiritual eye-sight to see it. And this adjustment was found in beholding Christ.

Now after three years I find that it requires no effort to do God's will, for the change that has taken place within us leads us to do it naturally. It becomes natural to do His will as we respond to the implications of seeing Christ as He really is, knowing that He who is the living and ascended Lord is on the throne of the universe, ready to make our hearts His throne. And so having yielded our wills to His we leave the College saying in words of His own—"We go not to do our own will but the will of Him who sends us."



### By Betty Willis

Three years' training at Toronto Bible College has made some great changes in my life. When I came to the College I had surrendered my heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ, and I thought that was all that was required of me. But as the Bible has been opened and studied devotionally I have come to know Him more intimately, and with this knowledge has come the realization that a surrender made three years ago does not suffice for to-day. Each new day, with its new tasks and responsibilities, has required a new surrender.

God's Word is not intended merely to satisfy the intellect, but to discipline the heart. As we studied His Word day by day I was faced with a very solemn question. Who was to rule on the throne in my heart; self, or Christ? Both could not reign in the one heart at the same time. Either I would follow my own selfish ambitions and allow self-will to dominate, or I should give over my will and accept God's will for my life. Which was I going to choose?

From our careful study of the Scriptures I realized that peoples or nations who allowed self-will to dominate them proved failures to God and finally to themselves. On the other hand, I saw that God took hold of every life that accepted His will as its governing principle and mightily used it. In the study of the life and ministry of our Lord I saw how utterly He depended on the Father, waiting His time, seeking His will. He could do nothing of Himself. Again and again He declared that He came not to do His own will, but the will of the Father.

Thus the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ for supremacy in my life pressed in upon me. I heard Him say, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny HIMSELF, and take up his cross and follow Me." The challenge

was inescapable. I could not evade Him. In willing surrender I gave up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, my life, myself, and accepted God's will for my life whatever the cost. I now know what Paul meant when he said, "The life that I now live I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me."

I also found that there is something in man's heart that is bigger than the world, an aching void which the world can never fill. God has made us for Himself and our hearts are restless till they rest in Him. He promises that anyone who drinks of the living water, which He alone can give, will never thirst. In other words He promises to completely fill and satisfy life.

Throughout the past three years, Christ has completely satisfied my life. He has filled the place of anything He has taken away with a peace and joy which the world could never give. The secret of this happy life depends upon personal love for the Lord Jesus Christ, brought about by setting aside time regularly for prayer and devotion. This is the one thing which preserves life and maintains the spiritual glow and power, enabling one to be at rest even in the midst of the most trying circumstances. Any day entered upon, or any service rendered, without this personal contact, has ended in defeat and failure. On the other hand any service, no matter how small, any time, no matter how limited, which has been used for Him, out of sheer love, has had its reward.

I count anything a loss compared to the supreme value of knowing Jesus Christ. As I go forward my one thought is, by forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies before, to press on to know Christ and make Him known.

## The Annual Alumni Picnic

The sunny Saturday afternoon of June 15th was the occasion of a splendid reunion of students, old and new. The T.T.C. ferries to Centre Island provided a meeting place for many old friends—some who had not met for months, others for years—and none needed to ask, "whither bound?"—for, of course, it was the T.B.C. picnic. And what a picnic!!! Fun, fellowship and food—all that was necessary for a real day was placed at our disposal and was enjoyed to the 'full'.

Of the Sports Programme the writer is of the conviction that the members of the committee again surpassed themselves in giving us variety of events sufficient to include all ages and states of health. The prizes were interesting and well-chosen and so all were satisfied.

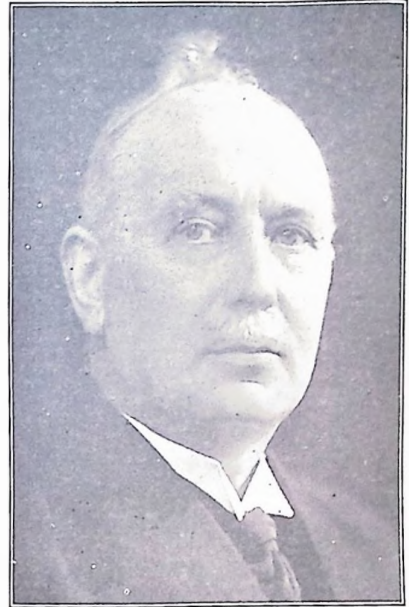
Much care was taken to provide a good supper table for which Miss Ivy Bunt and her associates deserve great credit.

The highlight of the day, however, came after tea when the married and the single men met in a ball game that was both fast and furious. Being one of the 'blessed' myself—I leave you to ask any of the single men how badly they were beaten.

It goes without saying, that no T.B.C. event would be successful or even interesting if Principal McNicol and other members of the staff were absent. And attend this one they did.

To them, to the committee in charge, and to Him in whose Name we met and whose praise we sang when the day was done—"thank you"—from one for whom June 15th, 1935, was a typical T.B.C. day.

Dixon H. Gordon, '32.



Rev. T. A. McQuiston, pastor of Cambridge Street Baptist church, Glasgow, Scotland, and formerly commissioner of Evangelism for the Baptist Union of Scotland, who will deliver two addresses at the annual Alumni conference on September 17 and will address the London District conference on September 16 in Egerton Street Baptist church, London. Mr. McQuiston was widely used in Britain in 1934 in connection with the centenary services to the memory of C. H. Spurgeon.

### STUDENTS, ATTENTION!

Special round trip fares will be available to students coming to the College, good when returning home at Christmas time or in the spring, for one-way fare and one-third. Full particulars may be obtained from local station-masters.

### OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE

E. G. Baker, President.  
John McNicol, Principal.  
John Westren, Treasurer.  
J. M. Waters, Secretary.

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

A daughter (Helen Louise) was born on December 10th, 1934, to Rev. Edward and Mrs. Haugh, in Brazil.

A son (Cyril Paul) was born on May 4th to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Forth, at Vom, Nigeria, West Africa.

Edith Poole ('20) was married on May 25th to Emil Hauser, at Lockport, N.Y. Their home is at 635 Lake Shore Blvd., Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Geo. Allison Holland of Montreal, a former student of the College, was married on May 25th to Miss Georgia Isabelle MacAdam, at Norwich, Connecticut.

Frank W. Dean ('32) was married to Ida M. McSparron, on June 14th, at Landour, Mussoorie, India.

The marriage of Robert Simpson ('32) and Doris Trout ('34) took place on June 8th, at Stratford.

Alma Crowhurst ('24) was married on June 15th to Joseph Lee of Etobicoke.

Edna Humphreys ('28) was married to Harry Hammond on June 25th, in the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto.

John McLeod ('32) was married on June 29th to Reta Purdy, in the Toronto Bible College.

Rev. Donald Stockford ('34) was married to Miss Marjorie R. Titus of Hampton, N.B., on July 9th.

Ralph Cuyler Rumball ('29) was married on August 10th to Viola Gertrude Cherry ('30), in Evangel Temple, Toronto. Rev. Leslie Rumball ('26), brother of the groom, officiated; Bruce Brillinger ('29) supported the groom, and Allan Cherry ('35),

brother of the bride, assisted in playing the wedding music.

The marriage of Donald Timpany ('32) and Lola Walker ('33) is announced to take place on September 14th. Their home will be at Bronte, Ont., where M. Timpany is the Baptist pastor.

The marriage of Kathleen Anderson ('30) of Beauharnois, Que., to Rev. Ronald Rowat is announced to take place on September 18th. Their home will be at Tisdale, Sask., where Mr. Rowat is minister of the Presbyterian church.

We are very sorry to record the death of Isabel Scott, who was ill in the General Hospital for most of last session and who passed away on July 19th at her home in Courtright. The deep sympathy of the students and staff goes out to the family and especially to Jean Scott in this bereavement. The two sisters were taking the College course together.

Archie McGilvray ('35) is engaged in pioneer evangelistic work near Goodridge, northern Alberta.

Allan Cherry ('35) is accompanying his former pastor on an evangelistic tour through the western States, for a year.

Joan Howell ('34), who has been studying French in Paris under the North African Mission, has been appointed to Cherchell in Algeria.

Mr. Serge Constantinoff ('32), who has had a remarkable experience in Europe among his fellow-refugees from Russia, during the past three years, has returned to Toronto for a year of further study.

The College office calls the attention of Alumni members to the fact that receipts for monthly contributions under \$1.00 will be forwarded annually, unless requests to the contrary are received. We feel that Alumni members will be glad to co-operate with the office in this respect, in order to save postage.

Miss Helen Struthers ('15) sails this month for China, to visit her brothers who are medical missionaries in the service of the United Church of Canada.

Miss Kathleen Henderson ('35) has been accepted by the South Africa General Mission and expects to sail early in the fall.

Gertrude Pogue ('34) sailed at the end of May for Ethiopia, under the Sudan Interior Mission.

George Anderson ('34) and Isabel Miller ('33) have been accepted by the Sudan United Mission and expect to sail in October. Their marriage is announced to take place beforehand.

Miss Hilda McIlroy ('31) sailed from Vancouver on August 22nd, for China, under the Church Missionary Society. She expects to spend the first year at the language school in Peiping.

Kathleen McGarric ('30) carried off the two first prizes offered in the spring examinations of the National Bible Institute, New York.

Will Tyler ('36) has been in the service of the Upper Canada Bible Society during the four months since the close of the session, visiting local branches in different parts of Ontario and addressing their annual meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Weber of the Mennonite Mission in Argentina have been moved to the city of Alberti to carry on the regular mission work there and to assist in the Bible Seminary in the neighboring city of Bragado.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bregman ('30) have been moved to Manitoba and are now carrying on pioneer missionary work in the northern part of the province.

Rev. Robt. Moynan, B.A. ('23) has received the degree of Bachelor of Theology from McMaster University.

Rev. E. Roy Baker ('15) has received the degree of Bachelor of Theology from Auburn Seminary, Syracuse, N.Y.

Herbert Whealy, who attended the College during the session 1933-34, sailed for Cuba in May and is now carrying on mission work in Havana.

The death of Rev. Geo. Sanderson of the Sudan Interior Mission occurred in Liverpool, in July. He had undergone an operation there on his way home for furlough. Mr. Sanderson went out to the field in 1908, after a course in the Bible College, and for many years had the supervision of all the building operations of the mission. He was one of their most faithful and valued workers. Mrs. Sanderson also is a former T.B.C. student and the sympathy of the Bible College family goes out to her and her young daughter in their sudden bereavement.

Rev. Roland Burgess '35, and Miss Lillian Peerswood were married in the Peoples Church, Toronto, on August 28, by Rev. O. J. Smith '12. Robert Chubb '36 attended the groom.

To Mr. ('29) and Mrs. Harold Brown (nee Mara Hough), at Toronto on August 25, a son, Donald Edward.

## LONDON AND DISTRICT ALUMNI CONFERENCE

SUNDAY and MONDAY, September 15 and 16

in

EGERTON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, LONDON  
(Street Cars to the church door)

ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY AND OTHERS

Sunday services at 11, 3 and 7.

Monday services at 3 and 8.



## Programme of ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE—September 17

- 10.00 a.m.—Opening Devotional service of the session.  
 Presiding—Rev. Principal McNicol, D.D.  
 Welcome to new students.
- 1.15 p.m.—ALUMNI CONFERENCE  
 The conference will take the form of a day in the college beginning with the morning prayer meeting at 1.15 instead of 8.15 to be followed by the morning lecture time table beginning at 2 instead of at 9.
- The plan has been designed to give the students of former years an opportunity of seeing the college functioning to-day and of meeting the teachers actually at their work. It has been aptly termed a reunion of "the old boys and old girls" of Toronto Bible College.
- 2.00 Devotions and business.
- 2.15 The ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of to-day.  
 —Rev. T. B. Hyde—The Assembly Hall.  
 The Modern Missionary Task of the Church.  
 —Dr. J. M. Waters—The Lecture Room.
- 3.00 The Development of the Devotional Life.  
 —Miss E. M. McCarthy.  
 The Modern Challenge to Evangelism.  
 —Rev. D. A. Burns.
- 3.45 Evangelism: The value of the individual.  
 —Rev. T. A. McQuiston.
- 4.30 The Christian Evangel in the Light of to-day.  
 —Rev. Principal McNicol.
- 5.15 Family Worship—Principal McNicol.
- 6.00 Supper—Served in the College Dining Hall.
- 7.45 PUBLIC MEETING IN WALMER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH  
 (Walmer Road and Lowther Avenue—just around the corner from the College).  
 Presiding—Mr. Alexander McLean '30, President of the Alumni Association.  
 Song-leader—Mr. Ernest Schildrick.  
 Business.  
 Address: "THE GREATNESS OF C. H. SPURGEON".  
 —Rev. T. A. McQuiston, Glasgow, Scotland.  
 Special music.  
 Benediction.