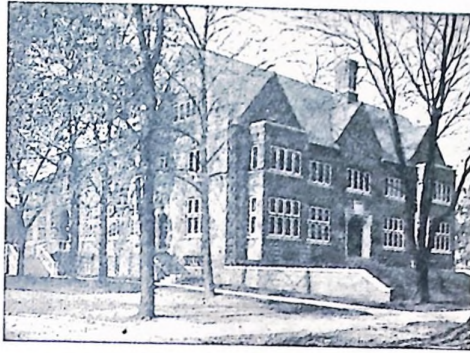


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Back to the Bible

One of the greatest needs among us to-day is a return to the reading of the Bible. The Bible is not being read even by Christian people as it used to be read in former generations. A noted English historian described the people of England in the days after the Reformation as "the people of a book, and that book was the Bible". A famous Frenchman, writing a hundred years ago, attributed the greatness of the American people to the universal reading and preaching of the Bible among them. No one would venture to say that these statements are true to-day in either case. In Canada, too, the reading of the Bible as a book has gone out of fashion among many who call themselves Christians, and their ignorance of the Bible is profound.

This is the chief reason for the lowering of the moral atmosphere everywhere. The moral atmosphere of any community always depends upon the Word of God. Moral sanction cannot be maintained in any place where the Bible is not known. Even Thomas

Huxley had to confess this. "I have been seriously perplexed", he declared, "to know by what means the religious feeling of mankind, which is the essential basis of conduct, is to be kept up without the use of the Bible."

The Bible should be studied in parts, of course, and its most important parts, like the Psalms and the Gospels, should receive most attention. But the Bible should also be read as a whole. Something is missed if this is not done. Christianity itself cannot be truly understood without the background of the Old Testament, out of which it came. Old Testament history cannot be discarded without loss. It is not ordinary history. It reveals the mind of God moving down through the ages in the majestic march of His redeeming purpose as He prepared for the final revelation in His Son.

Not the least important contribution which the Bible College is making to the churches is the training of young people in the reading of the Bible as a whole. The central feature

of the curriculum is the daily study of the Bible throughout both Testaments in three years. Thus the mind of God in the Word of God unfolds before the student day by day. The character of God is revealed as a God who is always active in the affairs of

men and in the world of nature. And the central figure of all the Bible, the Lord Jesus Christ, stands out in all His true greatness and glory as God's final word to man.

J.McN.

Graduation Testimonies

Given at the Graduation Exercises in Massey Hall on April 26

By Melba Trombley

During the three happy years which I have spent at Toronto Bible College, many themes have been presented, bearing a message to my heart and creating within me a sincere desire to see their fulfilment in my own life. But perhaps the most prominent theme, and the one which has caused most joy in its realization, has been "The Triumphs of the Resurrection Life".

As I first viewed the wonderful life of the Lord Jesus Christ, noted His loyalty and devotion to the Father, His patience with men and love to the world, I stood amazed in the presence of Jesus of Nazareth. But when I looked to the end of His earthly life and ministry, one great question loomed up before me, "Can it be that all His labour was in vain, since He suffered cruel, humiliating death by Crucifixion?" Then as I was led more deeply into the Word of God, I came to realize the true place of the Cross in His life. I saw that, "Jesus Christ, being found in fashion as a man, humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in Heaven and things in earth and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father."

There I saw the story continued. The life of our Lord had not been in vain, neither had His death been in vain; for God vindicated Him, God exalted Him and now He is seated on the Right Hand of the Father Almighty, ever living to make intercession for us.

The Cross did not mean defeat to Christ, rather it meant victory; for on the third day God raised Him from the dead, victor over sin, over death, and over the power of Satan, and now He is alive forevermore.

So I realized that the Cross was a very necessary part of my life—not as something to hold up before my eyes, or to wear upon my person, but as a thing on which to die the obedient death as did Christ. For if I would really *live* the Christ *life*, then I must first *die* the Christ *death*, a death in which everything of sin and of self, and of the world, must be laid aside, that this life, emptied of all these things, might be filled with the Holy Spirit of God.

What genuine joy we find in living the life which the Lord Jesus Christ gives, a life in which we are seated with Him in Heavenly places! Without Him, we were held in the bondage of sin, but Christ broke through that bondage, passed on before us and led us out into true life and liberty in Himself.

By accepting Him as Saviour and Lord of our lives, by allowing Him to

We wish our friends and former students a

apply His finished work to our hearts, we are cleansed from sin by His blood and we are delivered from the power of temptation. Thus we become iden-

tified with Him in the salvation which He gives and we triumph with Him in His Resurrection Life.

By Gibson Brown

In our College life there is much activity and much work to be done. But in the midst of it all there is one lesson in particular which I came to learn and which has been a great blessing to me. It is found in the words of Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God." The Lord showed me that if I was ever to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, I must "be still" before Him.

In the College we were given the opportunity to have this time of stillness. Every morning for forty-five minutes before lectures began, we students had a prayer meeting, and so, at the beginning of the day, we learned to wait before the Lord. Every Tuesday, in the midst of the lecture periods, we had a devotional hour, when students and instructors together waited upon Him in prayer and worship. Sometimes we waited before Him in the stillness of silent prayer. On these occasions He searched our hearts, and showed us that without Him we can do nothing.

It was in the Bible College I learned that "much activity does not promote prayer", but rather, "prayer promotes activity".

We found that it is in the place of "stillness" that the problems of life are really solved. When the Israelites came to the Red Sea, the word of exhortation that Moses gave was—"stand still and see the salvation of God." God then made a path through the sea and delivered Israel from the hands of Pharaoh.

Our Lord Jesus Christ Himself showed us the great example of being still and waiting before God. Time

after time He withdrew from the multitudes, and went away into the mountains and the wilderness to commune with His Heavenly Father, even spending all night in prayer. Not only did He leave the example of taking time for communion with God, but He also exhorted the disciples to do likewise. How often must He have spoken these words to them, "Come ye yourselves apart, and rest awhile." I believe that it was during these times of quietness that the disciples learned most of all to put their trust in the Master.

Then again, it is only when we are still before God that we can look beyond the things of time and place into the realm of the unseen. There we get a vision of the glorified Lord, in all His real beauty and holiness. There at the right hand of the Majesty on High, we see Him who not only died for us, but rose again for our justification, and ever lives to intercede on our behalf. A vision such as this, seen in the stillness of God's presence, sends us forth in the confidence of His resurrection power, to proclaim by life and word, the unsearchable riches of Christ.

God has not promised to us an easy path, but He says, "My grace is sufficient for thee: My strength is made perfect in weakness." We can go forth in the strength of the Lord God and say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." He is our sufficiency, and, even in the midst of trial and turmoil, He gives to us that peace that the world cannot give, and cannot take away, the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

Joyful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Scenes From China

The Yangtze Gorges, by Muriel Weston ('34)

"We left Ichang, some 1,000 miles inland, and in a few hours entered the first of the thirty-six gorges of the Yangtze. For the next four days we travelled by day through what is said to be the most beautiful scenery of the world. It was necessary that we anchor at night on account of the dangerous rapids. What a mighty river it is! Many a vessel has been stranded upon her treacherous rocks. In and out we wended our way through picturesque rocks and cliffs, resembling pyramids, or sometimes the ruins of old castles.

Oftentimes it seemed we were in some inland lake. It was like fairy land, where little sail boats appear and disappear; but it was real and no less lovely than even the imagination could visualize. It was interesting to note the formation of the rocks, which caused the rapids to vary with different water levels. Our captain was a geologist of reliable authority, and was able to add much to the interest of our trip. We sat from early morning on the top deck. We even watched the veil of darkness roll back, to give place

to morning light, and then to see the sun rise beyond the distant hills, as on we sailed, leaving the east in radiant splendour.

What lovely days those were! I did not dream that I should see so much of the beauty of God's handiwork. Every moment it seemed that the changing scenes came fresh from His hand, in all their rugged loveliness. The last of the gorges was twenty-eight miles in length, and the narrowest point of the river some two hundred and seventy-five yards. At this point the water raced at a speed of some five knots, due of course to the very narrow breadth and peculiar river-bed formation. It was in this gorge too we saw steps cut in a great rock which rose abruptly to a height of some five hundred feet. In the 3rd century, it is said, a Hupeh war general led his troops up this rock, and won a victory over a Szechwan general. Range upon range of beautiful mountains stretch to the west on either side of the river, and many villages nestle among them."

A Bible Conference, by Grace Weir ('33)

"We reached Ch'a Uen in the afternoon and had a service that evening. I wish you could have seen that chapel! Not that the chapel itself was anything to see—just the usual mud floors, benches, platform and black-board. I wish you could have seen it because it was more than filled. All benches filled, many people standing, the door-way crowded and about seven or eight heads in each window. Among this group there were ninety Christians, including the members of the Church and Christians from the surrounding districts. They sang with all bellows out and one felt like shouting for joy as one realized that they were singing praises unto God.

We had a full house as well, for all

who came from any distance came prepared to stay for the four days of the Conference.

A peep into our household. The missionaries' room! Four camp-beds close together form the bed-room; one corner curtained off forms the washroom; and the other end of the room where the table stands is the dining room. Crowded? Oh no, just wait until you see the other rooms and then you will realize that we have fine accommodation.

The larger room next door. Floor covered with straw. I'd better not try to count the number of women and children sleeping so peacefully. Among this group there are old women with bound feet who have walked fifty li

(16 miles) in order to learn more about the One Who has saved them from sin. Even little tots not more than nine or ten years of age have also walked this distance. We know what kind of answer this group would give if asked "Lovest thou Me?"

What's that we hear? Snoring? Yes. Downstairs the large dining room floor is used for the men to sleep on, and the sound is sufficient to assure you that they are comfortable and contented.

6 a.m. Ding-a-ling! Now there is a great scuffle—everyone getting up and hurrying into chapel for morning prayer.

7 a.m. Come along, you really must see this sight. Boys and girls, young men and women, older men and women, standing around the different tables. On the tables we see the rice bowls filled to overflowing and in the centre three or four bowls of vegetables and meats. Soon there is the clitter-clatter of the chop-sticks and the sound of happy fellowship as they chat one with another.

There are morning, afternoon and evening sessions carried on by the Chinese evangelists from the different stations, as well as by the missionaries. These sessions take in Bible instruction, object talks, special singing and Gospel messages.

Evangelistic Campaigns

Nov. 28, 1935

Rev. D. A. Burns,
16 Spadina Road, Toronto.

Dear Mr. Burns:—

From November 10 to 24, students of the Toronto Bible College conducted a vigorous and fruitful Evangelistic Campaign in Evangel Hall, which is situated on Queen Street, near Bathurst, in a densely populated and decidedly cosmopolitan neighborhood. There was no effort to use spectacular means; they depended upon the preaching of the Gospel, prayer, and individual contacts. The house-to-house visitation, carried on before and during the campaign, convinced those visited that they were welcome at the Hall and resulted in the appearance of some who will become permanently associated with us. More than one gave as his reason for coming, "Someone came to my door and invited me." A young Roman Catholic woman, who first came as a result of personal invitation, attended nearly every meeting and received great blessing. One evening a group of four young people said they too had come in response to the personal invitations given them. This phase of the work was very valuable to the students also, because of the experience gained thereby.

Any meetings that might have interrupted these gatherings were set aside and every effort was put forth towards the success of the campaign. Many of our own faithful ones were in constant attendance and brought others who had hitherto shown little interest. The students were in charge of all meetings with the exception of the Bible School on Sunday—children's meetings, women's meetings, the Junior church and the Sunday evening services.

The music throughout the campaign, both instrumental and vocal, was of a high order and attracted many who might otherwise have been only casually interested.

The preaching of the young men was greatly blessed and brought to light real possibilities for the future. The sincerity and the informality of the services appealed strongly to all who attended.

The testimonies of the students stirred many hearts to definite decision and surrender, and contributed greatly to the value of the services. Some of the fathers and mothers who were present found themselves longing that their own sons and daughters might share in the blessing experienced by these young men and women, and the close contact of the young people at the Hall with this group will mean much for the future.

Meetings for the children were conducted nearly every afternoon, at which the average attendance was forty-five. From this group were recruited the members of the Junior Choir, who assisted in two of the Friday evening meetings, greatly to the delight of the congregation. Some of the leaders of the children's services gave indications of real adaptability and an appreciation of what boys and girls need, and knew how to present the truth. The boys and girls of Evangel Hall will hail the students' reappearance with great delight.

The men who attended the Men's Prayer Meeting are unanimous in their desire that the work be renewed at some future time. One, who had been wandering in misery and fear, found, the first evening he attended, a message in one of the testimonies that gave him comfort and encouragement, and now he gives thanks that the Campaign has been used to bring him back to old paths of blessing and usefulness. Some of the older boys and girls, as well as many younger ones, date the beginning of a new experience from these services. The hearts of men and women were stirred and deep impressions made by the sincere words of these young people from the Bible College and by the evidences of reality which they gave. A number were convinced that the joy of life does not go out when the Lord appears, but that life truly begins only when He is received.

The attendance was very gratifying throughout, in spite of some rainy days and nights. The congregations for the last two Sunday evenings taxed the capacity of the Hall beyond all comfort and assured the students that their work was appreciated.

Repetition of the effort will be hailed with delight at Evangel Hall.

R. J. KOFFEND.

November 6, 1935.

Rev. Principal John McNicol, D.D.,
Toronto Bible College,
16 Spadina Road.

Dear Principal McNicol,

The Kirk Session of this Church desire to express its deepest appreciation and gratitude for the special Evangelistic Services and efforts put forth by the students of your College. Their faithful labours and zealous messages in word and song, by testimony and instrumental music, have brought to this Church and district, a distinctly spiritual atmosphere and influence, which will last through many months.

For your own and Professor Hyde's gracious contribution to the services of the Church, for the presence and help of Dr. Waters and Rev. Mr. Burns, we cannot speak appreciatively enough.

We feel that to Mr. Burns, a special tribute of thanks should be rendered, for through his leadership and organization, the efforts and arrangements for the two weeks of evangelism were perfected.

Our prayer is that you and your staff and students will increasingly enjoy the blessing of God, going on to greater success in all your good work for God and the Gospel of our Blessed Lord.

Again thanking you most heartily,

Yours sincerely,

F. G. VESEY,
Moderator.

GEORGE RAIT,
Clerk.

Parkdale Presbyterian Church,
Toronto, Ont.

News of the U.B.C. Family

On August 13, at Manilla, Ont., a daughter, Dona Dee, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alva S. Roblin ('34). Mr. Roblin is pastor of the Baptist church in Mountsberg and is enrolled in the Arts Course at McMaster University.

Frances A. Wallace, R.N. ('16) of Strathroy, Ont., was married recently to S. M. Arnold, and is now residing at D'Arcy, Sask.

Laurence D. Dolby, who was a student in the College a few years ago and who has since taken a medical course in the National Bible Institute, New York, has been accepted by the Women's Missionary Society of the Regular Baptists of Canada. On December 3 he is marrying Miss Dorothy Verse of Dunallen, N.Y., who is also a graduate of the National Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Dolby will sail for Africa, from New York, on December 4.

Violet Hancox ('30) was married to Joseph E. Taylor ('26), in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Rev. E. Hancox ('22) assisted by Rev. R. J. Koffend who was formerly a member of the staff of the school, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside in Toronto.

Isabel Miller ('33) and George Anderson ('34) were married in the College, on September 21, by Principal McNicol. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson left a few days later for New York, where they spent a few weeks before sailing on November 1 for their work under the Sudan United Mission, Africa.

Jennie Dix of London was married

to DeLoss M. Scott ('34), in London. Mr. and Mrs. Scott are residing in St. Marys, Ont., where Mr. Scott is pastor of a Baptist church.

Vera Hughes of Toronto, who was a student in the day classes a few years ago, and Cameron Forrester ('34) were married on July 15, in Saskatchewan. Mr. and Mrs. Forrester are stationed at Loon Lake, where they are engaged in missionary work.

Isabella Tilly ('36) was married by Principal John McNicol, D.D., on Saturday, November 16, to John Hood Wilson ('34).

Evaline Homer was married to Stanley Beard ('35) in Onward Church, Montreal, on September 7. Roy Pitts ('36) attended the groom. Mr. and Mrs. Beard are residing in Toronto.

Hazel Maude Duncan ('35) and James Sinclair Lowden ('35) were married on September 10, in Dovercourt Road Baptist Church. May Rabey ('35) was bridesmaid and Albert Jones (Eve. '31) was groomsman. Mr. and Mrs. Lowden are now settled in Kincardine where Mr. Lowden is in charge of a Baptist mission.

Jean Ferguson, graduate of Moody Bible Institute ('32) and Edgar Burritt ('35) were married in Calvary Baptist Church, Montreal, on November 9. Mr. and Mrs. Burritt, after a brief motor trip, are settled in Southampton, Ontario, where Mr. Burritt is pastor of the Baptist church.

We regret to record the death of Vera Kathleen Brown, R.N. ('23) who

died at the home of her sister, in Olds, Alberta, on September 23.

Bruce Brillinger ('29) is returning to his field in Africa and sails from New York on December 4.

Kenneth Miles ('34) is now a member of the teaching staff of the National Bible Institute, New York. He is in charge of certain branches of extension work carried on by the Institute.

Eleanor Call ('35) expects to engage in Indian work in Western Canada, under the Church of England. At present she is working at Chappleau in northern Ontario, under the Mission Board of the Anglican church.

Francis Rice ('35) is settled as pastor of the Baptist church at Little Current, Manitoulin Island.

Frank Stevens ('35), in addition to his work as pastor of Humber Blvd. Baptist Mission, Toronto, is enrolled in the Theological Course at McMaster University.

Muriel Bowes, who was a student in the College two years ago, is sailing for India to assist Miss Amy Carmichael.

Mr. Harold Arnholt Strand ('34) is taking a three years' course of study at the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward G. Cook, both of whom attended the day classes of the College a few years ago, are home from Africa, on furlough.

Mr. ('27) and Mrs. Aubrey deV. Hunt ('27) have returned from West Africa on furlough.

Mr. ('31) and Mrs. Orville Thamer ('30) have returned from Africa on furlough. Their present address is 20 Alma Street, Kitchener.

Mr. ('30) and Mrs. Fred. Bregman are engaged in pioneer missionary work in northern Manitoba, under the auspices of the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

The sympathy of the staff and the whole student body goes out to Miss Mary Hershey, the Associate Head Girl of last session, who gave one of the testimonies at the Graduation Exercises last April, in the great bereavement which came upon her when her mother passed away on October 13, as the result of a motor accident.

Christmas Music

The annual evening of Christmas music will be held in the Assembly Hall of the College on Thursday, December 19, at 8 o'clock. The regular monthly meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Alumni Association will be held in association with the student body for this Service of Song. Friends of the College are cordially invited.

Officers of the College

E. G. Baker	<i>President</i>
John McNicol	<i>Principal</i>
J. M. Waters	<i>Secretary</i>
John Westren	<i>Treasurer</i>

The College will close for Christmas recess on Friday, December 20, at noon, and lectures will be resumed on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 9 a.m.
