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#### The Day of Prayer

On the first Tuesday of February the regular programme of lectures was set aside and the whole day was observed as a day of prayer. The purpose in view was that the Faculty and the Student Body together might wait upon God regarding the needs of the College-the growing need for enlargement to enable the College to do its work more efficiently, and the equally urgent need for a deepening of spiritual life for the responsibilities facing both teachers and students during the remainder of the session.

In order that the day might be used to the best advantage, it was planned out carefully beforehand so as to have all sections of the school life represented in the fellowship and sharing in the blessing of the various services during the day. The plan allowed for the freedom of the Spirit to be maintained throughout.

At nine o'clock the Faculty met with the whole Student Body in the Assembly Hall and the first service was conducted by them, with the Principal presiding. When the meaning and purpose of the day was explained, the students responded at once, and a stream of prayer began which continued through all the services of the

An intermission of fifteen minutes was allowed at half past ten, and then for the rest of the morning the three classes met separately, each under one of its own members, the senior class in the Assembly Hall, the junior class in their lecture room, and the preparatory year in the smaller class room, while the members of the Faculty had their own meeting in the Board Room.

At two o'clock the whole student body met again in the Assembly Hall, and this time the Cabinet conducted the service with the Head Boy presiding. After another intermission at half past three, the young women and the young men met separately for the remainder of the afternoon, the Head Girl presiding in the one case and the Convener of the Devotional Committee of the Cabinet in the other.

This arrangement gave the fullest opportunity for the expression of student experience in testimony, confession or prayer, throughout the day. The results in the life of many a student are too deep and sacred to be

recorded.

The Evening Class students continued the services of the day of

prayer, their own classes being put aside for the occasion, and all meeting together in the Assembly Hall. The Evening Class Staff, under Mr. Hyde. conducted the early part of the evening, and the Evening Class Cabinet were in charge after half past eight, Thus the whole student body of the College, Day and Evening Classes alike, shared in the observance of the day, and contributed by their devotion and their prayers to that deep sense of spiritual reality which marked all its services. The blessing of the day abides and has pervaded the whole life and work of the College.

#### 8. C. Moody — A Personal Tribute

In the list of great names of the last century, that of D. L. Moody stands pretty near the top. This is all the more remarkable when we remember the low estate from whence he sprang. I have heard him tell how as a boy he had to tramp barefoot across the hills to do errands for his widowed mother—and how he was the despair of the teacher of the village school where he attended occasionally, because of his restless inattention. He seemed possessed of a vitality that had to be doing something all the time, a fact that in later years gave him a fine understanding of boy life and enabled him to get hold of those no one else could handle. The same quality remained with him into his mature years, and those of us who shared his leadership often marvelled at his untiring endurance under very exacting conditions.

While he lacked the mental discipline of the schools, he possessed in a remarkable degree a quality of mind that, for want of a better definition, might be called "business sense". It may have been this fact which led Prof. Henry Drummond, himself a

trained scholar and acquainted with all the great men of his day, to say: "In sheer raw material, D. L. Moody was the greatest human I have ever known". But he was more than a great human—he was a great Christian, for all his qualities of head and heart, of body and soul, were unreservedly devoted to the service of the Lord whom he so deeply loved, and

truly adored.

His use of the Bible was a constant inspiration. To him it was a living message from our Heavenly Father to His believing children. He took it in its direct obvious meaning and acted on its warnings and promises with all the expectation of a child-like faith. Its characters were his friends, with whom he was intimately acquainted, and he talked of them as he would of those he met from day to day. No wonder his preaching was so vital, for it was full of the Word of God: and when he presented the Way of Life, he invariably did it in Bible language.

I had the privilege of knowing Mr. Moody as few others knew him outside his own family, for indeed I was treated by him more as a member of that family than as "one of his boys".

It was through him I was led to know the Lord as my Saviour, and later through him I was given the training that has enabled me to be of any value in the Christian ministry through these forty-five years, first in his own church in Chicago, later as pastor of the Northern Congregational Church for fourteen years, and since then here in Toronto where I still have the honour to serve on the faculty of the Bible College, Because of this intimacy which extended over ten years, I not only knew Mr. Moody as he appeared before the thousands of people in his evangelistic work in England, Ireland, the United States and Canada, but also in connection with his schools and his home life. It is in this latter realm that the real man is truly revealed and weaknesses, if any, are bound to be manifest, but I can now say without hesitation or fear of contradiction that in all this intimacy I never knew him to lose his temper, to speak unkindly of anyone, or to be guilty of conduct unworthy of the great Christian he always was on the public platform. On the contrary, I knew the man who was ever ready "to esteem others better than himself" and to press them into the prominence which he alone could fill and which ultimately he could not escape. There are numbers of details of this quality of character that I might mention, all of which help to explain how it was he had such a grip

on the hearts and wills of men as they listened to him pouring out his matchless messages of the love of God as it is revealed to us in our Lord and Saviour.

I have listened to him day after day and week after week, as he stood before the throngs of people in London and elsewhere, and each time he spoke it seemed as though he had never been there before and was likely never to be there again. To him, preaching was a passion, a delight, a constraint. He showed to us what Paul must have meant when he said, "The love of Christ constraineth us", and all this in such a vivid and vital manner that we lost sight of the man in the consciousness of the message he was bringing to us.

There was one thing, however, he could not tolerate, and that was flattery of any kind or shallow compliments on the character of his work. I have seen him turn away, in what seemed to be an element of rudeness, from those who came to pay him compliments. He was not out for compliments, but for conversions; not for any form of "hero-worship", but for present unconditional acceptance of Iesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

There was only one D. L. Moody, and maybe it is now the Lord's plan that we who knew him and were blessed through him should seek to reproduce his character and conduct in lives that follow him as he followed the Lord. May we be enabled to do so!

T. B. Hyde.

The Annual Communion Service of the College will be held in the Assembly Hall, 16 Spadina Road, on Sunday morning, April 25, at 11. Friends of the College and former students are heartily invited.

Annual Communion Service

#### Mondy Centenary Meetings in Toronto

To right thinking and Christian people, there can be no doubt the Moody Centenary Celebrations in Toronto did much good. They made a spiritual contribution to the religious life of the city which was incalculable -Christians were revived, backsliders were reclaimed and sinners were saved.

The presence and testimony of such men in our midst as Bishop Taylor Smith, Principal Will Houghton, Dr. Wm. Evans, Rev. Chas. Cooke, Capt. Reginald Wallis, Rev. C. B. Nordland, and "Jock" Troup, we're at once an inspiration, a blessing and a benedic-

The mass meetings and the Bible conferences, and especially the morning classes on soul-winning, and very especially the Saturday night meeting for students, were all most memorable. There were in all 25 meetings, at which at least 36,000 immortal souls had the Word and message of God proclaimed to them.

Then there were the messages in song when the old Moody and Sankey hymns were sung again—such as, "Ninety and Nine", "Hold the Fort", "My Jesus, I Love Thee", etc. What an inspiration it was to hear that choir of 250 voices from the Toronto Bible College sing these God-honoured choruses and then lead those vast throngs of people in Massey Hall in praise to God!

The purpose of all this was not to get material, but spiritual results-to re-emphasize the things for which Moody stood. Moody was a man used of God-not as a partner, but as a servant and slave. The power which Moody had, he got from God. That God-given power Moody got by fulfilling seven conditions:

- Surrender. Moody was not perfect; but he was out and out for God.
- 2. Prayer. Moody was a great preacher; but he was a greater prayer. Nothing is too hard for God, and Moody believed prayer can do what God can do.
- 3. Bible Study. Moody was not a student in an academic sense, but he was a deep student of the Bible. He learned to "nail everything with Scripturc".
- 4. Humility. Moody is speaking so loudly to-day because in his lifetime he was a humble man.
- 5. Passion for Souls. Moody never let a day pass without speaking to at least one soul about salvation. He early resolved to do this and "he learned to do this by doing it".
- 6. Filled with the Spirit. early life Moody was a great hustlerhe worked in the flesh. Two old Methodist maiden ladies and his wife were the means of leading him into the fulness of the Spirit.
- 7. Not Avaricious. Moody had no love for money. He could have been a millionaire. He died a poor man materially, but spiritually he was a multimillionaire.

It is well that the Moody meetings were held in Toronto. As chairman of the local committee, I thank the Toronto Bible College and all who helped to make the meetings a blessing.

In conclusion, let me urge all Christians and others who would like to get a bit of spiritual stimulus, to buy the book on Moody's Life, called "Bush  $\Lambda$ glow".

J. G. INKSTER.

#### In Memoriam — Doris Trout Simpson



"Ill that God blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most
wrong,

If it be His sweet will."

"Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face."

These and a thousand other Scriptural thoughts crowd upon those who mourn the loss of the promising young life of Doris Trout Simpson.

"Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." Scarcely had we recovered from the shock of the death of Edna Trout Chambers when word was received of the home-call of her sister Doris. They had dedicated their lives to God and Africa, Edna in connection with the Baptist Women's Missionary Society in the Belgian Congo, and Doris in connection with the Sudan United Mission in Nigeria.

Of a family of seven, Doris was the youngest. Hers was a godly heritage. Morning by morning, after her husband's breakfast and departure for work, the frail mother gathered her daughters about her that they might

read and pray together before starting for school. Breakfast could be omitted easier than worship. Yet, withal, the practical side of life was not neglected. The girls were perfectly familiar with the broom, the dishpan, and the washtub.

Church was about ten minutes away, and none were more regular than the Trouts. Doris was a keen worker in the various activities and laid a good foundation for further intensive training in the Toronto Bible College. There she was a faithful student, kindly, happy, and generally helpful. In the holidays she took whatever opportunities offered for earning and saving, and with the help received from home, managed to make her financial way.

After graduation, she spoke, and, with her fiance "Bob" Simpson, sang at many meetings. We can hear them still, before and after their marriage, in their most telling duet, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord." Little did they, or we, think that His way would be so short. Yet so it proved. When the full story is told we shall learn of those last days of travel, and the failure of all medical help. "Bob" and Doris had given themselves heartily and efficiently to their task, and reports were very encouraging.

Home, Church, College, and Mission friends share a common sorrow. But "yielded still", we will sing with "Bob" in Africa, and Doris in Paradise.

"Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way."

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#### THE GATEWAY

The third annual edition of this student publication is now available. It contains a wealth of information relating to student life and activity in Toronto Bible College, and is available at the College office for fifty cents.

Annual Meeting-Students' Association

The Annual Banquet of the Alumni Association will be held in the dining room of the College, on Thursday evening, April 29, at 5.45. At 8 o'clock, in the Assembly Hall, the presentation of the annual reports of the student body will be heard; the president of the Alumni Association will address the gathering and welcome the new graduates into the fellowship; and the diplomas to students graduating in the Teacher Training Course will be presented. The friends of the College are heartily invited to attend.

#### Evangelistic Campaign at Norwich

From February 28 to March 8, six young men, namely, Frank Swackhammer ('37), leader, Gordon Bastedo ('37), accompanist, and Stephen Robinson ('38), Russell Vickers ('39), Joseph Richardson ('38), and Emil Gaverluk ('38), forming a vocal and instrumental quartet, held evangelistic services in the Baptist Church at Norwich, near Brantford.

In the course of the week, there were children's services and factory meetings, besides the regular evening services. The Lord's blessing was manifested in the salvation of several souls and a reviving of the members of the church. This blessing was not confined to the Baptist Church. On

Sunday evening, one of the group occupied the United Church pulpit, and after the regular service, a song and testimony service was held. The testimonies of the students were given simply and earnestly, being a challenge and conviction to all present.

To illustrate the character of the services, we cite the restoration of a foreman for a large company, whose spiritual life had been neglected, but who came to the prayer meetings regularly, and was so restored in his fellowship with God that, as the group left the town on Monday, he came to see them off, and was in tears.

J.R.

#### Personals

On November 13, at Fortaleza, Brazil, a son, Edward Lloyd, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Edward Haugh ('26).

On December 15 to Rev. ('32) and

Mrs. Dixon H. Gordon (Helen Walford '33) a son, Robert Dixon.

On December 21, a daughter, Ellen Grace, was born to Pastor ('30) and Mrs. Ross Almas ('29).

The Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 19, at 2.30, at Centre Island, in Area 2. A hearty welcome awaits all members of the College family. Reserve the afternoon to renew your College fellowship.

### TORONTO BRANCH T.B.C. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

Friday, March 19, at 6.30 p.m. In the Dining Hall of the College Speaker: REV. J. B. RHODES, M.A.,

Subject: "The English Bible as Literature"

We invite all our former students to attend, especially those who have not had the privilege of meeting and hearing Mr. Rhodes, the latest member added to the College Faculty. Tickets 25 cents.

A son was born on March 6 to Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Owen ('29), of Chengtu, China.

A son, Craig Alfred Karl, was born in Toronto on March 9 to Mr. and Mrs. (Dorothy Wandland) E. G. Cook ('37), who are on furlough from Tula Wange, Nigeria.

The marriage of Rev. W. Sheldon Dodds ('27) to Florence Buttolph took place on September 7 in Corfu, N.Y.

On November 18 at Chefoo, China, Constance Knight ('28) was united in marriage to N. J. Amos.

Hazel Salisbury ('35) was united in marriage to Arthur Bateson ('36), in October. Mr. Bateson is pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle at Blind River, Ont.

Miss Edna Loney ('20), died on December 8, the result of an accident which she sustained a few days earlier when she was hit by a motor car near her home. Miss Loney was the sister of Rev. P. B. Loney ('07) and Rev. C. J. Loney ('04).

On January 27, Mrs. Cameron Forrester (Vera Hughes, a student of the College from 1932 to 1934) passed away at the home of her parents in Toronto The death occurred, in February, of Ronald Albert, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gooderham ('29).

Rev. J. H. Slimon, a former student of the College, is now minister of Parkdale Baptist Church, Toronto. Mr. Slimon was, for a number of years, a member of the faculty of the Winnipeg Bible Institute, where Rev. G. M. Blackett ('15) is principal.

Rev. John G. Myers ('18) recently received his B.Th. degree from the Bible Seminary, Colorado Springs.

Rev. A. J. Fieldus ('22) is settled as Baptist minister at Kenilworth and Monck in succession to Rev. Harold Chambers ('29), who is settled at Bothwell.

An interesting report of a missionary journey in Brazil, by Rev. Thos. Lindores ('24), is given in the October number of "Field News," the organ of the New Testament Missionary Union.

Miss M. Roseborough, M.A., Ph.D., who taught English and History in the College from Sept. '33 to April '34, and who is now a member of the faculty of the University of Toronto, is preparing a university text book on Middle English.

Olive Warner, a student of last session, was married on July 18, in Holy Trinity Church, Liverpool, to Harold Roulson of Wallasey, Cheshire, England.

Hazel Benner ('35) entered the Belleville General Hospital in Febru-

ary to take a nursing course.

Winnifred Hunter, a day student during 1935/36 left for Africa on January 9, where she will serve under the South Africa General Mission.

Orville Nott ('36) is now student pastor at the Presbyterian Church,

Kenora, Ontario.

Jessie Moore ('36) has been appointed to the position of Matron at

the Chefoo Schools, China.

Harold Lambshead ('39) writes from the Soo reporting two conversions and the return of a backslider. He has been carrying the message to the lumber camps, with much blessing.

The Toronto branch of the Alumni Association held a very successful rally in St. John's Evangelical Church on January 26. Dr. McNicol and Mr. Hyde gave short addresses, and the College orchestra played a couple of selections. The evangelistic choir of the College rendered one number. There was a brief report by the Nominating Committee, and it was felt that a good interest was manifested. The newly elected officers are: John Wilson ('34), president; Stafford Love ('35), vice-president; Ruth Farmery ('36), secretary; and Edith McIntosh ('35), treasurer.

#### OFFICERS OF THE COLLEGE

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

### THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

of the FORTY-THIRD SESSION

will be held in

VARSITY ARENA, BLOOR STREET WEST, (Between Avenue Road and St. George St.) on FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 30, at 8.00 Doors open at 7.00

Testimonies by Graduating Students,
Statement by the Principal,
Music by the College Choir.

Upon request we shall be glad to reserve seats for out-of-town friends.

Offering.