

Note: This Work has been made available by the authority of the copyright owner solely for the purpose of private study and research and may not be copied or reproduced except as permitted by the copyright laws of Canada without the written authority from the copyright owner.

Recorder (Toronto Bible College), 43, no. 3 (September 1937)

Toronto Bible College



Price: 10 Cents per
Annum

Recorder

16 Spadina Road
Toronto

Volume 43

Toronto, September, 1937

Number 3

Preparing for a New Session

The Varsity Arena Graduation of the last session has become a memory of the past. Another session is now in view. On the 21st of this month the College will enter upon the 44th year of its history. The programme of the opening day will be found on the last page of this number.

During the intervening months between graduation day and opening day the College halls are strangely quiet. But that does not mean that no work is going on in the College building. The office is always open. There are innumerable details to be attended to in arranging the records of between three and four hundred students after a session is over and in corresponding with some hundred prospective new students whose applications and references have to be considered. The two members of the office staff are never idle. They and the three official members of the Faculty, with brief holiday periods, carry the burden of the College work all year round.

The members of the Student Cabinet have kept in touch with one another by correspondence, and have been preparing for the important responsibilities that will be theirs during the coming session. A group of students who are in Toronto have been faithfully maintaining the Tuesday evening summer prayer meeting, so that the incense of intercession never ceases to rise week by week from the altar of the praise and prayer room in the Toronto Bible College.

The Board of Governors, too, have had the College on their hearts and minds during these months. They have been carefully considering a definite plan for extension, and have been led to take the first step towards its accomplishment. Before very long they may be able to make some announcement regarding it. In the course of the coming year a very important forward step may be taken in the progress of the Bible College. In the meantime it depends, as always, upon the continued prayers of its friends.

A World Outlook

The world wide outlook of the Toronto Bible College is well illustrated by the budget letters which the members of the various classes circulate among themselves from time to time after their graduation when they are separated and scattered in the world.

During the past summer months five of these budgets have reached the office of the College. They contain the half yearly letters of the classes of 1926, 1928, 1929, 1933 and 1935, gathered and sent out by their faithful secretaries. There are 109 letters in all, and 39 of these are from foreign mission fields. There are eight letters from five countries in South America, twenty from six countries in Africa, two from widely separated parts of India, and nine from six provinces of China.

In addition to these voices of our former students in the world field that have come to us from across the seas through the five class budgets, we have received individual letters from abroad during the summer from twenty-two members of the Bible College Family, most of whom are working in other parts of South America, Africa, India and China not represented in the budgets, and four of them in Europe:

All this goes to show that the current of young life that passes through the classes of the Bible College does not stop and stagnate in easy going places when it leaves the College halls. It seeks the neediest spots in the world for which Christ died, and in carrying His message of redeeming love abroad it divides into numerous streams, which continue their flow till they have reached the uttermost parts of the earth. Several members of this year's graduating class have their applications now before Missionary Boards or Secretaries, and one of them was already on his way to China when he

was detained in Vancouver because of the war.

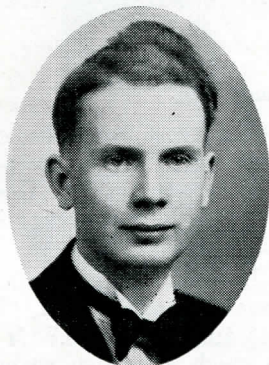
Last session the Students' Missionary Society had on its prayer list the names of 204 former students and members of the Bible College Family who are in the foreign work of the Christian Church, scattered through the world as follows: 79 in seven countries of Asia, 78 in eleven countries of Africa, 4 in two countries of Europe, 31 in seven countries of South America, and 12 in Central America and Islands of the Sea. And this does not take into account the far larger numbers of the College Alumni who are sharing in the work of the church in the homelands of Canada, the United States, and the British Isles.

Students are taught in the Toronto Bible College that the coming of the Kingdom of God depends upon the evangelization of the world. We believe that this is the New Testament outlook and that the Lord is waiting for His Church to accomplish that task. It is the one condition which He laid down when His disciples asked Him, "What shall be the sign of thy coming?" His reply was headed up in this statement: "This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24: 3, 14). In keeping with this teaching we seek to have the work of the Lord in the whole world presented before every generation of students and not to allow the interest of the College to become concentrated in any particular part of the world field. This is kept in mind when missionary speakers are invited from time to time to address our Tuesday morning devotional service. As the College develops it will continue to maintain this world wide outlook and evangelizing purpose.

J. McN.

Graduating Testimonies

Donald A. Loveday, Boston.



Donald A. Loveday, Boston.

On entering Toronto Bible College my life was not aglow with the whole-hearted love for Christ which should characterize and identify the true Christian believer. It was with feeble faith that my prayers arose to One Who seemed only remotely associated with the actualities of life. I read the Bible intermittently but it possessed no personal attraction or appeal. Written across my Christian experience was defeat.

During the past three years, however, the whole course of my life has been re-directed, mainly I believe through discovering the reality behind the words which Christ spoke to His disciples as recorded in John 15:4, "Abide in me and I in you." To-night I have a definite reason for the hope which is within me. Expressing it in the words of St. Paul, my life is hid with Christ in God, and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.

To abide in Christ it is essential that we pursue the pathway of prayer. Our College curriculum necessitates much activity, and sometimes pressing duties undermine deep spirituality.

You will readily perceive therefore, the necessity of much prayer. Before morning lectures while worshipping in the prayer and praise room we have proven repeatedly that "they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." During the devotional hour on Tuesday mornings, stilled because of the conscious presence of the Lord, our hearts have been deeply probed and we have beheld anew His glory, the glory as of the only-begotten Son of God.

I have learned that as we abide in Christ through prayer a mutual relationship must also exist—He must abide in us through His Word. Because we approach the Bible in a devotional attitude its message is acknowledged and accepted as God's fullest revelation to man. During this our last year we have been tracing step by step the events in the life of our Lord as He followed and fulfilled the will of His Father in Heaven. As we have seen His perfect character exemplified during the days of preaching and teaching, the nights of solitude and prayer, the hours of travel and toil, our hearts have been stirred to action but also humbled in surrender and adoration before Him. Thus drawn closer to our Master we have begun to penetrate the depth of meaning implied in I John 2:6, "He that saith he abideth in Christ ought also so to walk as He walked". The attainment of this experience is only possible as Christ fully abides in us.

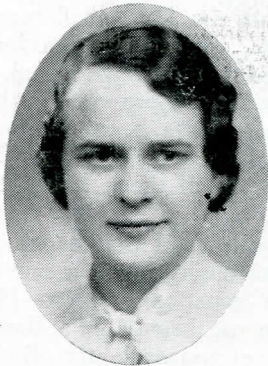
Without Christ to-night we would still be under the bondage of sin, but abiding in Him we are seated in heavenly places enjoying His fellowship moment by moment.

My deepest praises ascend to God for all the privileges I have enjoyed

at Bible College—for every person who has influenced my life and for every experience which has enabled me to discern and do the will of my Father in Heaven.

The prayer of my heart this night is, "Teach me, O Lord, to continually and completely abide in the love of Christ Whom having not seen I love."

Hazel J. Reesor, Agincourt



Hazel J. Reesor, Agincourt.

From all the priceless truths discovered in God's Word during my study at the Bible College, one in particular has exercised its influence over me to the extent that my whole outlook on life has changed. It is the fact that death precedes life in the spiritual realm.

In God's Word we read that "Jesus being found in fashion as a man, humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross," and also that "Jesus said unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

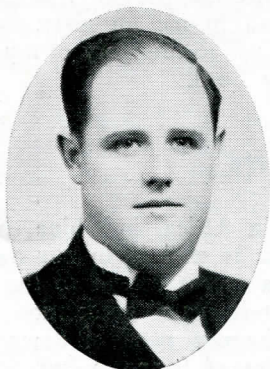
It is natural for man to defend his own rights, even if it does cause friction. But our Lord surrendered His rights and humbled Himself. He might have been King at different points in His ministry. He might have won fame and honour. It was even possible for Him to have avoided the Cross, and to have gone back to the glory which he shared with the Father from the beginning, and which was His by

right. Had that been the case, we would not have been made partakers of that glory. But, thank God, Jesus became obedient unto the death of the Cross!

I am beginning to understand what Jesus meant when He said, "Take up thy cross and follow me." The cross isn't so much a burden to be borne, but it IS a means of crucifying self. My cross speaks of suffering, humility, and finally death—death to selfish motives, ambitions and desires. "Dying with Jesus, by death reckoned mine," but, oh, we are then assured of "living with Jesus a new life divine!" We are raised to newness of life with Him. It is no more I, but Christ living in me. God is now able to carry out His purpose for my life, through the indwelling Christ, for "it is God which worketh in me both to will and to do of His good pleasure." For what purpose?

Our Lord was exalted after His resurrection that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that He is Lord. And this same Christ reveals Himself to a dying world through us. Through surrendered lives on the platform to-night, Jesus the Saviour will be revealing Himself to benighted souls in the uttermost parts of the earth as well as in the homeland.

And so, as we go out to-night, holding forth the Word of Life, we would solicit your prayers, that in the day of Christ we may all rejoice together that we have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

N. Frank Swackhammer, Jagersoll**N. Frank Swackhammer, Jagersoll.**

The greatest blessing I have received from my Bible College course has been a change in attitude. I came to Toronto with a wrong conception of Christian service and a wrong attitude towards that service. I rejoiced in my redemption, I found joy in every opportunity of service that presented itself, and out of these experiences came my call to the ministry. God opened doors for advancement and I followed His guidance until at last I found Toronto Bible College opened for me. I entered with the mistaken idea that I was to learn how to preach with authority AT people. I thought I was to do something FOR God.

The first realization that I was in the wrong frame of mind came to me in a remark from one of our instructors, who, in speaking of the purpose of studying God's Word, said that we would come to know ourselves. Know myself? Did I not know myself? As a result of daily fellowship with Christ and through the reading of His Word I began to realize, "He must increase, I must decrease." My seeking must not be, how can I get more of Christ? but, how can Christ get more of me? I must grow less and less; Christ my Master must become more and more in me. Realizing this, my attitude was

changed. By coming into the revealing light of His Word one's defects are clearly revealed and "they who fain would serve Him best are conscious most of wrongs within."

John tells us that the risen Lord appeared in the midst of His disciples with the words "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you". Christ calls His followers to serve Him as He served His Father. Christ's methods are to be our methods; Christ's ways, our ways; His attitude, our attitude. How can we serve thus? By a study of Christ's life and methods.

He came to reveal the very heart of God to man. The Word became sinless flesh, and dwelt among men to declare God unto men. "God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son." So we, as one has said, must become "gospels in shoe-leather" to reveal Christ to the world.

Christ came not to do His own will but the will of Him that sent Him; not to be ministered unto but to minister. "Even so send I you." When we, as apostles of Jesus Christ, are seeking to do His Will, then and only then are we serving as He served. Crucified with Him, reckoning ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin and self but alive unto God, we follow in His way, the way of the Cross.

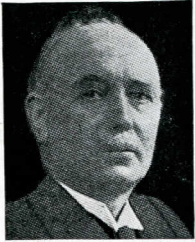
But let us return to John's account. After Christ's words, "Even so send I you", we read "He breathed upon them and saith unto them, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." He came not to serve in His own strength, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit rested upon Him in all His fulness; and even as God breathed the breath of life into His first creation, so Christ breathes the power of life and service into His new creation. We receive from Him the same power which en-

abled Him to live His perfect life and to do His Father's will. That power, that Spirit, is ours to enable us to serve as He served.

So I go forth from this blessed in-

stitution into the service that He has opened for me, praying that His Spirit may find in me an instrument that He can use to the glory of my Saviour and my Lord.

Alumni Conferences



Rev. T. A. McQuiston

The Alumni Association is an expanding organization. Each year nearly one hundred graduates are added to its roll. As a composite body, it faces the world on all frontiers, and on

its labours the sun never sets.

The maintenance of this fellowship is a matter of genuine importance, for any institution which has a chain of prayer circling the globe must see that each link in the chain is kept strong and true.

All who have regularly attended Toronto Bible College are familiar with the fact that the Board of Governors, the Faculty and the Student Body secure their guidance from the Holy Spirit, through prayer. This is just another way of saying that the Holy Spirit guides all the affairs of the College life. We believe, moreover, that that is not merely an ideal: it is something for all to experience. It is something to live out in our every-day lives after we leave the College, and something, too, which will yet be the salvation of the corporate life of the local church.

The kind of fellowship, then, which is enjoyed at Bible College is one which lives in the atmosphere of prayer and recognizes the leadership of the Spirit of God.

And Bible College students love to get together for this fellowship—in

India, in Africa, in China, in South America as well as in our own land. When a recent recruit to the mission field, fresh from graduation, reaches China, he must needs sit down with the graduates of former years and bring them up to date on the progress of their Alma Mater.

And here, at home, this spirit of fellowship is growing. Our friends in Hamilton have their monthly Alumni meeting for prayer, and in Kitchener a fine fellowship has been maintained for years. Toronto, too, has its own organization and interest is astir in other centres.

Growing out of this, plans have been completed for a series of Alumni conferences to be held during the week of the College opening, as follows:—
Monday, September 20—Kitchener.
Tuesday, September 21—Toronto:

(See programme on last page)

Wednesday, September 22—Hamilton.
Thursday, September 23—Montreal.

We are happy to announce that Rev. T. A. McQuiston, of Glasgow, Scotland, whose ministry of two years ago was so acceptable, is to be the guest speaker at all these gatherings. He will be accompanied to each conference by a member of the faculty and the College Male Quartet.

Announcements are going out to all friends of the College in these centres, whom we now invite to rally to the support of these gatherings, and thus help to spread the influence of Toronto Bible College throughout the world.

D.A.B.

Personals

A son, Stewart Arthur, was born at Lacombe, Alta., on March 7, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hicks (Lena Elliott, '28).

Born at Anshun, China, on May 20, to Mr. ('31) and Mrs. John A. Austin, a son, John Norman Henry.

Born to Mr. ('34) and Mrs. Albert Mildon (Ivy Gonder) on June 27, a son, Albert David.

A daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, was born on July 5 to Mr. ('31) and Mrs. Leslie Wambold (Henrietta Lehman '33), Markham, Ont.

A daughter, Dorothy Elizabeth, was born at New York on August 2 to Mr. ('33) and Mrs. George Worling, of Jos, Nigeria.

A son, John Richard, was born at Toronto on August 4 to Mr. ('32) and Mrs. John O. Percy (Mary Suttie '32) of Kuta, Nigeria.

A son, Kenneth John, was born at New Hamburg, Ont., on August 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Schultz (Marie Timpany '33), of Gelengu, Nigeria.

The marriage of Beulah Faulkner, student '36-'37, and J. Elmore Williamson ('36) took place in Slate River, Ont., on May 28.

The marriage of Dorothy H. Cochran and Aubrey Hancock ('38) took place in Galt on June 12. Rev. Robt. Chubb ('36) officiated.

Lillian Crawford, who was a student at the College for a short time in '34, was married in Brandon in June to Fred Trevelyan, of Calgary.

Pearl Short, a student of the evening classes during '36-'37, was married on June 25 to Dr. J. C. Arnold. Rev. Douglas Percy ('36) performed the ceremony.

At the China Inland Mission Home, Toronto, on July 3, Helen E. Austin (E.C. '35) and George H. James (E. C. '35) were united in marriage.

The following recent graduates of the College have been accepted for nurses' training in hospitals in Ontario: Olga Bangay, Hilda Bennett, May McCurdy, Hazel Reesor, May Tilly, all of '37, Ida Corrie, and Florence Merryweather, '36, at Belleville; Eileen Sullivan, '37, at Orillia; and Lorna Whitelaw, '37, at Toronto Western Hospital.

The marriage of Sadie Bishop ('27) to Dr. W. B. Browett took place at Sombra, Ont., on July 24. Florence Bishop ('33) was bridesmaid, and Ted Kreck ('36) was best man.

Leola Patient (E. C. '34) and Fred Breckon ('34) were united in marriage in Toronto on Aug. 14. Rev. D. A. Burns ('16) performed the ceremony.

Irene LeBarre ('33) is one of the instructors in the Indian Residential School at Chapleau, Ont.

Jas. M. Henshaw ('34) has resigned his charge at West Hill and has accepted the pastorate of the South Zorra Baptist Church, near Woodstock.

Eugene Ayton ('34), Isabella Spence ('36), and Sydney Best ('37) have been accepted by the China Inland Mission. It was intended that they should sail in the early fall, but the war which has broken out between China and Japan has made that uncertain.

Douglas Percy ('36), Robert Serrick ('37) and Arthur Greer ('37) were ordained to the ministry of the Congregational-Christian churches of Ontario on June 11. Rev. T. B. Hyde offered the ordination prayer. Mr. Percy is stationed at Little Britain, Mr. Serrick at Keswick and Mr. Greer at Stouffville.

Matthew Greer ('36) is spending the summer in missionary work in Thunder Bay District, under the Shanty-men's Christian Association.

Vince Browne ('38), Bessie Ferguson ('38), Jean Robb ('39) and Etta Winter ('39) are working at Bronte Summer Camp under the Toronto City Mission.

Betty Johnston ('36) sailed on July 20 for Scotland for a brief holiday before going to Argentina, where she is to work under the Christian Missions to Many Lands.

Edith Seager ('37) is doing deputation work for the Upper Canada Tract Society's Mission for Sailors.

Geo. Clement ('37) is settled as pastor of Park Extension Baptist Church, Montreal, having accepted a call in May.

Lorne Smith ('38) has been called to the Gospel Tabernacle at Milton, Ont.

Harold Lambshead ('39) is labouring among the mines of Northern Ontario under the Shantymen's Christian Association.

Betty Olenick ('39) is working among the Ukrainian people in the Riding Mountain District of Manitoba under the Canadian Sunday School Mission.

The Hamilton Branch of the Alumni Association held a rally on June 6, in Caroline Street Mission which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Rev. DeLoss Scott ('34) gave a fine message in which he emphasized the need of allowing the Lord to make the best of our lives. Miss Annie Gunn ('35) brought a message in song. On the last Friday evening of each month an Alumni prayer meeting is held when the College and all its interests are faithfully remembered. On one Sunday of each month, the Hamilton Alumni group takes charge of the church services in one of the local churches. Miss Dorothy Collins ('33) is the local secretary.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

10.00 a.m.—Opening Devotional Service of the Session—
Rev. Principal McNicol, D.D.

3.00 p.m.—Conferences:

- (a) Alumni Organization and Ministry,
Rev. D. H. Gordon, '32, President, Alumni Association.
- (b) Sunday School Work,
Mr. Wm. Inrig, Member of the Board of Governors.
- (c) The Place of Men in the Work of the Church,
Rev. J. K. Holland, '23, Minister of Olivet Baptist Church, Toronto.
- (d) Evangelism,
Rev. T. A. McQuiston, Glasgow, Scotland, formerly
Commissioner of Evangelism for the Baptist Union of
Scotland.

4.30 p.m.—Public Meeting—

Presiding, Mr. R. H. Chappell, Vice-President.
Business.
Election of Officers.
Address, Rev. T. A. McQuiston.

6.00 p.m.—Annual Alumni Supper.

7.45 p.m.—Public Meeting in Walmer Road Baptist Church.
Presiding, Rev. D. H. Gordon.
Offering.

Address—Rev. T. A. McQuiston:

Subject: "The Centenary of D. L. Moody."