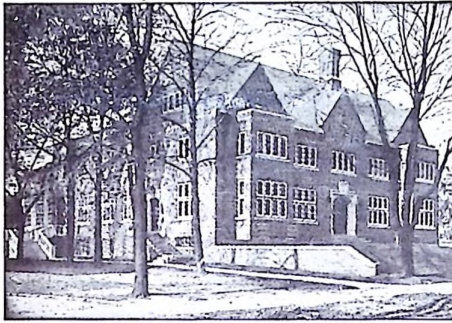


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“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”



The enthusiastic reunions of returning students and the cordial reception for all newcomers as usual characterized the opening of our new session (the 45th), on September 20, but a subdued sadness pervaded it all for

our beloved Principal, Dr. McNicol, was seriously ill in the hospital—absent from the opening exercises for the first time in thirty-five years.

No other circumstances could so quickly have united us in such a close bond of fellowship as that anxious concern which was shared by all and which found its expression in constant, earnest prayer by individuals and groups. This spread far beyond the College and we are deeply grateful to

the many friends who joined us in remembering the Principal at the Throne of Grace. We thank God for His abundant answer to our united intercession in restoring Dr. McNicol to health and daily increasing strength.

The Principal has already resumed his nine o'clock lecture and hopes at the beginning of the New Year to carry on his whole programme of morning lectures. During Dr. McNicol's absence, his teaching periods were divided among the other members of the Faculty and the work went on without interruption. His Bible Study classes were very acceptably taken by Mr. Burns, who himself is one of the Principal's former students.

We have an unusually large enrolment for this time of year, with 365 in the Day Classes, three in advance of the total number for last session. The Evening Classes, too, show an increased registration.

We have received up to date, in cash

and promises, about \$36,000 of the \$60,000 required for the purchase, alteration and furnishing of our new premises. We know that the second half is much more difficult to secure than the first, but we are going forward in the confidence that our prayers in this regard will be fully answered before the end of the session. We are occupying only half of the new building as yet, as we had the opportunity of renting the other half to the Conservatory of Music for this school year.

The three prayer rooms have been furnished as a memorial to the late Agnes Michell, '35. They are greatly appreciated and are filling a long-felt need, as are also the study rooms in relieving the congestion in the library. The office rooms are occupied by Mr. Burns, Miss Miller, the Cabinet, and the staff of "The Broadcast".

For all these favours, we praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

J.M.W.

The New Building

Step by step the building acquired at 12-14 Spadina Road is being fitted into the expanding programme of College activity. Having lived in cramped quarters for several years the members of our undergraduate family are finding an exhilaration in the enlarged home which provides so much more than was possible formerly.

The Department of Student Activities has taken up its headquarters in the front offices of the south wing, enabling this department of our College life to function more effectively. Arranging and guiding the practical work of the 365 students of the day classes and supervising much of the work of the 380 students of the evening classes requires study and care. For it is our plan to develop each student according to his or her individuality. Nothing is attempted *en masse*. No rules are made: no obligatory assignments are posted. Room is always left for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Here, too, employment problems are settled. The girl students are especially helped in this way, many of them meeting the ladies in whose homes they are to be employed during their College years.

The prayer life of the school has developed this term. The regular prayer meeting convenes each morning at 8.00; a second prayer group

meets at 8.20. In addition, the various departments of student life meet for prayer for their own particular interests, such as the College Orchestra, the Hospital Visiting group, the workers among the Jews, the Tract Distributing Band, and the Yonge Street Mission group. Three rooms have been set aside and appropriately furnished for private prayer in the new building—one for girls, one for boys, and the third for small groups who wish to meet to pray for objects of common interest.

Close by the offices of the Practical Work Department, the student rooms are to be found. The Student Cabinet has its own room for conference and prayer. Here the members meet regularly in council: here they meet, by appointment, students who have personal problems: here the leaders plan the work of their departments: and here they meet as a group to spread the whole of the College life before God in prayer.

Across the hall is the student printing office where the College paper "The Broadcast" and the graduates' annual "The Gateway" are prepared for publication. As I write this article, the editors are in consultation about the 1939 edition of "The Gateway". These publications find their way to all parts of the world.

Along the hall is the missionary

library and headquarters of the Student Missionary Society. For over forty years the College has maintained unabated interest in sending the Gospel to all parts of the home and foreign field. Its graduates are to be found to-day in every mission field and already this autumn twelve have sailed for China, Africa, India and South America. The records of the students who are thus serving the Lord will form an interesting chapter in College life in days to come. It was necessary that our missionary interests be co-ordinated and put upon a basis where they, too, can keep pace with our growing enrolment. This has been rendered possible by our new accommodation.

Nearby are the museums—one room set aside for missionary curios and one for Palestine curios and gowns. The missionary museum is already well organized and former students will be agreeably surprised to see the exhibits on their return to their Alma Mater. Next week the Missionary Executive

has planned an exhibition of Chinese curios which promises to be very interesting.

Above are the rooms for study. Here branches of the library will be organized, leaving the library in the main building chiefly Biblical in character. We hope to have a Historical and Biographical section; a Practical Theology section; a Devotional section, and a section on English and related subjects. Already these rooms are in use, and as the entire library is distributed and reorganized, the overcrowded conditions which have prevailed in the main library for several years will gradually disappear.

Not the least of our attainments is our caretaker's house which gives us a resident caretaker and thus enables us to add to the physical comforts of the hundreds who frequent these buildings daily.

The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad.

D.A.B.

The Appeal of the Alumni

The Alumni Conference held on September 20 was a day of blessing and rejoicing. We were able to have all the services in our own buildings by using the Assembly Hall and the chapel in the new building. Challenging addresses on conditions as the church is to-day confronting them were delivered by Dr. A. E. Armstrong and Dr. R. V. Bingham, and a number of missionaries returning to their fields of service in Africa, South America, China, India and the West Indies, brought brief messages.

At the afternoon conference it was unanimously agreed to appeal to the Alumni Association for \$10,000.00 for the new building recently acquired. This was the amount raised in 1929 by the Alumni for the building at 16 Spadina Road. We ask our members

the world over to remember the College and this objective in prayer, and, if possible, to set aside the first Tuesday of February and join with the faculty and undergraduates in the day of prayer which will be held in the College at that time.

The Association elected the following officers: Hon. Pres.: Miss W. Brimstin ('98), Rev. D. H. Gordon ('32); Pres.: Sam. Brownsberger ('26); Vice-Pres.: H. H. Lane (E. C. '30), Rev. J. K. Holland ('23), Gladys Hall ('21); Councillors: R. H. Chappell ('26), Edith McIntosh ('25), Jas. Annan ('34), Geo. Bell ('23), Chas. Patterson ('15), Janet Vanderwell ('29), Minnie Pitman ('13); Non-Grads.: E. A. Sullivan, Nora Gray; Sec.-Treas.: Rev. D. A. Burns ('16); Asst. Sec.: Ella Miller ('33).

The Evangelistic Note

The records of the activities of the Student Body over a period of forty years are interesting documents. Students, like every other group in society, change their viewpoint and emphasis.

During the past four decades a new emphasis has developed on evangelistic music largely attributable, we believe, to the campaigns of Moody and Sankey, and other similar campaigns which marked the closing years of the last and the opening years of the present century. Meanwhile in a great many centres on this continent open-air preaching has been relegated to a place of decreasing importance, and tract distribution, which enjoyed much popularity some years ago, is only now recovering from a setback received in the days during and following the Great War.

Popular education has advanced by leaps and bounds in our own country and an ever-increasing number of students arrive at College with matriculation or university standing.

It might be supposed from the foregoing that the regular activities of the College would suffer in the variation observed in the student life. The amazing fact is, that, despite these variations, the prayer and devotional life as well as the missionary and evangelistic activities of the College grow in intensity from year to year.

We have been listening in recent weeks to reports of summer activities and we have observed that a widespread effort in the evangelistic field has been maintained by the students.

A number have found their outlet in Prairie Evangelism under the Canadian Sunday School Mission, the Scripture Union, or independently.

The villages and rural districts are covered carefully. Meetings are held in schoolrooms, farm houses or in the open under the shade of the trees. The children are taught the Scriptures and Gospel songs: portions of the Scriptures are left with them: the seed is sown: the Gospel is preached, and many genuine conversions are reported. Where no regular religious service is possible, this is an important summer ministry.

Then there is Beach Evangelism. In the Old Land this has already attained considerable proportions. The beaches are crowded during the hot weeks of summer. It is customary to start with the children, asking them to build with sand some object that can afterwards be used to illustrate the Gospel story. The children are greatly interested and many of the parents on holiday also attend.

Once more, there is Jewish Evangelism. This is important in these days of increased persecution of God's ancient people. They are usually found in sections of our bigger cities and towns. The work among the Jews is very difficult because atheism and communism have made great gains among them. The Jew is incredulous of the offer of help from his Gentile neighbour. He has had so many occasions to distrust him. Then, too, the mercenary spirit which seems to have gripped the Jewish race blinds him to the spirituality of his own ancient faith. How long will Jewish national blindness continue?

City Evangelism is a wide-open field of challenge. A great many students are engaged in visiting the homes in slum areas: in going from house to house engaging the people in private

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religious conversation: in carrying on mission work in various forms in the so-called unchurched areas of the bigger centres of population.

A great many students are employed during the summer in camps and at summer conferences. Keswick Conference, Bronte Camp and Bigwin Inn use numbers of our students. Some of the contacts made are merely casual, but in camps conducted under religious leadership many opportunities are afforded for doing preaching and personal work. In the Toronto City Mission camp at Bronte, which is almost entirely staffed each year with students from the Bible College, services are conducted daily and opportunity is given to follow up the public work with personal interviews. Each year a number of mothers are led to take a definite stand for Christ in this way. Moreover, entrance is gained to many homes during winter months as a result of these summer contacts.

The effort of the Shantymen in taking the Gospel to the lumbering and

mining men of our province is also worthy of note. Camp life is not conducive to deep spirituality. Oftentimes moral standards among the men are low. It is difficult for a man to keep from drifting. The only spiritual help which many of these men receive is that which is given by the missionary who comes occasionally from the Shantymen's Association.

During the months of the past summer, many students have been engaged in evangelistic effort. Every field mentioned here has been well represented by students of Toronto Bible College. Many other branches of evangelistic work have also been strengthened by the presence of our students. And the male quartet conducted numerous successful campaigns in towns and villages, resulting in about one hundred conversions. Altogether, the evangelistic work of the past summer has been extensive and successful, and reflects the growing interests of our ever-enlarging student body.

D.A.B.

A Portrait of Dr. McNicol

George McAlpine (E. C. '37) and his wife (Frances Woods, E. C. '37), who left Paris on November 18 for Africa under the Sudan United Mission, after having spent over eight months in France in the study of the French language, made a beautiful gift to the College in the form of a portrait of Dr. McNicol, executed by the French artist, Claude Tyleer. John Russell ('39) who spent a month in Europe with Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine brought the portrait with him when he returned to Canada in October.

Mr. Tyleer worked from photographs which Mr. McAlpine borrowed

for the purpose, and the artist has been able to bring out the character lines very accurately. It is a splendid likeness of the Principal worked out in subdued tones. The work is twenty-four by twenty and has been framed by the Alumni Association and is now hanging on the wall panel between the east and middle windows in the library.

It is thus a fine representation of Dr. McNicol among his books and also serves to bring his influence more decidedly into the study life of the school. We know that former students will find it a new item of interest when they revisit their Alma Mater.

Friends Cordial Christmas and New Year Greetings

Personals

A son, Ian Jeffrey, was born in China on Feb. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Amos (Constance Knight '28).

A daughter, Grace Muriel, was born in Kitchener on August 10 to Christopher ('28) and Mrs. Sorley (Muriel Raham '29).

A son was born on Sept. 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Hamill (Emily Bowyer '34-'37), of Bracebridge.

A son, Lewis Davy Warren, was born in Toronto on Sept. 12 to Mr. and Mrs. K. Morgan Henry (Barbara Beal '31).

A son, David Earl, was born in Cuba on Oct. 22 to Mr. ('33-'34) and Mrs. Herbert E. Whealy.

The marriage of Joy Brockman ('35-'36) to Leslie S. Taylor ('37) took place on May 3 in Fairbank Baptist Church, Toronto.

The marriage of Anna M. Lefever ('36) to Frank Christie ('37) took place on June 4 in Lancaster, Pa. Mr. Christie is pastor of Calvary Gospel Tabernacle, Norristown, Pa.

Blanche Creiger ('20) was married to William Frith of Chicago, on Aug. 13, at the Canadian Keswick Conference, Ferndale, Muskoka.

The marriage of Lillian Braby ('38) and George Wilson ('35-'37) took place in Hamilton on Aug. 20.

Edna Sinclair ('37-'38) was married to Rev. Robt. Serrick ('37) on Sept. 10 in the Ringwood Christian Church.

Effie Woods was married to Lenord Jones ('38) on Sept. 16 at Lanark.

The marriage of Thelma Wagg ('36-'37) to Cyril Smith took place in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Toronto, on Sept. 26.

Marjorie Marshall ('37-'38) was married to Joseph Muchan in Brantford, on Oct. 1.

The death occurred in Utica, Ill., in September, of Mrs. S. McNeilly (Ethel M. Brown '15). She was the wife of Rev. Samuel McNeilly ('16), minister of the Waltham Presbyterian Church, Illinois.

In the list of University of Toronto staff promotions published in September, the name of Dr. Isaac H. Erb ('11) appeared as Assistant Professor in Pathology and Bacteriology.

Mr. ('16) and Mrs. Silas Fox (Emma Grau '15-'16) sailed from Montreal on Oct. 22 on their return to India after a furlough in Canada.

Rev. J. H. Olmstead, a former student of the College, has accepted a call to the Ailsa Craig Baptist church.

Gladys Hall, Reg. N., ('21) has been appointed to the staff of Feller Institute, the Baptist Mission School at Grande Ligne, Que. She began her new work on Oct. 1.

Mrs. Arthur Barros (Rose Stephen '23) is at home on furlough from Brazil.

Ivey Estall ('30) is in Canada on furlough from India where she has been working under the Zenana Bible and Medical Mission.

John Trewin ('31) left on Nov. 3 for Nigeria where he will work under the Sudan Interior Mission. He was engaged in work in Ethiopia until the doors of that country were closed to missionary activity.

Ralph Hines ('35) left recently for work in South America under the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade.

The Second Term of the 45th Session opens on Wednesday, January 4, 1939, at 9 a.m.

We should appreciate receiving news about yourself and other former students for the "Personals" of the *Recorder*.

DAY OF PRAYER

The annual Day of Prayer will be observed on February 7, 1939. All lectures will be cancelled and the entire day given to intercession.

Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

In a recent letter from Changchih, Shansi, China, where she is serving under the China Inland Mission, Hazel Fulcher ('33) describes mission activities following the shelling of that city last year. During the sixty-seven days before the enemy retired, eight hundred women and children found refuge in the mission compound, giving the missionaries a fine opportunity to preach the Gospel.

Norma Scholey ('35) is in charge of the Faith Mission work at Havelock, Ont., which is the Eastern centre of this work.

Viola Lewis ('36) entered the School of Nursing of Grace Salvation Army Hospital, Toronto, in October.

Helen Gibbs ('36) sailed recently for Manchuria where she will serve under the Canadian Presbyterian Mission.

Isabella Spence ('36), Eugene Ayton ('34), Sydney Best ('37) and Hector Goodall ('38) were among the new missionaries sent out by the China Inland Mission this fall.

Jack Brotherton ('37), who has been appointed by the Sudan United Mission to work in French Equatorial Africa, sailed on Sept. 20 for France where he will spend some months in language study before proceeding to the field.

Dow Sargeant ('37) has been appointed assistant pastor, with headquarters at Sunnidale, Ont., of a circuit of four Mennonite churches.

Gordon Bastedo ('37), who is in his second year at Western University, is leader of the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship work there this year.

Iner Farmery ('37) is working with the Upper Canada Tract Society's Mission to Sailors, Toronto.

Emil Gaverluk ('38) is a student at Gordon College, Boston, Mass., this year.

Larry Guillermin ('38) is pastor of the Free Methodist Church, Forestville, N.Y.

Stephen Robinson ('38) left in September for the West where he has charge of the Carragana, Sask. field, under the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

George Tranter ('38) has been called to become pastor of the Picton Baptist Church.

William Brown ('38) has been appointed by the Home Mission Board of the United Church to a circuit in Northern Ontario, with headquarters at Charlton.

The Baptist Home Mission Board has recently stationed Lorne Smith ('38) at Capreol, Ont., Frank Keys ('36) at Humber Blvd. church, Toronto, and Frank Stevens ('35) at Mount Hamilton church.

The following graduates of the College have this year entered Universities: Leonard Self ('37) at Western; George Ball ('37) and Vincent Browne ('38) at Wycliffe; and Frank Keys ('36), Ed. Dreisinger ('37), Grace Bexton ('37), Cameron Orr ('38), Andrew McKenzie ('38), Arthur Eng-

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land, B.A. ('38), Stanley Gaudin ('38), Joseph Richardson ('38) and Frank Humphreys ('38), at McMaster.

Helen Struthers ('15) has returned from China for a short furlough. She has been engaged during the past few years in the preparation of the character and national phonetic Bible. This work will put the Scriptures within reach of the three-quarters of the population of China who are illiterate. The Old Testament has been completed, the Gospels are now available, and the work on the Epistles is proceeding. The books are being printed and distributed by the Bible Societies.

A daughter, Marilyn Joan, was born on June 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Browne (Hilda Tipp '30).

The marriage of Irene Benner, A.T. C.M., ('33) to James Ellis took place in Burlington on Oct. 12. Rev. John J. Roberts ('17) officiated, Hazel Benner ('35) was bridesmaid, and Lillian Benner ('23) played the wedding music.

Joan Howell ('34), who has been engaged in mission work in Algiers under the North African Mission, recently underwent an operation in England. As soon as she is sufficiently recovered she expects to return to Canada for convalescence.

Thomas Birch ('34) was ordained on Nov. 1 at Flamboro Centre Baptist church. Rev. John J. Roberts ('17), of Burlington, preached the ordination sermon.

The marriage of Margaret Dickason ('33-'34) to Archibald McGilvray ('35), Assistant Minister and Song

Leader in Metropolitan Tabernacle, Ottawa, took place in Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, on September 24.

A daughter, Doris Helen, was born in Toronto on August 14 to George ('34) and Mrs. Anderson (Isabel Miller '33).

Vera Bigham ('37) left on Nov. 25 for Alberta where she will spend the winter assisting in Baptist work in the vicinity of Drumheller.

The marriage of Irene LaBarre ('33) to W. J. Allison, of Prince Albert, Sask., both former members of the staff of the Indian Residential School, Chapleau, Ont., took place in Chapleau on Oct. 10. They have taken up residence in Fort McMurray, Alta.

Rev. Cecil K. Dolby ('22), of Chesley Baptist church, has accepted a call to the Athens field.

At their recent annual meeting, the Kitchener Branch Alumni elected the following officers: Pres.: Rev. Christopher Sorley ('28); Vice-Pres.: Rev. Paul Erb ('36); Sec.-Treas.: Ilda Bauman ('33); Committee: Elvina Cressman ('15), Viola S. Good ('33), Rev. Arthur Walsh ('35); Social Convenor: Mrs. Jacob Rahn (Marie Heipel '24).

Grace Hine ('33) has been appointed deaconess at Memorial Institute, a mission conducted by Walmer Road Baptist church, Toronto. She commenced her duties on Dec. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Kegel (Alberta Jennings '24) have returned to their field of service in South America, Mr. and Mrs. George Worling ('33), to Nigeria, and Muriel Harman ('29), to the Belgian Congo.

A programme of Christmas songs and carols will be rendered by the College choir under the leadership of Mr. Shildrick on Tuesday, December 20, at 8 p.m., in the Assembly Hall. Friends of the students are cordially invited.