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If Isaiah Were Alive To-day

If the prophet Isaiah were to rise up in the midst of the Church to-day and look out upon the world, he would see much to remind him of his own day. He would see ancient Assyria's arrogant brutality and insensate cruelty revived in the modern world. He would recognize the spirit of that haughty pagan power at work again in those states that put their trust in force and frightfulness. He would find the Kingdom of God confronted with the same kind of attack that was made upon Judah and Jerusalem in his time.

How would Isaiah meet this state of things if he were alive to-day? Doubtless with the same sublime and triumphant faith as before. The passion of his prophetic soul would be stirred, and appeals of surging eloquence would pour from his burning lips. He would stand up again in behalf of the Lord God whom he served so well in those days and whom the world to-day seems to have forgotten.

He would remind us, first, that God still reigns. The Lord whom he saw in the temple, "sitting on a throne, high and lifted up", is the same God still. He is the sovereign Lord of the universe. All the powers of the world are still under His hand and nothing has escaped His control. All nations before Him are nothing. He uses them for His own purposes in the course of world history, raising up one nation for the chastisement and judgment of another nation, and then overturning it for its own transgressions when His work with it is done. The day of the Lord is to be "upon all that is proud and haughty and upon all that is lifted up". It is His Kingdom that is finally to be established in the world. It is His will, and not the self-will of man, that in the end is to prevail upon the earth.

Isaiah would remind us, also, that God rules among the nations in our day by the same powers and prin-

principles as He ruled in his own day. He would tell us that the sermons he preached in Jerusalem twenty-six centuries ago are as up-to-date as this morning's newspaper. The fundamental forces of the world are not military and economic, but moral and spiritual. It is not upon their mighty armaments, nor upon their economic policies, nor upon their international alliances that the future of the nations depends, but upon their relation to the Moral Governor of the world. The arrogant Assyrian found that the God whom he had defied before the walls of Jerusalem had command of unseen forces before which his own proud army was powerless. It is not the balance of military and economic resources that determines the issues of the wars that men make, but the unforeseen and incalculable elements which, in His own time, the Almighty throws into the scale.

In view of these abiding realities, the prophet would go on to repeat for

us the same message he gave to the people of his own day, that the way of peace and safety in the midst of conditions like these is to return to God and rely upon Him. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." When they forgot this in Jerusalem and sent a deputation down to Egypt for help, he denounced their faint-hearted, worldly-minded policy. "In returning and rest", he declared, "shall ye be saved." That is, by way of repentance and faith: "in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength". Quietness and confidence—these are the qualities most needed among us to-day, and we find them when we return to the living God. Quietness is trust in His unseen but abiding presence. Confidence is trust in His unseen but almighty power.

J.McN.

College Music



A letter from a recent graduate has brought to our attention the importance of the department of music in our College. We have for years taken this aspect of our training for granted, and,

consequently, little has been written about it.

The entire student body is taught gospel music twice each week by Mr. Shildrick, and, in addition, a beginners' class is conducted each Tuesday at

noon. If students pass satisfactory examinations and do a certain amount of prescribed practical work, which fits them to lead the public praise of the church, they receive a certificate of efficiency in Gospel Song Leading.

The Evangelistic choir and orchestra have for years, however, been trained under student leadership, and the numerous quartets, duets, and singing groups have prepared themselves according to the various opportunities afforded by churches and missions. It is remarkable that we have been able to do so much without a properly coordinated musical course.

We were recently awakened to a sense of the importance of this department, however, when a former student who is now engaged in Christian work in the States found that the course in

music here has fitted him for leadership in this branch of Christian activity, has given him entrance into a wide field of opportunity, and has enabled him, in addition, to enter the music course at Boston University.

For years we have all looked upon our College choir at Graduation as something of a specialty, specially prepared for that occasion. We have admired their work and appreciated the musical leadership which their fine annual contribution represented. But there our appreciation ended. We have not observed that the standard of musical production of the students in their round-the-year activities has been gradually improving until now the music department is recognized as one not only of first rate importance, but also one that compares favourably with the standards of musical training in similar institutions.

Mr. Shildrick has had an objective in mind during the years, which he has been steadily realizing. For twelve years he has been responsible for the musical training in the College, and this term, in addition to preparing the College choir for the Graduation Exercises, he has undertaken the training

of the Evangelistic choir. This will ensure a greater degree of efficiency in our evangelistic work and maintain a high level, as well as guarantee continuity in training from year to year.

We know that Mr. Shildrick has other ideas for this department. For example, we understand that the organization of the College orchestra is a matter which lies heavily upon his mind. We are certain that continuity in the leadership of the orchestra will commend itself to the student body and will render the Evangelistic Band more effective in its service to the churches.

In the allotment of the space consequent upon taking over the new property next door, room is being made for Mr. Shildrick, not only for private instruction, but also for the department of music to build up a music library and music files. We are confident that when this is realized students can look forward to an increasing amount of personal help along musical lines from Mr. Shildrick, and that the College can look forward to an organization of its musical department which will increasingly commend it to the churches.

—B.

Expansion Fund

Our friends will be glad to know that we have secured 62% of the funds necessary for purchasing the new property at 12-14 Spadina Road. This amount is made up of 54% in cash and 8% in pledges. \$23,000.00 is yet required to complete the purchase and renovation of the buildings.

The Alumni set as its objective \$10,000.00. Almost 25% of this has been received. The Alumni campaign, however, was not launched till September, and we call the attention of our former students all over the world

to the effort of the Alumni to raise an amount adequate for the equipment of the new premises.

By the end of June it is our confident expectation that our objective will be realized. To this end we ask the co-operation in prayer and giving of our friends everywhere. Thereafter we must give consideration to augmenting our Maintenance Fund to enable us to extend the actual ministry of the College, and to provide for an ever enlarging student body.

—B.

The Value of Learning

An Address Delivered by Rev. Robert Chubb ('36) at a Meeting of the Toronto Branch Alumni, Held in the College on December 2, 1938



We do not acquire knowledge to hoard, but to circulate. Much of the world's present economic distress is caused through the hoarding of money on the part of men of means. Knowledge, like money, must be circulated, and so the value of learning is only realized when we put that which we have learned into practice, or pass it on for the good of others.

As members of the Toronto Branch of the Bible College Alumni we can look back and say, "We learned many things in this place for which we thank God". For three years it was my happy privilege to attend this institution in whose sacred precincts we are gathered together to-night. During those years I learned many precious things which have been of untold value in my service for Christ.

Paul said to Timothy in his second letter, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them." And again in his letter to the Philippians he wrote, "Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." For the things which we learned in the Bible College God will hold us responsible. Let us remember Paul's exhortation to continue in those things—we must not neglect them or depart from them; to remember those from whom we learned them — godly men who

laboured with patience and perseverance to prepare us for life service; and, finally, to *do* those things.

I. *We Learned Things of Spiritual Value.*

During our years in this institution we learned things of spiritual value. We were taught how to maintain our devotional life by the observance of the simple essentials of Christian living. Daily we had impressed upon us the necessity of prayer and Bible study. These things have been of inestimable value in forming habits conducive to the richest spiritual life.

We learned many things relative to the building of Christian character, having had pointed out to us the necessity of adding to our initial faith the great virtues of the Christian life: knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, love.

Lessons learned in personal evangelism taught us how to witness more effectively for Christ—that wherever we are we should testify for Him, both by life and lip; and oftentimes the former impresses more deeply than the latter.

II. *We Learned Things of Theological Value.*

Through our studies at the College we learned things of theological value that are indispensable, especially in the Christian ministry.

We were made intelligent concerning the faith; we were equipped with a working knowledge of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith, thus making us conversant with the things most surely believed among us.

We were enabled to more clearly present Christ and the plan of salvation to men, and to give a reason for the hope that is in us. Many of our sermons are built on the background of what we learned in College.

We were prepared to teach and instruct believers in the Christian life, making it possible for us to preach to men unto edification, and exhortation and comfort.

III. *We Learned Things of Practical Value.*

And, last but not least, we learned things of practical value during our days in the Bible College.

Personally, our studies in homiletics have been of great practical value to me. I have found it much easier to prepare sermons in a homiletical manner, and I feel that they have been more profitable to the congregation, as they are enabled to follow and retain the message much more easily if it is presented in an orderly manner.

Then, further, we were taught some practical things in regard to pastoral duties and responsibilities, which have proven to be invaluable in the ministry as problems arise from time to time.

And, finally, the value of our studies in Church and Sunday School organization cannot be stressed too strongly. Organization does not produce power but it conserves it, and helps toward securing the maximum of efficiency in the Church of to-day. The Sunday School is perhaps the most important of all the activities of the Church, and what I learned in the evening classes about this work has led me on more than one occasion to remark that these classes should be included in the regular College curriculum.

Those three years spent in the Bible College were most profitable years. Since that time almost three more have passed, and I have endeavoured to continue in the things which I then learned. By the help of God I intend to become increasingly established in those things until labour on earth is ended and I stand in the presence of Christ.

Student Conference in Guelph

At 6.30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, a group of Bible College students arrived at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph. Douglas Muir ('39), a former student of O. A. C., at once led the party to the "Frosh" dining-room in Creelman Hall, where about one hundred and fifty O. A. C. students were gathered for the banquet which opened the Student Christian Movement week-end conference. Lloyd Ogilvie, president of the S. C. M., gave a warm welcome to the T. B. C. group, and the male quartet (Max Warne '40, Earl Haley '40, Emerson Stafford '39 and Roland White '41) made their "debut" by singing the familiar Negro spiritual "Peter on the Sea". Other members of the party were, Gladys Mileson ('39), Violet Camblin ('40), Laurence Chubb ('40), Herbert Cockburn ('39) and Gordon Woodcock ('39).

The theme of the conference, "The Practice and Methods of Evangelism", was introduced by messages from Her-

bert Cockburn and Laurence Chubb at the first session held in Memorial Hall on Saturday evening. Five aspects of this theme were discussed in study groups later that evening and on Sunday afternoon. The last ringing challenge for consecration was presented by Douglas Muir and Laurence Chubb in the closing worship service on Sunday. To the music, both vocal and instrumental, which was given at each of the six meetings as well as at the informal singsong on Sunday evening with which the conference closed, may be attributed a large part of the blessing of the weekend.

Being entertained in the College residences and enjoying the fellowship of the O. A. C. students in the dining-room provided unique opportunities for personal talks with them. As a result, during the weekend a number were led to think seriously about spiritual things and their relationship with Jesus Christ.—V.A.C.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE

of the College

will be held on Sunday, April 23,

at 11 a.m., in the Assembly Hall.

Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

Rev. George Finch ('96)

Rev. George Finch, whose death on Jan. 15 removed from our Alumni fellowship one of its oldest links, had a long and honoured career in ministerial and missionary work. After graduating from The Bible Training School (as it was then called) he attended McMaster University and was ordained in 1904. He held pastorates at Doe Lake, Sprucedale, Haliburton and Langton, and in 1922 became superintendent of Toronto City Mission in succession to the Rev. Robert Hall.

Mr. Finch was greatly interested in work among the poor and needy and will be missed by hundreds of mothers and children each summer who looked to him to provide a ten days outing at the Bronte Fresh Air Camp. For a number of years the entire camp has been staffed by students from the Bible College and, naturally, in this association we have learned to appreciate the real work which Mr. Finch has been carrying on.

News of Our College Family

A daughter was born in Toronto on Dec. 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn E. Morris (Gladys Langley '26).

A daughter, Marion Jeanne, was born on Dec. 18, to Mr. ('34) and Mrs. ('36-'37) Albert Mildon, of Strathavon, Ont.

A son, Albert Alvin Oscar, was born in Fort William on Dec. 19 to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Rothenburg (Ethel Zimmerman, '30-'32).

A son, Ronald Orville, was born on Jan. 1 to Mr. ('36) and Mrs. Orville Nott, of Tarentorus, Ont.

A son, George Austin, was born in Toronto on Jan. 3 to Mr. (E. C. '35) and Mrs. George James (Helen Austin, E. C. '35).

A daughter, Laurel Joan, was born in Toronto on Jan. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dowdell (Evangeline Williams '35).

Dorothea Smith ('30) was married on Feb. 8 to Rev. Oscar Lowry, D.D. They are engaged in evangelistic work. Correspondence will reach them

through Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

A son, Arthur John, was born in Toronto on Jan. 10 to Rev. ('37) and Mrs. Arthur Greer (Nellie Davies '37).

The marriage of Evelyn Arksey, Reg. N., ('36-'37) to Rev. Donald Harry took place at Orillia on Sept. 2, with Rev. John Byers ('30) officiating. They reside in Mission City, B.C., where Mr. Harry is pastor of a Baptist church.

The death occurred in Toronto, on Jan. 16, of Herbert, aged 5 years, son of Mr. ('30) and Mrs. Herbert Gooderham (Charlotte Cowper '30).

The death occurred in Toronto General Hospital on Feb. 18 of Margaret (Madge) Lyons (E. C. '28-'31), wife of Dr. Kenneth F. Davis (E. C. '28-'31).

Mrs. Wm. MacKenzie (Jeanette Vincent '18) has been appointed matron of the Kingston Bible Institute, Kingston, N.S.

Mrs. George Malcolm, Reg. N., (Hilda Duckworth '23) is in England on her way home on furlough from India. She has been working with the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society.

Rev. Arthur Leggett ('23) has accepted a call to the Union and Norval Presbyterian churches.

Word has been received from Rev. ('23) and Mrs. Victor Veary (Florence Walker '23) that a new mission station, which will be the field headquarters of the Sudan United Mission work, is being opened at Bebalem, twenty-five miles from Beladja. Beladja, the former headquarters, will be placed in charge of native workers.

Mrs. George Henderson (Frances Cecil-Smith '24) is spending a furlough in Scotland. She expects to visit Canada on her way back to China, where she works under the National Bible Society of Scotland.

Richard B. Oliver ('22) and Irene Watkins ('26) were members of the Sudan Interior Mission party which sailed on Feb. 24 for Nigeria.

Mr. ('24) and Mrs. Vernon W. Gibson (Blanche Oliver '24) are at home on furlough from Nigeria.

Barbara Stevenson ('28) has recently been appointed Assistant Head Nurse in the Pediatric Department of the Wyckoff Heights Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dorothy Richardson ('28) reached Nigeria early in the new year after a furlough spent in Canada.

Owing to ill health, Mrs. Orville Thamer (Ethel Neale '30) and children have recently returned home from Nigeria.

Mr. ('30-'32) and Mrs. C. Victor Freeman (Florence Glover '30-'32) have charge of the Christian and Missionary Alliance work in Belleville.

H. A. Crerar ('31-'32) recently of Torch River, Alta., has been called to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Glamis, Ont.

J. B. MacMillan ('34-'36) is a second year student in Arts at Victoria College, Toronto, and Charles Keefer ('36) is attending Albert College, Belleville.

Rev. Robt. Simpson ('32) leaves French Equatorial Africa this month on furlough. He expects to reach Canada about April 20.

Owing to ill health, Marion Cole ('32-'34) has returned home from San Jose, Costa Rica.

Mr. ('34) and Mrs. George Anderson (Isabel Miller '33) expect to return to French Equatorial Africa about March 1. They are leaving their two small children in Canada.

Dorothy Francklin, Reg. N., ('34), arrived in Winnipeg on Jan. 31, on furlough from Bolivia, where she has been working under the Canadian Baptist Mission.

The March 2 issue of The Hamilton Spectator made the announcement that the Debating Society of McMaster University had won the championship of the Inter-University Debating

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the

STUDENT BODY

will be held in the

Assembly Hall of the College

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, at 8.00 p.m.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET will be held the same evening at 6.00
when the GRADUATING CLASSES will be the guests of the
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

League. Three members of the winning team are former Bible College boys—Horace Dulmage ('34), Clarence Knapp ('35-'36), and Albert Meldon ('34)—and Frank Stevens ('35) is president of the Debating Society.

Evelyn Hawn, Reg. N., ('35), sailed on Jan. 13 for Edinburgh, where she will take a post graduate course in the Elsie Inglis Memorial Maternity Hospital before proceeding to Canadian Baptist Mission work in India.

Florence Hough ('36) has been accepted by the Unevangelized Fields Mission for service in Amazonia.

Chris. W. Sorley ('28), pastor of Missionary Tabernacle, Kitchener, was recently ordained there by the Associated Gospel Churches.

Eleanor Gonder ('37) is engaged in work in Windsor, where her time is divided between a nursery school and mission work among New Canadian girls.

Marjorie Wilson ('36-'38) sailed on Jan. 3 for Nigeria where she will engage in mission work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Jack Brotherton ('38), who has been spending the past several months in Paris in language study, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis in December. He has made a good recovery.

Robert Gordon ('38), who has been pastor of the Humber Bay Gospel

ANNOUNCEMENT

The 1939 edition of "The GATEWAY" will be issued about April tenth. Advance subscriptions gladly received from Alumni members and friends. Price fifty cents postpaid.

Tabernacle for the past three years, took over the pastorate of Oakwood Baptist church, Toronto, the first of the year.

Albert Bolster ('38) has been called to become pastor of a Baptist church in Caribou, Maine.

Russell Self ('39) is student pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church at Geraldton, Ont., with services also in Little Long Lac.

Russell Vickers ('39) is pastor of the Christian church at Stouffville, Ont.

Beulah Rediker ('39) has been accepted by the American Advent Missionary Society for service in China. She will be associated with Miss Bertha Cassidy, who was a student in the College for a short time when on furlough in 1937.

Herbert Cockburn ('39) is in charge of the circuit of Christian churches at Ringwood, Bloomington and Altona.

Stanley Medhurst ('39) has recently been called to the pastorate of Second Markham Baptist church.

THE GRADUATION EXERCISES
of the
Forty-Fifth Session
will be held in the
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ARENA
Bloor St. West, near St. George
THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 27
at 8.00 o'clock

Doors open at 7.00

7,500 seats

Offering

Accommodation reserved for out-of-town friends, on request.