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### The Coming Session

The 47th session of the College will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 17th, with the usual opening service at 10 o'clock in the morning. The afternoon and evening will be devoted to the annual meetings of the Alumni Association.

A considerable number of applications, almost as many as this time last year, have already been accepted by the Registrar, so that the incoming class of new students is not likely to be much below the average of recent years. There is a decrease in the number of men applying, as was to be expected, but a large number of women. There will be a decrease, also, in the number of students returning, for several of the men have enlisted in the national service. Notwithstanding these wartime conditions, however, we are looking forward to well filled class rooms and a good general enrolment.

Some alterations are being made in

preparation for the new session. What was formerly the Praise and Prayer Room is being seated with fixed tablet arm chairs and will be used as a lecture room. The two Common Rooms in the main building are being equipped with much needed new furniture. Some further improvements are being made in the south building which will add to the convenience of its facilities and give it a new face when they are completed.

Some changes will be made in the programme of lectures. Mr. Hyde, although nominally being retired, will remain in fellowship with the staff and the student body, and will continue his classes in Public Reading and Speaking. The classes in Personal Evangelism will be taken hereafter by Mr. Burns. Mr. Rhodes, who took part in a Young People's summer school in Saskatchewan during July, will add the subject of Christian Evi-

dences to the work he did last year. Mr. Vesey, who has been ministering during the week ends to a summer congregation on Lake Simcoe and holding the fort during the rest of the week in his own office in Toronto, will not share in the class room work till after Christmas. In the meantime he will devote himself mainly to the outside interests of the College.

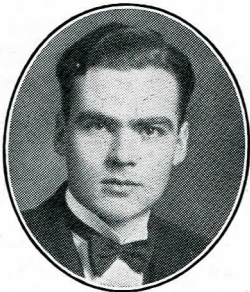
During the summer we have received news from members of our T. B. C. family abroad, and rejoice to know that the disturbed state of the world is not preventing them going on with their work for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Two graduates of last April have already sailed, while others are designated and ready to go.

The various class budgets we get from time to time show how faithfully the graduates of the College are serving the Lord in some of the most difficult and dangerous posts in the world. In August the budget from the indefatigable secretary of the class of '26 came with letters from all parts of the world. Of twenty letters in the budget, twelve are from the foreign field; and of twenty-nine persons represented by the letters, nineteen are foreign missionaries. With such students as these going out year by year from the Bible College, those of us who carry on the work at headquarters year by year thank God and take courage.

J. McN.

## Graduating Testimonies

### 1. by John Craig



For three years we have been learning of God and His ways at the Toronto Bible College. The Book has been opened, the veil has been drawn aside. We have been called upon and privileged to lift our eyes to the hills of God, to see His grace in the face of His Son, our Saviour, to look for His promise of a glorious tomorrow, and to draw upon and rely upon a strength that cometh down from above. We have been beholding the Lord! We have been facing the invisible. The glory of eternity has been flooding our souls as the dawning of morning breaks upon the eyes. The revealing of Divine majesty, of the high and

lofty One who inhabiteth eternity, has been our lot and our portion throughout our College days.

God spake in times past, as the Holy Scriptures declare, by the prophets. He spoke His final word in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, and in the Lord Jesus Christ made a way of redemption for all men in all ages. Today God speaks through His Church. The message of the Church is the message of that salvation, full and free and final, to all mankind. Moses, as a prophet, was a voice for God. Jesus, as the Son, was the incarnate Word of God. Today His Church is His Voice, speaking of that incarnate Word as the way, the truth, and the life to the whole world.

The world needs to hear God's Voice speaking today more than it needs to hear anything else. The world is full of sounds, sounds of war and cannonadings, distorted sounds of racial and party pleas and prejudices, sounds that are only a babble of tongues and an echo of reality. The world is bewildered by the sound of



the fire and the wind and the earthquake. The world needs to hear the reassuring Voice of God, the Voice of quiet confidence and strength, the impelling Voice of Divine enablement.

A Voice alone will not be enough. The world hears plenty of voices, voices that are anxious to speak and eager to offer counsel; yet the world is lost and perplexed and troubled. The only Voice that will be able to say, "This is the way, walk ye in it", is the Voice of a man who has a Vision of God!

Moses endured as seeing Him Who is invisible. The Vision of God was the secret of his power. The sound of his voice quelled riot and rebellion, divided the waters of the seas and made straight paths for wayward feet, because he had a Vision of God and

spoke for God. His Vision of the invisible made him the greatest voice among the Old Testament prophets. In a later day Paul was caught up to heaven, where he conferred not with flesh and blood, and his Vision of God gave him the mightiest voice of all in witnessing the resurrection of Christ Jesus from the dead.

Tonight we are being sent out into the world. College days are over and memories alone are left, but the Vision of God remains and shall enable us to endure while life shall last. We are being sent out to speak for God—and how the world needs to hear His Voice today! And we shall be His Voice in the exact measure that we retain the Vision we have here received of Him. For, as is our Vision, so will our Voice be!

## 2. by Isabel Boyle



My testimony tonight is one of thankfulness and praise to God that He led me to the Toronto Bible College. I would say with the Psalmist, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and *forget not* all His benefits". It was here He opened up the Scriptures and they have become the living Word of God to me. Previously the Bible was "just good literature" which I found a bit uninteresting; and I must confess that at times it was just one thing more in my room to be dusted. BUT GOD, Who is rich in mercy, quickened me.

My pastor was pressing for decision, but for me there seemed nothing but

doubts and questions. Mother suggested the Evening Classes, and so I came seeking light.

Christ promised that when He, the Spirit of Truth, was come, He would convict of sin, and also that He would guide into all Truth. He led me here in a very unsettled state, and as our beloved faculty opened up the riches of the Bible, God's Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword pierced me and I began to understand what the hymn writer meant when he wrote—

"Make me a captive, Lord, and then  
I shall be free.

Teach me to render up my sword  
and I shall conqueror be."

The Bible speaks to me now with authority and because of that authority it is a "Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path". I am not dependent on my own feelings but go to His Word and find "it is written". This gives a confidence, certainly not in one's self but in God, because it is God which worketh, and He is able

to subdue all things unto Himself. Christ said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work". What an encouragement to remember that it is His work!

One of the truths that has become very real to me at College is best described by two phrases taken from the account of Jeremiah going down to the potter's house, which Miss McCarthy passed on to us in her address at the supper given for the Evening Class graduates. These two phrases are "On the wheels" and "In Mine hand". How true they are and yet how we, and how I, need to remember them. We of the Evening Classes rub shoulders with those of the world day by day. We come from all walks of life, and many of us after a day's work quite realize what it is to be in the world and yet not of it. The wheels sometimes grind most relentlessly.

Then, on Tuesdays and Thursdays we come to College. Here we have fellowship with others who are of the same mind. At our prayer service we have the privilege of unitedly offering our praise and thanksgiving to God and making our petitions. Here also we have the joy of hearing and telling what Christ has done for us, or perchance through us. It is then so easy to remember that we are "in His hand", and it strengthens and fortifies us to go back into the sphere where

He has placed us, and there seek to live to the praise of the glory of His grace.

Before coming to College I sang His praises, but oh, how different to be to His praise, and yet through His grace He makes this possible, because I am His workmanship created in Christ Jesus. "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me"—that is the only way we can be to His praise. The men and women among whom we work and whom we meet are not won to our Saviour through clever argument. "I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me". That is our business, and it is my joy and duty to seek to demonstrate through my life that God is because He lives in me, that He is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him because Christ saved me, and that the Holy Spirit guides and controls because my life is evidence of that fact. That is my task. Humanly impossible, yes. But His grace is sufficient. It is His work, His power and His grace; I am only a channel. My prayer is that Christ may be able to use me to make Him clearer and nearer to someone else.

One sentence, I think, would sum up my testimony tonight. I came in faithless, and go out believing, confident of the future, whatever happens, because I am kept by the power of God.

### **Railway Fares**

Students coming to the College by railway may obtain a return ticket at a reduced rate, good from September till next June. Inquiry should be made from the local station-master, at an early date.

Rev. F. G. Vesey, B.D., Secretary of the College, is anxious to serve the churches of all communions. He will be glad to speak on the work of the College and to preach on Sundays. Friends may write him at 16 Spadina Road, Toronto. Phone Ra. 5808.

## Proof—Positive!!

We are living in a day when proof positive is demanded for any claim, be it a matter of business, politics, education or religion. Men and women were never more demanding in their requests that certification be produced wherever standards are claimed or qualifications professed. This is only what is right and sensible, for everyone wants to get value for money, or secure a sure foundation for his faith or his fortune.

Therefore, we publicly and proudly declare that the conduct and work of our College are ever open to the closest scrutiny of the Christian public, and especially to those who are its honoured supporters. Whoever may seek proofs of its value as a contributing agency to the extension of the Kingdom of God, can find ample and numerous testimony in every part of the world. The worth and usefulness of the College can be proved a thousand times over, and these are ever increasing as the graduates pass from its halls into the fields of Christian service.

A few days ago, an unsolicited testimony came to us and thrilled our hearts, because it was from a keen business man who was apt to judge values from a material standard. And yet, even there, this man has come to know, through the life and work of one of our graduates, that, as the great Apostle has stated, Godliness is profitable for the life that now is, as well as for that which is to come. He told us of a prominent professional young man who upon graduating from the College, continued his studies in a university, and after preparing himself for the world of business life, entered into it with the determination to become a torch of truth and righteousness in the midst of the affairs of city life. Not only is he living a triumphant Christian life among his fellow

business men, but he is devoting himself, with all his powers, to preaching and lecturing, sponsoring every good cause that helps in the coming of the Kingdom. He is untiring in his devotion and unstinting in his self-sacrifice. His home and his office are radiant with his Christian joy, and his friends delight to come into the sunlight of his fellowship.

Through his training in the College, he realizes he has become equipped to do more thoroughly the work of the ministry, which any consecrated layman might do, and so has become of great value and assistance to his church and community. He constantly bears testimony to the great and lasting contribution that his studies in the College have made to the worth and usefulness of his life and service from day to day.

Proof-positive, something no one can deny or contradict—as the young man, cured of his blindness by Jesus, declared when questioned by the Pharisees, “One thing I know, whereas once I was blind, now I see”! Proof beyond doubt—as a converted drunkard, twitted by his old companions about his faith, replied, when they asked him if he really believed that Jesus had turned the water into wine at Cana of Galilee, “Believe it? Of course I do, for Christ Jesus has done a far bigger thing than that for me; He has turned beer into furniture in my home, so I have no difficulty in believing He can turn water into wine”!

Proof-positive is a guarantee which everyone wants, and which everyone can receive if he will only come to inquire whether the work of the Toronto Bible College is worth while. There are a thousand living proofs on record. All we ask is that those interested will see for themselves, and then tell the Proofs to others.

F. G. V.



## Morris Brookstone

For the past ten years, a middle-aged Christian Jew, who made his living by peddling, has been a familiar figure in the classes of the Bible College. Morris Brookstone was a gentle soul, and bore a faithful testimony. It was his hope to become a missionary to his own people, but his educational equipment was not sufficient to win the College diploma.

Before his conversion he had a good home in Toronto, with a wife and family and a prosperous business. He was led to Christ years ago during the notable ministry of the late Rev. S. B. Rohold. The words of Isaiah, "The Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song. He is become my salvation," opened his eyes to see that Jehovah of the Old Testament is Jesus Christ of the New Testament. When he confessed his faith, he was cast out of his family and his house was taken from him. He was ostracised by his Jewish fellow citizens and his business was destroyed. He suffered these losses meekly for Christ's sake, and for more than a quarter of a century he has endured privation and hardship, and, in his own words, "a keen sense of loneliness." Lately it was evident that both body and mind were giving way. He died in the Psychiatric Hospital on July 27th.

## General and Branch Alumni Associations

### 1. General Association.

All monies received by the General Alumni Association from graduates other than the original membership fee and offerings at the annual Alumni Conference, are turned over to the College for the maintenance of College work. This has been the stated policy of the General Alumni for years. The alumni is gradually increasing its volume of giving and we urge our members everywhere to consider the work of the College as a claim upon their

Some thirty years ago, a Jewish student of Polish birth, named Jacob Sampson, was attending the College. His father was a wealthy manufacturer in the city of Lodz. Young Jacob was found reading a New Testament which a missionary had given him and was warned. He was discovered on his knees one night in his room and was cast out of his home. Wandering about and making his living as best he could, he was picked up in the streets of London and was sent to a hospital.

Finally he came to Canada and entered the Bible College in Toronto. He was a bright student, and he knew so many Eastern European languages that he was sometimes used as an interpreter in the Police Court. But his health had been undermined by exposure and privation, and before he could finish his course he died in the Weston Sanitarium.

No people in the world have a greater capacity for domestic affection than the Jews, and the sympathy of all true Christians goes out to them in the sufferings of their race. But the treatment meted out to Morris Brookstone and Jacob Sampson by their own kindred shows how hard the Jewish heart can become when it rejects the Saviour, and how much Judaism stands in need of the love of her own Messiah.

regular giving.

### 2. Branch Associations.

Branch Alumni groups such as Kitchener, Hamilton and Toronto usually require a small annual fee for maintenance of the Branch. In Toronto this amount is fifty cents per year, and is necessary to help maintain the fellowship of the local group. It is a branch fee, however, and should be paid to the treasurer of the branch regularly for the maintenance of the work of the local group.

## News of the U. B. C. Family

A son, Robert Alexander, was born on May 19 at Corrientes, Argentina, to Mr., '34, and Mrs. Jas. Orr.

A son, David Gordon, was born in Newmarket on June 10 to Rev., '37, and Mrs. Arthur Greer (Nellie Davies, '37).

A daughter, Kathryn Ann, was born on June 25 to Rev., '39, and Mrs. Russell Vickers (Katharine Ord, '39).

Grace Sheppard, '37-'39, was married to Levi Reid in Newfoundland on Dec. 27, 1939.

Helen Riehl, '39, was married to George Turnbull, '36-'37, early this year.

Hazel Phillips, '38, was married to Gordon Bigham on June 1 in Central Baptist Church, Brantford. Her sister, Ida Phillips, '43, was bridesmaid and Clifford McLaughlan, '41, was groomsmen.

Dorothy Taylor, '40, was married early in June to Floyd Whetung, son of the Chief of the Curve Lake Indian Reserve. They will live at Larder Lake.

Gladys Matheson, '37, was married to Conrad Treleaven on June 25 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Rev. Alex. Stein, '30, was married to Florence Jordan on June 27 in Bethel Congregational Church, Kingston, of which he is minister.

Marjorie Wilson, '36-'38, was married to Bruce Brillinger, '29, both of the Sudan Interior Mission, in Miango, Nigeria, on July 5.

Norma Scholey, '35, was married to Pte. C. Hume Wilkins, of the Royal Montreal (Machine Gun) Regiment, in Toronto on July 6.

Laurel Barber, '40, was married to Bert Freeman on Aug. 3 at Eden Mills. Rev. H. H. Kippen (E.C.) officiated.

Annie Wright, '28, was married to Robert Arthur Jolley of Meaford on Aug. 14 by Principal McNicol in the Music Room of the College.

Hope Smith, who attended the College for a part of the past session, was married to Flying Officer Donovan Lowry on Aug. 17 at the People's Church, Toronto. Her father, Rev. Oswald J. Smith, D.D., '12, officiated, assisted by her uncle, Rev. E. Gilmour Smith.

Mary Campbell, E.C. '39, was married to Chas. Howlett, E.C. '38, on Aug. 23 in Toronto. Mildred Goulding, E.C. '39 was bridesmaid.

Victor Rowan, '36-'38, died at Toronto Hospital, Weston, on June 10.

Harold Dancy, '24, of the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, was ordained in Scarborough Baptist Church on June 25. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse, '00, preached the ordination sermon, Rev. Glen Wardell, '13, was moderator, Rev. J. F. Holliday, '21, gave the right hand of fellowship, and Rev. James Henshaw, '34, was clerk.

At the Belleville General Hospital graduation exercises in June, the silver medal, awarded for highest standing in theory in the final year, was won by May Tilly, '37.

Andrew H. McKenzie, '39, now in charge of a summer mission field at Estevan, Sask., under the Presbyterian Church in Canada, has passed his first year at Toronto University with honours, securing First in Roman History, Philosophy, Religious Knowledge, and Hebrew. We heartily congratulate him, wishing him further successes in his studies at Varsity.

Russell Vickers, '39, was ordained in Altona Christian Congregational church on June 14.

Ruth Young, B.Sc. (H.Ec.), '40, is spending a year in Faith Mission work, after which she hopes to go to China. Ruth Edwards, '39-'40, has entered the Mission as a Pilgrim, and Violet Camblin, '40, is in the work for the summer.

Gregers Gregersen, '40, is in Shanty-men's work in Northern Ontario.



The following students have been in Canadian Sunday School Mission work this summer: Beatrice Beer and Anita Conrad, both of '41, in the Sault Ste. Marie district; Sybil Franklin, '42, in the West; and Estelle Kjelson, '41, Eleanor Moyer, '42, and Roland White, '41, in Thunder Bay district.

Grace Reeves, '41, is in summer mission work in the West under the Church of England.

We shall be glad to receive copies of the Recorder dated before 1922, and the following: Sept. '22, June '23, Sept. '23, Dec. '23, March '24, Sept. '25, Dec. '25, March '26, June '26, Sept. '26, Dec. '26, March '27, March '28, Dec. '31.

### The 47th Session of the College

Will open with a Devotional Service in the Assembly Hall  
On Tuesday morning, September 17, at 10 o'clock  
Friends are cordially invited to attend.

### THE ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- 3.30 Afternoon Meeting in the Assembly Hall  
Business Session  
Brief Address on The Scripture Union by  
Mr. R. D. Richardson  
Address by Dr. Northcote Deck
- 5.45 Supper in the Dining Room (25 cents).
- 7.45 Evening Meeting in the Assembly Hall and in the Chapel of  
the New Building  
Brief Address by Rev. F. G. Vesey, Secretary of the  
College  
Missionary Messages by Former Students.  
The Bible College Ladies' Trio will sing at both sessions.

Friends desiring to make bequests are kindly  
asked to use the sample forms printed below.

### FORM OF SPECIFIC BEQUEST

I give to the Toronto Bible College, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario, the sum of .....  
(\$ .....), to be expended by the College for its purposes within Ontario.

### FORM OF GIFT OF RESIDUE

I give <sup>all</sup> or <sup>half</sup> the residue of my Estate to the Toronto Bible College, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario, to be expended by the College for its purposes within Ontario.

N.B.—Property given for religious, charitable or educational purposes, not exceeding 50% of the total value of the Estate, is free of all duty.