

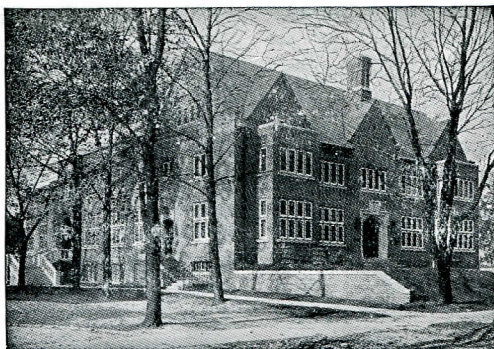
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Prophecy in War Time

by Principal McNicol

Ever since the wars of Napoleon, who was supposed by many to be the Antichrist, every major war that has broken out in Europe has been taken by some groups of Christian people as a sign of the Lord's Second Coming, and has been made the occasion for a special emphasis on prophecy. In one respect this has served a good purpose. It has called attention to the inspiring hope which filled the horizon of the early Church, the hope which should be an inspiration to the Church through all the ages. In other respects, however, it has produced results which have not been helpful.

It has often misrepresented and obscured the very truth it was seeking to promote. It has given rise to programs of the future and bewildering charts of "prophetic events". It has thus oc-

cupied the minds of simple Christians and enquiring souls with earthly affairs, instead of directing them to the heavenly glory of the Saviour Himself, as the doctrine of the Second Coming ought to do. It has created division among Christians. It has even caused some to refuse fellowship to their brethren.

Any teaching which leads to results of this kind must have something wrong in it. That is not the work of the Holy Spirit. There is no subject on which dogmatism is less becoming than the interpretation of unfulfilled prophecy. There is no realm where humility is more necessary on the part of those who would be the teachers of others.

Twenty years ago some were quite sure that the League of Nations which

came out of the last war was the beginning of what they professed to find in prophecy, the revival of the Roman Empire in Europe. On that ground they took part in the agitation against the League in the United States and publicly supported the candidate who stood for American isolation in the Presidential election of 1920. They were also quite sure that the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion", which was published in the same year, was an authentic document; and they used it to proclaim the coming of a Jewish Antichrist, which they also professed to find in prophecy.

This document purported to reveal a deep-laid Jewish plot to bring about world-wide revolution. It startled the world at the time, and it was one of the causes which have produced the present wave of Anti-Semitism. It was used by the Nazis in Germany at the beginning of their movement in order to stir up hatred of the Jews. It was soon proved to be an infamous and malicious forgery, which had emanated originally from the enemies of the Jews in Russia during the Czarist regime. The world has already consigned it to oblivion, but the harm it has done remains.

Any theory of prophetic interpretation which leads good people astray like this and unwittingly plays into the hands of the foes of God, must have gone off the track somewhere. It has misread the signals. It must have misunderstood the Word of God. It is a serious thing when simple-minded believers who are looking for light in a time like this are deceived as to the significance of what God is doing when His judgments are in the earth.

It is a sad thing to see the spiritual energies of Christian people diverted from the real conflict with Antichrist in which they ought to be engaged to a passive and complacent contemplation of a future "tribulation" which

they expect to escape. This is what happens when the spiritual world of the Bible is materialized, and when Divine prophecy is reduced to a program of earthly events. The "blessed hope" of the New Testament, which is centered in the glory of the Saviour, becomes a personal hope centered in self-interest.

The proper way to approach unfulfilled prophecy is to begin with the New Testament point of view, to find out where the apostles of the Lord stood and what their outlook was. We stand now where they stood, and not where the Jews of the Old Testament stood. The New Testament point of view is different from that of the Old Testament. There is no indication anywhere that the early Christians entertained the conception of a chart of time or a program of events as the result of the teaching of the Lord and His apostles about His Second Coming. On the only occasion when the apostles asked Him a question from the old point of view, He warned them that times and seasons, dates and programs, were not for them to know. Their one business in connection with His Kingdom was to go out into the world and witness for Him.

In their attitude towards the return of the Lord the New Testament saints were not merely looking into the future; they were looking also into the unseen. The event lay in the future, but its springs were not there. These lay in the world of unseen and eternal realities into which their Master had gone. It is this feature of the blessed hope that accounts for that sense of the nearness of the Lord which pervaded the lives of the early Christians. Behind the curtain of the unseen the Lord was "at hand". This is what gave significance to the doctrine of His Second Coming as part of their witness to the world. It brought out the reality of the spiritual world. It meant that there the Lord reigns,

there all power lies, and there the history of this world is decided.

This is the witness we should bear to-day. It is no time for "prophetic" pessimism. The Christian who is truly loyal to his Lord will not stand aloof from the world in its woe and leave it to Antichrist. That is to turn one's back on the foe. Our business is to bring the powers of the spiritual world into the field and "turn the battle to the gate".

The best tonic for these days is the Book of Revelation, read in its own light and rescued from "the tribulation" which has too long obscured its message. It is truly the Apocalypse, an "unveiling". The veil is drawn back from the unseen world into which the Lord disappeared on His ascension day. There we behold the Christ of the Cross triumphant, "the Lamb in the midst of the throne". We are shown the spiritual conflict that lies be-

hind all world history, the real conflict with Antichrist behind the present war. It is this kind of "prophecy" that gives true light in an hour like this and calls us to our supreme duty in the midst of it.

The war has to be fought with worldly weapons, but it will not be won by them alone. As citizens, it is our duty to give the state all the material help we can, but as Christians we have a still further duty. It is ours to seek to have the spiritual forces brought into play against the forces of Antichrist. When the heart of the nation turns to God in penitence and humility, in prayer and faith, then we may expect the powers of that unseen world where Christ is enthroned to be released for the final victory. To go on with our witness for Him is the way to hasten His "glorious appearing".

Graduating Testimony

by Edna Bailey



My three years at the Toronto Bible College have been very happy ones, and I have received many spiritual blessings from my course. The truths that I have received have indeed become the strengthening bulwarks of a deeper and fuller faith in God.

Through our daily studies we have entered a deeper relationship with one another. This relationship has been possible by our relationship with Jesus Christ, our supreme Head, and through Him we have learned to prac-

tise His teachings not only by having a tolerance and sympathetic understanding for all denominations, but also a tolerance and a sympathetic understanding for all races, colours, and creeds. This is made possible only by the Holy Spirit dwelling within us.

It is the duty of every Christian to seek to contribute to the whole and take his place in this world of chaos and confusion so as to present Christ the living Saviour to all who know Him not. This fundamental lesson has been the rule and practice of our happy fellowship at the Toronto Bible College.

Christ as our Redeemer is a very significant fact which is foreshadowed all through the Old Testament Scriptures. Man's sin and utter degeneration, and departure from the holy will of God, made it necessary for God to send His only begotten Son to make atonement for us. The agony He suf-

ferred on Calvary was for the joy that was on the other side of the Cross, and with majestic calmness of spirit Jesus suffered death for us. Christ completely and voluntarily surrendered to the will of His Father. "I lay down my life that I may take it again. No one taketh it away from me but I lay it down myself." Thus to redeem the world Christ had to go to the Cross, for He alone was the spotless Lamb. But Christ is not dead. He is my risen, glorified and exalted Saviour, and this fact stands out as the crowning glory of my Christian life.

Jesus is all perfection in the sight of God and man; He is truly human and truly divine. He is the central

figure in the Scriptures and as we have diligently applied ourselves to the study of the Word, Jesus in all His wisdom and sympathetic understanding, still remains the lovely and altogether holy One, a living reality.

As I go forth to serve Him, I fully realize that His grace is sufficient for He goeth before, and as I prepare to carry this glorious Gospel to those who know Him not, my earnest and sincere prayer is that I may prove worthy of that calling. My strength is in His Word, for in it there is no weakness; for "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation" to all who believe.

The Bible College on the Frontiers

(An excerpt from a personal letter from Lexie Webster '34 who is working in Alberta 300 miles north of Edmonton.)

I have been transferred twice since I last heard from you. Am now in a homestead settlement 25 miles from the nearest village. There are five families in the settlement and then other families scattered through the country. I am the preacher, lawyer, doctor, nurse and all round handy man. You will see how my training is being used here. The people are all British descent but three families that are Indians. They are very poor but courageous. This year crops have been real good if they had a market for them.

Services are being held in the school house which is the only public building here. I have Sunday School and church, but hope to have week night services as soon as the fall work is done. Late fall and winter are the best times for work along this line out here. My only mode of travel is walk and that takes a lot out of a person. Often walk 8 miles a day. This year had to travel around with the threshing gang as there were so many accidents. Some

were quite serious but all are doing fine now.

The Lord is surely blessing me in my service for Him. I do enjoy it so much and I feel I am in the place the Lord would have me be. The Christian work here has had a setback and what was an organized church is now no more, so it has meant me winning the confidence of the people first of all. I feel this has been done and now they are coming to service so am encouraged to press on for victory is sure with Christ the Captain. I have been reading a book by Dr. Morrison called "Achieving Faith" and it has blessed and encouraged me on to greater things.

I have been living alone since May and hope to get a helper soon. It is very lonesome especially in the winter so trust the Lord will send someone out. You surely would laugh to see my house, just a shack with only a table, stove and half a couch. Chairs are boxes and trunks, all furniture is boxes fixed up. I like it anyway.

News of the U. B. C. Family

A daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, was born on June 23 in Toronto to Mr. '39 and Mrs. Donald McDonald (Rose Edwards '36-'38).

A daughter, Lorraine Elizabeth, was born in Scaforth on July 1 to Mr. '39 and Mrs. Albert Whyard.

A daughter, Ilene Viola, was born on July 22 to Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis (Irene Benner '33) of Aldershot.

A son, Albert Nelson, was born in Toronto on Aug. 29 to Rev. '34 and Mrs. Fred Breckon (Leola Patient, E.C. '34).

A son was born in Bobcaygeon on Sept. 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Freeman (Edith Hilyer '30-'31).

A daughter, Jean Marie, was born in Toronto on Oct. 6 to Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald (Margaret Turnbull '36-'37).

A daughter, Winnifred Jean, was born in Cobourg on Oct. 14 to Sapper and Mrs. Burleigh (Lily Cooper '37-'39).

A daughter, Miriam Elizabeth, was born in Toronto on Oct. 25 to Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Browett (Betty Bishop '27).

A son, Clyde Elmore Ray, was born to Mr. '36 and Mrs. Elmore Williamson (Beulah Faulkner '36-'37) on Nov. 6 in Lacombe, Alta.

Evelyn Hall '38-'39 was married to Lawrence Burrige on April 18 in Toronto.

Grace Bexton '37 was married to Frank Humphreys '38 in June.

Elizabeth Watson '35 was married to Leslie Butlin on June 22 in Verdun, Que.

Lillian Stone '37 was married to Malcolm Morden '39 on Aug. 17 in Toronto. Rev. Russell Vickers '39 officiated, Mary Jane Peel '42 was bridesmaid and Margaret McKee, a former Evening Class student, sang.

Evelyn Buder of Arnprior was married to Rev. F. Paul Erb '36 on Sept. 2 in Kitchener. Mr. Erb has recently been appointed to the Wallace and Kurtzville Evangelical churches.

Grace Gillis '39-'40 was married to Clare Winslow on Sept. 2.

Vera Bender '32 was married to Fred Carnahan on Sept. 3 in Ottawa. They will live in New Lowell.

Beulah Howlett '38-'40 was married to Pte. Cecil Moran on Sept. 3 in Toronto. Reta Rivers '41 was bridesmaid and Leslie Moran '39 was best man.

Hazel McBeth was married to Frank Swackhammer '37 early in September.

Marguerite Simpson '35-'37 was married to Gordon Chaffe of London Bible Institute on Sept. 11 in Wallaceburg. Jean Scott '36 was bridesmaid.

Gertrude Gibb '30 was married to Ewart Jones of Wales on Sept. 12 at

A Lojally Benoted Alumna

A few days ago we received a cordial letter from South America, in which the writer, now a missionary there, sent us three bank notes. These were gifts that had been sent to her from interested friends in Canada. She did not desire to spend this money on her personal needs as was requested by her friends, but decided to forward it to the office of the College, asking that it be used for the maintain-

ance of the work.

This generous gift was a token of her gratitude for the benefit she had received in the years of her study and preparation.

May we suggest that her example might be an inspiration to others who, like her, having been benefited by their association with the College, feel they owe their Alma Mater some sacrificial offering.

the headquarters of the New Testament Missionary Union in Temperley, Argentina.

Gladys Turnbull, Reg.N., '39-'40 was married to Clarence Knapp, B.A., '35-'36 on Sept. 14 at Century Baptist Church, Toronto. Her sisters, Vera, E.C. and Rita '35-'36, were bridesmaids.

Alice Caldwell, E.C. '36, was married to Harold Houser, E.C. '35-'36, at Bethel Baptist Church, Toronto, on Sept. 28. Mr. Burns officiated, assisted by Rev. C. H. Schutt, D.D., and Ruth Caldwell, E.C. '36, was bridesmaid.

Nora Gathouse '40 was married to Denzill Raymer '40 at the College on Oct. 5. Dr. McNicol officiated, assisted by Mr. Hyde. Mr. Shildrick sang and Monica Lambert '40 played the wedding music.

Violet Wadsworth was married to George Sinclair '34 on Oct. 12 in Markham St. Tabernacle, Toronto.

Marion Roach '40-'41 was married to Rev. Robt. Simpson '32 on Oct. 18 in Toronto.

Evelyn Landon '37 was married to Ross Penny on Oct. 19 in High Park Baptist Church, Toronto.

Beatrice Sedore, E.C. '40, was married to Ernest Rogers, E.C. '41, on Oct. 19 in the College. Mr. Rhodes officiated, Lorraine Riddell, E.C. '43, was bridesmaid, Chris Thompson, E.C. '40, was best man, Joyce Grundy '43 played the wedding music and Ruth Caldwell, E.C. '36, sang.

Velma Dancy '38-'40 was married to G. Hubert Topping on Nov. 2 at The Peoples Church. Rev. Oswald J. Smith, D.D., '12, officiated.

A. P. Thompson '20-'21 died in Blind River on Aug. 16.

Mrs. Florence Capstick '37-'38 died on Sept. 5 in Toronto.

Word reached Toronto on Nov. 13 of the death in Jobat, India, of Margaret Moore '23-'24, wife of Rev. D. E. McDonald '09 of the Canadian

Presbyterian Mission. Mrs. McDonald's death was due to influenza.

Among those who attended the 1940 Bible College reunion at Canadian Keswick Conference was Rev. J. T. Dawson, who was a student in the evening classes 23 years ago. Mr. Dawson is minister of the St. James British Methodist Episcopal Church, Toronto, and for the past 8 years he has been General Superintendent of the church in Canada.

Richard Oliver '22, Dora Howe '35, and Mr. and Mrs. Lehman (Vera Ray '35), of the Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria, are at home on furlough.

In his recent book, "After C. T. Studd," Norman Grubb pays tribute to the work of two Bible College graduates with the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade, in these words: "Daisy Kingdon ('23), Canada's No. 1, a tower of strength and wise counsel, spending much of her time in the villages round Wamba; Muriel Harman ('26), the servant of all for Jesus' sake, who besides her labors with the natives, is called here and there for weeks at a time when missionaries need medical attention."

Alex McLean '30, who is minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Willowdale, has entered his second year in Knox College. In the competitive examinations last spring, Mr. McLean won the Fisher No. 1 Scholarship of \$50.00.

Rev. Roy Cook, B.A., '31 has been called to the Chesley and Keady churches; Rev. Ernest Thompson, B.A. '31 to the St. George church; Rev. Albert Motchman '34 to Fort Frances; and Frank Swackhammer '37 to Garden City Church, Montreal; all under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mr. '31 and Mrs. James Hutchinson (Nellie Poole '31), who returned home last year from Austria after spending several years in mission work under the European Christian Mission,

have been doing deputation work in the United States recently, and have there met several of their converts from Europe.

Lewis J. Lake '31 was ordained recently in Forward Baptist Church, Toronto. Among those who assisted with this service were Rev. W. F. Roadhouse '00, Rev. Jas. M. Henshaw '34 and Stanley Medhurst '39. Mr. Lake has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Dunbar, Penna.

Frank '32 and Mrs. Melbourne (Mae Faust '31) and children, Benton and Ruth Anne, sailed from New York on Oct. 26 for Peru, where the European Christian Mission has opened up work among the Spanish people.

The transfer of Rev. E. Kent '34 from the United Brethren Church was accepted by the Toronto Conference of the United Church of Canada at Owen Sound in June. Mr. Kent is now minister of the Angus United Church.

Kenneth Miles '34 has been called to the pastorate of Central Baptist Church, Brantford.

Among the number of former students with the Can. Active Service Force in Canada and England are: with the Medical Corps, Jas. Lowden '35, Matthew Greer '36, Wm. Holder '36, Al. Comfort '37-'39, Harold Mayotte '37-'39, George Anthony '38-'40; with the Air Force, John Heal '37, John Moran '40; and in other branches of service, Herb Gooderham '30, Chas. Keefer '36, Wm. Walker '36, Freeman Hollett '35-'37, Wm. Graham '40, Ed. Ninnis '40 and the following undergraduates: Syd. Barron,

Garth Blakeney, Ronald Clayton, Geo. Davidson, Alex Deans, Geo. Lumb, Harold McMillan and Gordon Thompson.

Emil Gaverluk '37, who graduated from Gordon College of Theology and Missions, Boston, Mass., last spring, has entered the Master of Arts course in Boston University Graduate School.

Ida Peterman '37 left this fall for the Dominican Republic where she will work under the West Indies Mission.

The following have been appointed to student pastorates under the Baptist Home Mission Board: Aubrey Hunt '27 at Wainfleet, Frank Keys '36 at Capreol, Albert McCreery '38 at Glenview Church, Niagara Falls, Lorne Smith '38 at Rosedale Church, Welland, Wm. Leaton '39 at Dixville, Que., Emerson Stafford '39 at Bronte, Harold James '40 at Chaput Hughes and Allan King '40 at Blind River.

John Ballantyne '36-'38 has joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police force.

Leonard Coupland '38 has recently been appointed pastor of the Newmarket Gospel Tabernacle.

Maryann Hoffman '39 is engaged in city mission work in Canton, Ohio, under the Mennonite Church.

George Honour '39 is attending Huron College, Western University, London.

Mr. '39 and Mrs. Harold Lambhead (Doris Rolfe '38) are working in the Blind River district under the Shantymen's Christian Association.

Willa Ross '39 has been accepted for service in India under the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade.

On Friday, December 20, the fall term of the 47th Session will close, and the spring term will commence on Monday, January 6, at 9 a.m.

TWO EVENINGS OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Monday, December 16—by the students of the day classes.

Thursday, December 19—by the students of the evening classes.
8 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the College.

We invite our readers and their friends to attend these services.

Olive Coggins '40 and Ruth Troyer, E. C. '40, sailed for India on the Empress of Asia in October. Miss Coggins will serve under the India Mission and Miss Troyer under the Canadian Baptist Mission.

Ernest Harrison '40 has been accepted by the Sudan Interior Mission for service in Nigeria.

Rev. and Mrs. '40 Joseph Muchan left early in the fall for Jhansi, India, where they will work with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission.

The following have entered McMaster University this fall: Malcolm Morden '39, Emerson Stafford '39, Frank Anthony '40, Laurie Chubb '40, Greg Gregersen '40 and James Taylor '40.

Five boys in training in the Non-permanent Active Militia took the entire evening service on November 3 in the Newmarket Christian Congregational Church, of which Rev. Arthur Greer '37 is pastor. Ernest Grainger, E.C., was leader and Norman Brooks '41 preached the sermon.

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