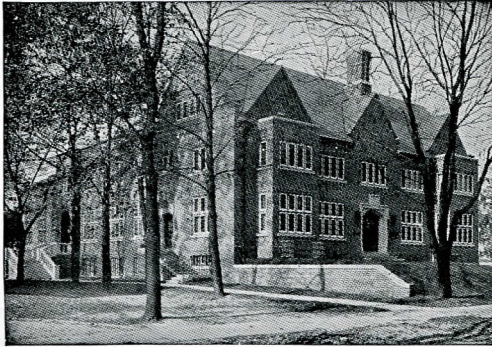


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The Graduation

The College Graduation Exercises were held on the evening of Thursday, April 24, in the Varsity Arena, Toronto, when approximately seven thousand people were present.

Those taking part in the service were: The Reverend Principal John McNicol, presiding; Mr. E. G. Baker, President, who presented the diplomas and certificates; the Rev. Dr. John McLaurin, who read the Scripture and offered the opening prayer; the Very Reverend Doctor George Pidgeon, who offered the prayer of dedication; and the Rev. Canon J. Douglas Paterson, who pronounced the benediction.

Canon Paterson has kindly sent us the following account of his impressions of this occasion, which will be of interest to our readers.

A distinguished and elderly clergyman, who was making his way to the Varsity Arena in the early evening of Thursday, April 24th, was amazed to see crowds of people all heading in the same direction. Although it was not yet half past seven, he found the huge building rapidly filling, and the few seats remaining reserved for the members of the Board of Governors and the Council of the College. By eight o'clock it was almost a case of "standing room only". No, it was not the "play offs" of a hockey league, not even a promenade concert with a world-famous guest artist—it was the annual Graduation Ceremony of Toronto Bible College, and 7,000 people were on hand to honour the 69 students who had earned their graduation diplomas—one hundred interested

friends for every graduate! There were also 23 who received Evening Class certificates.

Promptly on time, the choir, composed of a goodly number of the student body of the College, marched into their places from either side of the platform, followed by the President of the Board of Governors, Mr. E. G. Baker, and those who were to assist in the Graduation Ceremony, with members of the Faculty. The Reverend Dr. John McNicol, Principal of the College, was chairman of the meeting, and he must have been a proud man that night to see that class in the forty-seventh year of the College history go out to the great work of God at home and abroad, in the day of greatest challenge the world has ever known.

There was something very fatherly in the way he called each student by name to receive the diploma or certificate of the College. With a word thrown in here and there, he showed his personal interest in every one of them. Here was "the most courageous student in the College" (spoken of a crippled student, who had won through, despite great handicaps), and again, "this one is going to Africa or China or South America" as the case might be. Special applause resounded from every corner of the building as he announced that more than one were graduating into homemaking—going to rule over a manse. It was all so wholesome and so friendly: nobody was a stranger there; everybody was happy and had a smile and a word for everyone else. When the formal proceedings were over, nobody seemed to want to go home. My, but it was good to be at Varsity Arena that night!

I asked myself what was the secret of it all. Why the crowd? Do not all colleges have Graduation Exercises? Yes, but they are not just like this.

This is different, and it is just this difference that brings the folks who have been looking forward to the event for weeks, and sends them off home happy and satisfied.

It was an inclusive gathering. The College was founded to be an inter-denominational training school and so we find students from all churches on the platform and their friends in the audience. Those assisting in the graduation represented the Anglican, Baptist, United and Presbyterian Churches, and scattered among the audience we noticed a very great number of ministers. A Bishop and an Archdeacon sat beside a College Professor, a goodly representation of the Anglicans. Dr. Inkster, one of the stalwarts of Presbyterianism, was there and he was so much impressed that he had to write to the "Globe and Mail" about it. The United Church added its quota to the crowd, while the Baptist and other Churches had many former graduates of the College in attendance.

It was a grand gathering. We were all friends together and we were all very conscious of the unity of all those who love the Lord Jesus.

It was a worshipful gathering. Although some had travelled long distances and some had arrived as early as six o'clock, yet there was a reverence felt, even as the people were assembling—for had they not come to the House of God for a solemn act of dedication? The great building that had so often, during the last few months, resounded to the noisy enthusiasm of the hockey fans, now was filled with the sweet music of the old hymns: "I to the Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes", "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, Zion, City of our God", and, at the end, the College hymn, "Help Me, O Lord, the God of my Salvation". It is not the building that makes the Church of God, but the people—

"Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst". Nobody could be in that solemn yet joyful gathering and doubt that there Christ was fulfilling His promise.

It was an inspired gathering. Something took possession of the meeting and of all who attended, and I wonder if it was the presence of the whole student body that was so very potent. This was their night and their friends had come to do them honour, so in return they gave their very best to their guests. They had worked for that night and they had prayed that the Holy Spirit would make it all that they wanted it to be, and then, under Mr. Ernest Shildrick's leading, they just took possession as they sang. "The Appeal of the Crucified", by Stainer, gave the right note for a Service of Dedication, and the girls' double trio, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God", was a prayer in song. The four hymns by Bernard of Cluny should be sung together in our churches, as they were that night—they give us a wonderful picture of the 20th century by that old monk and saint of the 12th. Of course the choir led in the hymns, but Mr. Shildrick led us all, so that the singing was altogether congregational. And what a volume of praise went up from that place that night! A business man who happened to be spending a weekend at the King Edward Hotel asked the room-clerk where he would find the church with the best congregational singing in Toronto. If he had come to T.B.C. graduation, his soul would have been satisfied that night.

It was a witnessing gathering. There was a strange omission of any address to the graduates, or exhortation, or set speech. Apart from the "Words of Welcome by the Chairman", the ministers on the platform were only asked to pray—not speak. But the speech-

making of the evening was done very effectively by four of the graduating students who gave their witness. Standing before the microphone, they told very simply, but straightforwardly and with very evident sincerity, of God's working in their lives before, but more particularly since, coming to the College. It was a record of the work of the Holy Spirit and they were listened to with great attention. They cheered the hearts of all who loved the Lord, and spoke perhaps to some who do not know Him yet.

The whole gathering was a witness: Such happy folk! You could see it in their faces, and there were so many of them. When the man-in-the-street asked, "Who are this crowd and where are they coming from?" the policeman directing the traffic supplied the answer, "They are friends of Toronto Bible College. You see this is Graduation Night". For those young people who were now trained and going out into their life work, there must have been a deep satisfaction and a great inspiration because they felt the power of God's presence and learned that in His service they would never be alone.

The venerable cleric referred to in the opening sentence left the gathering in even deeper amazement from what he had seen and heard, and, as he started for home, he said to his younger companions, "Thank God. There is great hope for the world as long as we have young people like those". In the fulness of his years and of his wisdom he spoke truly.

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The Principal's Annual Statement

This statement contains a brief report of the forty-seventh session which is now closing, and a general survey of the development of the past, with special reference to the principles on which we have proceeded.

I

The total registration for the session in the Regular Course was 324, distributed among the four years as follows:

	<i>Men</i>	<i>Women</i>	<i>Total</i>
Preparatory Year	6	22	28
First Year	36	78	114
Second Year	32	64	96
Third Year	22	54	76
Special Students	4	6	10
Totals	100	224	324

High though these numbers are, yet they show a decrease when compared with the last two years. Two years ago we had 137 men and 243 women on the roll, a total of 380. This marks the highest point we have reached. Last year the figures were 118 men and 237 women, a total of 355. It will be seen that while the decrease affects both the men and the women, it is most marked among the men. The proportion of men to women in the student body, which over a period of years averages about two men to three women, has dropped during these last two years below the average of one man to two women. This disproportion is particularly striking in the present graduating class. Of 69 students who will receive their diplomas to-night, only 19 are men. Several other men who might have been graduating this year are serving in H. M. Forces.

We had the same experience twenty-five years ago during the first World War, and we must expect further decreases as long as the present war lasts. After that war ended the attendance at once began to increase, and it

kept increasing year after year. It is altogether likely that the same thing will occur when this war ends. In the meantime we should make ready for whatever challenge comes to us then. The Bible College must be prepared to play its part in the service of the Christian Church for the cause of the Kingdom of God in the post-war period.

The geographical distribution of the student body remains about the same as before. The great majority, 275 in all, belong to Ontario, 91 having their homes in Toronto and 184 in other parts of the Dominion, all the provinces being represented except Prince Edward Island. The remaining 12 students represent the United States and six other countries of the world.

The decreased registration in the Regular Course has been offset by an increased enrolment in the Evening Classes. We have never before had such largely attended Evening Classes as during the present session. It was evident that many thoughtful young people were turning to the Bible for light and leading because of the tragic happenings of the present time. Besides more than 100 of the regular students who took the Teacher Training Classes in the evening, 308 young people (70 men and 238 women) from 117 congregations in the city were enrolled in the Bible Study classes.

In the midst of the session two members of the College staff were suddenly removed from our midst. On the last day of the fall term a peculiar motor car accident resulted in the death of Miss Bermeda Sanderson, the assistant to the Registrar. She had taken the Bible College course some years ago with a view to foreign missionary work, but her health did not permit her to go to the field. Because she was equipped with a business training also, she was called into the

work of the office, and there she found a place of happy service where her bright and humble spirit bore daily Christian witness.

At the beginning of the New Year, just one week after the classes re-assembled, there occurred the sudden death of Rev. T. B. Hyde. This event severed the last remaining link that connected us with the original founders of the institution. Mr. Hyde was a member of that notable group of ministers and Christian laymen who established the Toronto Bible Training School in 1894. He had been connected with this work through all the changes that have taken place since that time, first as an occasional lecturer while he was the pastor of the Northern Congregational Church, and after that as a member of the regular staff. Advancing years had limited his work this session to one lecture a week, but had not lessened his interest and devotion. His last lecture was given less than a week before he died.

II

In view of the special work which Mr. Vesey is now undertaking for the College in seeking to make its work and claims better known to a wider circle of Christian people. I have thought it well to devote the main part of this report to a review of its history, in order to explain the guiding principles that have been followed in its development.

This work began in the rooms of a church. That itself is a sign of its nature and purpose. The Bible College is the handmaid of the Christian Church, and we have always sought to make it contribute to the life and work of the churches around us. The fellowship within its walls is the fellowship of the Church. Its first Principal, Dr. William Stewart, believed that the students should mingle together in the same way as people mingle in a Christian congregation,

and he always sought to have them do so. The men and the women in those early days were not separated in different groups, and they were not forbidden to talk to one another. This principle has been maintained throughout the history of the College. The fellowship developed by our method of training is the natural, unrestrained, and spontaneous fellowship of the Christian group over which the Spirit of God presides.

In the first years an attempt was made to establish a students' residence in connection with the Bible Training School, but it was soon dropped. It was found that the residence created difficulties and did not provide compensating advantages. And besides that, it was not needed, for Toronto was well supplied with good student boarding houses, because of the large university in the very centre of the city. Christian students could easily find Christian homes in which to live.

Many years later, when the Bible Training School had become the Bible College and its system of training was being developed, the suggestion to establish a dormitory was introduced by friends who considered the dormitory system necessary for training candidates for missionary service. After careful consideration, it was finally decided to continue our own method without change. The residential system, it was acknowledged, was a necessity in some institutions, which were so situated that their students required the protection that it gave them. But we were more favourably situated in Toronto, and were therefore free to work out another system which had its own advantages in training Christian workers.

Our students are scattered throughout the city, and are living in close contact with human life all the time. They are learning to do their Christian work under conditions that are not so different from those under

which they will find themselves when they go out into the world. And besides that, from their daily contacts with men and women in the world around them, they bring a vast variety of experience to their common meeting place within the College building. This makes for a richer and more fruitful kind of fellowship in the student body than any residential system could possibly provide.

The Curriculum of studies has been steadily enlarged through all these years. At the very beginning the study of the English Bible was made the central discipline, but there was a limited range of other subjects. Today the Curriculum covers the field of theological, historical, and practical Christianity, but the Bible still occupies the centre. The whole Curriculum is Bible centred. The mastering of the English Bible is its regulating and determining principle. Every student who receives the diploma of the College has first to go through the Old and New Testaments systematically from the beginning to the end. Our approach to the Bible is definitely devotional. Students are made to understand that a surrendered mind and heart is the first condition for understanding the Word of God, and that only in His light can we see more light.

Along with the enlargement of the Curriculum the standard required of the students has been steadily raised. The course has been adapted for those who have obtained senior matriculation, and intending students are advised to secure that standing before coming. For those who cannot now secure this standing or whose background is not yet sufficient for the regular Biblical course, a preparatory year of academic studies has been added to the course. Even those who have higher academic standing find the course profitable, and we have stu-

dents from time to time with College degrees.

Special attention is given to practical Christianity, and this department has been developed so as to include all the various kinds of work that are carried on in a Christian church, from the preacher in the pulpit to the teacher in the primary department of the Sunday School. The students are not only instructed in the theory of Christian service; they are also trained in its practice. They learn to do Christian work by doing it. Through all their course in the College they share in the active work of many congregations in Toronto and in the surrounding country.

III

The real formative period of the Bible College development, the period during which its character was fixed, extended over the fifteen years that preceded our removal from College Street to our present site that is, from 1914 to 1929. During those years the fundamental principles and methods that have brought the institution to its present stage of development were tested, tried, and proved. During all that time the Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay presided over our work as Chairman of our Board of Governors. He knew what was going on inside the College, and his spiritual insight, his understanding sympathy, and his warm human interest were of untold help and encouragement.

In the year 1914, made memorable by the outbreak of the first World War, the controversy between Modernism and Fundamentalism came to a head in North America. In the same year the Bible College became the object of special attack and criticism. It began to be subjected to a misrepresentation which spread through certain sections of the Christian Church around us. We did not reply to the criticism, and we made no attempt to

justify ourselves to those outside. If the Bible College was not of God, it was not worth preserving; if it was, He would take care of it Himself if we were true to Him and followed His leading. We sought to make sure, therefore, that our work inside was well-pleasing to Him.

We declined to be drawn into the Fundamentalist Controversy or into any church controversy outside. We also refused to let controversy enter our class-rooms inside. We undertook to bear our Christian witness in another way. We sought to make the Bible College an illustration of what we believed to be the essential nature of New Testament Christianity. We sought the corporate leadership of the Holy Spirit, and tried to work out that principle in all departments of the College life. No action was taken by a majority vote, but only after reaching unanimity in a common fellowship of thought and prayer. Rules were not imposed upon the student body, but the New Testament principles of spiritual life and fellowship were inculcated.

A system of student self-government was introduced and carefully fostered. A cabinet, chosen by the students themselves, organized and guided the life and activity of the student body; and they, too, were trained to take no step without waiting upon the Lord to seek His mind and will. Under this system the students found themselves free for the development of their own personalities and for the expression of their own Christian experience. This was manifested in a great variety of ways. One of the results was a new impetus given to the cultivation of vocal music and the interpretation of Christian song.

The students responded splendidly to this system of training and rose nobly to the responsibilities placed upon them. In spite of occasional

mistakes and failures, the inner life of the College became deeper, truer, and stronger, year by year. A spirit of Christian fellowship was developed that was free from anything artificial. It was natural, spontaneous, and radiant, and the life of the College began to overflow with joy and gladness. It was the unrestrained expression of the Spirit of God in the corporate life of the Christian group, where each member was surrendered to the will of God.

Then there came a time when all this was allowed to express itself in our Graduation Exercises. Up to 1922 these services had always been held in our own building on College Street, with a few hundred people present; and the special item on the programme was an address by some prominent Christian leader. After that year we dropped the address and confined the programme to an expression of the character and work of the student body. The results of that step are now well known. When we decided for the first time to hold our Graduation Exercises outside our own building, even Dr. Mackay was doubtful of the result. "There is something here", he said, "that we may not be able to carry outside". But year after year, wherever we have gone, that "something" has followed the witness of the student body—from one church to another, then to the Massey Music Hall, and finally into the University Athletic Arena. It is nothing else but the unseen Presence of Him whose corporate leadership is recognized inside the Bible College.

These Graduation Exercises are carefully and prayerfully planned so as to be an expression of the impact which this method of training makes upon the student body. The students who speak on these occasions are chosen for a definite purpose; not for their own sakes, but to represent the whole student body, so that through

them there may be seen the kind of thing that goes on in the lives of all the students during their training. They are not to preach sermons; nor are they to tell the story of their own conversion. They are to tell something of what the College course has helped them to find in Christianity. Christianity is more than conversion; it means growing up into the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ, and this is the ideal we always try to keep before them.

The students selected to give these words of witness choose their own subjects and prepare their own messages by first waiting on the Lord in prayer together in the same way as all the work of the College is carried on. They seek the mind of God each for himself and also for the corporate group. And when their several messages are delivered, notwithstanding manifest imperfections and limitations, discerning minds have seen year by year that, taken as a whole, they set forth in one unified way what New Testament Christianity means. They have given a demonstration of the impact which the Bible College course makes upon the lives of its students. And all this witness is set in a frame of radiant Christian song in which the whole student body take part, showing how they are trained to interpret the sacred music of the church.

The criticism to which the College was subjected has long since passed away. We are profoundly thankful for the good will that now meets us everywhere. This has come about by simply letting the results of our work speak for themselves. Our students are our best ambassadors. They go out into all sections of the church and into all parts of the world with surrendered lives stamped by the marks of Him whose unseen presence and leadership they have learned to recognize in their Bible College course.

IV

Behind this witness borne by the students is the daily work of a devoted staff. The College is blessed with a group of instructors who work together in perfect harmony under the corporate leadership of the Spirit of God, each of whom is specially equipped for a work of this kind. They know their own subjects and are able to teach them. And they also bring to their work, each of them, a large background of rich spiritual experience and successful Christian service. Let me take them one by one in the order in which they have joined the staff.

Dr. J. M. Waters: Filling the office of Registrar as well as being an instructor. A graduate in Medicine of the University of Toronto, he joined us in 1925 after twenty years' service as a medical missionary in India, from which he was obliged to withdraw for reasons of health. He had been a public school teacher in his early days, and a city mission worker during his college days. To all this wealth of experience he adds a gracious personality, a sympathetic understanding, a patient interest and a watchful care over the health of the students, all of which makes him beloved by every student who passes under his hands.

Mr. Ernest Shildrick: Trained as a teacher in the Ontario Normal College, he joined the staff in 1926. He has had many years' experience in voice culture and in choir leadership. He has poured his own devoted enthusiasm into the musical department, and his careful training and inspiring leadership have made the singing of the Bible College students known far and wide.

Rev. D. A. Burns: Born in Scotland, he is one of our own graduates, and knows the inside work of the College from his student days. He is

a graduate of McMaster University in Arts and Theology. An outstanding leader in Young People's work and a successful pastor—he has built up three live churches in three different parts of Toronto—he joined the staff in 1929 when we entered our new building. He has put such energy and devotion into the practical department of student activities that churches all over Toronto and out through the province now seek the help of the students in special evangelistic work.

Miss E. M. McCarthy: Born in Toronto of missionary parents, she was educated in Europe, finishing in the Swiss University of Neuchatel. She taught in the Chefoo Schools in China till her health compelled her to withdraw. She entered our work in 1934, and she has enriched the course both academically and spiritually by the way she has conducted the preparatory class. Many a student could not have taken the Bible College course at all had it not been for Miss McCarthy's patient training.

Rev. J. B. Rhodes: Born in China of missionary parents, an honour graduate of the University of Toronto, he took his theology in Princeton Seminary and Knox College. The teaching staff of the College was greatly strengthened when after ten years' successful service in the ministry he accepted a call to join it in 1939. He has brought to the work a sane and balanced judgment and a fine combination of spiritual and scholarly qualities. Both as preacher and as teacher he does everything well.

Rev. F. G. Vesey, filling the office of Secretary as well as giving some instruction in the class room, is the latest addition to the staff. He joined us last year in response to the Board's call, and brought with him a rich and varied equipment. Born in England, he was trained in the business world, educated in London Uni-

versity, had twenty years' experience in foreign missionary service in Korea, and sixteen years in the ministry of home churches in England and Toronto. He has thrown all his ability and experience into the service of the College with a devotion and enthusiasm that are contagious.

Besides those who teach in the class rooms, there are four other members of the staff who have their own important contribution to make to the College spirit, and carry on their work day by day in the same devoted way. They are all graduates of the College and know it from their student days. Here they are:

Robert Allan: The Superintendent of the buildings since our new building was opened in 1929, who keeps the grounds outside in such beautiful condition, and attends to all the needs inside with such watchful care. Having taken the Bible College course himself and being specially equipped for a post like this, he has accepted it as the call of God for his life work. He moves among the students and goes about his duties like a modern "Brother Lawrence", and his devotion helps to sanctify the College grounds and buildings.

Mrs. Sadie Lantz: The bookkeeper and the assistant to the Secretary. Having graduated from the College in 1929, she served for a year as a pastor's wife in a New Brunswick charge; and one day she saw her husband killed at her side in a motor car accident. Out of that experience she learned, as only those can who go through it, the depth and strength of God's sustaining grace. With this background of Christian experience, she brought her fine business training as a banking clerk into the service of the College when the Board called her to the work of the business office in 1933.

Miss Ella Miller: A graduate of 1933, and the assistant in the office of

the student activities and the Alumni Association since 1936. A school teacher with a first class certificate, she could find an easier task in her own profession, but she is devoting her life and talents to the service of the College in a post which she fills with unflinching patience and cheerfulness.

Mrs. Lily Simpkins: A graduate of 1930 and the assistant to the Registrar since the beginning of this year. She, too, has passed through deep waters and knows the sustaining grace of God. She and her husband, who also was a graduate of the College, had only reached their chosen field of missionary service in French Equatorial Africa when he passed away, leaving her alone among natives with no white person near. She bravely carried on her missionary work, and has served two terms on the field. Being home on furlough and being equipped with an office training, she responded to our appeal to fill the vacant place of her friend Miss San-

derson, and she exerts the same gracious influence among the students who daily visit the Registrar's office.

I have gone into this review of the past to show how the Bible College has been built up from the inside by the Spirit of God alone. It has had no outward prestige to help it. It has the backing of no denominational body to lean upon. It has been raised up by God to meet a need in the Kingdom of God, a need now becoming more urgent than ever. The streams of earnest young people that have been coming to its classes in ever increasing numbers with the urge of God upon them is itself enough to prove this. It is now all ready and fully equipped to serve the Church of Christ in the serious years that lie immediately ahead of us. All it needs now is to be known for what it is by those Christian men and women who believe in the coming Kingdom of God, and desire to do something to hasten it.

Dr. J. G. Inkster Pays Tribute to Toronto Bible College

Following the graduation exercises of the Toronto Bible College, held in the Varsity Arena on Thursday evening, (April 24), Dr. J. G. Inkster pays tribute to the work and worth of the institution in a letter to the press in which he says in part: "Yesterday afternoon and evening I had a wonderful experience in connection with the Toronto Bible College, of which Rev. John McNicol is Principal and Mr. E. G. Baker is President.

"Dinner over, it was a happy and informal affair, we sojourned to the Varsity Arena, which was crowded from floor to ceiling. What a religious pageant, what a spiritual spectacle, and what a thrilling testimony that was to the old-time Bible religion! I have never seen such a sight; I have never felt such a pulse of power in Toronto or anywhere else before. It seemed to me a concourse of the com-

mon people such as that which, in days of our Lord, 'heard Him gladly.' This vast Assembly was carefully and beautifully organized and arranged. The choir of 300 was led by Ernest Shildrick and rendered Stainer's 'Appeal of the Crucified' and other selections.

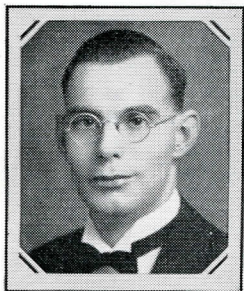
"The words of witness from four of the graduating class gave us the assurance the message of the College comes out with no uncertain sound and a fine evangelical fervor. What a testimony to the faith of our fathers and to our Protestant faith!

"The Toronto Bible College is a work of faith which makes its appeal to the Christian Church and to all evangelical Christians. Allow me to appeal to all Bible-loving believers to give this College work increasing support."

Graduating Testimony

by Charles Hepburn

I recall tonight the day that I enrolled as a student in the Toronto



Bible College, the registrar took my hand and said, "You have the happiest three years of your life ahead of you."

I did not realize the significance of those words

then as I do now; in fact I did not know exactly what to expect.

However, from the very commencement of my course, I was impressed with the spirit of fellowship so evident throughout the whole student body. To mingle with so many young people representing all branches of the Christian Church was a new experience for me. As you may suspect, much of my spare time in the first few weeks was spent in discovering from whence all had come and to what church they adhered. But before I was aware of that fact, denominational differences were forgotten, and I found myself a member of one happy family fellowship.

I had witnessed a measure of student self-government during my Collegiate days, but here everything was so different. Although the student activities were presided over by a student cabinet and the faculty there were no rigid rules and regulations imposed upon the students. Decisions were not reached by majority vote, but all sought the mind and direction of the Holy Spirit. This procedure required many adjustments to be made in my life, for here was a fellowship where I must discipline myself. Thus I was led to a gradual surrender of all to the Lord Jesus Christ.

I noticed too, that the social development of the student life was not neglected, for ample provision was made for the social life of the student to find expression. What splendid times of fun and relaxation we enjoyed together! Yet all events were conducted in a spirit and manner I am confident was well pleasing to our Master.

In addition to all this, I believe that my Christian experience has been enriched through the fellowship in service. Aristotle has well said, "One learns to play the harp by playing on the harp". Much of our time during our College course is spent in doing practical Christian work in the Churches, Sunday Schools, Young People's Societies, Hospitals and similar institutions. Like all the students who are graduating tonight, I have learned a great deal about the meaning of service as I have sought to serve. Through my contacts with the various branches of the Christian Church, I have come to see that every denomination has something to contribute to the Kingdom of God and the Church of Christ as a whole.

I was not long in the College before I sensed the deep devotional atmosphere which pervades all the student activities and I soon traced its origin to the prayer life of the School. I cannot express in words, ladies and gentlemen, what this fellowship in prayer has meant to me. Many are the lessons I have learned as I have attended the prayer meetings in the College or gone apart for prayer and meditation with a few of my fellow students in the private prayer rooms provided. Those of you who have graduated from this College will know what I mean when I say that the memory of the Saturday evening meeting will remain long with me too.

But the greatest single aspect of this fellowship is the fellowship in the study of God's Word. As I have studied the Bible systematically during my course, it has a deeper and richer meaning. Indeed, the Bible has become in its deepest and truest sense the Word of God.

So it is with a heart full of praise to God for leading me to this College and with a deep feeling of gratitude to the Board of Governors, the Faculty and all others who have made this training possible, that I speak to you tonight. Yet that joy which fills my heart is tempered somewhat with a feeling of sadness, for at the conclusion of this service, many of us will bid farewell to one another for the last time on earth, since not a few will go to serve their Master in lands across the seas, while others will go

to serve in remote places on the homeland.

However, through our training here we have obtained a vision of a greater fellowship than even that which is enjoyed by our Bible College family. I speak of a world fellowship, for as we have been reminded in our lectures, the time must come when at last the kingdoms of this earth will become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and he whose right it is will reign King of kings and Lord of lords. Therefore, it is our task to proclaim the message of His Gospel to the ends of the earth, thus laying the spiritual foundation upon which His Kingdom must be established. So, in spite of the prevailing world conditions, we go forward in the absolute confidence of ultimate "Victory Through Christ".

The Secretary's Appeal

We appeal to all friends of the College to join in prayer daily with the Board of Governors, the Council and the Faculty, that during the stressful period of world war, the spiritual life of the College shall be sustained, and that those who have gone forth may be faithful witnesses for their Master.

All will agree that there never was a time in the history of our land and of the whole world, when the message of the Christian Gospel was more needed and valuable. The wisdom that comes from God is what stands between the world of men and dark ruin, social and spiritual. It is, then, truly the plain duty of the Christian public to support such work as that of the Toronto Bible College, which contributes so large a share to the evangelizing of the people of the

Dominion and those overseas.

Therefore, we seek the prayers of our readers also that the hearts of many of God's people will be moved to contribute, sacrificially, to sustain this essential ministry of training young people in the knowledge of God's Word and Work and Will.

A sixteen-page illustrated booklet has been prepared, entitled, "The Story of a Modern Miracle", which gives simply and clearly the record of the College and its present needs.

Readers of the "Recorder" will help greatly by sending to the Secretary the names and addresses of Christian people known to them, who by receiving and reading this booklet will possibly become interested in the work of the College and join in its financial support.

The Summer Prayer Meeting is held in the Music Room of the College each Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. You are invited.

News of the T. B. C. Family

A son, James Moir, was born in Dhar, Central India, on March 28 to Rev. and Mrs. Moir A. J. Waters. James Moir is the grandson of our Dr. Waters.

A daughter, Jean, was born in Toronto on April 6 to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Bradford (Gladys Thompson '35-'36).

A daughter, Ruth Anne, was born in South America on April 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Davies (Eva Musser '36).

A daughter, Ruth Louise, was born in Toronto on April 16 to Robert '33 and Mrs. Allan (Ruby Swift, E. C. '28-'30).

A son, David, was born at Secunderebad, India, on April 21 to Mr. '34 and Mrs. '36 John H. Wilson (Ella Tilly).

A son was born at Larder Lake on April 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Whetung (Dorothy Taylor '40).

A daughter was born recently to Mr. '39 and Mrs. Harold Lamshead (Doris Rolfe '38) of Blind River.

Hazel Bond '33, who had been engaged in City Mission work for the past seven years, was married at Gormley on Sept. 25, 1940, to Rev. W. Cecil Brown, pastor of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ church, Grace Chapel, Toronto.

Audrey McBroom '37-'38 was married to Ramsey Quark at Oakwood Baptist Church, Toronto, on Feb. 6. Rev. Robert Gordon '38 officiated.

Jennie Bridle '38 was married to Oswel Leadlay on Feb. 14 in Toronto.

Jessie Moore, Reg. N., '36, formerly matron of the China Inland Mission schools at Chefoo, China, was married on March 4 in China to David Bentley-Taylor.

Stephen Robinson '38 was married to Agnes Ramsay in Central Presbyterian Church, Brantford, on March

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7. Stan Medhurst '39 was best man.

Ruth Wannamaker '37-'38 was married to Corp. Chas. Margetson at Consec on March 11.

Grace Whatley '40 was married to Harold James '40 at Philpott Tabernacle, Hamilton, on April 5. George Lowe '39 was best man, Doris Jacomb, A.T.C.M., E. C. '43, was pianist and Melba Trombley '35 was soloist. Mr. and Mrs. James sailed from New York on May 14 for South Africa where they will work under the South Africa General Mission.

Frances Knaggs '41 was married to Norman Brooks '41 on May 3.

Rev. L. E. Atkinson '13, of the Stoffville United church, begins his ministry in the Uxbridge United church on July 1.

Rev. Alfred Burgess '15, who for fourteen years has been minister of the Kingsville Baptist church, became pastor of the Brockville church on April 6.

Rev. '15 and Mrs. Ivory Jeffrey (Ruth Goforth '19) have returned to their field in Saigon, Cochin China, after a furlough. They work with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

Rev. Albert Eikenaar, B.A., B.Th., '24, minister of Weston Baptist Church, has recently obtained his B.D. degree from Emmanuel College.

Rev. '26 and Mrs. Gordon Mellish (Catherine Hartley '27) have returned to Liberia where they will work with the Baptist Mid Missions.

The following missionaries of the Sudan Interior Mission have left Toronto for Nigeria recently: Erna Zimmerman '28, returning for her third term, Hazel Reesor, Reg. N., '37, Madge Edgson '38-'39, Mavis Kittidge '39-'40 and Adrienne Sproule, E. C. '40-'41.

Alex. McLean '30, who is student minister at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Willowdale, is to be congratulated on winning two scholarships in his second year at Knox College:

THE ALUMNI BASKET PICNIC

will be held in Area 6,
Kew Gardens,

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

from 2 to 8 p.m.

Beverages will be provided.

All present and former students
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invited to attend.

the Jane Mortimer Scholarship given for class standing, and the McLellan Scott Scholarship, which he shared with another student, for an essay on Redemption in the Pauline Epistles and the Gospel of John.

Rev. '30 and Mrs. L. S. Weber (Edna Bowman '24) have returned to Buenos Aires, Argentina, where they are in charge of the mission work of the Mennonite Church.

Ruth MacLeod '32 left on March 5 to take charge of the work at the United Church Community Centre, Saint John, N.B., which was formerly carried on by the late Miss Margaret Armstrong.

Kenneth Lovelady '33 is pastor of Bloomingdale Baptist Church, Bloomingdale, Mich.

Rev. Herbert E. Secord '33, formerly of the Baptist church in Wyoming, has recently accepted a call to the Walkerton Baptist church.

Rev. Donald Stockford '34 is minister of the Church of Christ "Christian Temple" in Lubec, Maine.

Gibson Brown '35, of Little Britain Christian Congregational Church, has accepted a call to the Ringwood church. Wm. Warwick '38 becomes pastor of the Little Britain church on June 1.

Rev. Axel Fugelsang '35, formerly of Kipling Baptist Church, began his new work as pastor of the Wadena, Sask., Baptist church on May 18.

Ross A. MacKay '35-'36, a graduate of Bob Jones College, has completed his first year at Westminster Theological Seminary, Philadelphia.

Ruth Baxter '36-'37, who has been engaged in work under the Sudan Interior Mission at the Katsina Leper Settlement in Northern Nigeria, arriving home this spring for furlough. The ship on which she was returning was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland.

Ronald Harmer '37 is leader of the McMaster Evangelistic Band this year and Frank Anthony '40 is also a member.

On May 11, John Heal '37 received his wings at the R.C.A.F. Training School at Mossbank, Sask. Sgt. Observer Heal headed his class of 34 airmen.

Donald Loveday '37 was ordained at Fairbank Baptist Church, Toronto, on May 1. His father, Rev. A. J. Loveday, preached the ordination sermon, Rev. J. F. Holliday '21 gave the charge to the candidate, and Clifford VanDuzen '31 led in the devotional exercises. On June 8 Mr. Loveday begins his ministry in Pape Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto.

On May 3, Lorna Whitelaw, Reg. N., '37, began her work as a missionary of the Baptist Evangelistic and Missionary Society at Sixty-Nine Corners on the Six Nations Indian Reserve. That work was started some years ago by the late Hazel Miller '23 and centres about the little church which her sisters built there last year in her memory.

Frank Humphreys '38 has been called to the pastorate of the Malahide-Bayham, Goshen and Eden Baptist churches.

In the 1941 graduating list of the St. Catharines General Hospital the name of Kathryn Moyer '38 appears.

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Alice Rowe '38 sailed on May 14 from New York for work in Northern Rhodesia under the South Africa General Mission. She will be stationed at Luampa.

Zaida England '39 has been accepted by the Scandinavian Alliance Mission for service in India. She expects to sail in July.

Andrew H. McKenzie '39 has the summer pastorate at Vermilion, Alta., under the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

On March 25, John Russell '39 was ordained in Dawes Road Baptist Church, of which he has been pastor since that work began eight years ago. Rev. Glen Wardell '13 assisted at the ordination service.

John Moran '40 leaves shortly for Western Canada for work under the Western Baptist Convention.

James Taylor '40 is pastor of the Lake Gospel Church, Hamilton.

Mildred Goulding '41 has been accepted by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board for work in Bolivia, South America.

Eleanor Moyer '42 and Desmond Sweency '43 are spending the summer in Canadian Sunday School Mission work in Thunder Bay District.

At McMaster University Convocation on May 19 the following students received degrees: Bachelor of Divinity—Roy Cook '31; Bachelor of Arts—J. Frank Ward '32, Ronald Harmer '37 and Stanley Gaudin '38. Frank

Humphreys '38 and Frank Bullen (E. C.) graduated from the English Theology Course.

Among those who received diplomas from the Missionary Medical Institute, Toronto, at their graduating exercises on May 14 were Mrs. Ramsey Quark (Audrey McBroom '37-'38) and Adah Beech '40.

Toronto Branch Alumni Executive: Pres.—Rev. Robt. Gordon '38; Vice-Pres.—Jos. Flavelle '29-'30; Sec.—Freda Blair '35; Treas.—Mrs. Gordon Young; Soc. Con.—Agson Gilchrist, E.C. '39.

The following summer fields under the Baptist Home Mission Board are being visited by Bible College men: Belle Ewart—J. Frank Ward '32; Cochrane—Allan King '40; Glen

Meyer—Russel Lamb '38; Paling Ave., Hamilton—Laurie Chubb '40; Kipling—Greg Gregersen '40; Manitoulin—Andrew Steer '42; Rosemount, Montreal—James Johnston '41; New Toronto Mission—John Mair '42; Eastview, Ottawa—Malcolm Morden '39; Sidnev—Campbell MacFarlane '39; Slate River (assisting Rev. A. S. Roblin '34)—Jos. Richardson '38.

Among the workers at the Toronto City Mission Fresh Air Camp at Bronte this summer are: Lillian Read '40, Lezetta Sheppard '41, and Wilma Watson '41.

WANTED PLEASE

Will you kindly send to the Secretary of the College the names and addresses of prominent Christian leaders in your city, town or district? We desire to increase the number of God's stewards—men and women—who will take a prayerful and practical interest in the College life and work and its needs.

To these we will send the new booklet of the College, entitled, "The Story of a Modern Miracle".

We will be grateful for this help from you!

On account of conditions resulting from the war, the day class registration fee will be \$15 per session and the evening class fee \$8, or \$2 per subject per session. This change will come into effect at the beginning of the next session.

Is it too much to ask everyone who receives the "Recorder" to share in the responsibilities of carrying on the work of the College?

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