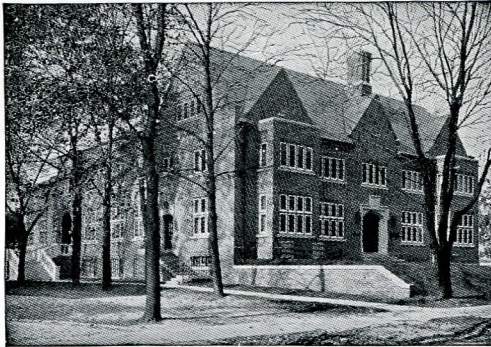


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The Forty-Eighth Session

The College will begin the 48th year of its work on Tuesday the 16th day of September. The general opening service will be held at 10 a.m., and the afternoon and evening will be devoted to the Annual Conference of the Alumni Association, the programme of which will be found on another page.

About seventy applications have already been accepted by the Registrar, while other enquiries have also been received. These new students will be welcomed, together with the old students who will be returning. Although the classes will not be as large as last year, yet there is every promise of a good attendance for the session. While the warfare of the world goes on, the College is also going on with its work in the cause of the Kingdom of God.

In the midst of these strenuous days we need to watch lest we lose our sense of proportion. When such tre-

mendous energy is being put forth all around us to build up the physical forces required to carry on the war, we are in danger of forgetting that the spiritual forces have to be built up too. As citizens we have our contribution to make to the one. As Christians it is our duty and our responsibility to maintain and build up the other. And the other is by far the most important; for if the war were won without a revival of the spiritual it would be lost in the end.

It is encouraging to notice that this is realized by many of our leaders throughout the Empire, and especially by many of our leaders in the Church. As a matter of fact the war has brought into grim prominence the problem of leadership. It was the failure to recognize that the fundamental forces in this world of God's are moral and spiritual, not economic

and political, that has brought the present disaster upon the human race. It is the special business of the Christian Church to magnify these forces in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In view of all this the function which the Bible College fulfils as the hand-

maid of the churches becomes increasingly important. While it goes on with the work of training young men and women for doing the will of God in the world, the College must continue its ministry of bearing witness to the reality of the spiritual.

J. McN.

Graduating Testimonies

1. by Mildred Goulding



I cannot remember a time when I did not know about the Lord Jesus Christ who died on the Cross. It was my privilege from early childhood to

attend a Sunday School where I heard the stories of Jesus. But as I became older, I realized that though Jesus Christ had died for me, if His sacrifice were to avail anything for me, I must appropriate it, and take Him as my Saviour in a personal way. So I surrendered my life to the Lord. A few years ago, I enrolled in the Evening Classes of the Toronto Bible College, and upon completing this course, I entered the regular course of the school.

Through my studies in the Bible College, my vision has been widened. In the classroom we were led into the inner shrine of the Scriptures, and I have been enabled to see something of the great spiritual world which is the background of all the Bible. As we think our way into the great Bible passages, we see beyond this world of time and space, into the world of eternal realities which exists just beyond the reach of our human senses, and which can be entered only by faith.

Through all the Scriptures, there is the sense of this unseen world, and sometimes the veil is drawn aside and we see for a moment beyond the limits of our own world in which we live. The whole system of sacrifices and offerings of the Old Testament was one of types and symbols. It was a shadow world, designed to show the people that there was a real world behind it all.

Not only has the reality of this unseen world been impressed upon my mind, but also the fact that it is a world, not far away, but right close at hand—just beyond our reach. Our late beloved instructor, Mr. Hyde, used to paraphrase a line of a well-known hymn, "There is a happy land, not far away".

On several occasions, the veil which separates the seen from the unseen is drawn aside. On the night when Jesus was born, the joy in Heaven was so great that the angels broke through the barriers with their songs of praise. And there in the fields, the shepherds—humble folk at their daily task—saw and heard the multitude of the Heavenly host.

On the Mount of Transfiguration, the veil was lifted, and the three disciples saw Jesus transfigured, and transported into another world. Jesus had lived a perfect human life and had reached the point where He transcended this earthly existence. He could have entered into His glory on

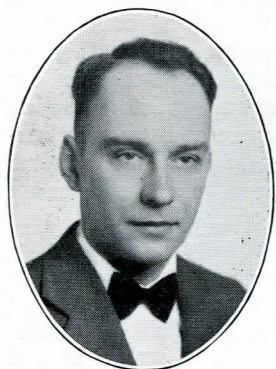
that mount, but He chose to go by the way of the Cross, that He might enter that glory, not alone, but as the representative man, opening the way for all humanity. The disciples saw Jesus talking with the two who had already gone on to that Heavenly world. It was not a vision in the far distance. It was very real to them, and very close to them. And as the sight faded from their view, it remained just behind a cloud.

Then again on another mountain top—this time on the Mount of Ascension—Jesus' friends saw Him leave this earth and enter the invisible world. The picture is not of Jesus going far, far away, up in the sky, but the Word says, "a cloud received Him out of their sight". He went just out of sight. The disciples knew that He had not gone far away. They knew that their Lord was still close to them.

Having seen and understood something of the reality and nearness of this unseen world, I have a new sense of wonder at the majesty and great-

ness of God, and I am encouraged to go forward with Christ into this sick and suffering old world of ours. If I thought that the things of this material, temporal world were the final things—the only real things—I would not have the courage to preach Christ. Why should I give my life to the work of Christ's Kingdom in a world that is dominated by war; in a world where human life seems to be counted as nothing; where selfishness, pride and self-will seem to have taken possession of men? What is the use of preaching the Gospel in such a world? It is because I know that just beyond there is another world—an unseen spiritual world in which are the springs of our Christian life; because I know that God is not bound by limits of time and space, but places at my disposal all the spiritual resources of His great universe; and because I believe that the only cure for the ills of this world is for men and women to become new creatures in Christ Jesus, that I dare to go out "holding forth the word of life".

2. by Henry Williams (E.C. '38)



It would be scarcely possible to recount in a few words all the blessings which the Teacher Course has brought to me. In this course the student is

offered an abundance of material and a variety of detail which open up to him new fields of thought concerning Sunday School work and all its related subjects. There has not been one lec-

ture from which I have not derived some measure of help and inspiration.

I must necessarily confine myself to mentioning only what has been to me the most outstanding feature of the whole course, that which has not only added to my knowledge about the Sunday School but has caused a great change in my attitude toward it. In all our studies in the classes, the greatest blessing God gave me was in seeing the *necessity* of having a Sunday School. Many men and women today (and some Christians, too) just *allow* the Sunday School without seeing the necessity for it.

I always held certain opinions concerning the Sunday School. I thought it was very good to have a Sunday

School. I thought it was a splendid decision for parents to make to send their children to Sunday School. I thought it was a commendable sacrifice for teachers to give their time to the Sunday School. But it took the classes in the Teacher Training Course to change my opinions into a conviction—the conviction of the necessity of having a Sunday School.

There are many people who have opinions about Christ but it can hardly be said that they have convictions about Him, convictions for which they would gladly lay down their lives, if need be. The same can be said about the Sunday School. Opinions may change like the fluttering fancies of fashion, but conviction speaks of the reality which gives power.

In the Teacher Training classes I have learned about the necessity, from different angles, of having a Sunday School. The first and probably the most surprising thought is that *God needs the Sunday School*. That seems strange at first, for if anyone can perform miracles, God Himself can. But He does not use miracles to do for us what we can do ourselves. God needs an agency, and in this case it is the soul-saving agency of the Sunday School.

In Romans 10:14 these questions are asked, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" The religious education in the public school amounts to little. Furthermore, many parents do not care to give their own children the bread of life. The only place where boys and girls can hear about Jesus is in the Sunday School. In many cases it is the only training of its kind they ever receive. God needs the Sunday School to make Himself known

among the youth of our country.

The next thought I received from these Teacher Training classes was that *the church needs the Sunday School*. We usually think of the church as an institution which is well able to stand on its own feet. Has it not a great organization behind it? Is its service not impressive? Is its program not complete? But the astounding fact I learned is that fully 75% to 80% of its present members came to it through the doors of the Sunday School. The Sunday School is part of the church and if the Sunday School dies the church will die with it. If we want to perpetuate our faith we must teach it to the younger generation. The church needs the Sunday School as a soul-winning institution in order that God may remain known in the world.

Finally, I learned that *the child needs the Sunday School*. Any time may be seed time. But the best seed time is in the springtime of life. In Matt. 18:3 we read, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven". It was on this occasion that Christ took a little child and placed him in the midst. Can we afford then to place him anywhere else than in the midst? We grownups think ourselves so important, we are so busy with ourselves, we travel in such high spheres with our thoughts that we cannot understand the child. It is here that Jesus comes, the lowly One of Nazareth, and stoops down and speaks words of comfort and of cheer to the soul of the little child. It has been the experience of many that it was in the Sunday School that they as children met with Jesus. Truly, the child, too, needs the Sunday School.

It is these lessons that I have learned in the Teacher Training

classes, among many others of which I cannot speak to-night. And they all have contributed something vital,

something living, to help us in our task and to make us more profitable to the King of kings.

Classes in the Teacher Training Course are held each Tuesday and Thursday evening during the session at 7.45.

News of the T.B.C. Family

A daughter, Marilyn Elizabeth, was born on Jan. 1 at Desbarats to Pte. '35 and Mrs. J. S. Lowden (Hazel Duncan '35).

A daughter, Elizabeth Anne, was born at Mount Forest on Jan. 12 to Mr. '35 and Mrs. Edgar Burritt.

A daughter, Alison Constance, was born in China on Jan. 26 to Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Amos (Constance Knight '28).

A son, Lawrence George, was born in Verdun, Quebec, on April 28 to Rev. '37 and Mrs. George Clement.

A son, Donald Arthur, was born in Dryden on May 7 to Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Schulte (Velma Turner '29).

A son, Paul Murray, was born in China on May 17 to Mr. '31 and Mrs. John Austin.

A son, David Earl, was born at Unity, Sask., on June 13 to Rev. '36 and Mrs. Earl Sigston.

A Bible College Reunion in China



Left to right, front row: Mrs. Geo. Bell '23 (Dorothy Wade), Mrs. Jos. Hulse, B.A. (Ethelwynn Holland '25), Hazel Fulcher, Reg.N., '33; Back row: Grace Bell (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bell), Geo. Bell '21-'22, Syd. Best '37, Ulf Cronhielm '34, John Bell '27-'28 and Gene Ayton '34, missionaries of the China Inland Mission.

A son, Donald John, was born in Kitchener on July 6 to Sgt. Observer and Mrs. A. John Heal (Evelyn Denison) both of '37.

A daughter was born at Moundou, French Equatorial Africa, on July 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McAlpine (Frances Woods), both E.C. '37.

A daughter was born in Hamilton on July 14 to Surgeon Lieut. and Mrs. W. D. Flatt (Orma Clappison '32-'34).

Florence Merryweather '36 was married to Alex. Strickland on Dec. 27, 1940.

Gertie Musselman '41 was married to Clarence Mills on May 31 in Grace Chapel, Toronto. Rev. Harvey S. Hallman '29-'30 officiated.

Violet Hewson '31 was married to Samuel J. McClure on June 3 in the Bible College. Dr. McNicol officiated.

Ethel Scobie '39-'40 was married to John Redpath on June 5 in Hamilton.

Jean Burrell '38 was married to Roy Pitts '36 on June 7 in Waverley Road Baptist Church, Toronto. Mr. Burns officiated, assisted by Rev. Herbert Secord '33. Mr. Shildrick was soloist, Helen Minkler '38 pianist, Mrs. Herbert Secord (Ruth Burrell '34) matron of honour and Ruth Pitts '37 bridesmaid.

Marion Gray, E. C. '42, was married to Earl Bucknam, E. C. '41, in High Park Baptist Church, Toronto, on June 21. Rev. P. B. Loney '07 assisted with the ceremony and Doris Greenslade, E. C. '41, was bridesmaid.

Anne Cohutt '39-'41 was married to Donald Day '40 on June 21 in Lappin Ave. Tabernacle, Toronto.

Gladys Simpkins, E. C. '42, was married to Albert Acheson, E. C. '43, on June 21 in Toronto. Viola Little '41 was soloist and Doris Abernethy '41 pianist.

Stella McCullough, E. C. '38, was married to James Pickens (E. C.) on June 28 at Claremont. Joyce McCullough (E. C.) was bridesmaid.

Bernice Haynes '30 was married to Dr. John William Adams on July 12 in Toronto.

Wilma Goodison was married to Rev. Alvin Armstrong '35 in Blenheim Baptist Church on July 29.

Nancy Hughes, E.C. '39-'40, was married to Rev. Donald Loveday '37 in Fairbank Baptist Church, Toronto, on Aug. 9. Rev. A. J. Loveday officiated, assisted by Rev. J. F. Holliday '21. Dorothy Loveday '42 was bridesmaid, Sgt. Obs. Jack Heal '37 was groomsmen, and Melba Trombley '35 assisted with the music.

Edna Jefferson '40 was married to Sgt. Pilot Erven Grierson on Aug. 22 in Toronto.

Mrs. J. H. Downing (Stoffelena Hoogstad '26) died in the General Hospital, Toronto, on Aug. 11.

Elizabeth Olenick '39 died at her home in Deleau, Man., on Aug. 14.

Rev. H. H. Kippen, E. C. '08-'09, formerly of Eden Mills, has been called to the Alma United church.

Rev. Edwin R. Baker '15 of Syracuse, N.Y., and Rev. Samuel McNeilly '16 of Utica, Ill., visited the College during the summer recess.

Rev. Chas. E. Bray '16 has been appointed to the Willowdale mission field (Alberta) of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. '24 and Mrs. Thos. Lindores are on furlough from Brazil where they have been working under the New Testament Missionary Union.

John Bell '27-'28 has been appointed superintendent of the China Inland Mission's work in the provinces of Kansu, Ningsia and Tsinghai.

Rev. Fred Darnell '31 has been appointed minister of the Colborne Baptist church.

Clifford VanDuzen '31 has recently become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Oshawa.

Mr. '33 and Mrs. Edward Harlow (Margaret Burritt '32) are on furlough from the Belgian Congo, where

they have been engaged in mission work.

Isabel Elliott '34-'35, who has been a United Church W. M. S. missionary in Formosa, is on furlough this year.

Alvin Armstrong '35 was ordained on May 14 in the Blenheim Baptist church. Rev. Harold Chambers '29 assisted with the service.

Kathleen Henderson '35 is on furlough from Angola, Portuguese West Africa, where she has been working under the South Africa General Mission.

Frank Stevens '35 was ordained on May 30 in Mount Hamilton Baptist Church. Lorne Smith '38 and Emerson Stafford '39 took charge of the devotional service, and Rev. D. A. Burns, B.A., B.Th., '16, preached the ordination sermon.

Isabella Spence and Emma Sullivan, both of '36, arrived in Toronto on July 6 on furlough from China where they have been working under the China Inland Mission.

Dorothy Robinson '35-'38 has recently begun work with the Big Sister Association in Vancouver.

May McCurdy '37 graduated from Belleville General Hospital in June.

Edna Waterhouse '37 graduated from Moulton College, Toronto, on June 10.

Arthur England, B.A., '38, has been called to the pastorate of the Selkirk Baptist church.

Mr. '38-'39 and Mrs. Paul Rumball (Jean McLean '34-'35) have returned from Japan where they have been engaged in mission work under the Central Japan Pioneer Mission.

Rev. Russell Vickers '39 has been appointed minister of the Kelvington and Lintlaw United Churches (Saskatchewan).

Stella Heise '39-'40 graduated in June from the Junior College of Beulah College, Upland, California.

Adah Beech '40, Ruth Young '40 and John Posno '41 have been accepted by the China Inland Mission for service in China.

Ruth Melitzer '40 has been appointed a full time worker with the Faith Mission, and Betty Gillman '40 has been engaged in their summer work.

Blois Crawford '41 has had the summer pastorate of the Sonora Baptist church in Nova Scotia, and Clifford McLaughlan '41, that of the Wicklow and Eddystone Baptist churches in Ontario.

Grace Reeves '41 left on Aug. 6 for Pangnirtung, Baffin Land, to become matron of St. Luke's Hospital, under the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada.

If you have changed your name, address, title or degrees, please let us know. We are anxious to get all this information before publishing our next Alumni catalog. Also, kindly send us the names and addresses of any of our former students you know to be in the Active Service Forces.—Sec. Alumni Assn.

The new session of the College will open on Tuesday, September 16, at 10 a.m., with a Devotional Service in the Assembly Hall conducted by the Principal. Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

The Secretary's Message

It is an old, old saying, that the Lord will provide, but many have found it difficult to trust this word. They are afraid to put God's promises to the test, though every day they live by His Providence!

Jesus has given to His followers great and gracious assurances of the Father's care, and promises them that if they are faithful, He will supply their need.

Through the centuries the tests have been made and Christ's words found to be unfaillingly true. The hymnwriter, Frances Ridley Havergal, was unquestionably correct to pen these lines:

"Stayed upon Jehovah hearts are fully blest;

Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest".

I remember years ago hearing for the first time that wonderful line of this hymn sung, at Keswick, Cumberland, England:

"They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true".

It made a profound impression upon my young mind and heart and later at the China Inland Mission home at Mildmay, London, England, when the cablegram had been received informing the Council of the Boxer Uprising and the tragedy of so many martyred missionaries, the leader of the meeting that day asked those present to sing this inspired hymn:

"Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,

Over all victorious in its bright increase;

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day—

Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah hearts are fully blest;

Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest".

Shall we, the interested friends of the College, sing that hymn and believe that

"We may trust Him fully all for us to do:

They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true".

Quotation from *The Daily Star*, Saturday, July 19, 1941, from a letter written by "An Anglican Mother".

"If people only knew how interesting and even thrilling the study of the Bible can be, they would be astonished."

"The trouble is that few school teachers have the training to fit them for this work of Bible teaching. It would greatly help if every teacher could take a course at the Toronto Bible College, which is interdenominational."

"Sooner or later, the whole world will have to become conscious of Christianity, and as this can only be done by a knowledge of God through the Bible, surely our schools should be ready to help the young people who are the parents of tomorrow."

The Annual Alumni Conference will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16,

Afternoon Session at 4

Supper at 5.45 (30c.)

Evening Session at 7.45

Addresses by Rev. Dr. John McLaurin and returned missionaries.