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The Class Secretaries

No finer service is rendered the College by its graduates than that which is performed by the secretaries of the graduating classes in connection with the class-letter Budgets. It is no easy task for a secretary to keep in regular correspondence with the members of her class as they scatter over the world, to gather and arrange their letters in one collection, which they call "the Budget", and have them duplicated and circulated in this form among all the members of the class. This entails a great deal of work and takes a great deal of time, but it is a labour of love; and there is no better way to preserve and disseminate the T.B.C. spirit and fellowship.

The pioneer in this good work was Miss Minnie Pitman of the class of 1913. For nearly thirty years now she has been carrying on this method of keeping the students of her time in touch with one another and with the

College. We had the privilege of going through the Budget which she sent last month to Miss Soper in Peru. We found that her list of correspondents, even after all these years, comprises twelve in Canada, nine in the United States, four in Africa, three in China, and two in South America. Among the letters was one from a board secretary of a great denomination in Canada, another from a member of the editorial staff of a metropolitan daily paper, another from the superintendent of a large city hospital in the United States. One of the most interesting letters was from the minister of a church in Abraham Lincoln's home-town, who thinks he has at last found the place where he will retire for the rest of his life.

No secretary has devoted herself to this work with more enthusiasm than Miss Bessie Locke of the class of 1926. The Budget which she com-

piled and sent out at the turn of the year was a remarkable document. It contained references to forty-nine graduates of her time; and about each of them, like Paul in his Epistles, she had something special and distinctive to say. It also contained fourteen long extracts from the letters she had received. Among the graduates with whom she corresponds are thirty-two missionaries, scattered through Africa, India, China, and South America.

One of the most faithful class secretaries is Miss Erma Selman of 1928. Her work has been the more difficult because she has had to carry it on from her home in a distant Ontario town. Yet she has been circulating several Budgets each year. Her last Christmas one contained twenty letters and notes about five other members of her class.

The classes that have graduated during the last twelve years, since the College moved up to the present site, have grown so large that the work of these secretaries has greatly increased. Yet they carry it on with the same patient zeal. Some of the Budgets which they turn out are monuments of industry and devotion. One of them, whose home is in the State of Massachusetts, gets her class letters out in printed form.

Copies of these class Budgets come to our office, and are always read with great interest. They keep us in touch

with our far-flung family and show us what our graduates are doing for the cause of Christ in the world. There are few parts of the world where they have not gone, and scarcely any form of Christian service in which they are not occupied. A recent Budget of the class of 1936 contained a letter from Tel-Aviv in Palestine, the only solidly Jewish city on the face of the earth.

The members of the various classes should recognize the value and importance of the work of their secretaries, and give them prompt and loyal support. It not only helps to maintain the unity of the T.B.C. family scattered abroad, but it also helps to strengthen the hands of those who carry on the work of the College at the centre. All things are being shaken in the present shaking of the nations, and we must all prepare for a future that will be very different from the past. As time goes on the Alumni of the College will need to undertake a larger share of its support. In two years we shall be celebrating the Jubilee of the Bible College. By that time we should know what the new conditions are to be, and we should be prepared to enter them with a renewed trust in the Lord, and a renewed dedication to the purpose for which He has used the institution in the past.

J. McN.

The Alumni Looks Forward

For the past decade, the Alumni Association has pursued a policy of keeping its members informed of the outstanding events in College life, the doings of its members throughout the world and the plans of the Board of Governors for the maintenance and expansion of the College ministry. This has been done through the pages of the Recorder, through the letters

sent from the Secretary's office and by means of the conferences held in various sections of the province.

Being a voluntary group of workers, and having to carry on their regular work from day to day, the members of the Alumni executive have not been as free to move about in the constituency as they have desired. Nevertheless, a progressive work has been

carried on which has resulted in new interest in the College. This has revealed itself in a concrete way in the givings of the Alumni members to the support of the school which are ten times what they were ten years ago.

During this period the entire structure of the Alumni organization has been reviewed and strengthened; records of permanent value have been properly filed; preparations for the issue of a second Alumni catalogue have been made; and plans projected for a fitting contribution to be made by the Alumni to the Jubilee of the College which will be observed in September 1944. In other words, the Alumni has been taking, what appears to its executive to be, a more worthy part in the affairs of the College.

At a recent executive meeting it was agreed to further advance preparations for the Jubilee services by preparing specialized lists of graduates, by arranging for certain exhibits which will fittingly visualize the growth of the College and by formulating tentative plans for conferences to be conducted during Jubilee week.

At the same meeting, the executive received a communication from the Board of Governors suggesting that the Alumni set as its annual objective for College maintenance the amount of four thousand dollars. After careful consideration, the executive agreed that the amount to be aimed at should be five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). In 1941, the Alumni members contributed slightly over \$2,000.00 and this was the largest amount contributed in any one year with the one exception of 1929 when over \$10,000.00 was raised to provide furnishings for the new building.

The executive desires to call attention to this new and challenging task and to invite the co-operation of all members in helping to reach it. It is desirable that we should overtake the major portion of this amount annually before the Jubilee. In fact, we are

hoping that 1944 will see the objective reached, that is, for the calendar year 1944 the Alumni shall provide the amount of \$5,000.00 for regular College support and continue each year thereafter to do the same. This is approximately one-seventh of the annual budget of the College and is an objective which should be easily attained if each member the world over will take the matter to heart. It is the regular multiplication of smaller gifts that we ask and to this the Alumni can respond. Give *monthly*, or *quarterly* or *annually* as your circumstances warrant. All these ways are now being used by Alumni members already giving regularly. We ask you to add your name to this list by planning now to send your gifts. Make provision for the College in your plan of stewardship and help your Alumni executive to reach the goal set for it by the Jubilee year—1944.

The Alumni Secretary has visited a number of the churches over which graduates preside as pastors. A partial list follows:

- Waverley Road Baptist, Toronto—
Rev. W. E. Atkinson '10
- Woodbine Heights Baptist, Toronto
—George Tranter '38
- Glenforest Road Baptist, Toronto—
Rev. D. H. Gordon '32
- Oakwood Avenue Baptist, Toronto
—Rev. Robert Gordon '38
- Runnymede Road Baptist, Toronto
—Rev. P. B. Loney '07
- Truth Gospel, Hamilton—Rev. Geo.
Darby '31
- Olivet Baptist, Toronto—Rev. J. K.
Holland '23
- Slate River Baptist—Rev. A. S.
Roblin '34
- Fort Frances Presbyterian—Rev. J.
N. Hepburn '31
- Fort Frances Baptist—Rev. Albert
Motchman '34
- Dryden Baptist—Rev. A. B. Schulte
'26-'27
- Newmarket Christian—Rev. Arthur
Greer '37

In these churches he found fine congregations, a positive Gospel ministry and a fine appreciation of the spiritual challenge of the times through which we are passing. Not only was there a fine standard of preaching but the men, without exception, had the shepherd heart and were out in their communities after the unchurched and the indifferent. Most of the congregations

had fine groups of young people who were busily engaged in various forms of Christian service. The College has been noted for its continuous contribution to the foreign mission fields of the world. Do our readers and friends realize the valuable contribution being made by our graduates to the evangelization of our great Dominion?

D. A. B.

Our Graduates



In the Fall of 1941, one of our graduates left Toronto for the Far North. A friend of hers jokingly said that she had gone into "cold storage" for four years! She had been ap-

pointed by the W.M.S. of the Church of England in Canada, as Matron of St. Luke's Hospital at Pangnirtung, Baffin Land, to which place mail, supplies, and travellers can go only once a year.

Miss Grace Reeves, who graduated in April, 1941, had offered herself for missionary work in her Church, was accepted and then appointed to this lonely outpost. On August 1st the train took her from Toronto to Churchill, which is the end of the steel on Hudson Bay. She then went by S.S. "Mascopie", which is the Hudson Bay Company's ice breaker, to Pangnirtung. She did not arrive there until September 21st, for this boat journey is rather an extended one, as the ship calls at the most northerly ports first, and on her return trip to Churchill, calls at Pangnirtung. She was the only missionary aboard the steamer, the other passengers being officials of the government, mounted

police, wireless operators and Hudson Bay Company agents.

At Pangnirtung, she would find the Reverend Arthur and Mrs. Turner and child, two nurses, Miss Hocken and Miss Keary. There is a government doctor in residence at the settlement. St. Luke's, where Miss Reeves is matron, is a 24-bed hospital with a nurses' and matron's residence attached. It is a very welcome sight in that cold North Country, for it is a centre of great blessing, both physical and spiritual, to those northern people. This hospital was built in 1930, but the Mission is one of the earliest in the North and was founded first on an island in the bay that skirts Baffin Land.

This large and far-reaching diocese of two and a quarter million square miles (including one and a quarter million square miles of land), whose people are Indian, Eskimo and white, of whom ninety per cent are nomads, is under the able jurisdiction of the Right Reverend A. L. Fleming, who is the Bishop in charge of this great Church work beyond the Arctic Circle. Bishop Fleming travels throughout his diocese in the Summer, holding special services in the various churches. He has his cathedral at Aklavik.

Miss Grace Reeves needs the prayers and thoughts of her friends. About the middle of June of this year,

letters and magazines should be addressed to her:

"Matron, St. Luke's Hospital, Pangnirtung, Baffin Land, c/o General P.O., Montreal, Que. (July 1)".

These leave early in July, from Montreal, and will reach her in September, at her lonely outpost.



The Hospital and Mission at Pangnirtung, with some of the Congregation

A Graduate's "Mite!"

A Graduate, whose name must not be divulged, came into the office of the College a few weeks ago for a personal interview. After she had talked over her affairs and we had had a pleasant time of fellowship, she asked for a pen. Opening her bag, she took out a cheque book and proceeded to write. The amount she wrote on the cheque, to be a gift to the College, seemed to be too good to believe, for one knew her financial position did not warrant such self-sacrifice.

Here was an example of a devoted Christian young woman who had been earning a weekly wage in the home of friends, really doing sacrificial work, for there was a large family to care for, now willing and ready to give her savings of probably over a very

long period to her Alma Mater. One felt urged to constrain her sacrificial zeal, for \$100.00 must have been almost like a fortune to her.

Her conviction that this gift must be offered for the Lord's work in the College arose out of her gratitude for what God had done for her while she was in the College and for its influence upon her life afterwards.

There are other members of the Alumni who are living sacrificial lives both at home and abroad, and are receiving untold blessing in their souls as a reward.

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver". If we count our blessings, we realize that nothing is too good or too great to give to the Lord. F. G. V.

TORONTO BRANCH ALUMNI

8th Annual Banquet

Friday, March 20, 6.15 p.m.

30c.

Dr. McNicol will speak.

All former students and friends invited.

News of the T.B.C. Family

Births

On June 28, 1941, to Mr. '34 and Mrs. James Orr, San Ignacio, Argentina, a daughter, Jean Charlotte.

On July 15 to Rev. and Mrs. L. K. Sider (Ruby Moyer '36-'37) of Aylmer West, Ont., a son, John William.

At Childress, Texas, on Sept. 11, to Mr. '34-'36 and Mrs. Frank Hatt, a daughter, Eva Carolyn.

At Chungwei, Ninghsia, China, on Oct. 24, to Mr. '37 and Mrs. Sydney Best, a son, Theodore Malcolm.

On Nov. 1 in Toronto to Mr. '30-'31 and Mrs. Jos. Flavelle (Doris Barrow, E. C. '29) a daughter, Ruth Anne.

At Port Arthur, Ont., on Dec. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Winslow (Christena Keatley '34) a son, Robert Earl.

On Dec. 26 to Rev. '38 and Mrs. Leonard Coupland (Florence Bain, E. C.), of Newmarket, a son, William Paul.

On Jan. 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carnahan (Vera Bender '32) of New Lowell, Ont., a son.

On Jan. 24 at Chatham, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chaffe (Marguerite Simpson '35-'37), a daughter, Leatha Elizabeth.

At Hamilton, Ont., on Jan. 26, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack McRae (Doris Wilson '39-'40) a daughter, Marion Gertrude Cynthia.

On Feb. 9 at Consecon, Ont., to Cpl. and Mrs. Chas. Margetson (Ruth Wannamaker '37-'38), a son. (The baby died on Feb. 25).

On Feb. 22 in Espanola, Ont., to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dalby (May Richards, E. C. '39), a daughter, Valerie Marilyn.

In Toronto on Feb. 22 to Rev. and Mrs. '39-'40 Ward Shantz, a daughter, Marion Ruth.

On Feb. 24 in Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., to Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Black (Edna Bailey '40), twins, son and daughter.

On February 27, to Mr. '36 and Mrs. Clarence T. Bass (Harriette Ollivier '36-'38), Kalyandrug, Anantupur District, India, a daughter.

On March 1 in Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Wilton (May McCurdy '37, Reg. N.), a son, Douglas Bruce.

In Toronto on March 2, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Burrige (Evelyn Hall '38-'39), a son, Lawrence Arthur.

On March 4 in Toronto to Mr. (E. C. '42) and Mrs. Victor Marskell (May Rabey '35) a son, Kenneth Roy.

Marriages

On Nov. 8 at the New Testament Missionary Union's headquarters in Temperley, Argentina, Polly Perkins '26-'27, to Arthur H. Mason. Rev. George Rice '30 officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Mason are working in Paraguay.

At Coopersburg, Pa., on Nov. 8, Ward Shelly '39 to Lydiamarie Thomas. Mr. Shelly is pastor of the Springfield (Pa.) Mennonite Church.

On Dec. 6 in Mount Brydges, Ont., Margaret Cobban '32-'33 to Howard Trott.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STUDENT BODY

will be held in the Assembly Hall of the College,
Wednesday, April 29, at 8.00 p.m.

The Alumni Banquet will be held the same evening at 5.45 when
the Graduating Classes will be the guests of the Alumni
Association.

Former students and friends are invited.

At Hamilton on Dec. 6 Bernice Atkinson '39-'40 to Clifford McHardy.

At Sundridge, Ont., on Dec. 6, Violet McKeen '38-'39 to Gerald Fraser. Bessie Mead '42 was bridesmaid.

On Dec. 13 in Toronto, Alex. Proulx '37 to Irene Sara.

On Jan. 3 in Capetown, South Africa, Blanche Glen, of Briercrest, Sask., to Dr. Alex. Henderson '35. Dr. and Mrs. Henderson will work in Muye, Angola, under the South Africa General Mission.

On Jan. 6 at Foochow, Fukien Province, China, Vera Bigham '37 to William Tyler '36, both of the China Inland Mission.

On Jan. 15 in Capetown, Gladys Brock, of Long Branch, Ont., to Russell Hughes '39, both of the South Africa General Mission. May Russell, E.C. '28, was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes will work at the Mbadane Mission Station, Swaziland, and Miss Russell in Northern Rhodesia.

In China, the middle of January, Gladys Mileson '39, to Frank Muir '39, both of the China Inland Mission.

In Toronto on Jan. 22, Marjorie Adams '40, to Max Promney '39-'41.

Deaths

In Toronto on Oct. 23, Samuel Scott, a former Evening Class student.

In Lenola, Moorestown, N.J., on Dec. 16, Rev. I. J. Ransom '06.

On Dec. 28 in Toronto, Rev. T. Wou Ma '08, for 41 years a minister to the Chinese in Toronto.

Personals

Rev. J. W. Hisey '09-'10, of Mount Brydges, has accepted a call to the Baptist church at New Hamburg.

Rev. D. E. McDonald '11, of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in India, is on furlough in Toronto.

Isobell H. Jack '21 has returned to her mission station in Argentina, after a furlough spent in Canada.

Rev. Elmer Loney '22, B.Th., is pastor of the Burgessville and East Oxford Baptist churches.

Rev. '24 and Mrs. Harold Dancy (Amy Marwood '26) have returned to their work in Kano, N. Nigeria, after a furlough at home. They work with the Sudan Interior Mission.

Rev. S. D. France '24-'25 has accepted a call to the Cobourg Baptist church.

Rev. T. H. B. Somers, E.C. '27, M.A., S.T.M., has been appointed a Chaplain in the R.C.A.F., with the rank of Flight Lieutenant, and is attached to the R.A.F. station at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

On Dec. 1 Rev. W. Harry Moore '28 assumed the pastorate of the Owen Sound Baptist church.

Rev. Harold Chambers '29, formerly of Bothwell, has recently accepted a call to the Paisley Baptist church.

On Jan. 4 Rev. John Byers '30 began his ministry in Victoria Avenue Gospel Church, Hamilton.

Mrs. E. G. Cook (Dorothy Wandland '30-'31) and Mrs. John Miller (Frances Leaker '31), missionaries of the Sudan Interior Mission, are at home on furlough.

Viola Walker '35-'36 sailed on Dec. 17 for the Belgian Congo to resume work under the Unevangelized Fields Mission.

THINKING THROUGH THE BIBLE — VOL. III

(the first volume on the New Testament)

by Principal McNicol

will be available at Easter.

\$1.50

At all Religious Book Stores.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE
of the College will be held on Sunday, April 26,
at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall.
You are cordially invited to attend.

Helena Gibbs '36, formerly of Manchuria, has been appointed to work in Free China under the Presbyterian Church.

Joan Howell '36 left recently for mission work in Dominica, B.W.I.

Frank Keys '36 has the Flesherton-Rock Mills field under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mr. '36 and Mrs. Norman Parish and family left on Feb. 28 for South America to resume their work with the Colombia Evangelical Mission in Medellin, Colombia. They were accompanied by Ruby Edwards '33-'34, Reg. N., who will work with them.

Rev. and Mrs. Foster Hilliard (Margaret Burkholder '36-'37) have been appointed by the United Church of Canada to work in Trinidad. Mr. Hilliard will act as inspector of schools and will supervise the work of native pastors.

Mr. '36-'38 and Mrs. George Turnbull (Helen Riehl '39) have opened up a work in Port Hope under the Mennonite Church.

Lawrence Mould '37 is on a United Church Mission field at Bracken, Sask., with three charges under him.

Jos. Richardson '38 is on the debating team of McMaster University which recently won the western sec-

tion in the Inter University Debating League.

Leslie Moran '39 left on Jan. 8 for the University of British Columbia for study preparatory to taking a summer mission field under the United Church.

Rev. John Russell '39, for 9 years pastor of Dawes Road Gospel Church, has accepted a call to Christie Street Baptist Church, Toronto.

Adah Beech '40, Ruth Young '40, B.Sc.(H.Ec.), and John Posno '41, accepted candidates of the China Inland Mission, who were prevented by war conditions from sailing for China on Dec. 15, are occupying the following positions "for the duration": Miss Beech as secretary to Dr. Waters, Miss Young on the staff of Branksome Hall, Toronto, and Mr. Posno as missionary of the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Vera Rudnikoff and Leah Stewart, both of '40, have joined the Women's Auxiliary, R.C.A.F.

Harry Butler '41 was ordained on Dec. 16 in Trinity Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, of which he is pastor. Rev. Melchie Henry '27 assisted with the service.

Roy Harrison '41 is with the Shanty-men's Christian Association.

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

of the
FORTY-EIGHTH SESSION will be held in the
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ARENA
Bloor Street West, near St. George Street,
Thursday Evening, April 30, at 8.00

Tickets may be secured by applying to the Secretary
Doors open at 6.00 7,000 seats Offering