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The Task of the Bible College

While the Toronto Bible College goes on with its special work of training young people for Christian work in any part of the world, it has also a special witness to bear. Its course of training seeks to magnify certain spiritual values. They are values that need to be emphasized more than ever in these days.

The war has come upon us as a Divine judgment upon national policies which ignored the moral and spiritual order of this world of God's. Wars are waged on earth, but they are won in heaven. "The Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever He will". Those who have power with God are nearer the source of victory than those whose power is only with men. While we fight for the cause of democracy, we should seek to make democracy worth fighting for. A democracy that ignores the principles of the Kingdom of God cannot safely be entrusted with vic-

tory. For example, a democracy that deals with the liquor traffic the way Ontario does is not likely to make the world safe for young people after the war.

The Bible College course is based on two great spiritual verities—the Divine authority of the Bible as the Word of the living God, and the living presence of the Holy Spirit in the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the supreme task of the College to send its students out into the work of God in the world and back into the membership of their churches with their souls possessed and pervaded by these two great spiritual principles. The annual Graduation Exercises are always purposely designed to illustrate the effect of such a course of training, and to magnify in public these same spiritual values. That the College work is not in vain is amply attested by the throngs who attend these services year after year.

When all things around us are being shaken, it behoves us all to keep our poise and not lose sight of the things that matter most. There is no greater need among us to-day than a revival of these spiritual principles. It is by bearing witness to them, and by training young men and women in the knowledge and experience of them,

that the Bible College is making its contribution to the cause of the Kingdom of God. And it is to Christian people who believe in these spiritual principles that we look for the fellowship of prayer and the financial support which the College needs.

J. McN.

The New Session

The next session will open on Tuesday, September 15th, with the usual devotional service at 10 a.m. when the new students will be welcomed into the fellowship of the College. This will be the forty-ninth session, and that reminds us that the Bible College is approaching its Jubilee year.

The war continues to reduce the enrolment of students, as it has been doing each year since it broke out. Some of the men of last year will not be able to return, and the proportion of men in the incoming class will be small. All this was to be expected. Nevertheless, some sixty applications from new students had been accepted by the middle of August, and enquiries were still being received by the Registrar. Most of last year's students who have not finished their course are expecting to return. The College will go on with its usual curriculum.

While the classes will not be as large, the Student Activities will be as busy as ever. This is one of the most important features of the training

which the College provides. The members of the Cabinet have been preparing for the session by keeping in touch with one another through correspondence and the fellowship of prayer. The Evangelistic Band have appointments already covering the whole fall term. Mr. Shildrick anticipates that the College Choir will become largely a women's choir.

The Department of Student Activities is losing Miss Ella Miller, who has filled the most exacting post in the offices of the College so efficiently, and has rendered such fine service in various ways during the past six years. She has accepted a teaching position in the Grande Ligne Mission of the Baptist Church in Quebec, and will begin her work there in October. The good wishes of all go with her in her chosen profession. The Board has appointed Miss Helena Rae of last year's graduating class to take her place, and during September Miss Miller will be initiating Miss Rae into the duties of the office.

THINKING THROUGH THE BIBLE—VOL. IV

(Romans to Revelation)

by Rev. John McNicol, D.D.

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A Melodious Message from China

The body of a letter received by Mr. Sheddick from Vera Wigham '37, who was recently married to William Tyler '36.

You may not remember me, but that doesn't matter in the least. I was for three happy years one of the sopranos that sat under your teaching, sometimes perhaps with fear and trembling, but always with benefit and a keen enjoyment of your two hours of music-teaching each week. In those years you used to tell us of the day when we would be putting into practice the knowledge, ideas and suggestions you gave us. I have often wished that you could be within hearing distance, and seeing distance too, since one must *see* the Chinese sing to appreciate them. Let me tell you some first experiences and impressions; and please do not think I am laughing at these dear people, for I love them, and feel very much at home singing with them in their own way; though that admission is no credit to your training!

We are fortunate enough to have an organ here. One of my first impressions of Chinese singing was that they thought noise was the main idea. Without an organ, you can readily imagine how easily one is carried away or overwhelmed by the native singing. In fact, a person just arriving would scarcely recognize the tune being sung. That impression isn't far from what happens even now, though once the tunes become more familiar to the Chinese, it is easier to keep them to the original tune. This leads me to say that they quite revel in using various hymns for one well-loved tune, as well as equally enjoying singing a hymn to some strange or weird tune; so that, really, every hymn sung is an adventure until we are safely through the first verse or two. One day I played the tune given in our hymn book, but in the middle of the first verse the people began to follow a man who was changing to another tune,

the change, mark you, being made without missing a single word! I struggled on with the original tune, playing the organ, hoping to win them back in the second verse; but by the time I got into that verse I found that I also had obediently followed the song leader and was actually playing his tune!

But it never worries us if a tune doesn't fit the words, for the Chinese just add on notes. This afternoon a seventy-five year old deacon led us in a hymn which required a Long Meter tune, but we all sang it to an 8.6.8.6. Meter. It didn't bother anyone; we all proved our worth—just added the necessary notes and made a joyful noise unto the Lord, if nothing more.

Now, let me hasten to reassure you. While all I have written is quite true and descriptive of what often happens, it is not the only thing that can be said. At first the Chinese tunes are not attractive; but once one becomes accustomed to them, their tunes have a way of singing themselves into one's head all day long. We often enjoy the soldiers' singing. They have many fine patriotic songs now, which they sing as they march along. The school children also sing these with great fervour.

And what about the children who come to services? I do wish you could come tomorrow afternoon and hear them. At least 30 of the 40 will be from heathen homes. A year ago they knew nothing of the Gospel and its hymns and songs, which are always a part of "the only religion with a song". It has been an unspeakable joy early in my life in this land to have the privilege of teaching the children to sing the hymns of the Gospel. It has been a help, too, when "my words are not enough to use". Thus the simple truths of salvation

come to the minds and hearts of the Chinese children, through the use of Scripture verses which they sing to their own tunes and ours. We now hear these tunes sung on the streets, and pray God to bless His Word as it is taken to heathen homes through the singing of the little children.

Recently I had another door open, which at first seemed too big for me to dare to enter. It was an invitation to hold weekly meetings in a factory where more than 70 girls are employed embroidering linens. The building is an old family-hall, which has high-beamed ceilings, with a big open court leading off to many side rooms. The girls have come mostly from schools, and so have already learned to sing. Their voices in that old building are lovely to hear at twilight. Among the 70 odd girls there are a few who are opposed to the Christian teaching and so do not attend the meetings. I am praying that, as the songs reach into every corner of the old building, the

message of Christ's love will reach the hearts hardened and stubborn by years of heathen custom and influence.

Often at twilight I practise for an hour or so on the little organ, just rambling from one old favourite tune to another. This summer it was my pleasure to meet with other missionaries. We sang and played on various instruments together, making melody in our hearts to the Lord. It seemed to take me back again to the old days of College life when many students would practise together for the Sunday services.

When you are tired and wondering whether your work is really fruitful or not, please remember the blessing that your labours in the past have become, through your earlier pupils who now, in many lands, are teaching others the Songs of Zion and thus telling them the story of the Saviour's love.

Words of Witness at Graduation

By Frank Ganer, Manitoulin Island



When I gave my heart to Christ six years ago, I found myself part of the great Christian fellowship.

Many things in this fellowship have impressed me. It is different from anything I had known before. Only those who have been able to share this fellowship can understand it. Before I entered into it I did not realize what a relationship one Christian can have with another, and with Jesus Christ. But upon entering it I found that something new had come into my life which natur-

ally put me on a common plane with other Christians.

Christian fellowship is very different from any relationship we find in the world. Those who do not know Christ have a sympathetic understanding of each other in things pertaining to this life. Christian people not only have this sympathetic understanding, but they also have the love of Christ, which is far higher and more noble than anything which is the product of natural affection.

Think of the relationship among the nations to-day. International fellowship has been broken to pieces, because it lacks that quality which gives unity and strength. On the other hand Christian fellowship grows stronger and more steadfast, because of its supernatural quality. Nothing

could have made this fact more real to me than the manner in which we share our individual interests one with the other in the Toronto Bible College.

During my three years' course I have experienced such a fellowship as this with my fellow students. We attend the same lectures, and have the same Book as our guide. The same Holy Spirit leads us and we worship the same Saviour. The times when we are nearest to God and to each other are those which we spend together in prayer. We share those burdens which weigh most heavily upon the heart, and the anxieties and fears that perplex us are shared by our fellow students as though it were they

who were distressed. We speak freely of the things of this life and the life to come. We share our joys and blessings, and anticipate our future service for God.

One of the true marks of being a part of such a fellowship is the burning desire to share its benefits with those who do not know Jesus Christ. Like the Apostle Paul we seek to make the love of God known to all people, regardless of race, colour or status of life.

This is the type of fellowship which has characterized the Christian Church, and makes it different from all earthly orders or societies. It is a living fellowship, where each lives for the other, and all live for God.

By Jack Coulter, Toronto



During my course at Toronto Bible College there was one aspect of College life that made a deep impression upon me. That was the College spirit, the pervading

spirit of unity in the student body. Every student, regardless of his or her denomination, is made to feel that he is a vital part of the Bible College family. One would think this impossible since so many denominations are represented in the school. Yet, I have witnessed a spirit—a unifying spirit—that transcends all denominational barriers. Denominational differences are not ignored. They do not divide us, but unify us and bind our hearts together, thus illustrating the words of Scripture, "All one in Christ Jesus".

It is an inspiration to witness students who have come from different parts of our city, from many remote places of our country, from churches

of almost every denomination, all gathered together in one united body under the same banner inscribed with "One Lord, one faith, one baptism".

After completing our course we return with the desire to strengthen our own denomination and also with a more tolerant feeling for those of the other denominations. It is thus that I fully comprehend the significance of this militant hymn.

"Like a mighty army moves the church of God,
Brothers we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity".

The class of 1942 goes out with this text as our motto, "The Lord Reigneth". He reigneth when? He reigneth now. He reigneth ever. His kingship is not now recognized by all; but when God's celestial time-piece strikes the hour, the Lord will reign over a world redeemed from sin and war. There will be no tyrannical and demonic power inflicting its suffering upon the

innocent, for "He, whose right it is, shall reign".

When the church militant joins hands with the church triumphant, believers from all denominations, from every nation, tribe and tongue from the four corners of the earth—all in one great company of the redeemed—

will realize in a new way the truth of this word, "The Lord Reigneth".

"Then all the earth shall rise and bring

Peculiar honours to our King.

Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen".

The new session of the College will open on Tuesday morning, September 15, at 10.00, with a Devotional Service in the Assembly Hall conducted by the Principal.

News of U. B. C. Family

Births

On Jan. 21 in Kano, Nigeria, to Rev. '24 and Mrs. Harold Dancy (Amy Marwood '26) a son, Arthur Bingham Carey.

On April 15 in Listowel, to Mr. and Mrs. Trewin (Frances Loree '39) a daughter, Anne Roselle.

In Detroit in May, to Mr. '33-'34 and Mrs. Bert Turner, a daughter.

On June 11 in Woodstock, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bigham (Hazel Phillips '38) a son, Frederick Gordon.

On June 22, to Mr. '40 and Mrs. Don Day (Anne Cohutt '39-'41) of Cannington, a daughter, Ida Laura Anne. Mr. Day is pastor of the Cannington Baptist church.

On June 23 at Lanchow, Kansu, China, to Mr. '34 and Mrs. Gene Ayton, of the China Inland Mission, a daughter, Ruth Beatrice.

On July 4 in Toronto, to Rev. '37 and Mrs. Donald Loveday (Nan Hughes, E. C.) a son, Donald Edward.

On July 5, to Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Anderson (Lorna Whitelaw '37, Reg. N.) of Bala, a daughter, Susanne Marie.

On July 7 in Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Hubert Topping (Velma

Dancy '38-'40) a daughter, Mary Anne Ruth.

On July 14 in Oshawa, to Mr. '36-'39 and Mrs. Donald McDonald (Rose Edwards '35-'38) a son, Donald James.

On August 4 to Mr. '38-'39 and Mrs. Paul Rumball (Jean McLean '34-'35) of Priceville, a daughter, Elizabeth Jeanette.

Marriages

On March 20 in Brazil, Ruth Anderson to Rev. Fred Kreick '33.

On May 16 in First Baptist Church, Beverly, Mass., Alice Ormsby to Emil Gaverluk '38. In June Mr. Gaverluk was ordained in the West Townsend, Mass., Baptist church, of which he is pastor.

On May 24 in Toronto, Enid Harrison '32 to Alex. McGregor.

On June 6 in Fairbank Baptist Church, Toronto, Nan Ogle '40-'42 to Paul Morris '39. Margaret Ogilvie '44 was bridesmaid. Mr. Morris is in the R.C.A.M.C.

On June 10 in Dorion Baptist Church, Eva Keatley '40-'42 to Alan R. Matthews. Eleanor Moyer '42 was organist.

On June 13 in Brantford, Marion Loose '40 to Robert Mailey '40. Win-some Lawlor '39 was bridesmaid.

On June 20 in the Bible College, Margaret Fletcher '42 to Milton Craig '43. Rev. D. A. Burns '16, B.A., B. Th., officiated, Joyce Grundy '43 was pianist, Marion McLeod '44 was soloist and Thos. Northcott '38-'39 was best man.

On June 27 in Victoria, B.C., Ndola Masters '36-'38 to Pte. Samuel Corbett, R.C.A.C. Ruth Penman '39 was soloist.

On June 27 in Hamilton, Bessie Mead '42 to William Leaton '39.

On June 27 in the Bible College, May Pirret '39 to James Taylor '40. Rev. D. A. Burns '16 officiated, assisted by Rev. Robt. Gordon '38. Helen Petznick '34 was bridesmaid, Cecil Black '39 was best man and Muriel Whilmsmith '42 was pianist.

On June 27 in Chesley, Myrtle Wright '42 to Ross Crowder '38-'39.

On June 30 in Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, Dorothy Ford, E. C. '38, to Rev. Harry Butler '41. Marion Ford '42 and Norene Ford, E. C. '42, were bridesmaids and Harry Legge '39-'40 was best man.

On July 11 in Toronto, Eleanor Gonder '37 to Dr. O. B. Richardson '36. Flight-Lieut. Anderson Linton officiated, assisted by Albert Mildon '34. Mrs. Albert Mildon '36-'37 was matron of honour and Jos. Richardson '38 was best man.

On July 23 in Verdun Baptist Church, Bernice Wallace to Greg. Gregersen '40. Janet Wallace '39 was bridesmaid and Chas. Cowell '40 was best man. Mr. Gregersen has the summer pastorate of Glen Meyer, under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

In the Alliance Tabernacle, Toronto, in July, Florence Ramsay to Harold Oetzel, E. C. '36.

On August 4 in Richmond Hill, Ruth Baker to David Harris, both of

'42. Clifford McLaughlan '41 was best man.

On August 22 in Oakwood Baptist Church, Toronto, Eileen Sheppard to Albert Holland '40-'42. Rev. Robert Gordon '38 officiated, Ruth Caldwell, E. C. '36, was soloist and Mrs. Donald Loveday (Nan Hughes, E.C.) was pianist.

Personals

Murray McCarthy, a student well known to the evening classes, who attended faithfully for many years, died in Toronto on June 1.

Helen McDougall '21 has recently returned home from China where she has been working under the United Church Mission.

Rev. Robert Moynan '23, former field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, has been appointed a chaplain with the R.C.A.F., stationed at present at Lachine, Que.

Rev. Alex. Stein '30 has been called to the pastorate of Newmarket Christian Congregational Church.

Elsie Holden '34 and Jean Smeltzer '37 graduated on April 30 from the Salvation Army Grace Hospital, Toronto.

Rev. Horace Dulmage '34, B.A., B.D., who is completing a Ph.D. course at the University of Chicago, is acting as interim pastor of the Illinois State University Baptist church, Champaign, Ill.

Beatrice Kitchen '34, Reg. N., who spent a term in Bolivia under the Evangelical Union of South America but is unable to return owing to climatic conditions there, left on August 5 for the Arctic where she will be a missionary nurse in St. Luke's Hospital, Pangnirtung, Baffin Land, under the Church of England.

Frank Rice '35 was ordained in Hamilton on June 25. He has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Fort William.

Iner Farmery '37 and Harry Percy '39 were ordained in High Park Baptist Church, Toronto, on May 28. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse '00 was moderator, and others assisting were, Rev. Glen Wardell '13, Rev. A. A. Wilson '13, Rev. Donald Loveday '37 and Rev. John Russell '39. Mr. Percy recently went to Nigeria where he will work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Rev. Arthur Greer '37 has recently been appointed minister of the United church at Canora, Sask.

Mr. and Mrs. George McAlpine (Frances Woods), both E. C. '37, and little daughter, Francette, have returned home on furlough from French Equatorial Africa.

Ed. Dreisinger '37 was ordained in Ebenezer Baptist Church on June 20, George Tranter '38 in Woodbine Heights Baptist Church, Toronto, on June 16, and Wm. J. Warwick '38 in Stouffville Christian Church on June 12.

Gordon Bastedo '38 has a summer mission field in British Columbia under the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church.

Ruth Penman, who has been on the staff of the Toronto Jewish Mission since her graduation from the Bible College in '39, enters the work of the Vancouver Prayer Fellowship for Israel this fall.

Eva Hutchinson '41 entered the School of Nursing of Belleville General Hospital on August 31.

Edward Todd '41 left on July 6 for Bolivia where he will work under the Bolivian Indian Mission.

Alvin Mayotte '41-'42 has been appointed Superintendent of Elim Gospel Mission, Montreal, Que. He commenced that work on June 21.

Marion Barr '42 entered the School of Nursing of Women's College Hospital, Toronto, on August 31.

Vera Dulany '42 has been appointed to mission work in St. Helens, Kentucky, under the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Muriel Judd, who was assistant pianist for the evening classes during the past session, enters the Presbyterian Deaconess and Missionary Training School, Toronto, this fall.

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE

will be held on

Tuesday, September 15

Afternoon Session at 4

Supper at 5.45 (35c)

Evening Session at 7.45

Theme—The Evangelization of Modern Life

Speakers will tell of work among soldiers, sailors, factory workers, etc.

An inspirational address will be given. Several missionaries who have just reached Canada after hazardous voyages from Africa and China will speak briefly.

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend.