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### The T. B. C. Outlook

The Toronto Bible College is now in its 49th year, and its Jubilee is not far off. The present session has an enrolment of 235 registered students—62 men and 173 women—with some 200 in the Evening Classes. This registration falls considerably below that which was reached just before the war broke out, which numbered 380—137 men and 243 women. Since that time, over 50 of our young men have entered the various branches of the armed forces, while other former students, both men and women, are engaged in other forms of essential war service.

Even though a decrease in attendance is taking place during these war-years, yet the fact that so many young men and women are still coming to the College is significant. It bears wit-

ness to the place which the institution has won for itself and now holds in the life and work of the churches. It also means that the war has not suppressed the spiritual urge which so many earnest and thoughtful young Christians find in their hearts to invest their lives in some useful service for the Kingdom of God and to equip themselves for it. It was for such young people that this school was first established. For the sake of such young people we are maintaining our full curriculum and all departments of our course of training.

There are signs that when the war is over there will be more need than ever for this work. So great is the present shortage of ministers in Canada that the Church leaders are looking for trained Christian laymen to

man the many vacant mission fields throughout the Dominion. During recent months they have appealed to us again and again for men for this purpose. The leaders in foreign missions also are declaring that world evangelism will take a new start after the war. The Bible College must gird itself for new calls and opportunities, and be ready to play its part in the warfare of the Kingdom when the world-war is ended. Besides providing trained workers for the home and foreign fields, it should also continue to contribute streams of consecrated Christian life to the moral and spiritual forces of the community.

Like all other Christian institutions, the Bible College has now serious problems to face and new difficulties to meet. But in the work of God, problems are given us to solve and difficulties are put in our way to overcome. The Lord raised up the institution for His own purpose, and He has preserved it now for nearly 50 years. He has brought us through many difficulties and given us manifest tokens of His favour. We must not fail Him now, nor limit His work.

We shall follow His leading, as we have done in the past, with no spectacular appeal to make. But relying upon Him in faith and prayer, we shall seek to carry out His will, believing that He will lead His stewards to maintain His work.

In view of the future before us, the Board of Governors have taken a new step. They have appointed a Vice-President in the person of Mr. Wm. Inrig, and a Vice-Principal in the person of the Rev. J. B. Rhodes, M.A., B.D. Mr. Inrig has been a member of the Board since 1929, when we moved to our present site. He superintends the Sunday School in his own church and presides over the Toronto Mission Union, which has been carrying on evangelism among the poorer people of the city for the past sixty years. Mr. Rhodes, since his appointment to the Faculty four years ago, has won golden opinions among the students. They have come to recognize his sound scholarship, his fine teaching gifts, and the high qualities of his Christian character. They acclaimed his new appointment with manifest enthusiasm.

—J.McN.

## The Bible in the College

By the Rev. J. B. Rhodes, M.A., B.D.



What place does the Bible occupy in the Toronto Bible College? We may answer that question in five words and say, "The central and controlling place". But such an answer needs to

be explained and expanded if it is to be adequately appreciated.

It implies that the Toronto Bible College has a Biblio-centric curriculum. The whole course is built upon and around the Bible. The fundamental discipline is a study of the whole Bible for an hour each day through three years. To this are added such subjects as Biblical Theology, Christian Doctrine, Pastoral Theology, Personal Evangelism, etc., where the Bible is given the predominant place and where the primary concern is to set forth what the Bible itself teaches in these several realms.

It also implies that we believe such a study of the whole Bible is necessary if we are to know "the whole counsel of God". There is a danger today in the Christian Church that not only the members but even the teachers of the Church may know a few books of the Bible quite thoroughly but be very vague as to the specific content of the rest of the Scriptures. That is why in certain important Theological Schools on the American continent a new emphasis is being placed upon the study of the English Bible. For the method of minute study of two or three books of the Bible in Hebrew and Greek, while in itself excellent, always presents the danger that the student who leaves the seminary may be unacquainted with the actual teaching of the other books of Scripture that have not been dealt with in the classes of Old and New Testament exegesis. It is our aim at the Toronto Bible College to take each student through the entire English Bible before graduation.

Our answer implies further that we study the Bible not only to acquire a knowledge of its contents but also to let it make its own impact upon our life and thought. In that daily study of the Scriptures, to which reference was made, the Bible is related to life, and the students are shown both the historical conditions into which the Word of God originally came and the conditions of life today to which it equally applies. Thus the Scriptures are studied not theoretically but practically, not critically but devotionally.

Yet again it implies that to know the meaning of the Bible more than mental application to the text of Scripture is requisite. It is possible to have an intellectual knowledge of the words of Scripture without having any understanding of the message enshrined in those words. A condition of heart, an attitude of will are essential if we would make progress in the knowledge of Divine truth. Therefore the stu-

dents are taught, by precept and example, to apply to their own lives the revelation that breaks upon them from the Word of God. It is always "light obeyed" that "increaseth light", and without this implicit obedience it is utterly impossible to enter into "the deep things" of God's Spirit.

When we say, therefore, that the Bible occupies "the central and controlling place" in the life of the Toronto Bible College we are not speaking simply of a Book, even though it is THE BOOK. For it becomes to us the living Word of the Eternal God as the Holy Spirit speaks to us in it and through it. It is the recognition of this profound and sublime truth that impels us to give to the Bible the dominant place within the College. It is "the inner shrine of the Scriptures" that we desire our students to enter that they may discover "the spiritual world in the Bible, the world that makes it the Word of God". These words, from Dr. McNicol's introduction to his recent work, "Thinking Through the Bible", the fruit of forty years of opening up the Bible to successive classes of students, express the essence of this matter. "The Spirit and the Word", as the Reformers put it, "not the Spirit without the Word nor yet the Word without the Spirit". In our approach to the Bible, in our daily study of it, in our application of it to our own lives, in our presentation of its saving truth to needy men and women who without Christ are "without hope", we seek always and above all the illumination and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit; that testimony of the Spirit in the Word that is answered by the witness of the Spirit in our own hearts.

In this sense the Bible is given "the central and controlling place" in the Toronto Bible College, and in this way He who inspired all Scripture is accorded His rightful leadership in our life and service.

## The Family Spirit in the Bible College

By Miss E. A. McCarthy



Tuesday morning at the Bible College is one of the most significant times of the week and is a focal point of its spiritual unity. It is known as the Devotional Hour. Then it is that the whole Bible College meets for corporate worship, fellowship and inspiration. True, the speakers are frequently visitors for the day, and from time to time strangers and friends join us for this hour, but in a peculiar sense, the hour is OURS. The keynote is struck at the very commencement as we hear the Principal's quiet voice announcing, "And now we will remember our Bible College family all over the world." News is given, a letter may be read, requests for prayer are made known, the sick and sorrowing are specially mentioned, and then, with a conscious sense of sharing and bearing one another's burdens, unitedly we make known our requests before God.

That is but a small part of the whole picture. Without fail, Tuesday by Tuesday this corporate intercession rises, and the members of the "Family" thus remembered have learned to count on this prayer support. The missionary graduate in every continent—hard pressed by danger, discouragement or sickness, the single-handed

minister on the lonely prairie, the tired city missionary, and a score of others recall with almost desperate gratitude this time of family intercession, and "hearts are brave again and arms are strong".

The same sense of unity is manifest throughout the life of the College. The student body, whose corporate life is led by a Student Cabinet, chosen by themselves, finds that same Cabinet in the same relationship to themselves as that of elder brothers and sisters. The devoted life of these same Cabinet members is reflected in the kindly interest of the students for each other, in the encouraging friendliness, and the helping hand stretched out to those in various kinds of need.

All student activities are carried on in a spirit of prayerful co-operation. The Superintendent of Student Activities is the counsellor and friend of the various student committees,—not directing arbitrarily, but prayerfully working with the students for the highest good of all, strengthening their hands by his advice and experience.

The same spirit governs the relationship between the Faculty and the student body. There is no legislation regarding the ministry of the former; always there is freedom for the guidance of the Spirit and the naturalness of a family life. Any student is free to contact any member of the Faculty at any time on any matter—personal or general. The staff in the three offices—all graduates of the College—are also members of the family, and are more than ready to respond to the multifarious requests which come to them each day. The work is one, whether it be in the lecture-room, or the office, or the dining-hall.

In a special sense perhaps, the Registrar's office is the place where many of the students receive and learn to expect that patient consideration and fatherly interest not often found outside one's own family circle. Then too, there is Mrs. McNicol, who for many years has been known as the College Mother. In her home, right in the midst of the College life, she is ready at all times to be consulted by students or graduates, and her formidable pile of correspondence is one of the links that help unite those on the farthest outposts of this fellowship.

One of the secrets of unity is accessibility. The most accessible person

in the Toronto Bible College is its Principal. At an early hour before lectures begin, in the brief moments of recess, after work is over for the day, he is to be found in his study—that study which is the most easily accessible room in the College. And every student has the privilege of consulting him at any time. All through his course as a student, on his return from a summer field as a graduate, on his coming home for furlough as a missionary, each member of this family knows just when and where he will find the Principal of this College. Truly, one of the secrets of unity is accessibility.

### News of T. B. C. Family

#### Births

To Mr. '34 and Mrs. Thos. Birch (Lovina Benner '34) a son, Stanley, on May 14.

On June 6 in China, to Mr. '38 and Mrs. Hector Goodall (Esther Campbell '35) a daughter, Eleanor Elizabeth.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ellis (Irene Benner '33) a daughter, Ruth Lillian, on July 14.

In Toronto to Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Little (Violet Warmington '33) a daughter, Carroll Anne, on July 27.

On August 7 to Mr. '39 and Mrs. Donald Keith (Maria Pardi '41), a son.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hammond (Edna Humphries '28) a son, Brian Humphrey, on August 31.

On September 11 to Mr. '37 and Mrs. Dow Sargeant (Mae Tipping '37) a son, John Paul.

At Loon Lake, Sask., to Mr. '41 and Mrs. Leslie Cochran a son, Robert Ernest, on October 5.

To Mr. '41-'42 and Mrs. Garnet Jenkins in Toronto, a daughter, on October 23.

On November 4 to Rev. '34 and Mrs. Donald Stockford of Lubec, Maine, a son, David Noble.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold James (Grace Whatley) both of '40, in South Africa, a son.

In Tali, Yunnan, China, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Muir (Gladys Mileson) both of '39, a son.

#### Marriages

On June 3, A. W. I. Leah Stewart '40 was married to W. D. F. Hamer (L.A.C.) of Gordon Bay, Ont.

In Toronto on June 10, Eleanor Call '35 to Geo. F. Wagner.

Dora M. Jehan '32 to Hedley A. Dorcy on July 25 in the Peoples Church, Toronto. Rev. Oswald J. Smith, D.D., '12 officiated.

In Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton, Gladys Graham '39-'40 to Harry Reid '39-'41, on August 22.

Fannie Arnott to Rev. Edward J. Dreisinger '37 on September 12 in Century Baptist Church, Toronto. Cameron Orr '38 was an usher.

On September 17 in First Baptist Church, Welland, Viola M. E. Porter to Rev. Lorne E. Smith '38. Rev. Dixon A. Burns '16 officiated. Mr. Smith is the pastor of the Baptist church in Coaticook, Que.

Gladys L. Lehman to Rev. John Russell '39 in Christie St. Baptist Church, Toronto, on October 5. Rev. P. G. Lehman E.C. '23 officiated. The best man was Corporal Robert Russell E.C. '41, and Geo. McAlpine E.C. '37 was an usher.

On October 7 in Deer Park United Church, Toronto, Ruth I. Caldwell E.C. '36 to Altan L. B. Harrington, B.A., '39. Rev. Principal McNicol, D.D., officiated.

In Stouffville on October 10, Olive Johnson to Harold Boadway '40-'42. Mr. Boadway is assisting Rev. Ernest Lucas '28-'30 at the Mennonite church in Hanover.

Alexandra W. Webster '34 to Wm. Bommer at Lockwood, Sask., on October 13.

Olga Nolan E.C. '41-'42 to John Naftel '41 in Edmonton, Alta., on October 13. Mr. Naftel is at the R. C. N. St. Joseph's College, Edmonton.

On October 17 Isabel Robinson '41 to Andrew H. McKenzie '39 in Egmondville United Church, Seaforth. Lezetta Sheppard '41 and Neta Reddick '42 were bridesmaids, Wilma Watson '41 was pianist, and Rev. F. G. Vesey assisted at the ceremony.

Frances Weidmark '36 to Kenneth C. Hayes of Niagara Falls.

Word has been received that Nursing Sister C. Elizabeth Saunders '36 will become the bride of Capt. Warren W. Bradley on December 4, "Somewhere in England". They will continue their work with the services after their marriage.

### Deaths

In Fada, French West Africa, on June 23, Paul David Thomas, eight months old son of Mr. '29 and Mrs. Bruce Brillinger (L. Marjorie Wilson '36-'38).

The death occurred suddenly of Robert Pearce, 18 months old son of Mr. '20-'21 and Mrs. Geo. Bell in China on July 4.

Mary J. Farrell '14 on July 18 at her home in Toronto.

On August 21 in Toronto, Mrs. Marshall Shields (Kathleen Wager '38-'41).

In Cannington, Ont., Ida Laura Anne, infant daughter of Mr. '40 and Mrs. Don Day (Anne Cohutt '39-'41) on October 17.

On October 21 at Moncton, N.B., W. O. Erven C. Grierson, husband of Edna Jefferson '40, the result of a plane crash.

Emmaline C. Sheridan, R.N., '26 at Smith's Falls, Ont.

In Toronto, W. H. Kemp, husband of Gladys Kemp '31-'32.

George F. Childs '25 in Delhi, India. Mr. Childs was honorary superintendent of a home for lepers in the Punjab.

### Personals

Professor T. W. Isherwood has been appointed Home Secretary of the Church Missionary Society with head-

On Friday, December 18, the fall term of the 49th Session will close, and the spring term will commence for the evening classes on Tuesday, January 5 at 7.45 p.m., and for the day classes on Wednesday, January 6 at 9 a.m.

quarters in London, England. He commenced his duties on July 1st.

Rev. Constantine Perry '18 received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Jackson Theological Seminary, Shorter College of Little Rock, Arkansas, at the commencement exercises in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell H. Glazier (Dorothea Luton '24) and children have been repatriated from China. They arrived in New York on the "Gripsholm" on August 25, and are now in Florida. They are missionaries under the C. I. M.

Lorne E. Smith '38 was ordained in the Coaticook Baptist Church, Quebec, on September 10. Rev. Dixon A. Burns '16 preached the ordination sermon and offered the ordination prayer.

David Harris '42 was ordained in the Gospel Workers Church of Canada on September 29 at Markdale, Ont. Mr. Harris has been called to the pastorate at Markdale.

On October 1 Wm. Brown '38 was transferred to the U. C. T. S. Mission to Sailors at Port Arthur. Chas. Leach '41 took over his work at the Sailors' Institute, Kingston.

Wilma Watson '41 has been appointed office secretary and city missionary at Yonge St. Mission, Toronto.

Norman Brooks '41, Leonard O'Neil, Fred Wilson, Emil Balla and Marion Barr of '42, and Paul Beech and Arthur McDowell of '43 entered McMaster University this fall. Mr. Beech is singing in the McMaster Quartet.

Norman Buchanan '41 has entered the School of Practical Science, University of Toronto.

Elsie Holden '34 and Jean Smeltzer '37 entered the School of Nursing of Belleville General Hospital in September.

Irene Shipley '40 has been appointed missionary to Alaska under the Russian Evangelical Association.

Mary Parkin '42 is with the Children's Aid Society, Toronto.

Rev. Percy G. Lehman, E.C. '23 has accepted a call to the Bethany Church of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, Kitchener.

Rev. Arthur Leggett '23 has been called to the Presbyterian Church, Beauharnois.

Frances Ruth MacLeod '32 has been appointed deaconess at Brunswick St. United Church, Halifax.

Mrs. Lily Simpkins (Lily Poley '30) has returned to Africa.

H. Edgar Burritt '35 has accepted a call to the Brampton Baptist Church.

Sybil Franklin '42 has been appointed a full time worker with the Faith Mission.

Dorothy M. Hess '37 is at the William Jennings Bryan University, Dayton, Tenn.

Chas. Montgomery '33-'34 has accepted the pastorate of the Christian Congregational Church, Stouffville.

Rev. Aubrey Hunt '27 has accepted a call to the Baptist church in St. George.

Chas. McCarroll E.C. '24 is the student pastor at Molesworth and Gorrie under the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

Al. Comfort '37-'39 and Tom Beaton '38-'39 took part in the Dieppe raid. Both are reported as prisoners of war.

The following are now in the armed forces: Surgeon-Lieutenant O. B. Richardson '36 in Halifax, Stanley D. Gaudin '38 in R.C.A.F., and Pte. A. G. McKenzie '38 in R.C.A.M.C.

Rev. Arthur Brodie '36 has accepted the pastorate of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle, Lindsay, Ont.

Rev. J. M. Henshaw '34 of West Hill Baptist Church has led his people in the erection of a new building, which was dedicated on November 3. A number of graduates took part in the dedication service.



### Montreal Alumni

A Montreal Alumni Branch is being organized on November 28. The following former students will be present with their friends: Mrs. L. G. Butlin (Bessie Watson '35), Marion Allnutt '42, Charles Cowell '40, Mrs. Dixon Gordon (Helen Walford '33), Gladys Hall '21, Edna Hodgson '36, Mr. '39 and Mrs. Don. Keith (Maria Pardi '41), Alvin Mayotte '41-'42, John Moran '40, Jean and Mae Munro '32-'33, Frank Swackhammer '37, Jessie Wright '40-'42, Herb. Wilson '38-'39, Ella Miller '33, Karl Goldberg '42, Mr. and Mrs. Denzill Raymer (Nora Gatehouse) both of '40.

Rev. E.C. '39-'40 and Mrs. '39-'40 Ward Shantz have moved to the Mennonite church at Gormley, Ont. Rev. '33 and Mrs. G. W. Johnson have taken over their work at Bethel Chapel, Toronto.

Blois Crawford '41 was ordained on November 10 in West End Baptist Church, Halifax.

Class '42 held their first reunion on October 2 at the College. On November 13, Class '41 also met at the College for a reunion.

The Toronto Branch Alumni met for their fall devotional meeting at the College on November 6. The officers elected at the spring meeting were in-

### BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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J. M. Waters, M.D., C.M.  
Supt. of Student Activities,  
Rev. D. A. Burns, B.A., B.Th.  
Secretary, Rev. F. G. Vesey, B.D.

roduced. Music was provided by Margaret Legate '44, and Rev. D. A. Burns '16 spoke on the present-day needs of the College and the place of the Alumni in helping to meet these needs.

The general Alumni, the day classes and the evening classes of the College are providing Christmas boxes for all former students in the armed forces whose addresses are available.

The day and evening classes held a Prayer Rally at the College on Friday evening, November 27. They expect to hold another rally midway in the spring term.

### TWO EVENINGS OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Monday, December 14—by the students of the day classes.

Thursday, December 17—by the students of the evening classes.

8.00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the College.

We invite our readers and friends to attend these services.