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The Soul of The Toronto Bible College

By the Principal

Every school or college has a soul. The soul is the spirit that dominates its corporate life. This spirit is created by the general character of its student body and the principles followed by its teaching staff in training them.

The students of the Bible College come from a very wide constituency and from many different denominations. They represent a vast variety of background and experience. Most of them are young people who have received the regular academic education of Canadian youth and are looking out upon their future, wondering what it is to be. Many others have had some years' experience in business or professional life and have come to a point when they feel called to a more definite form of Christian service.

The majority of the students have had the advantage of Christian training from their earliest years. But many

have had no such home training. Some even come from homes where their Christian faith gets no help and their Christian purpose in life no sympathy.

Notwithstanding all this variety among the students, it may be said that one thing is common to them all. They have been led to the Bible College by some spiritual urge. The Spirit of God has been at work in their lives, perhaps unconsciously, but in some way that has inclined their hearts to seek for a knowledge of His Word. They have either never been entangled in the world, or they have escaped from it. And now they desire, with more or less definite convictions, to prepare themselves for some useful service in the Kingdom of God.

When they enter the College and attend its classes and take part in its activities, they find themselves subjected to no rules and regulations, but

introduced rather into a fellowship that is pervaded by a warm sense of friendliness and sympathetic understanding. They discover that the life of the student body is not governed by a set of laws imposed from without, but by a spirit operating as an inward principle in an atmosphere of prayer.

There is a certain freedom and spontaneity about the whole thing. While the study of the Bible goes on day by day and the discipline of the various subjects on the curriculum is maintained, the students are encouraged to give full and free expression to their own reactions under the influence of the course. They are not run into a common mould, but their several personalities are drawn out and allowed to develop according to the nature which God has given them. The Spirit of God who has led them to the College continues to lead them still. The result is not confusion, but the harmony of a fellowship in the unity of the Spirit, and it creates a radiant joy.

The principle upon which the life and activities of the College proceed is the leadership of the Holy Spirit in

a corporate group. It begins with the members of the Faculty. They decide nothing by a majority vote, but by seeking the mind of the Lord, and reaching unanimity in a common fellowship of thought and prayer. This principle is inculcated in the teaching of the Staff and in their personal interviews with the students. The students are trained to work it out in all the activities carried on under their own self-government, from the cabinet down to the committees. Christ is regarded as the unseen Head of the whole College fellowship and the Holy Spirit as the unifying agency in its corporate life.

When each individual in any Christian group is surrendered to the Lord Jesus Christ and seeks to follow the mind of His Spirit, the result should always be that the whole corporate body comes to be of one mind and one spirit. This was the experience of the earliest Christian Church, and herein lies the secret of true Christian unity. It is this witness the Toronto Bible College seeks to bear. It has cultivated the leadership of the Holy Spirit in its corporate fellowship, and this has created its soul.

The Secretary's Office

By Rev. F. G. Vesey

In conducting the affairs of any educational institution, there must be an office where matters of business may be attended to. The work of this office in the Toronto Bible College cannot be fully described or detailed, and only a general outline can be mentioned. For example, there is considerable time spent each week in interviews, answering inquiries and providing information.

In this office many files must be kept and maintained, involving continuous work. Card records of all contributions coming to the College

from the general constituency and from the Alumni are kept posted to date. Address files of all friends of the College, contributors, graduates and our missionaries are maintained ready for use and reference of all departments, student organizations and graduates. The changes and additions to all these thousands of cards are constant. Addressograph plates for the large mailing list of the College are also kept in this office and are checked, changed and renewed as required. Then, too, a card system must be maintained in connection with the

Secretary's visitation work. Besides all these, there are, of course, the regular letter and other files that are to be found in any business office.

From this office is despatched the College quarterly, "The Recorder", to our thousands of friends and graduates. From time to time other literature is prepared and despatched, in an endeavour to stimulate interest and create new contacts with the College life and ministry. Thousands of letters, both personal and circular, are sent out throughout the year, so that there is a constant stream of information flowing out from this office. Almost all this work is done on our typewriters or duplicating machine.

Every gift that is sent to the College, whether large or small, is gratefully acknowledged, not only by an official receipt, but also by a personal letter of thanks to the donor. Letters are regularly sent reminding those who desire to make gifts at specific times, and monthly envelopes are despatched to those who have requested them.

The College banking is conducted through this office and it has charge of all accounts connected with the Treasurer. The responsibility of checking and paying all business accounts, salaries, etc., the purchasing of merchandise for student and office use, and the maintenance of College equipment, together with the keeping account of stocks on hand, rests here.

Books are balanced monthly, and

monthly, periodic and yearly financial statements are prepared for the Board of Governors' meetings which are held once a month. Notices of these Board meetings and the minutes thereof are the work of this office. Here also the Annual Report is prepared and despatched.

All business dealing with the Graduation Exercises in the Varsity Arena, each April, is undertaken by this office. Hundreds of invitations and thousands of tickets are despatched to prospective guests, including our own College family.

Business relationships with the Government, the Military and Civic authorities as well as with other institutions are conducted by the Secretary's office, and statements are prepared and forwarded whenever necessary.

Many are the telephone calls which must be attended to daily. Lists of addresses are made for Class secretaries and others who require them in connection with correspondence with their fellow Alumnists.

The Secretary's work takes him near and far, interviewing not only the friends of the College, but prospective contributors and prayer partners as well.

So, with the efficient, devoted and happy co-operation of our Office Staff, and its close relationship with the life and ministry of the College, a necessary contribution to its success is being made by this office.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE

of the College will be held on Sunday, April 18

at 11.00 a.m. in the Assembly Hall.

You are cordially invited to attend.

New Building Loan Paid

During December the Board of Governors decided, after careful consideration, to use some undesignated Bequests received in earlier years to pay off the balance of the Bank Loan incurred in the purchase of the South Building in 1938. The amount was \$10,700, being the remainder of a total cost of \$63,648.62 for purchasing and renovating the new property.

Our friends will rejoice with us that the College is again free of indebtedness. We shall not have in the future the interest income which we formerly had from these Bequest moneys, but neither shall we have to pay interest on the loan.

In this connection I should like to say that having regard to the difficult

times through which we are all passing, every possible economy is being exercised constantly in connection with the expenses of the College. We feel sure that our friends will all the more readily continue their support when they know that the College work is conducted with strict economy and in a business-like manner.

For the first four months of the present fiscal year, namely, from September 1st to December 31st, 1942, our income shows an improvement over the corresponding period of the previous year and our expenses are less. For this we express our gratitude to God and our appreciation to all who share in this work.

F.G.V.

The T.B.C. Alumni Association

By Rev. D. A. Burns

The approaching Jubilee of the Toronto Bible College has called particular attention to its world-wide ministry. The College is represented by its graduates on the missionary staffs of all the more important missions in the world. Over 400 of its graduates have gone into the service of the Church abroad, and hundreds more are engaged in the missionary work of all denominations in the home fields. It is a great joy to keep in contact with those who have left us for the Lord's service, and while individuals at home keep in touch with an intimate number of this group, it is the responsibility of the Alumni Association of the College to keep in touch with the group as a whole.

The Alumni is not a new organization. It has been functioning for 35 years, and its mission, according to its constitution, is to gather together "all regularly registered students in the day and evening classes, for the

purpose of conserving their fellowship and furthering the interests of Toronto Bible College." It is clear, then, from this statement, that the mission of the Alumni Association is three-fold.

First of all, it is an *organization* of former students. Conceivably, a limited part of the Alumni program could be realized without organization. But we believe the men and women, who, in the first place, came together to form this organization, were guided by a genuine motive and were convinced that a growing educational institution needed an organization by which the fellowship enjoyed in undergraduate days could be conserved and by which the decisions of graduates could be officially tabulated. From small beginnings in the early years of the present century, the Alumni, as a movement *within* the College fellowship, has gradually grown until at the present time it has local branches in var-

ious centres in Canada and groups in other parts of the world, and its annual conference has at times attracted upwards of 1,000 persons, and has been the means of bringing hundreds each year to the Graduation Exercises. Furthermore, we have a correspondence fellowship with over 1,500 persons who receive regularly from the Alumni office the prayer appeals, as well as the announcements of interest to its members. This is the ministry of information about College matters.

In the second place, it is a *fellowship* of former students, and this is deeper and more significant than an organization. For an organization does not require life but a fellowship does. We shall all remember that during our undergraduate days, this thought was impressed upon us. The quality of life lived within the confines of the fellowship of the student body in any year is something that each student wishes to preserve. Indeed, he is ambitious to create this quality of life wherever he goes. In essence, this quality of life is developed by a continuous progressive response to the unfolding will of God in Christ. While, therefore, it is unique in the corporate life of the College, it is also something which may continue after graduation, for the will of God will still require to be progressively realized.

The writer remembers well the first Alumni meeting he attended. It was over 30 years ago and was held in the prayer room of the old building at 110 College Street on the evening of graduation, following the close of the annual exercises. It was a happy meeting, free and orderly, in which each seemed to know and understand everyone else. And while the attendances at Alumni gatherings have greatly increased in numbers, the spirit of these gatherings today is reminiscent of the gatherings of 30 years

ago. It was the quality of the fellowship by which one was gripped and held. And that is the unplanned and unsought impression made upon those entering this fellowship for the first time today. This is the bond that binds all T. B. C. students together all over the world and makes of their graduate organization a living fellowship, and a golden chain of prayer girdling the whole world.

In the third place, it is a *service* by former students "furthering the interests of the Bible College". From its beginning, the Alumni Association has taken a lively interest in the maintenance and expansion of the work of the school. Each year its members have supported the regular program of the College. And, it has undertaken special projects from time to time. It took the lead in re-seating the old Assembly Hall at 110 College Street. It planned and carried out the services of recognition of 30 years of service in the College by Dr. and Mrs. McNicol and sent them on a trip to Palestine. It provided the furnishings for the present building at 16 Spadina Road, raising almost \$10,000.00 for this purpose. It raised over \$3,000.00 for the recently acquired south building. And for years it underwrote the expense incurred in the production and mailing of the Recorder.

In recent years, the executive of the Alumni, whose president and secretary are members of the Advisory Council of the College, has been giving careful thought to the question of how best the alumni can help the College in the maintenance of its present enlarged and still expanding ministry. Many suggestions have been received from members all over the world, and these have been carefully considered. For some time there has been an increasing demand for the adoption of some method by which the members could give regularly to the support of

the work of the institution. At the present time, on the Alumni secretary's desk there are upwards of 150 signed applications for monthly envelopes. The requests have been received from preachers, missionaries, business girls, war workers and others, who feel that they cannot give a large amount once or twice a year but that they can give a smaller amount each month in much the same way as they give to their local churches each week. Envelopes are being prepared for this purpose. Those requesting them will receive a year's supply as fast as we are able to send them out. All others will be sent a supply for three months, which, if used will be renewed at the

end of that period. It is the aim of the Association to raise \$500.00 each month for the support of the regular ministry of the College, and with the co-operation of all the members all over the world this is not an impossibility.

When we review the accomplishments of the Alumni Association over the years: when we recall its interest in the ongoing of the College: when we remember the contacts its members are making in the churches and the ministries its members are fulfilling in the world, we are proud to be numbered in its membership and to be associated with its mission.

News of T. B. C. Family

Births

To Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Browett (Sadie Bishop '27), in Toronto on September 20, a daughter, Beulah Joy.

On November 7 in Toronto, to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Fitkin, both E.C. '34, a daughter, Alexandra (Sandra) Dale.

To Fl.-Sgt. A. J. and Mrs. Heal (Evelyn Dennison), both '37, a son, on November 17 in Kitchener, Ont.

A son, William John, to Rev. and Mrs. Russel Lamb (Marjorie Sutton), both '38, on December 8 in Kincardine, Ont.

To Mr. '36 and Mrs. Roy A. Pitts (Jean Burrell '38), on December 23, a son, Kenneth Roy.

On January 1 at Haliburton, Ontario, to Mr. '37 and Mrs. James Gillings (Norma Dunk '37-'38), a son, Douglas Kendal.

To Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Brien (Mary Patterson E.C. '41), a son, David Keith, on January 13 at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Marriages

Robert Lang '38-'40 to Edwardean Edwards on July 18.

On November 5, Ruth Viola Tyers, R.N., '35 to Frederick H. Moulton, in Sudbury.

In Jos, Nigeria, Joan MacDonald '37 to Herbert Casler, on November 6. Both are missionaries under the Sudan Interior Mission.

In Hamilton on November 14, Mary Basselle '40 to Carl Eumont.

Dorothy Collins '42 to Pte. Allan Elliott, on November 14 at Brampton, Ont. Elsie Farris '44 was bridesmaid.

On November 18, Hilda Morris '31 to Thomas A. Johnston, in the Henwood Gospel Church. Rev. D. A. Timpany '32 conducted the service, Grace Hinc '33 was organist, and Sarah Love '39 was maid of honour.

Helen M. London '33 to David Kennedy, on December 5 in the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto.

In Egbe, British West Africa, Adrienne Sproule E.C. '40-'41 to Ernest Harrison '40, on December 21. They are continuing their work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

On December 31, Catherine M. MacLeod '32 to Paul H. Ruby, in First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, Miss., U.S.A.

Deaths

Rev. Charles Hardie '28, of Brownsburg, Que., died in the Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal, on November 10 after a short illness.

Suddenly in Whitby Township on December 19, Charles Baird, husband of Susan Farmer '32.

On December 28 in Toronto, Lucy M. Loggie, E.C. '17.

In Burlington, Ont., Mrs. J. J. Roberts (Eleanor Joyce Windsor '21), on January 20.

Personals

Rev. DeLoss M. Scott '34, formerly pastor of St. Mary's Gospel Tabernacle, is now in full-time evangelistic work in Ontario and the United States.

Russel D. Lamb '38 was ordained by the Kincardine Baptist Church on November 11. Rev. C. K. Dolby '22 led in the ordination prayer.

Albert Kime '42 is a supervisor in the Salvation Army War Services at Camp Debort, N.S.

H. Christine Cameron, who was a student in '17-'18, has returned to Brazil for her fourth term of service under the South America Indian Mission.

Edna Mae Good '40 is a student at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

John P. Posno '41 has been appointed student pastor of the Presbyterian church at Sylvania, Sask.

Phyllis Bouschard '41 is taking the Arts Course in the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Vera Richards '42 is in training at Grace Hospital, Toronto.

Donald Powell and James Sutherland, both '42, are studying at the University of Toronto.

Rev. Alva S. Roblin '34 has been appointed chaplain with the R.C.A.F.

We are happy to report that Sgt. Tom L. Beaton '38-'39 is safe in England, and not a prisoner of war as previously announced.

It has been announced that Earle F. Griffin '38-'40 was a member of the crew of the corvette "Louisburg", which was sunk by a torpedo in the Mediterranean recently. He is reported "missing".

Rev. '16 and Mrs. John C. Procter, of Portuguese East Africa are in Cleveland, Ohio, on furlough.

Mr. '42 and Mrs. Herbert Whealy have left Toronto to motor down to Mexico, where they will be doing missionary work under the Summer Institute of Linguistics.

Capt. Geo. W. Medley '24, who has been a chaplain in the army for some time, has left for overseas service.

The following officers were elected at the first meeting of the Montreal Branch Alumni: President, Denzill Raymer '40; Vice-President, Frank Swackhammer '37; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Dixon Gordon (Helen Walford '33).

The Kitchener Branch Alumni elected the following executive at their October meeting: President, Rev. C. W. Sorley '28; Vice-President, Douglas Berck '42; Treasurer, Lydia Dankert '23; Secretary, Laurine Litwiller '32; Social Convener, Emma Bauman '21; Councillors, Ilda Bauman '33, Hannah Snider '34, Mrs. J. Rahn (Marie Heipel '24), Ephraim Habermehl '30.

The following are now in the armed forces, in addition to those already announced: Harold McIlldoon '38 with the Royal Canadian Engineers in Toronto; James Gilchrist E.C. '42 with the R.C.O.C. in Aurora; Eric Godfrey E.C. '43 in the R.C.O.C. in Toronto; Edward Brotsky E.C. '43 in the R.C.A.M.C. in Toronto; Victor Raison E.C. '40-'42 with the Lanark and Renfrew Regiment in Halifax; Stanley Graham E.C. '41-'42 with the R.C.A.F. in Toronto; Robert Mailey and Telford Mack, both '40, in the R.C.A.F.

Bob Wade '39-'42 won the silver cup for the young people's oratorical contest of the Ontario Temperance Federation for Wentworth County and entered the Provincial finals.

John Moran '40 has been called to the pastorate of the Christian Congregational Church, Kingston, Ontario. He succeeds Rev. Alex. Stein '30.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen P. LaRue (Dorothy French '26) have returned from China on furlough. They were serving in Kweichow province under the China Inland Mission.

George McAlpine E.C. '37 was ordained in November at Faith Baptist Church, Toronto. John Russell '39 preached the ordination sermon, and Ken. L. Miles '34 delivered the charge to the church. Rev. and Mrs. McAlpine (Frances Woods E.C. '37) are expecting to return shortly to their field in French Equatorial Africa.

The Coaticook Baptist Church, of which Rev. Lorne Smith '38 is pastor, was completely destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

R/S/Sgt. Alex. Deans E.C. '39 of the R.C.A.M.C. is back from overseas to take an officers' training course of about six months. He is at present stationed at Three Rivers, Que.

Rev. Douglas '36 and Mrs. Percy (Betty Willis '35), and Rev. John '32 and Mrs. Percy (Mary Suttie '32) are home on furlough from Nigeria, where they have been labouring under the Sudan Interior Mission.

A prayer rally will be conducted by the students of the day and evening classes on Wednesday evening, March 31. All former students are cordially invited to attend.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STUDENT BODY

Will be held in the Assembly Hall of the College,

Wednesday, April 28, at 8.00 p.m.

The Alumni Supper 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.

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

of the

FORTY-NINTH SESSION will be held in the
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ARENA

Bloor Street West, near St. George

Thursday Evening, April 29, at 8.00

Tickets may be secured by applying to the Secretary

Doors open at 6.00

7,000 seats

Offering