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The Jubilee Graduation Service

Graduation Day in the Year of Jubilee dawned fair and bright after a week of clouds and showers. Nature herself seemed to share in the joy that filled all our hearts as we reached this climactic day in the history of the College. For that has been the characteristic feature of College life in this Jubilee year—a quiet but profound sense of joy despite the limitations and the problems that conditions of war created. Perhaps it seems strange to speak of joy in the midst of war; yet this was not an unmeaning joy. It was that joy of which the Principal spoke at the opening devotional service of the year, a joy in the Lord that is not dependent on external conditions and circumstances. It was that joy to which the Word of God summons us as it calls us, in words chosen as the Graduating Class Motto, to "Rejoice in the Lord."

Graduates of other days who returned for the Jubilee Graduation Service would notice that the Service was the same as in other years, and yet that it was different from other years. It was different in that all the music was contributed by the girls alone. There was only one row of men on the platform—indicative of the number of our men who are serving in the Forces or War work—too few in number to attempt to balance the ladies' voices. Therefore

the anthems for the student body were sung by the lady students: "Lift Thine Eyes," arranged from Mendelssohn, "Holy Spirit, Come, O Come," and "Arise, my soul, arise." The last, though not so noted in the Programme, is Mr. Shildrick's composition, and in the opinion of many who were present that evening was the most striking and effective number sung by the student body. The Ladies' Evangelistic Choir, the group that has sung in Churches on Sunday evenings this year and has visited Camp Borden one Sunday night in each month, contributed "Come unto Him," arranged from Handel. The soft passages were especially notable, and the stillness of the vast audience as the Choir sang was itself a tribute to the gracious message of the words and the haunting beauty of the music. The Ladies' Double Trio sang with great expression, "More love to Thee, O Christ."

The Service was different from other days in that the Messages were brought, not by chosen Students, but by four representative Ministers. It was the intention in this Jubilee year to invite our friends to bring their greetings to us, and therefore four outstanding Ministers were selected who could speak for various phases of the College's ministry. Dr. H. J. Cody, President of the

University of Toronto, whose own ministry in Toronto has paralleled the fifty years service of the College, spoke of the influence of the College in this city. Dr. G. C. Pidgeon, the first Moderator of the United Church, spoke as representing all the Churches with which the College has been related. Dr. W. A. Cameron, Missionary Secretary of the Presbyterian Church, spoke of the College ministry in the Home Mission Fields of Canada. Dr. John McLaurin, Foreign Missionary Secretary of the Baptist Churches of Canada, represented all the Foreign Mission Fields where graduates of the College have served. Each of these Ministers paid tribute to the life and work of the Bible College, and each address was characterized by evident and earnest sincerity.

But the service was the same as in other years in that the same vast numbers of our friends attended it. Even in days of gas rationing there was no diminution in the size of the audience that filled Varsity Arena.

All the arrangements were carried through with the quiet efficiency that has always characterized Mr. Burns' preparations for this great night. If anything, as the years pass by, the ushers under his supervision become even more

efficient with each successive year.

There was that indefinable sense of fellowship noticeable once again. Those on the platform and the thousands filling the Arena were "all one in Christ Jesus." In the hymns that were sung there was evident our united desire to praise and magnify our Lord and Saviour, and give Him the pre-eminence.

There was as in the past the unmistakable evidence of the Holy Spirit's gracious Presence amongst us. In the radiant faces of the Student body, through the witness of consecrated song, in the conduct of the entire service His irradiating and enlightening ministry was manifest. The Jubilee Service, as many testified afterwards, was marked by a quiet power, a beauty and a dignity that were the expression of the Holy Spirit's working in hearts and lives yielded to Him.

The Graduating Class Hymn, sung as the Service drew near to its close, fittingly uttered the thought and desire that was in all our minds throughout this Jubilee Graduation Service. "Rejoice, the Lord is King; Your Lord and King adore; Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore."

J. B. R.

Canon Cody's Address

It is a very great privilege for me to-night to join in your Jubilee Celebration. In this Arena meetings of all sorts are held, most of which are of an educational aspect. But of all the meetings held here in the course of the year, none is more welcome than the closing exercises of the Toronto Bible College.

I have been asked to speak as a citizen of Toronto. I came here in 1885 as a student of the University, and with more or less regularity I have been in the city of Toronto ever since. At the University I had the pleasure of knowing the Principal, Dr. McNicol. We

were in old University College together, but I had the advantage of being two years ahead of him; he graduated in 1891 and I in 1889. From that day to this I have known, honoured and respected him, and to him to-night I offer special felicitations. For 38 years he has been the Principal of this College. The writer to the Hebrews says, "Every house is built by some man," and upon every institution in the days of its growth and power there is left the impress of some man. It was my privilege also to know Dr. Elmore Harris, the first President of the College, and through the years many of those

who have given instruction there have been known to me.

I bring greetings to the Toronto Bible College because it links education and religion. These two great factors are found in conjunction. We offer our greetings to the Toronto Bible College because it has noble educational ideals based upon the Book of Books, and because its influence has gone forth to the ends of the earth. On the programme which you have in your hands you find stated its ideals—Interdenominational—loyalty to the Church of his choice is taught the student; Evangelical—it proclaims the glorious news of God's love to men and His desire to save them from their sins that they may serve Him and others; Ecumenical—it recognizes the fact that it is a part of that great Church throughout all the world; Missionary—to the fingertips, because into the lands of the world it has sent missionaries to proclaim the glorious gospel; Co-educational—in order to live the highest life both men and women, young and old, have the

high prerogative of entering into fellowship with the great Creator.

So to-night, because this institution has from the beginning based itself on "The Book"; because it has held a splendid central course, basing its teaching upon the historic faith of the Church, on the things which are fundamental; because it has kept its mind open to new light and yet has kept its eye on the Captain of our salvation, it has been able to do a marvellous work. May it long be spared to carry on the way in which it has begun its journey. "Lengthen your cords"—extend your boundaries—there are always new worlds to conquer. But along with this extension must go added strength—"strengthen your stakes." From this text Wm. Carey preached a sermon which set Christendom on fire. On the basis of these words he divided his sermon into two great parts, "Expect great things from God," and "Attempt great things for God." "Lengthen your cords," but all the while "strengthen your stakes."

Dr. Pidgeon's Address

It is my privilege to-night to bring to the Toronto Bible College the congratulations of the Church on the fifty years of service they have rendered, and to express the gratitude of the Church for the work they have done.

As a member of the Advisory Council I have attended a number of the meetings and noted, with interest, the points on which emphasis was laid by the speakers. There are several things that stand out. For example, the institution in its very title declares not only its adherence to the Bible, but makes the teaching of the Bible central. That is the purpose for which it exists. It declares that purpose to the world with the results seen in the gathering this evening.

I notice, too, that stress is laid again and again on the devotional study of

the Bible. I heard a man say who has gone into Bible study in various methods, the critical for example, that he attached importance to all ways of approach, but that he was most grateful to the Toronto Bible College for teaching the devotional approach, and in his personal and family life that devotional attitude has been precious beyond compare. We speak often of the fellowship of the students. Coming from different denominations not only broadens their outlook, but deepens and strengthens their spiritual life.

Now to speak of the Church's gratitude more specifically. I note this institution has brought earnest students of the Bible under the influence of great spiritual teachers. Now, of course, you begin with the Principal. Every institution is the shadow of a personality.

Again and again the magnetic influence of the teachers of this institution has been mentioned by students as one of the moulding factors in the growth of their Christian character. The Christian character and power of their lives influence all.

I note a number of men have given credit to the Toronto Bible College for starting them on a career which led to deeper and wider study than it was able to provide. Some turned toward the ministry, some toward the sciences. These men can go long and far if someone gives them a start. I remember an old friend of mine used to say this, "I can think as well as any other if I get a start," and Toronto Bible College, with its personal leadership and emphasis on the Word of God, gives them the start. To me, as I try to look into its

work and efforts, the ministry which stands out is that of sending numbers of young people with their knowledge of the Bible out into the congregations of the Church. I do not know a greater service than sending people equipped to teach, knowing the Bible, and believing and using it as the source of spiritual power. Every denomination in Canada has been benefitted by the Toronto Bible College, and the influence of its students is being felt near and far. A knowledge of the Word of God is the first great necessity of our modern Christian life.

I speak as a Churchman and say, "Congratulations" to your institution, Principal and staff, and I also offer the Church's gratitude for the deep spiritual ministry exercised by your young people.

Dr. Cameron's Address

This large audience has come to-night, as on the occasion of other years, to be present at the closing exercises of the Toronto Bible College. But we have also come this year for another reason, and that is, to mark fifty years of endeavour on the part of those who have carried on the work of this College. To those who are young, fifty years is a long period of time, but to those of us who have lived through fifty years or more, it seems but a very brief period. Canada is a young country, and fifty years in the life of Canada is not a long period.

Fifty years ago this College began its work with a class comprised of the same number as that of Christ's first group. At that time all eyes were turned to Western Canada. The Canadian Pacific Railway spanned the country; homesteads were offered for the sum of \$10.00—and so from Eastern Canada went settlers, out to the trackless prairies. Some came from the Old Land, some from Central Europe—all to that great land of Western Canada. Min-

isters gave up their charges in the East and went out among these settlers preaching the Gospel and laying the foundations of the Kingdom of God there. Students went out for the summer weeks, holding services among those who had no services during many months of the year. Among those who went thus were students from the Toronto Bible College, and never in all these fifty years were there not some from the College. What was the secret of their success? First, a powerful message. They realized that men needed the help of God in order to live as He would have them live. Man cannot save himself, only Christ can save. The evangelical message was given in earnest, recognizing the fact that this was what man needed; and laden with prayer, recognizing that only God could bless their work for Him.

Having the honour of representing the Home Mission Forces of our country, I can say this in the name of those who have been engaged in Home Mission work—we thank God for students

trained in the prayerful atmosphere of the Toronto Bible College, from which they went out to do their work, and we also thank God that those who sent them followed them with their prayers for God's blessing. And so I bring greetings to-night, and recall those years in which the College has carried on its work, years that have been so fruitful, and look forward to the next fifty years when the war will be ended, the new world will be born, and when the eyes of the world will again turn to Canada, the Land of Hope. This will be an opportunity for the Christian Church,

and an obligation rests on the Churches to see that the Gospel is presented to these people when they come to our shores. I trust that the Toronto Bible College, with the Bible as the heart and centre of its teaching, will go forward as it has in the past, assisting the Churches, and sending out students who will stand for the name of Christ, the Lord and Saviour, and the only One who can make Canada a land of which we and our children can justly be proud. May God's blessing rest on this College in the next half century.

Dr. McLaurin's Address

It is my privilege and great happiness to bring to the students and Principal of the Toronto Bible College the greetings of the Overseas Missionary enterprise of the Canadian Churches in the primary task of proclaiming to the ends of the world the Gospel of salvation. This has ever been the breath of the College from its birth, and I count it a privilege to bring these greetings and congratulations.

The spirit of the College may be summed up in the inscription over the stone doorway of the College, with the open Bible over the arch, and the words engraved on it, "Holding forth the Word of Life". Christ is the central figure. Every time I look at that symbolism I think of the words of the Saviour, "I am the Door, by Me if any man enter in he shall be saved". I think of that doorway, and of the testimony and history of the College, and the first lesson I learn is one of Adventure—going out holding forth the Word of Life. I doubt if there is any institution with a record to compare with that of the Toronto Bible College. Nearly 500 students have gone out to carry on the work of the Gospel in the Mission fields of the world, and are labouring in 37 different countries beyond the seas. They may be found under the North Pole, the

Southern Cross, beside every sea and in every country. From this we get a new conception of what was in the mind of Christ when He said, "Go ye into all the world".

We use the word ecumenical. I am sorry there is not a simpler word, but we understand what it means—the universal element in the Christian religion, men and women everywhere are one in Christ. Do we know of any school anywhere that has gathered students from a greater variety of denominations, and has sent them out under denominational and interdenominational Boards to the ends of the earth? A school with a student body filled with the spirit of adventure, the spirit of faith, holding forth the Word of Life, and allowing nothing to stand in their way as they do so?

When I think of the student body of this College, the staff, the Principal, and the work they are doing, I get the impression of Quality. This centres around the Word of Life built on a two-fold foundation:— the students are taught the Bible as the Word of God, and that knowledge is vitalized by a true and living experience of the Word of God. They have excellent teachers of that Word of Christian faith who are not primarily interested in what the pro-

phets said in the 8th century B.C., but in what they are saying to us to-day, under the present circumstances. It is not merely an academic study, but as I have seen various ones at work, I remember that they have a conception of the Word of God as His Word to us to-day. It is not something merely of technical interest, but something by which mankind can be saved. Linked with that is the deep devotional life of the school. It is a place where they live close to their God and Saviour. The students go out to teach religion, but not as one would go to teach chemistry or geometry. Religion is essentially and primarily an experience of God, and no one can teach it who has not that deep experience of God. As they go out to teach, they go as those whose minds are full of the Spirit and the mind of God, to present the Word of God to those they contact day by day.

At the last, I see in that portal the Symbolism and Tradition of the College. I go back into the College, and see that spirit of devotion to Christ and consecration to His work in which the

College carries on its work. I mention this because I have recently attended a number of national and international missionary conferences, and there seems to me a danger that those who go out as missionaries may imagine themselves as the centre of many dreams of great things to be done. There is a danger that the Christian enterprise will dissolve itself into just doing something outstanding. As I have sat in one after another of these conferences, my mind has gone back to the words of the Saviour, "He that saveth his life shall lose it, but he that loseth his life shall save it". I believe there never was a time when that word should be placed nearer the centre of the missionary enterprise. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone". I see in this College that spirit of living sacrifice in the name of Christ—it matters not what happens to me if the Church and Word of God goes forward. We thank God for the T.B.C., and look forward with confidence and faith to the years to come.

The Principal's Report

Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Board and Council on the afternoon of April 27th.

The decrease in the enrolment of students which has been going on since the first year of the war still continues. The totals for the last five years are as follows: 380 in 1939, 355 in 1940, 324 in 1941, 290 in 1942, 245 in 1943, and 212 in the present year. As was to be expected, the decrease has been more pronounced among the men than among the women. The enrolment of men has dropped during these years from 137 to 39, and the enrolment of women from 243 to 173.

This year's enrolment, analysed by years, is as follows:

1943-1944	Men	Women	Total
Preparatory Year	2	22	24
First year	14	65	79
Second Year	10	39	49
Third year	10	43	53
Special students	3	4	7
	39	173	212

The great majority of these students, as usual, belong to this province—nearly four-fifths of them. But small groups have come, as usual, from all the other provinces of the Dominion except Prince Edward Island, which has not been represented in our student body for several years.

The Evening Class attendance has also dropped considerably. Besides 81 Day Class students who took the Teacher Training Course, which is given in the evening, 139 others were

enrolled in the various Evening Classes, a drop of 37 from last year. These young people came from 67 different congregations throughout the city.

Notwithstanding the limitations that were laid upon us when our South Building was taken over by the Government for the use of the army's medical work, we have been able to carry on the full College curriculum throughout the session. The department of Student Activities had the greatest handicap laid upon it, not only because of the restricted accommodation, but also because there were fewer students to carry its burdens and perform its duties. But all the practical activities were maintained, although some of them had to be curtailed. The students were able to carry on their corporate evangelistic work throughout the year, and they conducted a very successful missionary conference in the middle of the session.

The evangelistic choir had to be composed of women alone, for there were not enough men available this session with the necessary musical ability to form a mixed choir. This group of between 40 and 50 young women visited Camp Borden one Sunday each month, in co-operation with the War Services Committee of the Baptist Convention. The work of these students there, in the hospital wards and the officers' mess rooms in the afternoons, and in the public meeting in the large Y.M.C.A. hall in the evenings, has won high praise from all who witnessed it and saw its results. A genuine spiritual impact was made upon the soldiers and a considerable number of men were won for Christ. This is the testimony of the chaplains of the Camp. Some of the men who have gone overseas have written back telling of the memories of the Bible College choir they have carried away and of the blessing they received from their visits to Camp Borden.

On the other Sundays of each month, the evangelistic choir conducted services of song and witness in a number of churches in Toronto and elsewhere. They were unable to meet many other

requests that came for their services. They have already been booked up for the whole of the next session.

While this group of young women were engaged week after week in this kind of corporate evangelism, the rest of the students were carrying on their practical Christian work in other ways. A considerable number of them, both men and women, were engaged in regular Sunday School work throughout the city. A number of the young men conducted regular Sunday services in churches and missions round about Toronto. The usual hospital visiting, factory meetings, Yonge St. Mission work and Jewish Mission work were maintained throughout the session. All this goes to show that, while the College is decreasing in numbers during these war years, its effectiveness as an evangelizing agency and as a centre of spiritual witness in the community is as manifest as ever.

The Jubilee

Now that the College has reached its Jubilee, it is fitting that we take a brief backward look over these fifty years and mark some of the main features of its development.

1. Some historic facts. The institution was established in 1894 as the Toronto Bible Training School, its first classes meeting in Walmer Road Baptist Church, whose pastor, Dr. Elmore Harris, was its founder and first President. In 1898 its first building was erected and dedicated at 110 College Street; and there the work was carried on for the next thirty years.

In 1906 its first Principal, Dr. William Stewart, retired; and in 1911 its President died while on a visit to mission fields in India. After this the institution was reorganized and reincorporated under its present name, and its work was reconstructed. These changes were completed in 1916 in the midst of the first world war.

When that war ended, the attendance of students increased so steadily from

year to year that the building was outgrown and the classes overflowed into a neighbouring church. In 1928 the site and building on College Street were expropriated by the University in connection with its plans for development, and this enabled the Board to take steps for the erection of a new and larger building on another site.

In 1929 the present main building at 16 Spadina Road was opened and dedicated, and the College made a new start. In a short time this building, too, became overcrowded, and in 1938 the adjoining South Building was acquired, which is at present being used for war purposes. These two buildings together have proved to be peculiarly well adapted for the growing needs of the College and the different departments of its work. Possessing this splendid property, with 300 feet of frontage at Nos. 12-16 Spadina Road, on one of the most central sites in the city, the Bible College can well look forward to a new start and a new stage in its history when this war comes to an end.

2. The course of study. The original course was very simple, and extended only over two years. The curriculum was gradually strengthened and expanded, new subjects being added from time to time. The Bible was always kept in the central and commanding place, and a good deal of practical Christianity was introduced step by step.

By the year 1910 some students who had graduated were finding it to their advantage to return for a third year of study. The numbers who did this kept increasing from year to year till it became a general practice. Finally in 1923, the regular course for the graduating diploma was lengthened to three years.

During all this time the standard was being steadily raised, both for entrance and for graduation. Some students were coming who were equipped with a university education, and they were finding value in the course. While no hard and fast standard of entrance was laid down, so that no person seeking a systematic

course in the Bible might be excluded, it came to be generally recognized that only those who had reached Senior Matriculation could get the full value of the Bible College course, and all intending students who were on the way to it were advised to complete their matriculation before entering the College.

In 1932 a preparatory year of combined academic and Biblical study was introduced, for the sake of those who had not received a good high school course and were not now in a position to get one. This makes their course for the graduating diploma four years. This addition to the course has proved to be of real value, for some who begin in the preparatory year are found to be among the best students when they get to their last year.

Just before the war broke out a plan was being considered for dividing the classes into two grades, thus making two courses leading to the diploma, corresponding to the pass and honour courses in a university. This plan had to be dropped in the meantime, and its resumption awaits the post-war development of the College.

3. The system of training. This is to be distinguished from the course of study itself. It is the practical side as distinguished from the theoretical side of the College work. About thirty years ago a method of student self-government was introduced, and to this there were applied the principles of spiritual fellowship and spiritual leadership which are found in the New Testament and were exemplified in the first Christian Church. It may be called the corporate leadership of the Holy Spirit. This is the basis of our system of training, and it is worked out and developed in the department of Student Activities. It is through this department that the College bears its corporate witness and makes its corporate impact upon the Christian community. It illustrates Christianity in action, and does so in a variety of ways.

The operation of this system of training has been explained time and again in these annual statements, and there is no need to describe it here. Suffice it to say that it began as an experiment of our own, and that after all these years it has been amply justified by its results. It needs to be carefully guided, however, and jealously guarded, for its efficiency depends on the constant preservation of the spiritual and devotional life of the student body in a sane and healthy state. The system is thoroughly well understood, both in its principle and in its practice, by those members of the Faculty who will have the direc-

tion of the life and work of the College after the war, and it will be safe in their hands.

And now let me say in conclusion that the Bible College stands upon its own feet, and is to be judged on its own merits, by the work of these fifty years. It makes no claims; it asks no favours; it simply seeks to serve. It serves the cause of the Kingdom of God. It is always ready to serve the churches. The good hand of God has been upon it and blessed it all these years. It looks back upon the past with praise and thanksgiving, and forward into the future with faith and hope.

What the Bible College Has Meant to Me

By Stanley Gaudin, '38, a Pilot in the R.C.A.F. Overseas

God and His will — this to me was the luminous, living essence of Bible College training. Progressively there was communicated to me, through every avenue of College life and study, a vision of God and His spiritual order which quickened heart and spirit and imparted to life new beauty, challenge, meaning and import.

This vision of God led also to a sort of intellectual regeneration. Study and thought, centring now in the living Christ and the Word of God, found new unity and were at the same time powerfully stimulated. I learned then to study, not in order primarily to pass examinations, but to please God and find His will. Freedom in thought with devotion to God became part of me. Of this has come an intellectual independence and reverence, which is now used of God to keep alive in my heart the mind of Christ.

Implicit in the College fellowship itself were precious secrets in the art of living. Even this world at war cannot now stifle my optimism regarding the potentialities and destiny of mankind, for I remember our College family. We were individuals, widely diverse in temperament, endowment and background,

yet in Christ we were knit together into a society characterized by harmony, unity, holiness, love and joy. In this fellowship I learned to look upon friendship as something, not to be shunned, nor to be sought for personal gratification, but to be enjoyed to the glory of God in Christian love and self-discipline.

Of this attitude has come new love, sympathy, understanding and helpfulness towards men, and new joy, inspiration, strength and growth in their comradeship. Even everyday contacts are now not commonplace but significant, and life is thereby profoundly enriched. I cherish also lessons in faith which were taught to me in the College fellowship. Faith in God and His adequate guidance was the basis alike of corporate and individual life. This same principle of faith has proved no less effective in military life, where even now, in sufficient resources of resolve, peace and satisfaction, it sees still the faithfulness of God.

So the passing years and changing circumstances have not dimmed my gratitude and affection towards the College, but have served rather to deepen my appreciation of its ministry.

A Unique Ordination

Albert Edmund McCreery '38, who graduated as vice-president of his class and who went overseas as a lieutenant in the Armoured Corps, has had the unique distinction of being ordained as a minister of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec in the Aldershot Baptist Tabernacle, England, and has since been transferred to the chaplaincy service. Capt. McCreery volunteered for active service during his course at McMaster University and ultimately received his Commission. The service of ordination was arranged by the Home Counties Baptist Association, England, on behalf of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec. Rev. H. H. Sutton, B.A. (Oxon.), area superintendent, Southern District of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, conducted the service. He was supported by the Council of the Home Counties Baptist Association at the afternoon service during which, after examination of the candidate, the Act of Ordination

was consummated. At the tea, held before the evening service, messages were given by His Worship the Mayor of Aldershot; the Senior Protestant Chaplain, Canadian Chaplaincy Service; the Senior Chaplain to the Forces, United Navy, Army and Air Force Board; the Adjutant of Lieut. McCreery's active service unit; Councillor the Rev. J. B. Rowsell, M.A., Vicar of Aldershot; and Mr. H. J. Laidlaw, B.A., Secretary of the Baptist Association. In the evening Rev. S. P. Goodge, the minister of the ordaining church, presided. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. H. H. Bingham, D.D., Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, and the charge to the new minister was given by Rev. Capt. Stewart Ivison, B.A., recently assistant to the chief Canadian Protestant Chaplain, Ottawa. Certainly Capt. McCreery had a notable and singular experience at his ordination.

SUGGESTED TIME-TABLE FOR ALUMNI CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 19th-24th, 1944

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 a.m.			Prayer Meeting	Prayer Meeting	Prayer Meeting
9 a.m.		Prayer Meeting	Dr. McNicol	Dr. McNicol	Dr. McNicol
10 a.m.		Open'g. Service Dr. McNicol	Mr. Rhodes	Mr. Burns	Mr. Rhodes
11 a.m.		Class Reunions	Class Reunions	Class Reunions	Class Reunions
2 p.m.		Conference Dr. Benson	Conference Minister —as Preacher	Conference Dr. McLaurin	Conference Dr. Benson
3 p.m.		Dr. McLaurin	Dr. Benson	Minister —as Shepherd	Dr. McLaurin
4 p.m.		Minister— as Evangelist	Dr. McLaurin	Dr. Benson	The Minister as a Soul-Winner and Counsellor
5 p.m.		Class Reunions	Class Reunions	Class Reunions	Class Reunions
8 p.m.	Reception Prayer Rally	Foreign Mis- sionary Rally	Alumni Rally Roll Call and Greetings	Home Mission Rally	Rally of S.S. and Y.P. Leaders Dr. Benson
			Saturday—Picnic		

Sunday, 9 p.m.—Communion Service at Walmer Road Church

A New Venture — An Extension Course

The First Baptist Church in Simcoe, under the leadership of Rev. Gordon V. Crofoot, invited the staff of the Bible College to conduct a series of Bible Studies each Tuesday during the month of May. Dr. McNicol, Rev. J. B. Rhodes and Rev. D. A. Burns, acceding to that request, have journeyed to Simcoe each Tuesday to be greeted by over 100 of the people of Simcoe each night. The studies have been intensive and helpful. Dr. McNicol lead in the reading and study of the Epistle to the Hebrews, Mr. Rhodes in the consideration of "Divine Revelation" and Mr. Burns in the practical study of "Evangelism." From 7.30 to 9.30 the people have followed the leaders step by step, night by night.

This new experiment in Bible Study has brought genuine blessing, inspiration and revival to the Church, and it gives promise of the beginning of greater efforts along this line for the future.

The abiding values of the "Course of Study" as we have had opportunity to analyse them, may be thus stated:

The Christian Fellowship about the Word has been greatly enriched. There has been a drawing together of the people as they have joined in this study night by night.

The interest and enthusiasm for Bible Study has been very evident, and gives promise of continuing and deepening after these particular studies have been ended.

It is evident that many of the people have been led to think more clearly about the Evangelistic life of the Church, and they have had their minds directed to the part they can play in this work as individuals.

Above all, we have seen afresh "the Glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" and have deeply marvelled at the wonder of Divine Revelation.

We understand that this is the first time that such a course has been suggested to the Toronto Bible College by a local minister. There are great possibilities in the idea, and we are sure, as far as Simcoe is concerned, that it is only the beginning, for it seems to us that we must make a feature like this one of the main activities in our Church year.

We are sincerely grateful to the Toronto Bible College for the ready response to our appeal. The College has gained new friends, and, we are certain also, new students, through this extension Ministry.

G. V. CROFOOT,
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Simcoe, Ontario.

The Jubilee Issue of the GATEWAY

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The Regular ALUMNI PICNIC

has been postponed from June and will be held as a part of the Alumni Jubilee Week on Saturday, September 23rd.

Graduation Testimonies



MARGARET VANDERBENT,
Toronto

There came a time in my Christian experience, a few years ago, when I recognized my need for a thorough knowledge of the Word of God and a more intimate and deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ Whom I had promised to follow. It was this desire that brought me to the Toronto Bible College. And I was not disappointed, for under the teaching of God's faithful servants here, I came to have a new knowledge of God's Word and taste of the riches of His grace. The Lord Himself became more real to me and I came to know the personal and lovely way in which He deals so graciously with His children. With this revelation of Himself came a deeper appreciation of His Word and a delight in reading it which I had not previously experienced.

I also desired to be better fitted to serve Him, and I saw in the Teacher Training Course that which would equip me to teach those who were put under my care. I recognized that my knowledge of Sunday School teaching and organization was very limited. Just how limited it had been, it took the course to reveal.

It has proven to be a very thorough course covering almost every aspect of Christian work. The purpose and work

of the Bible School was thoroughly studied and many helpful suggestions were given. I saw that from the very entrance of a new life into a home, it was the duty and privilege of the Bible School to see that the new life was enrolled in the Cradle-Roll Department through contact with the home. That children, particularly up to the age of 12 years, are very easily influenced, I had previously recognized, but that they imitated those who led them and unconsciously assumed their attitudes to life and spiritual things had never occurred to me before with such force. I saw how necessary it was that those who taught the younger as well as the older classes in the school, be of the finest Christian character and fully dedicated to the work of leading these young lives in the paths of righteousness. We were shown how Story Telling could be used very effectively in the teaching of young children.

This last session we have looked at the life of a young person and have seen the difficulties, tendencies and temptations with which they are faced, as well as their interests. It was noted that the age at which most of the conversions take place is 16, though the period is actually from 12 to 24 years. After that it is much more difficult to win a person for Jesus Christ. How best to approach these young people with the claims of Jesus Christ was discussed and much was learned.

The course also provided an opportunity of giving a summary on some booklet concerning our studies together, or a sermonette, etc. Sympathetic and helpful criticism was offered and it helped those who listened as well as those who prepared the talk to profit.

As I have seen anew the challenge that is presented to the Christian Church

to-day to win the young people for Jesus Christ, I have felt more keenly my responsibility to Him to yield all my faculties as instruments unto righteousness. In myself I recognize that not only can I do nothing, but that I am nothing, but I rest on His promise found in 2nd Cor. 9:8—"God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that ye, always having all sufficiency, may abound to every good work."



NORINE HEWER,
Toronto

When the Lord Jesus Christ opened the windows of my soul to reveal the fullness of His love, it caused me to realize that the things of this present evil world meant nothing; they proved to be pleasures that endured only for a season. Through the sovereign grace of God, shortly after my soul's awakening, the Evening Class Course of the Toronto Bible College was opened to me, and with trembling faith I placed my hand in the hand of my Lord and entered the College Gateway, which was soon to become the Rock of my foundation in Christ Jesus.

Perhaps the earliest and most profound impression I received at Toronto Bible College was the "oneness of spirit" pervading the atmosphere, that vital and living union which exists between the students in spite of the walks of life from which they come and the differences in denomination and nationality. The fact that all are one in Christ Jesus has proved to be

the connecting link in love and devotion for the Master, thus causing the realization that the Lord is no respecter of persons, for all barriers are broken down in Him.

Throughout my College Course in the Evening Classes great emphasis has been placed upon the Christian's conversation and life coming from above. He now lives in that unseen realm where Christ is pleased to dwell. My fondest hope is anchored in this realm within the veil, into which I have entered through faith by the study of the Word and the fellowship of prayer.

Possibly the most gripping moments of College life are those spent before God in the Prayer Room, where it has been possible to fulfil the Law of Christ in bearing one another's burdens. Here, too, the hand of the Master has taken full control and assumed the task of carefully cultivating that portion of soil Providence has committed to my care. It is in the Prayer Room that hearts are opened to God, just as windows are opened to the sun and air, elevating the soul and enabling it to bear the weight of troubles. Through prayer, the Holy Spirit emphasizes to us the nearness of Christ and the way of access to His Throne.

The Gateway of the College is about to close on the three happy years I have been privileged to spend here. Words cannot adequately express the abundant outpouring of the treasures of heaven throughout these years. They have been years of untold blessing and inspiration, years which even now hold many precious memories that will long be remembered and cherished. The Course has proved to be not only a schoolmaster leading me on to know the Saviour, but also a means of refining and purifying the ore that rightfully belongeth to Him.

Perhaps the words of the Psalmist would best express my joy and thanksgiving to the Great Redeemer of my Soul, Who "hath done great things for me, whereof I am glad."

News of the T. B. C. Family

BIRTHS

To Mr. '31 and Mrs. Orville Thamer (Ethel Neale '30) in Jos, Nigeria, on January 8, a daughter, Marilyn Gains ("Gay").

In French Equatorial Africa on January 26 to Mr. '38 and Mrs. Jack Brotherton (Madge Edson '38-'39), a son.

On January 28 to Mr. and Mrs. James Greenwood (Roselene Taylor '41), a daughter, Rosalyn Jean, at Markham, Ontario

To Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dowdell (Evangeline Williams '35), a son, Richard John, in Toronto on January 30.

A son, Allan Edward, to Mr. John W. and Mrs. Dick (Johan Marshall), both '39-'41, on February 6 in Toronto.

On March 22 in Toronto to Lieut. Alex. E. C. '39 and Mrs. '42 Deans, a son, Donald Peter.

To Capt. and Mrs. Warren Bradley (Betty Saunders '36), a daughter, Susan Gail, in Toronto on March 23.

In Toronto on April 8 to Mr. '27-'31 and Mrs. Robert Allan (Ruby Swift E. C. '28-'29), a daughter, Evelyn Linda.

On April 8 in Toronto to Rev. '39 and Mrs. John Russell, twins, Gladys Elaine and John David.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dixon (Laura Foster '35), a son, Kenneth Murray, at Belleville on May 9.

To Rev. '34 and Mrs. Horace A. Dulmage (Florence Markle '32-'33), at Hamilton, on May 19, a son, Roy Murray.

MARRIAGES

Aileen Noel, '38, to Maurice Stephens on March 25 in St. Luke's in the Garden, London, Ontario.

On March 31, at Huntsville, Ontario, Viola P. Emberson (Viola Workman, E.C., '34), to Joe Thornton.

In Calvary Church, Toronto, Doris Abernethy, '41, to Fred Hawley on April 8.

Catherine M. Cameron, '40-'42, to Lawrence H. Graham on April 10 in Thorburn, N.S.

On April 26 in Calvary Church, Toronto, Evelyn Pielow, E.C., '41, to Pre. Victor Raison, E.C., '40-'42. Horace Braden, E.C., '41, was the best man, Earl Bucknam, E.C., '41, ushered, and W. A. Morrison, E.C., '42-'43, was at the organ.

At Keswick United Church, Keswick, Ont., Margaret DeGroot, '37-'38, to Wm. G. Smith on May 4.

J. Christine Christie, '41, to A. Jack on May 6 in Toronto.

Lorna E. Reeds, R.N., '39, to Harley D. Iler, E.C., '42-'43, in Cambridge St. Baptist Church, Lindsay, on May 6. Rev. D. A. Burns, '16, officiated, and Eria Robinson, '39, was bridesmaid.

PERSONALS

Mrs. E. F. Tatum (Elizabeth E. Hall, '96), has returned on the Gripsholm from China, where she had been serving under the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va., and is making her home in Toronto.

Frank Stanley, '08, is on furlough from his field in Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Florence Luton, '24, arrived in Toronto in April on furlough from her field in Kiangsi Province under the China Inland Mission.

Kathleen McGarric, '30, is at home in Toronto on furlough from Brazil, where she has been working under the Evangelical Union of South America.

Nellie Horne, '33, returned to Toronto from Brazil in April for an emergency operation, and will be returning to her field under the Evangelical Union of South America as soon as she has completely recovered.

Mr., '34, and Mrs. George Anderson (Isobel Miller, '33), are on furlough from their work in French Equatorial Africa under the Sudan United Mission.

Rev. Albert H. Mildon, '34, Flying Officer of the R.C.A.F., is reported missing following air operations over enemy territory.

Rev. Elmore Williamson, '36, has been called from Red Deer, Alta., to the Baptist Church at Dryden, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Casler (Joan MacDonald, '37), flew to North America in April for their furlough from Nigeria, where they have worked under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Wm. Leaton, '39, has been appointed student pastor to the All People's Baptist Mission, St. Catharines, Ont.

Ruth Penman, '39, has returned to Toronto from Victoria and is continuing her work with the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Edna Hulse, '39, graduated from the Women's College Hospital, Toronto, on May 26.

Lillian Read, '40, has been engaged as city missionary by the Yonge St. Mission, Toronto.

Rev. Harry Butler, '41, formerly of the Trinity Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church, West Townsend, Mass.

Ruby Cole, '41, has been appointed to the staff of the Toronto City Mission as city missionary.

Anita Conrad, '41, and Ingeborg Kolbenson, '40-'41, have arrived in Nigeria, where they will work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

James W. Johnston, '41, studied at Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., during the spring semester.

Margaret Lees, E.C., '41, is training in Grace Hospital, Toronto.

Betty Anderson, '39-'42, who has spent the last two years in the Diocese of Athabaska, returned to Toronto to attend the Dominion Training Course for Leaders in Girls' Work held at the Church of England Deaconess House in May.

Ethel McIntyre, '43, received the certificate for the Women's Auxiliary Course at Wycliffe College on April 25, and has been appointed a Bishop's Messenger to the St. James Mission, Endeavour, Sask., by the Church of England.

Robt. Arnott, '44, has been appointed student pastor to the Humber Blvd. Baptist Church, Toronto.

Ruth Beech, '44, has been appointed nurse to All Saints' Hospital at Aklavik, N.W.T., under the Diocese of the Arctic, Church of England.

Nora Green, '44, has been appointed secretary-deaconess to Colledge St. Baptist Church, Toronto.

John Kenzie, '44, has joined the missionary staff of the Toronto Jewish Mission.

REGULAR SUMMER SERVICES

TUESDAY—8 p.m., Prayer Meeting in the Girls' Common Room, Main Building. All students and friends are cordially invited to attend.

FRIDAY—8 p.m., Yonge Street Mission. The students remaining in town for the summer conduct this service and will be glad to have the assistance of any friends of the College.

SUNDAY—10 a.m. The visitation in Toronto General Hospital is carried on throughout the entire year, and the students responsible for the work in the various wards during summer months require additional helpers.

These services are under the direction of the Evening Class Cabinet.

Marion Ford, '42, and Phyllis Boswell, '44, have left for Val d'Or, Que., where they are to be engaged in French evangelistic work during the summer.

Dennis Hockaday, '45, is working under the Upper Canada Mission to sailors, at the Port of Toronto.

Margaret Gegeny, '45, has returned for the second summer to the Hungarian Baptist Church, Wakaw, Sask.

Doris Leonard, '45, has been appointed nurse to the Church of England mission hospital at Moosonee, Ont.

The following will be in Canadian Sunday School Mission work this summer: Margaret Ogilvie, '44, in Northern Manitoba; Myrtle Dempster, '44, and Margaret Rideout, '46, in N. B.

The following mission fields are being filled by Bible College Students: Under the United Church Home Mission Board—Margaret Legate, '44, Lakesend Field, Alberta. Under the Presbyterian Mission Board—Monica Lambert, '39, Vegreville, Alta.; Lezetta Sheppard, '40, Webbwood; Isobel Young, '41, Cochran; Robt. Elliott, '45, Bar River. Under the Baptist Home Mission Board—Gordon Woodcock, '39, Fort Erie; Frank Anthony, '40, Sherbrooke; John Mair, '42, Avoca and Rivington;

Len. O'Neil, '42, Guelph, Christie St.; Fred Wilson, '42, Capreol; Stuart Dixon, '43, Manitoulin Island; Irene Gamey, '44, Bergland; Grace Matheson and Bertha Zimmerman, both '44, Glen Meyer; Howie Mitchell, '44, Maxville and Roxborough; Edward Brotsky, '45, Strathavon and Leith; Timothy Starr, '45 Dorion; Art. Foster, E.C., '41-'42, Belle Ewart. Under the Maritimes Convention of the United Baptist Church—Marion Rideout, '44, Clarks Harbour on Sable Island, N.S.

The following students will be on the staff of the Toronto City Mission Fresh Air Camp at Bronte this summer: Vera Herman, '45, Isabelle Storsley, '45 and Chester Lewis, '46.

At the McMaster University Convocation on May 15 the following former students received degrees: B.D.—Ronald D. Harmer, '37; B.A.—Robert J. Cochran, '39, and John W. Mair, '42. Wm. Leaton, '39, J. Campbell MacFarlane, '39, and William Molnar, '38-'40, graduated from the English Theology Course. Ronald Harmer won the John Roberts Scholarship; William Leaton was awarded the Second Eugene J. Harris Prize.

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