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The 1949 Graduation Exercises

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High Park Baptist Church, Toronto

As we approached the Varsity Arena and mingled with the crowds gathering at the entrances, we noticed an air of happy expectancy. Special traffic police were taking care of those alighting from street cars. It was a new thing to me to find the general public so interested in the sending out of young people into Christian service.

Passing into the Arena, although the hour was early, we found the place filling, and by the time that the Graduation ceremony commenced there were some 6,000 and more present. Surely those who witnessed the dignified entrance of the students of the College will not easily forget the challenge brought by these young people. The sight of the student body arranged behind the platform in itself was sufficient to stir our hearts.

The Choir opened the program by singing the National Anthem, and we have seldom listened to a more impressive rendering. It was unusual to hear a verse of the Anthem given as a solo, and this was very beautifully sung by Marion Crowley Newby. "Crown Him with many crowns" fitly followed the anthem, lifting our hearts to the Throne of the King of Kings in adoration. Devotions were conducted by Rev. W. E. Hodgson, D.D., who read from the fourth chapter of Ephesians, following with prayer. The anthem, "Lift up your heads, O ye Gates," sung by the College student body and led by Mr. Cyril Redford, was greatly enjoyed. The Choir singing and musical items presented during the evening were lovely and brought a winsome witness concerning the Living Christ. The note of simplicity throughout the service was refreshing to our hearts.

The Chairman, Principal J. B. Rhodes, M.A., Th.D., brought gracious words of welcome which caused us to feel that the leadership of the College was in the hands of one who knew God and knew men, and one who was fitted for the responsible task of directing these young men and women in the preparation of their life work.

We were deeply moved by the testimony of a young graduate from Belgium, who had been in the underground movement there during the war, and is now going to French Equatorial Africa as a missionary. The words of witness and testimony given by these graduating students, on the threshold of their service for

Christ, revealed a development of character and spiritual vision through the days of training received at the College. Greetings from former students in various parts of the world, one from Helsinki, Finland, spoke of the far-reaching witness of the Toronto Bible College around the globe.

The presentation of diplomas and certificates by the Vice-President, Mr. Wm. Inrig, was made particularly interesting by the Principal who told of the various types of service to which the students were going. We noted that there were twenty-three ex-service graduates, thirty-five turning their faces to the foreign mission fields, three were entering the Christian ministry, and five more expected to serve in this way after further study.

After the presentation, the prayer of dedication was offered by the Principal-Emeritus, Rev. John McNicol, D.D. Our hearts were lifted to the Lord for these students going forth into the world, chaotic in its helpless wandering from God, and we thank God that the ministry which they would render would come in such a day as this. The College Hymn followed by the benediction, offered by Rev. D. A. Burns, B.A., B.Th., brought an impressive occasion to its conclusion.

Once again we mingled with the crowds, but this time while leaving the Arena, we felt that God had spoken through the message of these young lives and hearts, and their words of witness. We were sure that the evening would linger long in the memory of the graduates and would not be forgotten by all present.

The world was present in the Varsity Arena on this evening of graduation. One felt that the vision of those who in a past day had made possible the College and its training was being vindicated in 1949. The preparation for Christian service today has possibilities which few estimate. To go forth into such a world of chaos with the Word of Life requires a clear vision, steadfast faith, a certainty of hope, and we felt that the testimony of the evening, given both in music and the message through testimony and also witness of the student body as a whole, brought encouragement to those who were anxious that this witness should reach into the far places of the earth where the love of Christ is not known. May the Lord bless the College in its testimony and service in the days to come.

Principal Rhodes Honoured

A very happy event took place in the College one night near the end of the session. Principal Rhodes had won the degree Doctor of Theology, the highest degree attainable in the field of Theology, which had been conferred upon him at the Graduation Exercises of Emmanuel College and the Convocation in Divinity of Victoria University held at St. George's United Church on the evening of April 22nd. When Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes returned home that night about half past ten they found the whole student body waiting for them in the Assembly Hall. They were taken at once to the platform and given the warmest kind of greeting and congratulation. The Registrar, Mr. Armstrong, was master of ceremonies and the members of the Faculty and the officers of the Student Cabinet took part. Dr. Rhodes was presented with an automatic record player and Mrs. Rhodes with an album of records. The whole event overflowed with the genuine T.B.C. spirit and was a magnificent tribute to the Principal and Mrs. Rhodes, and showed what a warm place they hold in the hearts of the whole student body.

J.McN.

Principal's Report 1948-49

Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Board and Council.

This afternoon's meeting marks the close of the 55th session of the Toronto Bible College. We have much for which to be thankful to our heavenly Father, as we look back, not only over the year that has gone, but over 55 years of continuous ministry. The Lord's hand has been upon us for good, and we acknowledge His sustaining grace, His ample provision for our needs, and His wise and ever-ruling providence.

In this past year the College has sustained the loss of a member of the Council, Mr. F. W. Moffat, and of a member of the Board of Governors, Mr. R. C. Kilgour. We wish to pay tribute to the devotion of these two Christian gentlemen. Mr. Kilgour has continued throughout his life the interest in the College that was shown by his father. Thus the Kilgour family has been associated with the Board almost from the inception of the College. In Mr. R. C. Kilgour's passing we have lost a warm-hearted and faithful friend. We shall not forget his quiet, genial humour; his sincere friendliness; his unflagging devotion to the College; his large-hearted generosity; and his genuine Christian spirit.

The class that will be graduated this evening is the largest since 1940—23 of them are D.V.A. students, with a record in war services. This is perhaps one reason that they have shown themselves to be rather more mature than the average class. A smaller percentage of them than is usual dropped out during the course; in fact, it is the lowest percentage that any class has lost in the last 20 years. All through their period of training they have shown themselves, as a class, intensely interested in the missionary enterprise. Four nurses have already been accepted for overseas service; one of them will leave for India this fall. Thirty-one other students are also looking towards the mission field, most of whom are now in communication with the various mission boards and societies. In addition eight will enter the ministry at home; five after further training, and three in the next few months. One of the class, who recognizes that his call is not to missionary service, has decided to devote the profits derived from the extensive market gardens that he owns, to the support of fellow-students who have entered missionary service. He calls his estate Mission Gardens. The parents and friends of this fine group of students have come a long way to the graduation exercises this evening, some from Western Canada, some from the Maritime seaboard, two from Bermuda.

At the annual meeting last year we introduced the new full-time members of our Staff. I am most happy to report that we have had a very prosperous year, working harmoniously together. Mr. Armstrong has given meticulous and efficient service, introducing some new ideas into the operation of the Registrar's Office. The new Calendar has been prepared by him, and all the new material in it has been written by him. Mr. Raymer has had a busy year in the Secretary's office, but he has more than fulfilled our expectations. Through his investigations we have a new appreciation of our financial position. He has been ably advised by Mr. G. G. Richardson, our new Treasurer, who has given no small time and thought to the financial interests of the College. Mr. Raymer has also made a fine start with his extension programme, visiting Kitchener, Belleville, Kingston, Orangeville and Hamilton this past year. Mr. Redford has instilled a new spirit into the music department of the College. He has been concerned to provide for the increasing demands upon the College's ministry of music, as well as to prepare a programme for this evening's Graduation Exercises that will be able to measure up to past high standards. He has been out with the choir on a number of occasions, and hopes to make that a recognized factor in his leadership as Director of Music.

The services of Mrs. Douglas Percy have been much appreciated again, and the largest number of students to avail themselves of private piano instruction took lessons with Mrs. Percy this past session.

The course in Methods of Photography, given by Mr. Joseph Brown, under the auspices of the Students' Missionary Society, attracted a goodly number of prospective missionary candidates.

Assisting in the work of the Preparatory class, Mrs. J. B. Rhodes and Miss Ruth Oliver contributed to the effectiveness of this additional year that is provided for students who come to us with inadequate academic training.

Mr. Brownsberger's contribution to the Teacher Training course is indicated by the large number of Day class students who take advantage of his instruction. Bringing a wealth of experience gained in the teaching profession, his Thursday lectures are not only interesting, but eminently instructive and practical. Mr. Burns has introduced a new and very valuable feature into the department of Practical Work. He has developed and put into operation this year a method by which to credit students for the practical work they do under College supervision. At the Conference on Evangelism, held a year or two ago in the Southern States, at which Mr. Burns was our Representative, it was generally felt that the practical training of students could not be wholly effective unless means were devised, both to supervise their work and to accredit it. Thus there would be preserved a record of each student's progress in his practical work. To work out such a scheme, involving some 200 students, is itself no light task, and to put it into effect even more of a problem. But Mr. Burns has succeeded in this twofold objective this year. So far as we are aware, there is no other Bible Institute that accredits its students' practical work in this way. The advantage of Mr. Burns' scheme is that it allows students a choice as to the type of work they do, providing for their individual aptitudes. Dr. Waters has given careful attention, once again, to the health of the Student body, and has been available for consultation in his new office in the South Block. This last year time lost through illness has not been extensive, and we are thankful to report that the general health of the students has been remarkably good. We are looking forward to Dr. Waters' presence with us in the Montreal campaign, for he is gifted in his ability to interest Christian business and professional men in the College, and to elicit their practical support of the work.

Dr. J. B. McLaurin has given notable impetus to the missionary spirit of the College through his very valuable lectures upon World Religions, "Many Creeds, One Cross."

Dr. McNicol has maintained an even heavier teaching schedule this year than last, for he has given two lectures each week to the Medical students who come to us for training in preparation for missionary service. As a matter of fact, if you will consult "The Recorder" of an earlier day, you will find that Dr. McNicol's hours of lecturing, by his own choice, are greater now than before even he had attained three-score years. He is a tower of strength to us, and it is the prayer of every member of the staff that his bow may abide in strength for many a year to come. Dr. McNicol's articles in "The Recorder" are certainly read! There are those who wholly approve them, and those who do not wholly understand them. But we are glad that the Doctor writes with the Christian charity, breadth of sympathy, and fundamental sanity that his articles invariably evince.

This last year the staff has held a weekly business meeting on Tuesday, to deal with the ordinary routine of the College and emergent matters. We have found this meeting an opportunity to plan co-ordinated action in the work of the school, and to keep one another informed of the distinctive activities in which we have been severally engaged. On Wednesday morning we have carried on the

usual staff prayer meeting, with this change—that once a month we invite the office staff to join us. By this means we have been conscious of a fine spirit of harmony and fellowship in the work of the College.

In closing this report, I should like to emphasize the financial problem that the College confronts today. It was only this last year that we learned, through the analysis Mr. Raymer made at the suggestion of Mr. Richardson, that for many years now some four individuals have provided one-third of the total income of the College. We deeply appreciate the generous provision that they have so graciously made. During this past year one of these persons has passed away. We are confident that the future requires a much wider basis of support. We are praying that the Lord will raise up a large number of regular contributors, whose contributions may be modest but will be regular. We believe that a large increase in the number of praying and contributing supporters of the College will mean a healthier financial position.

May I thank each member of the Board and the Council for your prayers, for your interest in this work, and for your faithful support of the Toronto Bible College through another year.

(There is appended the summarized report of the Department of Student Activities, indicating the extensive Evangelistic Ministry of the Student Body during this past session).

Evangelistic Activities Sept. 1948 - April 1949

SUMMARIZED REPORT

Persons dealt with.....	1044	Professed Decisions.....	217
Sunday Church Services.....	592	Missions and Factory Meetings.....	89
Other services conducted.....	49		

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Young People's		Children's	
Young People's Meetings.....	31	C.E.F. Weekly Meetings.....	18
No. students participating.....	90	Students participating weekly.....	29
Music		No. of other Meetings.....	19
Quartette Appointments.....	71	Regular S.S. Teachers.....	59
Double Trio Appointments.....	75	Substitute Teachers.....	9
Other Music Appointments.....	155	Conversions.....	103
Choir Appointments.....	18	Jewish	
Choir Services.....	43	Gospels distributed.....	14
Stouffville Campaign		Personal contacts.....	213
Meetings.....	55	Children's Meetings.....	4
Homes visited.....	569	Toronto General Hospital	
Conversions.....	50	Services held.....	502
Scott Mission		Conversions.....	25
Meetings conducted.....	12	Yonge Street Mission	
Conversions.....	10	Meetings conducted.....	20
Students attending.....	72	Conversions.....	2
Women's Meetings		Students participating.....	120
No. of services.....	14	Average congregation.....	36
Students attending.....	14	Railroad Mission	
Don Jail Service		Meetings held.....	30
No. of services.....	28	Students participating.....	150
Open Air		Greay's Foundry	
Meetings.....	9	Meetings conducted.....	27
Conversions.....	2	Students participating.....	108

The Montreal Conference

Rev. George Anderson, '34,

Welcome Hall Mission

Nowadays, when one thinks of the Montreal Alumni Branch of the Toronto Bible College, one visualizes the Annual Toronto Bible College Conference in that great city.

We have just said goodbye to the group of students as they pulled away from Welcome Hall Mission doors on their long journey homeward. Surely those young folks must be tired! The long spell of studies since January, the grind at examination time heading up in the strenuous preparations for graduation. And last of all, the Montreal Conference with its 73 services, covering thirty different churches of seven denominations; all in the thirteen days between Tuesday May 3rd and Sunday May 15th! Yes, they must be tired. But they can still smile, and they do, for they are happy; and so are we of Montreal; happy in the consciousness of a big job well done.

This is the fifth such conference in Montreal, and we have joyfully noted the increase of interest. We believe this arises from the definite testimony presented by the students both in word of witness and in song. There is no gainsaying the credenda that is based on the attestation, "One thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see." On such a keynote as this the sweetest of all songs can be sung; and that is what made the singing of the girls' trios, the male quartettes and Mrs. Newby's solos so appealing. Each singer meant every word that was sung; one could sense that, and it added so much charm to the harmony and the voice-blending. One listener who, the previous day, had attended the audition of another Toronto Choir said, "I paid two dollars to hear something not half so good as this."

If, as the result of this conference, only one soul professed Christ as Saviour, or only one young Christian life was laid upon the altar of consecration for life-service, then the entire conference was a success. This report is due for press too early for an accurate tabulation, but we know that quite a number of professions of faith and a good many consecrations were noted.

We who live in Montreal know best concerning the unique nature of such a conference. The speakers and singers, coming from an interdenominational Bible College and ministering in most of the Protestant denominations of this city, thereby help to establish a united Protestant testimony where it is badly needed. Where fence-lines of doctrine and dogma divide the land into denominational areas, they are no barriers to song-birds who can carry the same psalm of praise and testimony of joy whithersoever they will.

Readers of "The Recorder" will be interested to know that during the two weeks of Montreal meetings the College Registrar had conversation with more than a dozen young men and women who are setting their faces toward training at T.B.C. A number of these will begin their work in the day school this September, and others will follow when they have completed high school or nurse's training.

There will be no Alumni re-union this summer.

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A New Venture

Barbara Beck, R.N., '49 and Ruth Tolley, R.N., '49.

As we reluctantly leave the College after our regular course of three or four years, we need not think now, that our days as T.B.C. students are over, since seminars for graduates and former students have been inaugurated. We who took advantage of the subjects offered this past school year view this new venture enthusiastically and feel that we owe a vote of thanks to the lecturers who have added this extra load to their already well-filled schedules.

Monday afternoons were spent with Dr. Rhodes in a very informative consideration of Biblical Interpretation. We liked to awe the less fortunates who did not take this subject by calling it Hermeneutics, but most of us had no acquaintance with that imposing title ourselves before we entered the classes! We found that this subject included a consideration of liberal as well as fundamental views and methods of interpretation, and we learned the fallacies which result from over-emphasizing either extreme of any view. Accurate interpretation, we were informed, requires an open mind, free from presuppositions and prejudices. We can understand Scripture only in the light of Scripture through minds yielded to the illumination of the Holy Spirit. We completed this course with a deeper realization of the authority of the Bible as the Word of God, and of the vast, inexhaustible treasures contained within its pages.

On Wednesday afternoons in philosophy classes, we pursued the history of philosophic thought from Plato and Aristotle of centuries past, down through Bacon and Dewey of more recent years, as well as grappling with some of the classic philosophic problems such as matter and the time-space relationship. Under Mr. Armstrong, who took to our discussions a mind and heart centred in Christ, we saw that God and His redemptive purpose for mankind must be admitted to be the most feasible basis for a system of thought. The course was mentally invigorating, but above all, spiritually profitable as we realized that our Christian faith can stand the test of intellectual thought even as it has stood firm in every other realm in which it has been attacked.

Friday afternoons were full of interest and practical help as Mr. Burns led our speech classes. The first time we spoke before the class for criticism, we were a very nervous, timid little group, but as the weeks passed, and we learned by our mistakes and from our study of the theory of speech, we gained confidence and soon were speaking with ease, accepting the helpful criticism offered and entering enthusiastically into all the discussions. As a result of the course we each felt better equipped to proclaim more intelligently and acceptably the glorious gospel of Christ and to use the faculties and personalities which God has given us to explain to others the Way of Life.

These seminars pay rich dividends, but in doing so, they of necessity exact time and effort. To gain the benefits possible, a genuine determination to study is necessary and the courses should not be attempted unless one is willing to spend from one to three hours a week in study for each subject. From year to year the courses will be changed so that over a three year span a wide variety of college-level subject material will be given. We would heartily recommend these courses to graduates or other mature Christians who are able to avail themselves of this opportunity.

The courses offered in 1949-50 will be:

Pastoral Counselling and Personal Problems, Mr. Burns; Christian Ethics, Mr. Armstrong; Prophecy and the Church, Dr. Rhodes.

Shanghai News

Grace F. Rockness

About two months ago the Alumni Secretary received the following letter from Shanghai. We felt the spirit and message of the letter coming from a country so divided by civil strife was worthy of presentation to our entire Alumni constituency. In this way our Alumni group in China sends greetings to the Alumni throughout the world. We request our friends to remember in prayer our former students who are serving our Lord in China during these troublous times.

"Three or four weeks ago a T.B.C. group met together here in Shanghai. This is the first time we have managed such a meeting and we had a very happy time of fellowship.

We ranged in class groups as far back as 1917 and as recent as 1947. We discussed the various teachers who had been at T.B.C. during the years. Each one felt that he had the best group of teachers during his years! However, by the time each one had told of his good times and rich experiences we decided that T.B.C. was, and still is, the same.

Conditions in China are far from good, but how we praise God for the many open doors and the keen interest on the part of the people to hear the Gospel. We keep very busy here in Shanghai, but it is a joy to be busy in the Lord's service.

The enclosed cheque is just a love gift from the group that met together. We praise God for such places as Toronto Bible College and trust it will continue to prepare men and women for the preaching of the Gospel."

The above mentioned gift comes from the following group:

Rev. and Mrs. George Bell, Mrs. Connie Windsor, Mrs. R. H. Glazier, Miss Emma Sullivan, Miss Barbara Phillips, Miss Ruth Young, Mrs. J. M. Rockness.

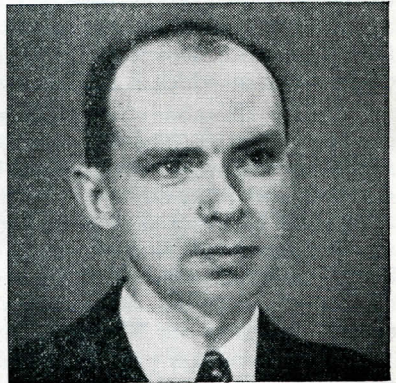
Greetings to all the family from us all. Yours rejoicing in Him,

Graduation Testimonies

The love of God manifest in the life, death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has constrained me to serve Him in the Christian ministry. During the period of preparation, as a member both of the Evangelistic Band and of the College Choir, it has been my privilege to take part with other students in the campaign of Ministry and Discipleship held each year. Since the close of the war these have been conducted in Woodstock, Barrie and Stouffville. This has become the outstanding event in the evangelistic witness of the Toronto Bible College. It also provides the student with valuable practical training in Christian work.

One signal blessing that is ours is to worship in Churches of all the Protestant communions, and to enjoy fellowship with believers in many Christian bodies. This I initially experienced during my army service overseas. We have come to realize that the Church of God consists of all who believe within every denomination. We have found within this fellowship in the Churches the spirit that characterizes our life together within the Toronto Bible College.

During these campaigns we visit from house-to-house, visiting every house in the entire community. We are given in this way an unparalleled opportunity



John W. Roberts, '49

for personal witness. In the afternoons the school children are gathered together, and that which we learn in Teacher-training classes is put to the proof.

This experience has been invaluable to us, and for myself I can say that it has been of the greatest benefit in the privilege given me to found and establish a new mission during my college years. There I have learned to appreciate the sound, practical training in Christian work afforded at the Bible College.

This evening I am following in the footsteps of my father, who thirty-two years ago graduated as leader of the Evangelistic Band, and was called into the Christian ministry in which he still serves. It is my desire to be obedient to the high calling of my Heavenly Father who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Christ. I would exhort all young people present, who know themselves called of God, to avail themselves of that Biblically-founded training, as I have done, at Toronto Bible College, that will equip you for Christian service at home or abroad.

When I entered upon my training for the nursing profession I was very young and inexperienced, and at the hospital a new world opened to me. I was fascinated by the intricacy of the human body, and the mystery of life and death, and, since I had accepted Christ as my Saviour, I saw in these things the handiwork of God, and marvelled at His greatness.

When I finished training, I went to work in a hospital in northern British Columbia, where I encountered still another phase of life. Here my environment was one of a small frontier town—rough, informal, careless and easy-going, yet intense and passionate. The magnificent scenery of mountains, rivers and forest, unspoiled by man's interference, sharply contrasted with the physical and moral squalor in which many of the people were living. I came face to face every day with sin such as I had not known existed, and I had to learn to love all types of people, and try to understand and help them, while hating the sin which was ruining their lives. The realization of what I might have been were it not for the saving power of God, brought me to my knees in humble thankfulness, and in intercession for those who had not yet found my Saviour.

From there I entered Toronto Bible College, and with some knowledge of the mechanics of life, and a developing understanding of my fellow-men, my supreme need was for a deeper and fuller knowledge of the Author of life—the only One who can satisfy the longings of the human heart, and give us victory over sin. During these three years, as the Word of God has unfolded, and the Holy Spirit has applied its truths to my heart, God's plan of redemption for the whole world, and the wonder of His infinite compassion and mercy have thrilled me. How I rejoice in the knowledge that the God who fashioned this vast universe has included each of us in that great plan, and longs that we allow Him to lead us into the place of His choosing! I praise Him for His leading in my life especially as He has called me since coming to the College to serve Him in Bolivia. I'm looking forward to the future with joy and confidence because my Saviour who is "the same yesterday, today and forever" has said, "Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."



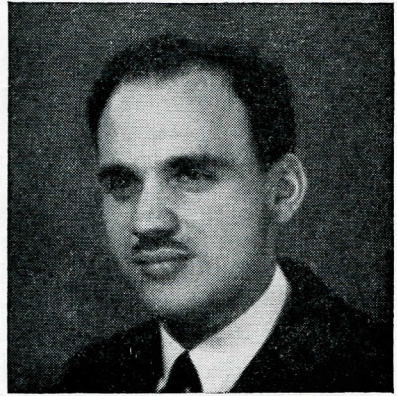
Ruth Tolley, '49

I am happy tonight to have this privilege of saying a few words concerning the Evangelical Teacher Training Course which I have been taking during the past three years. It has been of inestimable worth to me so that without it I would have felt a serious lack in my training for a well-rounded Christian ministry. It has benefited me in two major ways, namely from the theoretical and practical standpoints.

Previous to my coming to T.B.C., I knew virtually nothing about the Sunday School and its great contribution to the life of the church and the powerful influence it can have in the life of the nation. This course has greatly extended my knowledge in this subject and has shown me that the Sunday School is the very life of the church. Then, too, I have learned the technique of story telling, adjusting our approach and style according to the various age groups, so that our stories will reap the best results. Finally, we have considered the importance of young people's and adult work, in which we made an extensive study of the basic fundamentals in the teaching methods of these groups and very wisely anticipated the intricate problems and perplexities with which we will be confronted, with due consideration to the most effective methods of dealing with them.

We must realize, however, that the mere acquisition of knowledge is of little value unless it can find practical expression and this is where the Teacher Training Course excels. Upon graduating in this specialized training I am automatically qualified to be a teacher in the Teacher Training Course which is more and more gaining prominence in our churches and Sunday Schools. This privilege has provided me with an incentive to make this course available in my own church so that the Sunday School teachers and other interested ones may be better equipped for their task by a more systematic study of the Bible; by a keener insight into human nature and by a more diplomatic way of handling the inevitable problems. To this end, that our supreme objective may be reached—that of winning boys and girls and older ones to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

To sum up, I would say that I consider the Evangelical Teacher Training Course to be an indispensable prerequisite in preparing for the Christian ministry.



Grant Wright, '49

Oxford County Executive

At a recent meeting of the Oxford County Alumni Association, the following new executive was elected:

President, Maurice Buckrell; Vice-President, Mrs. Gordon Bigham; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Herbert McCready; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Marguerite Hill.

The Oxford County, Brantford, and St. Thomas Alumni groups are uniting for a picnic on June 18th.

The aim of every Bible College is to train its students for effective Christian service. With this knowledge I enrolled at the Toronto Bible College upon my discharge from the Canadian Women's Army Corps in 1946. Very early in my course, however, I saw that the aim of our instructors was so to present Christ that there would develop within each student a devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ that would impel him to give himself and all that he had to the cause of Christ. We have been taught that devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ is the primary requisite for Christian service, and that a desire to serve Him is but a natural outgrowth of such devotion.



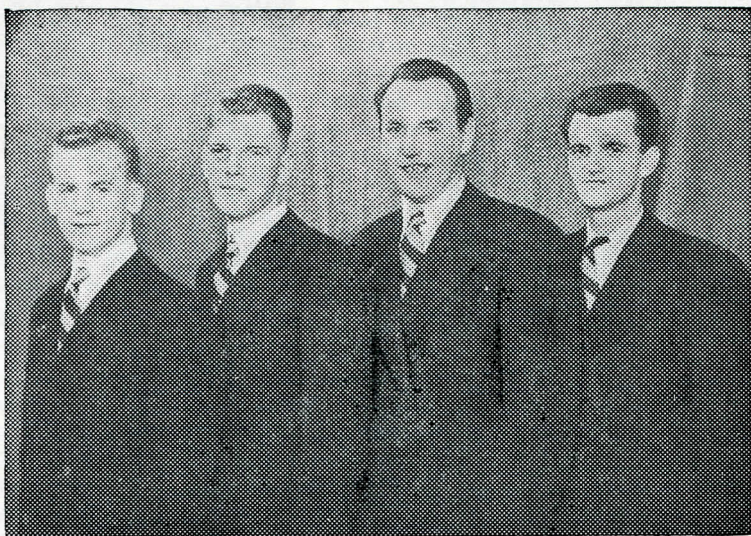
Christine Ferrier '49

I shall always be thankful for this—that from my earliest childhood I have been surrounded by Christian influences. I was taken to Sunday School when I was three years old, and in my teens I attended a Bible class where the necessity of a personal belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour was faithfully presented, every week, by a Christian teacher. As a result, I do not remember a time when I did not have within me the assurance that the penalty for my sins had been taken care of when Jesus Christ died for the sins of the whole world. Sometime in my childhood I had accepted God's free gift of salvation and I subsequently enjoyed the peace of mind that accompanies the knowledge of sins forgiven.

Then, in 1943, I joined the Women's Army, and while in Ottawa, attended a meeting of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Christian Association. There, for the first time in my life, I met "informal Christianity"; I met young people who, while thoroughly sincere, spoke of their faith as freely as I had been accustomed to speak about such things as the weather. I compared my life with theirs and knew that I fell far short. Through my contact with these Christian young people, I soon learned that there was a vast difference between owning Jesus Christ as Saviour and knowing Him as Lord. I knew then that I had not progressed beyond John 3: 16; I knew that while I had accepted the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, I had given nothing in return. Shortly after that, I asked the Lord to take my life and so direct it that I would know definitely, from day to day, exactly what He would have me do. Since that time, the circumstances around me have pointed first to Bible College and then to service for the Master in Nigeria, West Africa. And I have made this discovery—that the life that is controlled by God is the only life that can have real purpose—the only life that makes sense.

During the past three years, as we have studied the Scriptures from Genesis to Revelation, I have become increasingly aware of the inestimable depth of God's love. Such a love demands nothing less than lives that are completely pliable in the hands of Him who alone knows where and how each of us can best work towards the establishment of the Kingdom of God here on earth. Now, as I seek to follow more closely Him, who, because of the Father's love has redeemed me, and with infinite patience has guided me thus far, I am confident that His perfect will for my life will be made known to me. I know that "He is faithful who has called me, who will also do it."

T. B. C. Quartet Summer Campaign



The T.B.C. Male Quartet, comprising Bill Crump, Larry Barkey, Harry Edwards and Ted Boadway, will spend the summer in Evangelistic work under the auspices of the College and also of Youth for Christ. The following is their itinerary:

1. June 5th to June 12th—Faith Gospel, Bartonville, Ontario.
2. June 13th to June 19th—Victoria Park Gospel Tabernacle, Toronto.
3. June 20th to June 26th—Burgessville Baptist, Y.F.C.
4. June 27th to July 3rd—Alton, Ontario, Y.F.C.
5. July 4th to July 10th—Owen Sound, Ontario, Y.F.C.
6. July 11th to July 17th—Owen Sound, Ontario, Y.F.C.
7. July 18th to July 24th—Bobcaygeon Summer Conference, Y.F.C. (singing only).
8. July 25th to July 31st—Fair Havens—over holiday week-end.
9. August 1st to August 7th—Haliburton, Tuesday evening.
10. August 8th to August 14th—Camps—Mary Lake and Pioneer; Keswick—(August 12th to August 14th).
11. August 15th to August 21st—Parry Sound, Pres. Y.F.C.
12. August 22nd to August 24th—Sutton, Lloyd.
13. August 29th to September 4th—Community Beach, John Roberts.
14. September 5th to September 11th—Goderich, Y.F.C.
15. September 12th to September 18th—Truth Gospel, Hamilton.
16. September 19th to September 23rd—Burgessville, Y.F.C.
17. September 25th to September 30th—Southampton, Y.F.C.
18. October 2nd to October 8th—Lappin Avenue, Toronto.

The Quartet will appreciate remembrance of their work in prayer.

A Choice of Courses at T.B.C.

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Readers of the Recorder who do not have access to the T.B.C. Calendar may be interested in the range of study courses being offered by the College. Ten courses in all, not counting seminar classes which are attended by graduates and certain senior students, are conducted in the combined day and evening schools. Into all of these courses there enters a core curriculum plus a degree of specialization, depending upon the practical purposes to be served in the field of Christian service.

The core curriculum, as I have called it, consists of five subjects which the College Faculty considers basic-training for all T.B.C. students, no matter in what field of endeavour they intend ultimately to function. At the centre of this foundational training—the core of the core, we might say—is Bible: three consecutive years, five hours a week are devoted to a chapter-by-chapter analysis of the actual text of the English Bible, so that each student, no matter where he goes upon graduation, will take with him an insight into the mind of the Lord as revealed in the Law and the Prophets, the Psalms and the Gospel. This substantial first course is supplemented by generous side-dishes of Systematic Theology and Biblical Introduction which, taken together, cover a three-year cycle and enable the student who has followed the English text in its consecutive order to see it also in the relation of part to part and as a library which has been preserved and transmitted over the centuries. "Dessert" each year consists of one aspect of Practical Theology—Evangelism, Homiletics, or Pastoral Ministry—plus actual field-work under the supervision of the Director of Practical Work. This basic training, spanning as it does three years of college life and embracing the exegetical, the doctrinal, and the practical, has made an enormous impact upon the world as it has been transmitted into character and life-service by roughly nineteen hundred graduates over a half century.

Around this core of basic training are gathered subjects whose mastery is a prelude to efficiency in some one or other of the particular occupations open to the consecrated Christian. The prospective missionary finds in the Regular Missionary Course, not only the "five basics a year," but another five or more subjects each year which are indispensable to the mission field, whether overseas or in the homeland. He studies First Aid, Home Nursing, and Foreign Diseases so that in a non-professional capacity he may relieve distressed conditions wherever he goes; he delves into Linguistics so that if he goes abroad he may not only shorten the period of his own language study but may assist in reducing tribal dialects to a written speech; he makes a special study of the background, customs, and religious tenets of the people among whom he expects to labour, so that he may have insight into their modes of thought and may know how to impart to this particular mentality the ideas of the eternal gospel; he even studies Photography and Slide-mounting so that he may be able to take his own pictures, mount them on slides, and be prepared to represent his work among the home constituency.

A second missionary course is now being offered at T.B.C. in a three year cycle of evening classes. Christian medical students who receive their medical training at the University of Toronto may now enrol for their "Bible-basic" and receive special lectures from the Bible College Faculty so that at the time of overseas posting to mission hospitals they may go forth with well-read Bibles, as well as scalpels, in their medicine-bags. This course of study has already been mentioned in the pages of the Recorder.

For the prospective pastor T.B.C. offers, in addition to the core curriculum and in addition to such subjects as Church History, Church Music, Worship,

Psychology, Christian Evidences, Logic, and New Testament Greek—an added year for intensive work in Exegesis, Theology, Speech, and Polity. Men who choose to work for a degree now find a Divinity Course and a Bible-Arts Course which represent an amalgam of T.B.C.—basic and work prescribed by the University of London (England). Space does not permit at this time a full description of this work, but readers who are interested may care to write in for details.

In future issues of the Recorder information may be given concerning other courses still, which, like the courses referred to above, exemplify the twin principles of the basic and the special.

News of the T.B.C. Family

PERSONALS

Rev. Joseph McDermott, M.A., B.D., '23, has been appointed Office Manager of the Gideon's Christian Men's Association.

Mr., '23 and Mrs. (Dorothy Wade, '23) have returned to China under the China Inland Mission.

Mrs. R. H. Glazier, '24, has returned to China under the China Inland Mission.

Jean Pyper, '26, returned to Bolivia under the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board in March.

Rev., '26, and Mrs. (Catherine Harley, '27) Gordon D. Mellish have arrived home on furlough from Liberia.

Mr., '36, and Mrs. (Harriet Olivier, '36-'38) Clarence Bass, have returned to India under the Ceylon and India General Mission.

Capt., '39, and Mrs. (Betty Godfrey, '39-'40) Gordon Holmes sailed for India recently under the Salvation Army.

Maryann Hoffman, '39, in nurses' training in Colorado.

The B.A. degree was conferred at Victoria College upon Frank Muir, '39, Horace Braden, '46, and Floyd McReynolds, '46.

Herbert Cockburn, '39, received the Doctor of Theology degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville on May 6th. He wrote his final thesis on the subject, "Paul's Debt to the Pharisees."

Rev. James Taylor, '40, has accepted the call of the Collingwood Baptist Church.

Irene Shipley, '40, has returned to Alaska under the Evangelical Association.

Mr., '41, and Mrs. (Margaret Barney, '43) Roy Harrison are on furlough from Mexico.

The Certificate of the Women's Leadership Training School was awarded to Cora Berdan, '40.

Rev. John Mair, '42, has accepted the call of the Baptist Church at Tiverton.

Evelyn Willson, '42, is on furlough from Africa.

At McMaster University on May 19th, the B.D. degree was conferred upon Dixon H. Gordon, '32, Albert Kime, '42, Paul Beech, '43, Art McDowell, '43, Leonard F. O'Neil, '43.

The following prizes were awarded at McMaster University:

The John Roberts Scholarship to Arthur McDowell, '43.

The Salmon and Esther Vining Memorial Prize to Leonard F. O'Neil, '43.

The Merriman Prize to Paul F. Beech, '43.

The Protestant Women's Federation Prize to Dixon H. Gordon, '32.

Paul Beech, '43, was ordained on May 20th, at Colborne into the ministry of the Baptist denomination.

Art McDowell, '43, was ordained into the ministry of the Baptist denomination at Cobourg in June.

Chester Lewis, '43-'45, received his B.A. degree from Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, winning a final year scholarship.

Yarmila Jelinek ('41-'42, '44-'46), graduated from the Canadian College of the Bible in April.

Doric Lane, '44, is on furlough from Africa.

Margaret Ogilvie, '44, received the R.N. degree from the General Hospital in Dauphin, Manitoba.

Helen Hall, '44, received her R.N. degree in May from the General and Marine Hospital, Owen Sound.

Joy Smith, '47-'48, is a nurse in training in the General Hospital, Brockville, Ontario.

Margaret Boal, '47, is serving under the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade in Africa.

Lilyan Brandon, '48, is deaconess at St. Henri Baptist Church, Montreal.

Laura MacFarlane, '45-'49, is serving under the Anglican Board in the Arctic.

Paul Burns, '46, is serving the Convention Baptist Churches at Monck and Damascus for the summer.

Anne Mutkala, '48, Jessie Mair, '49, and Kay Chambers, '51, are serving the Toronto City Mission Camp at Bronte for the summer.

Margaret Barry, '49, has been appointed to the staff of the Anglican Mission Hospital at Moose Factory.

Wrenfred Bryant, '49, is with the Maritime Baptist Board at Tracadie, Nova Scotia for the summer.

Margaret Burton, '49, is with the Pinebrook Bible Conference, Pennsylvania for the summer.

Ray Costerus, '49, is serving the Convention Baptist Church at Englehart.

David Cameron, '49, is serving the Baptist Church at Belle Ewart.

Barbara Deer, '49, and Verlie Garrold, '49, are serving with the Canadian Sunday School Mission in Saskatchewan for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dann Filyer, '49, are serving the Baptist Churches at Walsh and Pinegrove for the summer.

Tressa Hill, '49, and Cora Hicks, '50, are with the Canadian Sunday School Mission in the Thunder Bay District.

Sheila Hoag, '49, has been appointed secretary at the Kingston Youth Centre.

Lolita Kelley, '49, has been appointed deaconess at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sarnia.

Bill Milner, '49, is serving under the Maritime United Baptist Board at Lake George, Nova Scotia for the summer.

Howard McCormick, '49, and Roland McCormick, '50, are serving with the Maritime Baptist Board in the Maritime Provinces.

Vernon McDormand, '49, was ordained in May at the Wainfleet Christian Church where he is continuing to carry on his ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. (Audrey) John Roberts, '49, are continuing their ministry at the Community Beach Mission.

William Rogers, '49, is attending the Summer School of Linguistics at Caronport, Saskatchewan.

Douglas Ropp, '49, is serving the Friends Church in Newmarket for the summer.

Roy Wallace, '49, is with the Canadian Keswick Conference at Ferndale, Muskoka for the summer.

Ida White, '49, has been appointed to the Children's Aid Society at Goderich.

Mr., '49, and Mrs. (Gwen Wilkinson, '44-'46) have accepted the call of the Truth Gospel Church, Hamilton. The Induction Service was held on Monday, May 16th and Rev. D. A. Burns, '16, preached the sermon.

The Male Quartet, composed of Bill Crump, '49, Lawrence Barkey, '51, Ted Boadway, '51, Harry Edwards, '51, is engaged in Evangelistic work throughout the province for the summer months. About half of the time will be spent in Youth for Christ work.

Henry Bell, '50, is serving the Baptist Church at Listowel for the summer.

Christian Costerus, '50, is serving the St. Paul Baptist Church at Montreal.

Mae Gould, '50, is with the United Church Women's Missionary Society Hospital, Matheson for May and June, and will be Camp Nurse for the Rural Life Mission for July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. (Florence) Ray Holley, '50, are serving a student pastorate at Eagle River for the summer.

Charles Long, '50, is with the Shanty-men's Association in Northern Ontario for the summer.

Royce Pillsworth, '50, has a summer pastorate at Dorion under the Baptist Board.

Eileen Sawbridge, '50, and Elsie Maki, '53, are serving with the Rural Life Mission for the summer months.

Bryant Smith, '50, is in charge of the Baptist Churches at Barwick and Emo for the summer.

Pat Stewart, '50, is with the Canadian Sunday School Mission in Quebec for the summer.

Hardy Worden, '50, is serving a summer pastorate under the Maritime United Baptists in New Brunswick.

Lloyd Hylton, '37, received the B.D. degree from McMaster University.

Leonard O'Neil, '42, was ordained on May 12th at Hillsburg Baptist Church and has been appointed assistant pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Windsor.

Mr., '38, and Mrs. (Madge Edgson, '38-'39) John Brotherton, have arrived home on furlough from Africa.

Kim Norris, '48, graduated from the United Church Training School in April.

Dr. Edward S. Fish is home from China.

BIRTHS

To Rev., '41, and Mrs. James W. Johnston on January 9th, 1948, a daughter, Kathleen Lynn.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Eva Musser, '36) Rowland Davies, on December 5th, in

Brazil, a daughter, Lois Beth.

To Rev., '40, and Mrs. (Ann Cohutt, '39-'41) Donald Day, on January 7th, a daughter, Muriel Grace.

To Mr., '44, and Mrs. (Gladys Cruickshank, '42) Jonathan Kenzie, on January 24th, a daughter, Irene Elizabeth.

To Rev., '47, and Mrs. Edvard Torjesen, on February 4th in China, a son, David Tobias.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Maire Seabloom, '45) B. Leonard Nordgren, a son, Carl Leonard Anthony, on March 4th.

To Mr., '46, and Mrs. (Hazel McReynolds, '45) Floyd McReynolds on April 21st a son, Stephen Paul.

To Mr., '49, and Mrs. Fred Gould on May 12th, a son, James Frederick.

MARRIAGES

Mary Louella Birnie to Philip B. Fraser, '43, on May 21st at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Winnifred Flaxman, '45, to J. B. Howard on July 7th in Vancouver.

Erma Mohms, '46-'48, to Roy Wilson in Toronto in November.

DEATHS

Muriel Lotto, E.C., '45, on March 24th, in Toronto.

Rev. Donald Day, '40, suddenly on May 8th, at Sawyerville, Quebec.

A fellow pastor who knew Mr. Day and his work intimately has mentioned that since Don has been ministering in Sawyerville, there has been a steady and decided upswing in attendance and spirit of the work. His sudden passing will come as a great blow to all who knew him — both his Church people and his many friends.

Morley P. Bell, '97, one of our oldest living graduates suffered the loss of his wife on March 23rd. A year or two ago they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at which time the Alumni sent sincere good wishes. Mr. and Mrs. Bell have retained an active interest in the work of the College for over half a century. The Alumni Fellowship tenders its deepest sympathy.