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Unforgettably imprinted on my memory from student days were the words—"Peter, standing up, with the eleven, lifted up his voice." The secret of Pentecost, on the human side, lay not merely in the boldness of Peter, but in the backing he received from the believing community. Their part in securing the success of the Apostolic preaching was simply indispensable. Have we, in our plans for evangelism, given due weight to this factor? The most brilliant preacher is impotent. He can make no impact with the Gospel upon his generation except as he is borne along by others who are "of one heart and of one soul" with him.

When a missionary begins work in a primitive community, he begins afresh to appreciate the emphasis that the New Testament places on the fact that believers were "together" and were in that one place "with one accord". In the New Testament the existence of a detached believer, living solitary, is quite inconceivable. The note struck in God's Book is this: "We were all baptized by the One Spirit into One Body". Therefore, the evangelist or the pastor must not regard himself as an individual confronting a task: God setteth the solitary in families, and the work of His Church is corporate activity. It involves a whole family going into action. This metaphor of the Body may not become vivid to a Christian worker at home, but missionaries who have laboured in the midst of a primitive community discover how appropriate it is. In a primitive Society there is no such thing as an individual in the sense of an isolated or independent person. Now the first missionaries had laboured to detach single converts from their environment. It was a long, up-hill fight. Strictly speaking, it was an unnatural proceeding. Few converts were won, but some of the first converts were superb. Alas, with the increase in popularity of the Christian movement a falling off in quality was noticeable. Numerical increase meant deterioration. In the church members there were few marks of the power and victory brought by an indwelling Holy Spirit. The prevalence of fleshly sins was a grief to God and to the missionaries. Failures were heart-breaking. Instead of being a diadem in the hands of God, some so-called churches were a disgrace. What was to be done?

Missionaries, driven to a new examination of Scripture, found in Ezekiel two essential directives: Ezekiel 16:14 — "And Thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God"; and Ezekiel 36:23 — "And the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes". Before extensive work could be done, Christ must "build His Church", a new and victorious community. Thereafter the quality and vitality of this community, this "new creation by water and the Word", would be the most potent means to the advance of evangelization.

The Roman Emperor, Vespasian, towards the close of his life, said: "I have passed seventy years on this earth: for only seven of them have I really lived". For people who reckoned themselves to be believers, but were only passing their years on the earth and had not begun to live, something must be done and done by God Himself. How could it be brought about? Well, at the bare minimum, one missionary and his wife have the key to the situation in their hands. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 18:19). Here, evidently, was a mandate for revival. About world-wide revival I am dubious, for the words would seem to be a misnomer. But concerning local revival, beginning within a Christian group and spreading afterwards to the community at large, I have no doubt at all. If the New Testament says anything to the point about prayer and the certainty of an answer, it says this: You can have for the asking whatever you are determined to have.

Having read the account of revivals in China given by Dr. Jonathan Goforth, and noted that the very sins in Congolese church members which nearly drove us to despair were the same ones over which the Holy Spirit triumphed gloriously in China, we set ourselves to pray for the same kind of manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power. Soon difficulties arose. They began to multiply. But the two pledged to prayer later increased to three, and then to four. Opposition increased. Misunderstandings grew, until all the African office-bearers resigned in a body. There were painful days and weeks when we seemed to be chasing a will-o'-the-wisp. Yet we clung to that dream of a new community, a supernatural creation. We wanted passionately, yes, we longed desperately, to see Africans who had been buried with Christ to their old sins and to the pull of their former ways. We yearned to see men and women in whom the life also of Jesus, risen and ascended, was being made manifest in their mortal flesh. If that could only happen, then our reproach would be taken away. We would no longer have old pagans telling us not to worry about them but to convert our church members, since the sins of pagans were indulged in just as much by church members, only the latter practised theirs by stealth. With a view to later evangelism, we had for the time-being to concentrate our attention on church members. Please note this.

We were praying for showers of blessing, and once our eyes were opened to the significance of clouds as the necessary carriers of showers, we were no longer daunted or discouraged by the threatening things that began to darken our sky and pile up around our horizon. Clouds alone could be bringers of showers. Eventually a great invasion of locusts, millions of them, disturbed our area. They served to weary out our people during three whole days. But the visitation sent us back to the prophecy of Joel with new expectancy, for Joel, who writes of a locust army, foretells also the outpouring of God's Spirit. And in God's good time the great drenching rain of revival came.

One young man, an apprentice carpenter, opened the door to God. Several young men gathered round him, fearless and bold. After them God reached the older men, the office-bearers, and finally the great deep work was done extensively throughout the body of church members, most gloriously of all, in the later stages, among the women. What a time it was! As the days of heaven upon earth! Indeed, it was the nights that were specially vibrant with the Holy Spirit's presence. We went awed to bed. Whether the night was moonless and still, or whether the graceful palm trees and dark mango trees stood out in silhouette against a moon-bathed sky, in the night hours God's Spirit travailed to bring souls to the birth. He had great controversies with men and women on every successive night, wrestling with them until they would consent to forsake their sins. This happened in the solitude of their own homes, as they lay sleepless in great unrest. On what holy ground we trod next day when, from dawn till night-fall, we listened to their own account of the struggle! It was the story of John Bunyan's "Grace Abounding" repeated innumerable times in the breasts of African men and women. These folk, in our despair, we had sometimes been tempted to suppose entirely devoid of conscience. Under what wounds in conscience had they smarted! What pains and pangs they had endured! How mighty God is who kills and makes alive, who bringeth down to the grave and bringeth up! As those believers, slain and then quickened by the mighty Spirit, came through God's searching ordeal and made confession, the work spread until more and more extensive conviction of sin took place. Scores and scores were interviewed by us. Often a line of people would be waiting outside our missionary bungalows at dawn, to recount to us their Jabbok experience of the night. And what radiant, God-illuminated faces were encountered every day in the streets!

And then, suddenly, the great unreached heathen community stirred in its sleep and awoke. In large numbers awakened pagans came bringing their fetishes and charms. They asked to be enrolled among listeners to the stories of Jesus. The new radiance and abounding joy that had invaded the new-born church members captivated the heathen, and they came under an irresistible attraction. The purifying of the church always has a momentous evangelistic effect on the world outside.

That is why I have told you this story. However disheartening your task may be, go back to the flock over which the Holy Spirit has made you an overseer — go back with tender and patient love. Go determined to woo your members on till they possess their privileges. Teach them of their heritage in the Holy Spirit. Make them understand that when they believed they were sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13.) Lure them on to explore this, their promised land, and possess it. Be merciless to the sins that disfigure the fellowship. Hit hard at what grieves the Holy Spirit. Expect conviction of sin, and work for it—humbly, prayerfully, undiscourageably. Always remember the Unused Spices. Have you heard of them? Someone points out that the ointments which were carried to the sepulchre for employment on the Lord's body were never so used. There was no longer a need for them amid the grave-clothes. Instead, these spices must have been dispersed among the members of that other Body of Christ, which is His Church. Likewise, in generous, forbearing, interceding love we must take to our hearts those whom He loves. For His sake we are to rebuke, exhort, tend, and nurture them until they become a weapon which shall be mighty and irresistible in Christ's hands. Evangelism in our time requires a body of people, indwelt by Christ and made a powerful attraction in the community.

Struthers of Grenock, that saint of God, wrote on the eve of a Communion Sunday to the lady who was to become his bride. He said, "It is now getting near

## J. M. Waters, M.D., C.M.

Principal-Emeritus John McNicol



J. M. Waters, M.D., C.M.

The students of the present session are missing "the beloved physician" of the College very much. Dr. and Mrs. Waters moved out west last summer to live in Victoria, B.C., where their son is the minister of the First United Church, and Dr. Waters has resigned his office of Medical Adviser. He had been connected with the Toronto Bible College for twenty-five years.

In our student days Dr. Waters and I worked together in the old Elizabeth Street Mission in the very heart of what is now down-town Toronto and was known in those days as St. John's Ward. It was a slum district and there were no foreigners in it then. It was occupied by English people of the poorest class, some of whom had not even learned to read. The only "foreigners" among them were four or five aged negroes whose memories went back to their childhood days among the slaves of the Southern States. They were devout Christians, and even though born in slavery they carried with them something of the culture that marked the people of the South.

The Elizabeth Street Mission was a work carried on by what was then Central Presbyterian Church which had a very active Christian Endeavour Society, many of whose members helped in the mission. The theological student was the missionary in charge and the medical student was the doctor, who knew every family in the district and could call every child by name. He had wonderful pills that could cure any kind of disease, so they believed, and tonics that could deal with any kind of sickness. Only the tonics had to be coloured or they would not do any good. So Dr. Waters encouraged the faith of his patients by putting some colour into medicines that did not need any.

When Dr. Waters graduated he spent some time as an interne in the Sick Children's Hospital, and then he was sent to Central India as a medical missionary by the Foreign Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. After twenty years of devoted service, he was obliged to withdraw from that tropical country because of his health. When the Board of the Bible College learned that he could not go back to India, they invited him to accept the office of Registrar which had become vacant. That was in 1925, and all the students who have attended the College since that time and have come under his personal influence as Registrar or been helped by his watchful care as Medical Adviser, thank God for Dr. J. M. Waters.

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three o' clock, and I don't like to go to bed though I am tired and sleepy. This will be the strangest Communion of all my life hitherto. If Christ would only make me come out of the ivory palaces with my garment smelling of aloes and myrrh and cassia, so that I might win some souls for Him to-day! It will vex me beyond measure if I get a bride, and Christ doesn't. So I think I'll sit up all night and pray to Him—not that I would trust in my prayers, but I do wish Him and me to be rejoicing as we never did before".

In our church work and in our evangelism, our thoughts should be possessed with this ambition of winning for Christ a Bride worthy of His love.

## Rev. D. A. Burns and The T.B.C. Alumni

Herb Lane, E.C., '30

At the regular Fall session of the T.B.C. Alumni Association, one of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds of recent years gathered to honour Rev. D. A. Burns, who had completed 25 years as Secretary-Treasurer of our Alumni Association.

Entering our Bible School in 1914, after having worked for some time in the Distribution Dept. of "The Globe"—a former Toronto morning paper often referred to as "The Scotsman's Bible", Mr. Burns completed the two years course of the College in 1916, and the post-graduate year in 1917.

Following graduation from the College he established the Bethany Baptist Church in the Todmorden district, north-east of the city, and in 1920 was called to become pastor of St. John's Road Baptist Church in the west end of the city. Here for nine years he laboured and built up a flourishing work, while at the same time pursuing his studies at McMaster University and securing both the Arts and Theological degrees. He had through these years demonstrated his capacity for hard work and a determination to overcome all obstacles in order to achieve the goal set before him, and in 1929 was called to become a full time member of the teaching staff of the College and Superintendent of Student Activities.

In April, 1925, Mr. Burns was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Alumni and Students' Association. It was a day of small beginnings. The student body, in relation to the present-day groups, was quite small, but the Alumni end of the work was much smaller, and yet there was the desire to make the Alumni of the College a worthwhile organization within the fabric of the T.B.C. family. Thus the aim of the Association was stated to be for the purpose of conserving the fellowship of all regularly registered students and furthering the interests of the Toronto Bible College. The task of carrying out this aim fell very largely on the shoulders of the newly-appointed secretary, for while all down through the years there has been the co-operation and suggestions of members of the Executive Committees, in the final analysis, the main bulk of the work of such an organization must be done by the secretary.

April, 1928, was a memorable time in our history. It had become necessary for T.B.C. to move out of the building on College Street that had become so dear to staff, graduates and students. At the final Alumni meeting in "the Old Building" on the night preceding graduation, members of the graduating classes of 1897 and 1898 were present, and every class from 1903 to 1928 was represented in unbroken succession. There was inevitable sadness at the realization that farewell was being said to the "Old College Building", but also a spirit of joy and expectancy in looking forward to an enlarged ministry with the assurance that all was being done under the leadership of the Lord, who had so clearly guided and blessed in the past. Here then was the first outstanding opportunity for our Alumni to make its presence known and help establish our College in its new location. Those present



Rev. D. A. Burns, B.A., B.Th.

were challenged with their opportunity and responsibility to help equip the College for real aggressive work. The opinion of those present was that the Alumni should undertake to furnish the new College home, and almost \$10,000 was received for this purpose. Also, in September, 1929, on the eve of the opening of the new building, the Alumni undertook to raise \$2,000 as its share to enable the College to open free of debt.

To all former T.B.C. students the College is personified in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. McNicol, and thus, looking forward to the completion, in 1932, of 30 years of rich ministry, the Alumni undertook to raise \$1,000 in order to make possible a trip to Palestine for these two servants of God. In April, 1932, the Alumni banquet and conference reached a new high in attendance and interest and at this time a cheque for \$1,111 was presented to Dr. McNicol and a bouquet of 30 roses to Mrs. McNicol.

In 1933 the next step forward was taken in the preservation of the College records, such as the binding of Recorders, the securing of a set of slides depicting the work and student activities of the College, right from the early days, so that they could be used in promotional work, and issuing of quarterly prayer bulletins was started.

It was also at this time that a definite effort was made to establish local Alumni groups. Here the object was to gather together and mould into an active organization the members of the College family who might meet in groups in so many sections of the world. By this means it was hoped the "family spirit" would be preserved and increased, and a greater interest cultivated in the activities of the College and its support. Down through the years a goodly number of these groups have been formed, not only in Canada, but in other lands also.

The activities of the Student body and the Alumni Association had both developed to the place in 1934 where it was decided best to have only the Alumni banquet for welcoming the Graduating Class in the Spring, and then leave that evening's meeting free for the reports of the Student Activities. The Alumni Conference and business were therefore moved to the opening of College in September, with afternoon and evening sessions.

At this time also was inaugurated the envelope system of giving. This system was adopted after careful consideration of several other methods, and the results during the ensuing years have vindicated this step. It had long been felt that if students and graduates were made aware of the fact that their College was not endowed, as many seemed erroneously to think, then they would undertake to help meet the needs of T.B.C. In this, and in all other suggestions concerning the Alumni's financial support of the College, there was the desire that the basic principle underlying all gifts should be a realization of the debt each alumni member owes to the School for the blessings received, and that out of gratitude to God for His goodness to them while students there should be a readiness to help make available to succeeding classes similar rich experiences in Christian life and training.

Another new departure and development of this time was the commencement of Alumni conferences outside Toronto. The first were held in Kitchener, Minesing (near Barrie) and Hamilton, with members of the Faculty and Graduates taking part. Rich fellowship and the gaining of new friends resulted, and down through the years many such conferences have been held.

A T.B.C. Reunion held during the last week of August, 1937, at Canadian Keswick, marked the beginning of an annual event of this nature, and while the groups have not always been very large, these reunions have reached and enriched the lives of a goodly number of our T.B.C. family down through the years.

With a continually increasing ministry T.B.C. found expansion necessary and in 1938 the buildings immediately to the south of the College were purchased. Once again the Alumni was confronted with a definite objective and it raised over \$3,000 for this addition. In September of this year the response to the Alumni Conference was so great that it was necessary to use both the auditorium in the main building and the chapel in the south building since about 700 attended the evening meeting.

As the year 1944, marking the Golden Jubilee of the College, approached, the College Board, Faculty and Alumni Association combined to plan a fitting celebration of the 50 years of blessing bestowed upon us by God. A week's Refresher Course was decided upon, with a Communion Service in Walmer Road Baptist Church, where the College had its beginning, as a fitting climax. This whole week was a time of inspiration and blessing when we were made to feel the greatness and nearness of God as His workings down through the years were brought to mind.

Throughout the years, Mr. Burns, as Secretary of the Alumni Association, visited many Churches where our graduates are the pastors, and many other groups and individuals across Canada and in the United States. In addition to renewing friendships and fellowship with these alumni members, getting a firsthand picture of the work being done in the various spheres of service and ministering to the Churches, there has been fresh interest aroused in the work of the College. Many miles have been travelled in this "deputation work" and advantage taken of every opportunity to further interests of the College.

It was therefore very fitting that recognition should be given to the tremendous amount of thought and work our retiring secretary had put into all this service during the 25 years he had held office. The Fall Conference this year was the appointed occasion. The crowd for supper was so great that although arrangements were made for overflow groups in other parts of the College, all could not be served, and it became necessary for some to go down to Bloor St. and find somewhere that they could obtain their evening meal. At the close of the meal at the College a roll call was taken and 49 of our Classes had representatives present, truly a remarkable record. The auditorium was unable to contain the crowd for the evening service, and the P.A. system was set up in the first year class room to accommodate the overflow. After brief opening exercises, the Alumni President, Rev. W. Tyler, called Rev. Dixon and Mrs. Burns to the platform and after expressing in a few words the appreciation of the Alumni Association for the work that had been done, he presented a cheque for \$1,100 to Mr. Burns that they might enjoy a trip, and a bouquet of 25 roses was presented to Mrs. Burns by Miss M. Ritchie. In order to give himself time to collect his thoughts, Mr. Burns asked Mrs. Burns to respond first, which she did in very good and appropriate fashion. In his response Mr. Burns spoke of his joy in working with the Alumni down through the years, and of how greatly he would miss these associations in the future, and he also traced for us a little of the history of our Alumni Association.

A good foundation has been well and truly laid, and the Alumni Association is now a living organization that demands increasing time and thought for its further development. It is passed on to another to carry on in the splendid traditions established for over a quarter of a century. As the Alumni Association of Toronto Bible College thus commences a new era, may we ask all our members to unite afresh in their ministry of intercession for the College and for the new Alumni Secretary, Rev. D. E. Raymer.



## Uxbridge Christian Crusade

Rev. J. K. L. McGown  
Chalmers Presbyterian Church

That it was the will of God that there be a united evangelistic effort in the town of Uxbridge seemed apparent to the members of the Uxbridge Ministerial Association when they discovered that three of them had had the same thought in that regard entirely independently of each other. This conviction was heightened when they learned that within a few days of their discussing the matter with Mr. Burns several other centres had asked the College to come. God had spoken and they must act.

During the spring and summer months various meetings were held and the idea presented to representatives of the churches of the district. At one meeting a layman moved and another seconded that we proceed with the "Christian Crusade" (so called to avoid the popular misconception of the word "evangelism") and it was carried. Then and at a later meeting various committees were appointed to look after the noon and evening meals, billeting, publicity, ushering, finances, transportation and children's meetings, and follow-up.

Billeting was arranged by the town churches while the meals were to be provided by all the churches of the district, some twenty-four co-operating to provide one or two meals according to size. These two matters loomed up as insurmountable problems in the eyes of many people when they first looked at them, but, by the grace and power of God they faded away and more were ready to help than were really needed.

Good cooperation has been received from the local newspaper. Since early in September articles and illustrations have been run to inform and create interest. In the three issues immediately preceding the Crusade carefully planned advertisements were run. In addition a street banner made of letters of fluorescent cloth sewn onto a tennis net, posters, and folders publicized the event. Word-of-mouth publicity was strongly encouraged as the best publicity and the folders provided to give openings for conversation. The high school group were reached by an address in the school by Mr. Burns just prior to the Crusade, followed up by carefully planned blotters and a Cadet church parade to the opening meeting. The children's meetings ("Children's Christian Crusade") were publicized by novel bookmarks and corresponding posters. A church steeple loud speaker system was used on two Saturday evenings and various days to play recordings of T.B.C. choir and children's choruses and make announcements, while on the day preceding the opening a sound truck toured the outlying communities.

In order to emphasize the cooperation between the churches, twenty-four in all from seven denominations, each town church was used for some activity. The largest, Trinity United, housed the nightly mass meetings; the meals were served in the Salvation Army Citadel; student prayer meetings, studies and practices were carried on in the Baptist Church; and the children's meetings were held in age groups in Chalmers Presbyterian, St Paul's Anglican and the Free Methodist Churches.

Behind all this, basic to it, and alone making it effective was prayer. Early in the spring community prayer meetings for the Crusade attended by members of all the churches, were instituted. These were carried on without interruption throughout the summer with a steady attendance of about twenty but considerable variety in the personnel. During the month preceding the meetings cottage prayer

meetings were organized in the four quarters of the town in addition, and many more attended these which continued throughout the meetings. Preaching for some months before as well as other activities in the individual churches prepared the way, while the sick and shut-ins were encouraged to pray. Many church organizations took it upon themselves to pray as the facts became better known.

There was the inevitable opposition with imagined difficulties and false rumours, and it was this spirit of prayer which broke the back of it and led to some particularly fine cooperation on the part of the churches, something which was an inspiration to all concerned even before the start of the meetings.

Despite a sudden and most unexpected snowstorm, about 1,000 people attended, nearly filling the church, on the first Sunday evening. The crowd thrilled to the music of the choir and the congregational singing and were obviously moved by the message brought by Mr. Burns. This had followed a day when students and staff members had rushed here and there throughout the country assisting in church services and Sunday Schools despite the treacherous conditions of the roads.

Wisely, the emphasis during the first few nights (which included one message brought by Rev. Wm. McRoberts, Cooke's Presbyterian Church, Toronto) was on bringing Christians to a new commitment to Christ and His service. At the time of writing there had been some response and many were obviously being moved. In addition there had been several new conversions, not solely in the meetings, but also in the children's meetings (one of which had outgrown its accommodation and had been split into two), the high school, the homes in the course of the visitation work. At this point tabulation is obviously impossible, but definite results have been achieved and there is an air of expectancy and joy which bodes well for fuller results. The Spirit is working in our midst!

(Written during the first week of the Crusade, while it was still in progress.)

(Later. Definite decisions during the Crusade numbered over 135.)

## In Memoriam

Mrs. T. T. Rolph (Mrs. Annie Gray)

On September 29 there died in St. Michael's Hospital Mrs. T. T. Rolph, who had served in the office of the College at different times for more than thirty years. Former students who attended the Bible Training School during the decade that followed the erection of the building on College Street will remember her as Miss Annie Burns. She was then the Assistant Secretary under the first Principal, Dr. Stewart. In 1910 she left and was married, but her husband lived only a few years. During World War I she came back to her former position as Mrs. Annie Gray, and served for many years as assistant to Rev. T. B. Hyde, who had been appointed to the office of Secretary. When the College moved up to its present site in 1929 and was established in its new building, she not only served in the office under Dr. Waters, who was then the Registrar, but also had charge of the dining-room. The students of those years will remember her not only for her efficiency, but also for her gentle, kindly and sympathetic spirit. In the year 1937 she resigned and was married to Mr. T. T. Rolph, an elderly Toronto barrister, the son of Dr. John Rolph who took a prominent part in the history of Upper Canada during the time of the rebellion of 1837. Mr. Rolph lived an active life well on into his 90's and died a little more than a year before his wife.

J. McN.

## Alumni Summer Camp—1950

Mary Ritchie, E.C. '46

Psalm 19:1—The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Our very first summer camp under our own auspices is over, but pleasant memories of a very happy time remain with us. The weather was almost perfect, and the meals left little to be desired. During the camp period—August 19th to September 4th—51 persons representing 8 towns and cities availed themselves of this unique holiday.

The camp was situated on Sheebotigoon Isle in Pigeon Lake,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile off the mainland from Elim Lodge, about 25 miles from Peterborough. While our initial trip from the mainland was made by motor launch, the usual mode of travel between mainland and island is by rowboat. Our first glimpse of our holiday home was indeed pleasing, as we saw nestling in the beautiful trees a magnificent two-storey stone house, a lovely cottage, a cabin, and a large two-storey boat-house, all of which were to be used for our accommodation. How exciting it was as the members of our family began to arrive! Before many hours had passed old acquaintances were renewed, and many new friends were made.

Every day after breakfast morning devotions were conducted. For this period during the first week Mr. Armstrong, the College Registrar, chose the book of Romans as his subject; and during the second week Mr. Burns chose Colossians.

Then on the mainland there were morning and evening services for those who wished to attend. During the first week Mr. Burns was the main speaker. His morning messages were from the book of Ruth, and his evening talks were entitled, "Saints in the Wrong Places". We hope some of these at least will be available in mimeograph form shortly. During the second week the S.I.M. held their regional conference, and we enjoyed hearing testimonies from a number of missionaries on furlough, including our own Hazel Reesor. Our T.B.C. group conducted the mainland Sunday School on Sunday afternoons.

Every night at bedtime a cup of tea or cocoa was served round the blazing log fire, after which family devotions were conducted. Mr. Armstrong was leader during the first week; and Mr. Burns and Rev. Wm. Tyler of the C.I.M., who is our General Alumni president, shared the responsibility during the second week.

There was recreation on the mainland to suit all tastes: volley-ball, baseball, badminton, tennis, shuffleboard, croquet, table tennis, and of course swimming, boating, and fishing. (The writer of this article is not sure whether or not apple beds, thistles in beds, toads in beds, confetti in luggage, and alarm clocks set for wee small hours, come under the heading of recreation, but admits they were lots of fun even if they belong to a different category). We were the guests of the mainland lodge for one whole day during the first week, and for lunch and a marshmallow roast during the second week. The lodge folk were our guests on the island for a corn roast and for a party.

During the second week we were delighted to have a surprise visit from Dr. and Mrs. McNicol and Rev. D. E. and Mrs. Raymer. They stayed for afternoon tea and the evening meal, but their few hours with us passed far too quickly. As their boat was rowed away from our island we sang, "We're sorry you're going away, we wish that you could stay", and they sang back in reply. Then as the departing craft grew smaller in the shining path made by the waning sun, the sweet strains of the College hymn were heard echoing across the lake, and there amid the beauty of God's handiwork, there was felt the stillness of a great benediction, and God was in the benediction.

We are sorry it was not possible for Dr. Rhodes to be with us this year, but we rejoice at the news of his improved health, and hope to see him at our camp next year.

All too soon came the hour of departure from the mountain top and the journey again into the valley of service. The ministry of Mr. Burns, Mr. Armstrong, and Mr. Tyler, was instructive, searching, and helpful, and provided not only the spiritual uplift we needed, but the impetus to greater aspirations in Christ's service. And so, having been bodily rested, and spiritually nourished, we go forward to our various labours with renewed strength and a deeper sincerity of purpose.

## Alumni Association - Toronto News

Mary Ritchie, Secretary

(Report to absent Toronto Branch members, on "Visitors' Night", with acknowledgment to Hamilton Branch Secretary for the form of report)

WE MISSED you on the evening of October 23rd, and are sorry you were unable to be with us.

YOU MISSED a very enjoyable evening, with the usual "T.B.C." fellowship. Here are the highlights to keep you up to date. The get-together was under the very capable chairmanship of our vice-president, Rev. Harry Moore.

1. A 15-minute hymn-sing led by Earl Bucknam, with a three-piano accompaniment.
2. Devotions conducted by Rev. Andrew MacBeath, who was suitably introduced by Rev. Dr. John McNicol. The message, based on a text from Ephesians, might have been entitled, "The Christian's Imagination"—that part of us which must be developed in order that we may be able to recall past revelation, experiences, and blessings; to see in perspective the present; and to project ourselves spiritually into the future place of blessing and glory with Christ.
3. The first showing of T.B.C.'s own missionary film—1600 feet in colour. A dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. J. B. Rhodes, following which Mr. Joe Brown showed the film, and Rev. Denzill Raymer and Mrs. Douglas Percy acted as narrators. "Beginning at Jerusalem", it was wonderful to travel by way of "eyegate" from T.B.C., where, on an illuminated missionary map, Pat Stewart pointed out the countries we would visit, to Toronto City Mission, (Ivy Bunt, Jessie Mair, Gertrude McLaughlin, Anne Mutkala, Edna Grierson); over to Welland Ship Canal, (Cam Orr); then to Mexico, (Herb Whaley); next to India, (Alice and Russell Self, Joe Richardson, Marjorie and Joe Muchan, Florence Pletsch, Ruth Troyer, Leona Cressman, Zaida England, Audrey Berthelson); on to Africa, (Doug., Betty, and Mary Percy, Cyril and Lillian Forth, Ethel Thamer, Hazel Reesor, Phyllis Kalbfleisch); and finally, back to T.B.C. This film must be seen to be appreciated.
4. Toronto Branch Annual Report. Part of the report dealt with attendance figures, and a total of 272, including 118 visitors, was reported for this evening. Although this is a considerable improvement, there are still far too many of our members whom we have not seen recently. Let us remember our responsibility in this connection.

5. A tour, for visitors, of the College buildings, conducted by present day-class students.
6. Refreshments around an imitation campfire, which had been built in the dining-room by Reuben Chappell.

## Chintz Covers and Consecrated Talents

Doris Sturley, '46

One of the greatest joys in college life is the companionship of one's classmates. Friendships are created that last throughout life. How well we remember in our student days, the happy times of fellowship we enjoyed in the Girls' Common Room at T.B.C. It was in that very room that we first became acquainted with many who are now our closest friends.

Through the past summer months the College has seen the wives of the faculty together with a number of its graduates, under Mrs. Armstrong's guidance, industriously cutting, pinning, sewing and fitting in the Girls' Common Room. You may ask the question: "What! has the College started a sewing class for its graduates to make sure that their preachers will have good wives, or to get them in practice for sewing for the natives of Africa!" No, this was not our aim.

On viewing the condition of the Girls' Common Room one evening right after graduation, a few of the graduates of recent years decided that the furniture was badly in need of varnish, and some bright new material. Their desire was that the present students might have a bright cheery room where they, too, would be forming lasting friendships.

We rejoiced as we experienced the definite leading of the Lord in purchasing the material. We were able to obtain a good quality in a lovely floral design at a very reasonable price. The task before us was that of covering the cushions on twenty wicker chairs, nine settees, the studio couch, and sewing new drapes for the windows.

After the chairs were thoroughly cleaned, a coat of varnish was applied which really made a vast improvement. To our amazement and delight, when the material was cut each floral design fitted beautifully into the centre of the cushion. This was marvellous in our eyes as there was very little waste of material. We could now see how perfectly the Lord had worked everything out for us.

Work turned into enjoyment with happy times of fellowship, as we met from week to week endeavouring to complete our venture. Our last evening of work together was spent in completing the project. Thus with praise in our hearts we were led in devotions by Mrs. Rhodes, dedicating our finished work. It was a privilege to be co-workers with the Ladies' Auxiliary (wives of the faculty) who so capably serve in keeping our College home comfortable and cheery.

As a climax to all our work, we enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rhodes.

Loud laments can now be heard coming from the Boys' Common Room. Their chairs and tables are mostly broken, and there is an alarming sense of insecurity as you seat yourself. It is not some gay chintz that is needed but some good strong wear-ever type of furnishings! Graduates, the call comes to you: Won't you help them?

(Ed. Note: This little group of alumnae not only did all the work as a labour of love, but they, themselves, defrayed the entire cost of materials).

## Dining Room

At T.B.C. the dining-room is one of the centres of student fellowship. Follow them downstairs after one o'clock, enter the dining-room and join in the College grace, share in the chatter around the appetizing and satisfying meal prepared by Dining-room Supervisor, Mrs. Mary Scott, and you understand something of T.B.C. spirit and fellowship.

The dining-room service is offered to students at bare cost. A hot meal is served daily to girls for 30 cents and boys for 35 cents. That is one of the miracles of T.B.C., and is made possible by the extreme carefulness of Mrs. Scott, voluntary table clearing and dishwashing, and good-will fruit and vegetable contributions of College Alumni and friends.

On behalf of the dining-room staff, faculty and student body we wish to thank all of you who have sent gifts of fruit, vegetables or other farm produce during recent months. You have made a fine and worthwhile contribution to our efforts to keep student meals at a bare minimum.

D. E. R.

## Christmas Music

Thursday, December 14th, at 8.00 p.m.

By Students of the  
EVENING CLASSES



Tuesday, December 19th, at 8.00 p.m.

By Students of the  
DAY CLASSES

CYRIL REDFORD, Director

Please come early as accommodation is limited.

Friends desiring to make bequests are kindly asked to use the sample forms printed below.

### FORM OF SPECIFIC BEQUEST

I give to the Toronto Bible College, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), to be expended by the College for its purposes within Ontario.

### FORM OF GIFT OF RESIDUE

I give all (or half) the residue of my Estate to the Toronto Bible College, 16 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario, to be expended by the College for its purposes within Ontario.

## News of the W. B. C. Family

### PERSONALS

Isabell H. Jack, '21, is on furlough from Argentina.

Rev. Edward Pinkerton, '23, was inducted into the ministry of Ossington Baptist Church on October 5.

Mr., '31, and Mrs. (Dorothy Richardson, '28) John Trewin have returned to Nigeria where they serve under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Rev. John McLeod, '32, was inducted into the ministry of Glencairn Baptist Church on October 3.

Mrs. Walter Schultz (Marie Timpany, '31) is on furlough from Nigeria.

Hazel Benner, '35, is engaged in children's work in Quebec.

Mrs. Rowland Davies (Eva Musser, '36) is on furlough from Brazil.

Rev. Lloyd Hylton, '37, was inducted into the ministry of St. John's Baptist Church on October 4. Rev. Francis Rice, '35, read the Scriptures and Rev. D. A. Burns, '16, preached the induction sermon.

Grace Woodcock, '40, is on furlough from South America.

Fred Wilson, '42, is on furlough from Bolivia.

Alvin McIntosh, '43, is attending the Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Connecticut.

Melita Vyc, '43, Edna Roughley, '50, and Laura Northcott, '50, are studying at McMaster University in the Leadership Training Course.

Olive Shell, '44, has returned to Peru where she serves under the Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Phyllis Kalbfleisch, '44, is on furlough from Nigeria.

Ella Bone, '46, is at the Faith Mission Training Home in Toronto.

Edna Clymer, '46, is attending Bethel Bible Institute, Lennoxville, Quebec.

Mary Marshall, '46, is in charge of children's and women's work at the Baptist Mission at Sudbury.

Grant Sloss, '46, was ordained into the ministry of the United Missionary

Church at Sudbury. Rev. P. G. Lehman, E.C., '23, officiated.

Mr., '46-48, and Mrs. (Janet Kerr, '49) Allan Hunter are serving the Clarksville Christian Church in Indiana while Allan attends the Butfield University.

Russell Flaxman, '48, was ordained into the ministry of the Associated Gospel Church on October 19 at Hope Gospel Church. Rev. Robert Chubb, '36, was chairman, and William Crump, '49, assisted in the service.

Barbara Deer, '49, and Verna Dawson, '50, are in training at Old Church Hospital, Romford, England.

Lolita Kelley, '49, has sailed for Nigeria to serve under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Grant Wright, '49, was ordained into the fellowship of the Associated Gospel Church on June 5th at Truth Gospel Church, Hamilton. Rev. Archie McGilvray, '35, was Moderator, Rev. Alex Stein, '30, gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. John W. Hadall, '31, led in the ordination prayer, and Rev. Denzill Raymer, '40, took part in the laying on of hands.

Norma Flewelling, '50, is in training at Grace Hospital.

Eileen Sawbridge, '50, is studying at the Anglican Deaconess School in Toronto.

Rev. Benjamin Gearo, '45, is serving the Beth-Emmanuel British Methodist Episcopal Church at London.

Marjory Barr, '50, Bryant Smith, '50, are studying at McMaster University.

Miss Alice Munns, '18, has returned to India where she serves under the United Church.

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. (Bernice Binks, '43) John A. Reid, on May 6, a daughter, Elizabeth Ethel.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Annie Reid, '43) Hugh Campbell, on June 20, a son, Colen Hugh.

To Mr., '49, and Mrs. Ray Costerus on July 9th, a daughter, Ruth Florence.

To Mr., '49, and Mrs. (Joyce Lambert, E.C., '45) Percy Page, on July 28th, a daughter, Lillian Edith.

To Mr., '49, and Mrs. (Clara Hicks, '42) Alex Deans, on August 10th, a daughter, Muriel Esther.

To Mr., '43, and Mrs. Arthur McDowell, on August 24th, a daughter, Brenda Joan.

To Mr., '44-'45, and Mrs. (Loreen Wrightson, '45) Edward Kelso, on August 29th, a son, Charles William.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Hazel L. Phillips, '38) Gordon Bigham, on September 18th, a son, Gerald Louis.

To Mr., '49, and Mrs. (Joan, '49) Dann Filyer, on September 22nd, a son, Phillip James.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Winnie Flaxman, '45) J. B. Howard, on October 1st, a daughter, Brenda Ethel.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Mildred Mack, '40) Stanley Smith, on October 13th, a daughter, Brenda Rose.

To Mr., '49, and Mrs. (Frances Kerr, '49) Roy Wallace, on October 19th, a daughter, Carol Lynn.

## MARRIAGES

Olive Coggins, '40, to Clifford Richardson at Van Dyke, Michigan, on December 31st, 1949.

Jessie Britton, '44, to Ronald Durham, on November 24th, at Walmer Road Baptist Church.

Josephine Jerry, '46, to Eric Beaton, in August, at Crozier. Clarabelle Williams, '46, was bridesmaid, and Rev. A. B. Schulte, 26-'27, officiated.

Emily Parke, '50, to Donald Pearce, at Verdun, Quebec, on August 26th.

Audrey Anderson, '49-'50, to Melvin Kinsman, '52, on July 29th at Verdun, Quebec. Joyce Taylor, '51, was bridesmaid and Rev. Lenord Jones, '38, officiated.

## DEATHS

Mrs. E. O. Forde (Edith M. Gray, E.C., '14) on August 23th in Los Angeles, California.

Rev. Elmer Whan, '45-'48, on October 29th.

Mrs. T. T. Rolph (Mrs. Annie Gray) on September 29th.

Classes of the FALL TERM

will close

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th

The SPRING TERM

will open

EVENING CLASSES, TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd

DAY CLASSES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd



# **CHANGE OF DATE - -**

**The 1951 Graduation Exercises**

will be held in

**Varsity Arena**

**on THURSDAY, MAY 3rd**



**PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE OF DATE**