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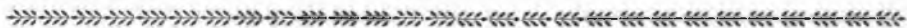
# TORONTO BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION 1957



Rev. Donald A. Loveday '37

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*Brantford, Ontario*



## “TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

HERE was a graduation patently to the glory of God!  
You could sense it early—in the tight little knots of students  
gathered in various parts of the rapidly-filling auditorium,

impassionedly and unashamedly  
imploping the Lord's blessing upon the service to follow.

These spontaneous prayers were a tacit  
acknowledgment of the reality of the class motto:

“WE REST ON THEE”

which appeared in commanding red letters against  
a white backdrop above the rising platform.

You could feel it in the complete absence of  
showmanship, dramatics, and  
assumed tones, as the program unfolded—  
the wholesome naturalness and transparent sincerity  
of all participants.

It overwhelmed you  
in the superbly rendered musical selections,  
which like a panegyric of praise mounted,  
wave upon wave, filling not only the large Varsity arena

but ascending to the very Throne of God,  
For "The fineness which a hymn or psalm affords  
Is, when the soul unto the lines accords."

Here were young people—  
converted, committed and commissioned—  
young people out of whose personal experience had grown  
the great tone poem rendered by the student body choir,  
which traced the *glory of God* in salvation,  
from conversion to consecration.

Young people who had felt the mighty and mysterious  
tug of that compelling, Divine principle—  
"Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth  
alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."—John 12:24.

Young people, who in the light of the Divine call  
and the clarion challenge,  
had vowed to follow in the train of  
"saints, apostles, prophets and martyrs."  
Yes, the 1957 Graduation of Toronto Bible College  
was an overwhelming demonstration of the miracle-working  
power of the Holy Spirit, in a world gone mad with man's lust  
for gold and glory,  
and hastening on toward its inevitable rendezvous with judgment.

The atmosphere had already been created by the apt  
arrangement of familiar gospel hymns for two pianos and accordion  
which preceded the program proper.

The theme—ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME  
developed by a triumvirate of musicians:—

Mrs. D. C. Percy, A.T.C.M., the College Pianist

Mr. Craig Cook, A.R.C.T., a first year scholarship student

Mr. 'Dixie' Dean, one of the 1957 graduates —

prepared the way for the entrance, promptly at

8 o'clock

of the student body who, with measured tread and regal bearing,  
marched to the strains of that staid and majestic hymn:

"PRAISE MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN".

Their singing grew  
from an inaudible whisper  
to a mighty paeon of praise.  
It seemed that the two long lines of students,  
men in their traditional dark suits and semi-formal attire,  
and ladies in white, their faces aglow with the  
radiance of both youth and yieldedness,  
would never end!

Here were young people from fifteen countries and  
twenty-two denominations,  
who had prayed and played together;  
worked and wept together;  
served and sacrificed together,  
in Canada's oldest Bible College.

Even the national anthem, so often perfunctorily  
sung as a kind of necessary prelude at public events,  
took on its intended spiritual significance.  
From the opening hymn—"TO GOD BE THE GLORY",  
which vividly brought back warm memories of those  
glorious days during the Billy Graham campaign  
in 1956, when students had  
enjoyed the opportunity of witnessing evangelism  
to the glory of God,  
until the concluding benediction, "To Whom be glory  
forever and ever, Amen,"  
one was conscious of the ineffable Presence of the  
risen, glorified Lord.

The Bible has always been uniquely central in the  
curriculum and class-rooms of T.B.C. and  
Rev. John Honeyman, who will be joining the  
Faculty as full-time instructor in the Fall, read  
the Word of God from 2 Peter 1:1-11;  
followed by prayer in which he thanked God for the  
College and its personnel—  
a faithful Board and Advisory Council,

and a world-wide circle of loyal friends!  
With the request that "Toronto Bible College might be kept strong  
in the things which honour the Lord Jesus Christ,  
in willing obedience to the Holy Spirit,"

Mr. Honeyman prayed that  
"The blessing and bounty of God might rest  
upon this class, saved to serve—  
and upon the Alumni in lands around the globe."  
As the student body choir, led by Rev. Wm. Crump,  
Musical Director of the College,  
presented the glorious anthem—

"LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, O YE GATES",  
it was almost as though we were listening to a  
celestial choir rehearsing!

Leroy Soper from Newfoundland and Ruth Shaw from Toronto  
queried in rich, full tones—

"WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY?"  
and the full choir responded with the triumphant tribute  
of Psalm 24—

"THE LORD OF HOSTS, HE IS THE KING OF GLORY."

The music mounted and moved and suddenly merged  
into the words of "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME",  
with a breath-taking climax  
which found an audience eager to

"BRING FORTH THE ROYAL DIADEM,  
AND CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL."

In his accordion solo  
Mr. George 'Dixie' Dean who, having  
left a lucrative position in the entertainment world,  
will go with his wife and two children  
to serve at H.C.J.B., Quito, Ecuador later this year,  
traced the Gospel story in well-known hymn titles in a  
masterful presentation.

One can only praise God that such talent will soon be heard  
around the world!



T.B.C. Graduation, Varsity Arena, April 26, 1957. Rev. W. Crump, Music Director, leads the great congregation in the singing of a hymn. The '57 Class Motto, "WE REST ON THEE" is seen on the banner in the rear.



Again, that over-riding theme, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"  
was taken up by

Principal Simmonds, in his opening  
words of welcome, as he emphasized that  
"Having arrived at this 63rd Graduation service *we*  
*give God the Glory.*"

He greeted the friends and relatives,  
the former students, and loyal supporters  
of the school,  
before reading several telegrams of felicitation.

The emotional tension generated by the preceding anthem  
was quietly released by the whimsical and well-received  
reference of the Principal, to the new  
T.B.C. FILM, entitled

“WORD OF LIFE”,

—a 16 MM. production which is being “shot”  
through the courtesy of the T. Eaton Co.  
and which will be available upon request by early 1958!

The evangelistic choir of the school,  
in under-scoring the class motto,  
“WE REST ON THEE,”

presented the graceful hymn by Cherry,  
to the tune of Finlandia by Sibelius,  
“We rest on Thee, our Shield and our Defender

“We go not forth alone against the foe;

Strong in Thy strength; safe in Thy keeping tender  
We rest on Thee and in Thy Name we go.”

Words of witness by the graduating students have always  
held a unique appeal. Ruth Almas and Edward Cook are  
both second generation students.

Miss Almas traced the purpose and plan of God  
revealed in her own life, first  
as a school teacher and then  
as Co-President of the Graduating Class;  
while Ed Cook spoke of the warm and enriching fellowship  
of the College,

and the truths learned through study and daily living.

The audience was visibly moved as he referred to the  
Home-going of his father in Africa,  
a year after graduation from T.B.C.

just two decades ago;

and he climaxed his message with the  
dramatic question:

“How can I do other than live unconditionally for this Saviour?”

Possibly the spiritual summit of the evening was reached  
as the ladies' trio sang with deep feeling  
and evident empathy,



"LET ME BURN OUT FOR THEE, DEAR LORD,"

and we thought again of classmate Ed Cook, Sr., and of  
his wife who died a short time later in Nigeria.

We recalled those faithful graduates, who  
in their loyalty to Christ, had not  
husbanded the candle of life;

we remembered the five valiant martyrs, who early in 1956  
gave up their lives in a heroic attempt to carry  
the Gospel to the Aucas,—

—that vast army of "whom the world was not worthy."

A holy hush fell upon the assembly.

God was manifestly speaking—

speaking to uncommitted young people.

There was that unmistakable tug again upon  
young lives that ought to be surrendered  
in service for the Lord.

This vast sporting arena, which had so often  
echoed and re-echoed

to the shouts of the pleasure seeking throng,  
now became the veritable gate of heaven.

This God, Who is to have eternal glory,  
selects His servants with infinite variety, and  
the testimony of Shirley Dawson, R.N.

—McNicol scholarship winner in her first year  
—revealed how God had His hand upon the life of His child,  
through sickness and unsunder  
until the desire for His will became predominant.

Again, Bill Forrest,

also a McNicol scholarship winner in his first year  
and president of the student body in his final year,  
emphasized the primacy of the Word of God in the curriculum of  
the College.

The male octet confronted us with the searching question—

"Jesus, and shall it ever be

A mortal man ashamed of Thee?"

With quiet dignity and wide comprehension of the  
ministry and mission of Toronto Bible College

the President, Mr. Wm. Inrig,  
in welcoming the audience quoted:  
"In Scottish lore we read of folk coming o'er glen and fen,  
moorland and mountain, track and field,  
to assemble in the appointed places."  
He affirmed that, true to the fundamental  
articles of its charter, Toronto Bible College,  
for more than sixty years, has been a faithful handmaid  
of the churches.

"Nowhere on the continent  
is there an institution  
doing a more valuable work,"  
declared the President,  
"for T.B.C. graduates will go to the ends of the earth."  
With an eye to future development and expansion;  
an anticipated 20% higher registration this Fall,  
an enlarged library dedicated as a memorial to  
Dr. John McNicol

—absent in body for the first time in more than fifty years—  
the President challenged his audience with the question—

"In this turbulent period in world history,  
what is more important than to train young people  
for the Lord's service?"

As the efficient Alumni ushers received the offering,  
surely this question crossed the minds of the discerning—  
"What part should I have, when \$400.00 per annum per student  
is required to provide for such training?"

The second verse of the congregational hymn  
which followed: "GLORY TO GOD ON HIGH,"  
reminded us of those faithful servants of Christ, whose  
long shadow is still cast over the College.  
Their wise counsel and exemplary lives,  
their names and faces came before us  
as we sang: "While they around the throne

Cheerfully join in one  
Praising His Name."

What a debt we owe to this array of Godly men

who have now entered into their rest!  
Scholarships which are now awarded at Toronto Bible College  
for academic proficiency, plus Christian conduct and  
testimony, were presented by

Dr. E. G. Baker and Alumni President, Mr. H. H. Lane.

The well planned and orderly presentation  
of diplomas is always an impressive sight  
as the goal of three years' intensive study  
is finally attained.

As the 1957 graduating students  
took their places in a semi-circle around the platform,  
diplomas in hand,

Dr. W. Fitch of Knox Presbyterian Church invoked  
God's blessing upon these who were being set apart for  
Christian service.

He prayed:

"May they take all Thou hast for them;  
may they know and love and obey Thee and glorify Thy Name."

The service of dedication culminated in the  
familiar and fervent choral benediction

"THE LORD BLESS THEE AND KEEP THEE."

The vast congregation stood to sing the College hymn  
"HELP ME, O LORD, THE GOD OF MY SALVATION"  
and Principal Simmonds pronounced the benediction.

Then, according to the custom of many years,  
relatives and friends pressed forward eagerly,  
while flowers and graduation gifts were distributed,  
and the students with joyful abandon  
sang the great hymns of Zion.

Thus the 1957 Graduation Exercises of Toronto Bible College  
became history,

and another contingent of Christian soldiers  
prepared to take their places out on the *real* frontiers of freedom  
where the ranks are still altogether too thin!

And did not the Lord of hosts pray—

"And the glory which Thou gavest Me, I have given them, that  
they may be one, even as we are One!"



## The New T.B.C. Graduate Emblem

AFTER a great deal of prayer, discussion and research, the Toronto Bible College has designed a new graduate emblem that is now available for those holding the T.B.C. Diploma. Every symbol in the emblem is very significant and the colours are expressive of things represented on the pin. We trust that many of our graduates will avail themselves of this opportunity to secure their graduate emblem as a pin, ring, or blazer crest. A beautifully printed card explaining the symbols and colours will accompany every order received.

The design and colours of the new Toronto Bible College graduate emblem are symbolic. They represent what the College stands for in its teaching, and what it seeks to do through its graduates.

On the background of the *Shield of Faith*, the open *Bible* is superimposed upon a *World* overshadowed by a *Cross*. The teaching of the *Bible* is central in its curriculum, while the preaching of the *Cross*, the gospel of the grace of God, is its sole message. The *Globe* is a symbol of the missionary outreach of its graduates to the non-Christian world. In the upper left-hand corner the *Dove* reminds of the corporate life of the College led by the Holy Spirit. Symbolizing the second coming of Christ, a *Trumpet* is placed opposite the *Dove*. Above all, a *Crown* is a symbol of His reign "till He hath put all things under His feet."

On a background of *gold*, representing Deity, the College colours of *black*, *red* and *white* shine forth. The *black* represents sin, the background of God's revelation. The *red* of the *Cross* is a symbol of redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ; the message of the Word of God expounded within these walls, is the only remedy for sin. Over against these, the *white* of the *Bible* and the *Dove* stands for the result in a purified life when the Divine remedy is applied to human sin.

The *blue Banner of Truth* carries the Greek original of the College motto, "*Holding Forth the Word of Life.*" (Philippians 2:16)

The graduate emblem is available for those holding the T.B.C. diploma. Pins are on hand. Rings and blazer crests may be ordered.

Please apply to the Registrar of the College.

# VALEDICTORY

Graduating Class Banquet

March 22, 1957



*Phil Van Seters—'57*

TONIGHT, as a class, we have reached an important event in our lives. Soon another chapter will be completed and we shall be saying "Farewell" to each other and to our days here at school. It is interesting to note that in saying farewell in this Valedictory, we are in actual fact also exhorting one another to *be strong*, for valedictory comes from the Latin, the imperative form, meaning "I say, be strong." And how *can* we be strong? The answer to this question is summed up in our Class Motto, "WE REST ON THEE." Let us review some of life's pages that have been written, both before coming to T.B.C. and while here, and see how the Lord has been teaching us this very answer.

We can recall our earliest childhood—and how we relied on our parents; our schooldays—and how we relied on the approval of our classmates; then out in the world, many of us, earning a living, and relying on what? Things? Friends? Ourselves? But some time during these days we can remember the time when the Lord lovingly brought us to Himself and began to show us how hopeless it was for us to rely on *anything* or *anyone* else but Him—completely. Then, in a wonderful way, from varied home backgrounds and churches, and in some cases, not without sacrifice and difficulty, He led us here to T.B.C.

While here we have been learning something of what it means to be to "the praise of His glory"—of love to Christ and for one another—of abiding in Him and by faith appropriating His life in us—of being made perfect in Him—of the power of prayer and the corporate guidance of the Holy Spirit—and of the importance and joy of daily personal fellowship with Christ Himself. Our vision of God has been immensely enlarged and yet we feel that we are only just beginning really to *know* Him.

To all of those through whom the Lord has been teaching us during these years, we are indeed grateful: The Faculty, for your loving patience, wise counsel and instructions; the Staff, for the way in which you have fed and cared for us so well in office and dining room; the Board of Governors, for your interest and time given to planning, praying and working on our behalf; our Fellow Students,

with whom we have worked and prayed, shared our fun and our burdens. Our fellowship here together will always be a treasured memory. To all we say, "Thank you".

And yet we do not rely on any of you, really, for the whole of T.B.C., who herself relies on the Lord for direction and the supplying of her needs through His servants, has taught us to rest on Christ alone. This is what we have been forced to do, time and again, in our practical work and responsibilities on committees, or whatever we have had to do.

The chapter from which our class motto is taken, II Chronicles 14, contains many of the lessons we have been learning, as well as a challenge for us as we go.

First of all, the Lord has made us aware of our exceeding sinfulness and our need of cleansing. And just as Asa cleansed the land from idols and wickedness, turning the people to the Lord, so the same Lord has been doing this in us and turning our eyes upon Himself. Is not our God a jealous God, longing that we might *love Him alone* and abide in *His* love? This also is the task which T.B.C. has constantly held before us and for which we have been preparing: to turn the eyes of the world to the Lord.

Asa also had this testimony: "*He did that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord*"—he pleased God. As we go, we will not be serving men, but God, and whether acknowledged by men or not, all that *really* matters is that we are well pleasing to God. How forcibly, through our lectures and studies, has this concept of being made perfect in Christ as God's plan for each one of us, been emphasized. How many of us had simply *dismissed* this before as being impossible.

God gave Asa peace for many years, yet he recognized that it was for a purpose—that he might build. And so he was not slack, but said in effect: "*Let us do this, while we have the opportunity and nothing to hinder us.*" He speaks as though he *expected* trouble would arise, when it would be too late to fortify and they would wish they had done it. He was prepared. He had an army. He was ready. So we, at T.B.C., have had a like opportunity to prepare ourselves.

Continuing in the story, we find that disturbance came to Asa's kingdom. Not that he did not still seek the Lord, but his faith in Him was to be tried, that God might have an opportunity of doing great things for him. A great enemy host came up against Asa. He did not run, hide, or simply give up because of his inadequacy, but he went out against the foe, prepared for battle, and *PRAYED*: "*Lord it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many or with them that have no power: Help us, O Lord our God; for WE REST ON THEE, AND IN THY NAME WE GO against this multitude. O Lord, Thou art our God; let not man prevail against Thee.*" Repeatedly we find these words in Scripture: "*It is nothing with Thee to help and save, by many or few, by them that are mighty or by them that have no power.*" We have found that "*God works in His own*

*strength, not in the strength of instruments."* It is to His glory to help the weakest. We do not say, "Lord, take our part, for we have something for Thee to work by" but, "take our part, for without Thee we have no power."

Note also that the rest Asa speaks of was not *passive*, but *active*, based on what he knew God to be. He recognized his own helplessness and recognized God's might, and appropriating that, went forth into battle. The fact that he *had* completely given it over to Him is shown in his next words. He does not say, "Let not man prevail against us," but "Let not man prevail against THEE." Why? Because *Thou art our God!* It was the Lord's glory which was now at stake. If man prevailed then it would be said that he prevailed against God, because He was *their God*; they were relying on Him and going forth in *His power*. When Asa and his people reached this place, where God was *everything*, God was able to bring a mighty victory. We, too, have discovered that the prayer motive is the *glory of God*, the *power of God*, the *greatness of God*—all that matters is that *His purpose* be worked out.

Notice in all this that God allowed them to share in His work. They were not passive, inert, but *actively* resting. So God dealt the decisive blow and they *joined* with Him in routing the enemy. How wonderful to think that while He permits us to share in His work here, so one day we will share in His glory completely—labourers together with God, joint heirs with Christ.

Looking to the future and facing the world into which we are going, we are called to an even greater reliance upon the Lord than ever before. The foes we face are many and mighty—Communism, Islam, Roman Catholicism, and a host of others. The need of the world is great. What are we to do in the face of all this? Only one thing: PRAY as Asa did of old, "*Help us O Lord our God; for we rest on Thee . . . let not man prevail against Thee,*" and then go forth into the battle, conscious that it is for *His Glory* and will be *His* victory. *Let Satan do his worst. Let all Hell be loosed against us. God will cause us to stand.*

Let this be our Valedictory tonight: "*I say, be strong.*"



# GRADUATION TESTIMONIES

*As Given At The Graduation Service*

*Varsity Arena, April 26, 1957*



I.

*Ruth Almas, '57*

HAVE you ever stopped and asked yourself the question, "What is the purpose of my life here?" Some would say, "I am here to have a good time!"—others, "I am here to get married and have a home," and some more noble ones would say, "I am here to help those who are less fortunate." These answers may be good, but I would like to suggest that the primary reason for our existence is something greater and far above any of these answers. Our existence can only be completely understood as we see an eternal God who includes us finite, human beings in His Divine plan of the ages.

Many people question the existence of a God; others know Him only as some vague impersonal force. God, to me, has never been either of these. He has always been a real person to Whom I could talk, and One Whom I knew heard me because He answered me.

I was fortunate to have parents who knew, loved and served our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and from my earliest recollection, they have sought to teach me about Him and to train me to walk in His ways.

As I grew older, God became more of a real person to me. He seemed to be impressing upon me the necessity of trusting my whole life to Him. But, I was only a teen-ager, with my whole life before me, and I thought I knew better what I wanted and how I wanted it. God had other plans for me, and gradually He showed me that the only sensible thing to do was to trust Him with my whole life.



As high school days drew to a close, it seemed as if God wanted me to go on to Teachers' College, but unless He provided in a miraculous way, this would be absolutely out of the question. It was strange how He worked. It was almost as if I were standing still on the sidelines watching a Master Workman, and in September, 1951 He opened the way to Hamilton Normal School.

I thoroughly enjoyed the year I spent there and the two years that followed. Teaching is a great responsibility. Teaching has an unparalleled influence in the moulding of young lives. I liked teaching. I had been in a Primary Grade and I wanted to go on and specialize in Kindergarten. The idea of giving it up was not appealing, but God made it very clear—two years was the limit now, and Bible School was next!

I was pleased that God led me to Toronto Bible College. My parents and sister are graduates of the College, and often I had heard of the happy times T.B.C. students have

In September, 1954, I began the three most profitable years of my life. God again answered my prayer in a practical way. In order to pay my way through, He provided me with a unique opportunity, right here in Toronto with the Board of Education, of teaching afternoon kindergarten

Here at College we study many interesting and helpful subjects. One of my favourites has been Church History. This subject, as its name implies, is the study of the Christian Church from the time of Christ right down to our modern times. In my first year I thought it was going to be a dull, uninteresting subject, as history often is, but God showed me that here was something very relevant and valuable for my training and life.

We studied the heroic martyrs of the early days — martyrs like Polycarp of Smyrna, who said before his persecutors, "*Forty long years have I served Him. He has not failed me once, and I cannot fail Him now!*" With these words on his lips he went to meet the One he served. We studied the heroes of the Reformation, and what God was able to do because Luther, and others like him, could say with holy boldness, "*I cannot and will not recant anything . . . on this I take my stand. I can do no other.*" We studied the humble life and fervent preaching of John Wesley. The revival he was used to begin is credited with saving England from an upheaval similar to the French Revolution. These men had something. It seemed at first glance that they had no problems with which to contend, yet on closer study I found that they worked against tremendous odds. I came to realize for the first time what the Apostle Paul meant when he said, "*We are more than conquerors.*" These men practised the victorious Christian life and did exploits for God. Through them I have begun to learn that the same God who did a work through them is able to use me also

I have tried to show that God has proven Himself to me to be a real Friend and constant Companion. He can cleanse my evil ways and He can help me to be like His Son, Jesus Christ. Our life here in this interval of time is preparatory for that greater life in eternity. Its chief purpose is best expressed with the words written in my childhood autograph book by my mother:

*Only one life, and 'twill soon be past,  
Only what's done for Christ will last!*

and by my father taken from Matthew 6:33:

*"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness  
and all these things will be added unto you."*



## II.

*Edward Cook, '57*

TONIGHT I wish to give praise and glory to God for His amazing leading and provision in my life.

By the grace of God I was born into a family that was not only Christian but also Missionary. Just twenty years ago this evening, while on furlough, my father, on completion of his course, graduated from Toronto Bible College and my parents soon returned to the field of God's choice for them. One year later God saw fit to take my father home to be with Himself.

From the time I could first understand, my mother taught me of God's love for me and of what He had done in her life. While home here in Toronto one evening, the Lord showed me, when reading His Word, that I could not rely on the good lives of my parents for salvation; there must be a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as my own Saviour. At my mother's bedside that night God gave me the faith to believe in Him.

Through years of schooling, while living in a home for missionaries' children, God has moulded my life with disciplinary care, for which I thank Him. After high school I knew I should attend Bible College to prepare myself for God's service wherever He should lead, but at the time I was opposed to coming to Toronto Bible College, just for the illogical reason that my parents had been there. God here won a battle over my own will, but even then my plan was for only one year at T.B.C.

The warmth of Christian friendship and fellowship at the College, however, was rich and arresting and after prayerful consideration, I knew beyond any doubt that here was the place the Lord intended I should stay for these three years.

During this stay there have been two types of lesson I have learned. These are first, the truths acquired through lectures and study, and second, their application in daily living. Although studies have been fascinating — and sometimes not so fascinating — it is the practical outworking of them that has produced such an impact and impression upon my life. Christ has provided the enabling grace and strength to appropriate and use these lessons for his glory.

One truth, growing out of academic study into the reality of personal experience is embodied in the two words, "*Keep close!*" so often heard during our morning Bible lectures. This is the constant, daily meeting with the Lord Jesus

Christ through His Word, eclipsing even the fellowship with other Christian young people. I thank God tonight that He has shown me just a beginning (with greater things ahead, I trust) of what it means to walk daily in newness of life in and through Jesus Christ.

Another lesson the Lord has enabled me to learn is the overwhelming power of private and corporate prayer. These three years, and more especially this final one, have proven to me that prayer can change any circumstance and overcome any difficulty, and I thank God for letting me see something of this mighty working of His purpose in my own experience and in the lives of my fellow students.

Our daily morning prayer meetings before classes, along with Saturday evening fellowships, have warmed my heart with love for others, making impossible the harbouring of personal grudges. Through our monthly days of prayer, the power of Christ has been poured out in such blessing that I have been shown a realm of certain assurance where no doubts or fears can abide.

The present reality of the person, Jesus Christ, means more to me than anything else. He is able to meet and to be victorious over every problem of my life. He has supplanted my unbelief with implicit trust and faith.

How then can I do anything but live unconditionally for such a Saviour, and seek by God's grace daily to interpret Him to others!



### III.

*Shirley Dawson, Reg. N., '57*

*"WHO is like unto the Lord our God, Who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!"* Could this Lord behold and care about me? It seemed improbable to me, as an eager high school student with a decided scientific bent, that the great God of the universe could ever care about an individual like me

Little did I know then how much God does care and had been caring for me! *"We do pray,"* wrote my grandfather to my parents a few days after I was born, *"that her life may be preserved to become a real blessing in the world, a light to shine in dark places, an added helper in the Lord's work."*

This prayer was fulfilled as the Lord began preparing me, an earthen vessel, to hold the treasure of Himself! It was at the age of nine that a very serious illness all but took me from my earthly home. The urgency of the hour prompted Mother and Dad to turn to God together and to promise to have no ambition for me outside of His will for my life.

That promise to God and dedication of my parents was honoured by the Lord, for at sixteen years of age the deep love of Jesus won its way, through leaders at Pioneer Camp in Manitoba, into the door of my prepared heart. "*Rejoice with me,*" said the Lord Jesus, "*for I have found my sheep which was lost!*" Now I belong to Him and He is my Lord and Saviour.

As Lord of my life He began showing me His plan. I had been interested in science at school and as a result, fitted into nurses' training very naturally. No one could have been happier in her vocation than I was, but after nursing in several parts of the world, I found that people had real spiritual needs as well as physical ones. The necessity for further training arose.

As I began this training at Toronto Bible College to meet these spiritual needs, I discovered spiritual needs of my own. I had rebelled and often disobeyed the Lord Jesus, and both inside the College and in my practical work outside, He has been teaching and moulding me. As an example, I bitterly fought against accepting the position of Publications Leader on our Student Cabinet this year. It was only because the Faculty had prayerfully decided on me for that task that I submitted and accepted it. Tonight I can do nothing but humbly thank God for the valuable lessons He has taught me through that very position.

Another way the Lord has been teaching me is through an adult Bible class that I have been leading as part of my practical work for T.B.C. As a class, we felt a desire to love and please the Lord Jesus more in our lives. We prayed together, and agreed truly to abide in Him so that He might fill our need to know and love Him more deeply. During the last few months the Lord has responded to our prayers of faith, and we are each learning to walk more closely with Him.

The way this closer walk has come about in my own life seems most directly connected with the Beatitudes, which were studied this year in our Bible lectures at College and were also given as a series of sermons in the church I attend. The Beatitudes began to be real in my own experience just at the time of our school Missionary Conference. Gradually, through them the Spirit of God has been revealing my own poverty of spirit — my worthlessness without Him. The Holy Spirit has also been revealing God's limitless resources as mine in Christ Jesus. His resources, I've found, are sufficient for even my practical everyday needs. I thank God that in Christ He can always cause me to triumph.

All these experiences in my life confirm that the Lord does behold and does care about the individual. So this scripture is wonderfully true: "*Who is like unto the Lord our God, Who dwelleth on high, Who humbleth Himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!*"



#### IV.

*William Forrest, '57*

"IF YOU would follow on to know the Lord, come at once to the open Bible expecting it to speak to you. Do not come with the notion that it is a 'thing' which you may push around at your convenience. It is more than a thing; It is a Voice, a Word — the very Word of the Living God." This quotation is taken from A. W. Tozer's book, "The Pursuit of God."

Because of the background of a Christian home and regular teaching at Sunday School, the Bible had always been more than just a "thing" to me, but the truth is that until three years ago, little of the Bible had spoken, or become alive to me. This was not the result of any lack in the Scriptures, but because I had never spent enough time studying it, nor allowed it to be applied to my heart. Thus when I entered Toronto Bible College in September, 1954, many an adventure — sometimes happy, sometimes unhappy — lay in store. The reason? Central in the curriculum of Toronto Bible College is the teaching of the Word of God.

God had, however, spoken to me through individual verses before I entered College. For example, John 3:16, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, would not perish, but have everlasting life.*" This verse became the basis of the greatest and most important transaction of my life, wherein I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. It was simple for me, a boy of eight years old to understand, as I substituted my name for the "*whosoever*" in that verse.

Another verse through which I had heard the Lord's voice was the very verse which sealed my coming to the College. At a time of great perplexity and indecision, one month before school was due to open, in 1954, God spoke to me the words of Exodus 14:15, "*The Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward.*" God's word was "*Go forward,*" and without any more doubt or hesitation my application was submitted to the College.

In the Bible lectures of our first year we studied the first half of the Old Testament, from Genesis to Esther. Right away God and His Word became more and more alive to me. I was surprised but greatly encouraged to read that great

men of God, such as Abraham, Jacob, David and Elijah actually had faults and short-comings as people have today. But faith in God, a repentant heart, and sheer determination to please God, made even a fellow like Jacob useful to the Lord. Then I concluded, that perhaps God could use me also.

In our second year, we studied the Old Testament from Job to Malachi. Once again I saw real, live people, and a *real, living* God dealing with them. But God used our study of the Books of the Prophets, and the words of our Principal, who taught us, to challenge my deepest motive in Christian service. Before that time, I had been almost proud of my desire to sacrifice to the utmost for the Lord, but the pleading of the Prophets kept ringing in my ears, that God wants loving obedience from His people even more than sacrifice. By God's grace I am endeavouring to obey Him; this is now my deepest motive

In this third and final year we have studied the New Testament. I'm sure we could have profitably spent the Bible lectures of the whole three years studying the New Testament alone. Here we saw the culmination of all to which the Old Testament had pointed. As never before, God brought me face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ, Who already was my own personal Saviour. Challenge after challenge came to me in Bible study this third year: Why have I been saved? To become more and more like *CHRIST*. What is going to make my Christian service fruitful? Abiding in *CHRIST*. What is life for me from now on? "For me to live is *CHRIST*." To whom do I surrender all? To *CHRIST*. Where is continual victory going to be found? In *CHRIST*. Who is going to be my constant, unseen companion, even to the ends of the earth? The Spirit of *CHRIST*. What is my Blessed Hope? The future Return of *CHRIST*.

When I entered Toronto Bible College three years ago, I was seeking only to gain knowledge. I did not know that God was going to make the Bible a *living Word* to me. I did not know that He, the Author, was going to challenge me continually with Himself. But that is what happened; nothing more important could happen. In my heart is only thanksgiving to God. Truly the Bible is more than a *thing*. It is a *Voice*, a *Word*, the *very Word of the living God!*

There are yet before me six or seven years of training in medicine, but as I one day go forth, God willing, a medical missionary, my primary task will not be to care for physical bodies, but to hold forth to those who know Him not, this Word of Life.



# Workmen Not Ashamed

(II Timothy 2:15)

IF ALL work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, so all study and no work would be dull indeed for the students of the Toronto Bible College. We think that particularly this year it could be written of them that they have studied "to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth." The studies in which the students are engaged are designed to give them a deeper insight into the Word of God, and the subjects that fill out the curriculum are all designed to make them better equipped for the work of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ — wherever that might be. These subjects, however, are confined to the classroom; the outworking of what they have been learning, the outworking of their prayer fellowship, the zeal and the interest that is instilled in them through their Bible study, all have opportunity of being worked out while they fulfill their activity work under the leadership of the Department of Student Activities and under the capable care of the members of the Student Cabinet.

In a previous issue of the Recorder we wrote about the blessing that attended the Missionary Conference that was held during February of this year. What was evidenced in the Missionary Conference, students making things right with the Lord, with one another and with members of the faculty, has also been evidenced in the work that they have been privileged to do in churches, missions, open air, visitation, hospital work, and a host of other tasks that are laid before them as some of the privileges of Christian service.

In conversation with Ed Cook, of the Class of '57, leader of the Student Evangelistic Committee, he remarked on the unusual blessing that has attended the work of the students this year: "particularly since February" he remarked, "when the spirit of quickening and revival was seen to stir the students and make their witness more fruitful than ever. As we got right with the Lord, our witness became more effective and we found that the Lord was bringing people to Himself through the work that we were privileged to do." When Ed was asked for some definite examples of what he meant, he made mention particularly of the Scott Mission on Spadina Avenue, and Evangel Hall out on Queen Street, West. "At Scott Mission," he said, "we had seen very little fruit for our ministry there for some long time, but this year there have been souls saved, particularly among

*middle-aged folk who have found life hard, but now in the Lord Jesus Christ, have found life can be supremely wonderful. For instance," he added, "on Easter Sunday, April 21st, at the close of the service there were six who indicated a desire to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour."* What a wonderful Easter it would be for those six who have come out of the darkness of sin, despair and death into the glorious light and liberty of the sons of God!

At Evangel Hall, where the students have been going every Friday night, we have seen again the evidence of the working of the Spirit of God in claiming for Himself those who once were alcoholics, down-and-out and needing desperately to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

The ministry of these two places will not cease with the closing down of school at the end of April, but will continue throughout the summer months as the students continue to minister at Scott Mission, Evangel Hall, Yonge Street Mission, Toronto General Hospital, and then, of course, as the students go out to their places of summer appointments, where they will continue to minister the things of God and seek to win boys and girls, and men and women to the Lord Jesus Christ

When the report of the Evangelistic Committee was compiled for the year 1956-'57, the following very interesting statistics were tabulated: Contacts made with people who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ but were dealt with by students, numbered 1,455. From this there were reported conversions of 209, and all this out of the 3,426 meetings that were conducted by the students themselves. These are just statistics, of course, but behind them there is a tale of heartache and human need that has been met by the vibrant and virile witness and testimony of young people who have been in touch with the living Christ.

The title of our article says, "*workmen not ashamed.*" This must, of course, apply to *faithful* workmen, and so while we can tabulate a list of souls saved, services conducted and lives touched, this is not the sum total of the work of the students of the Toronto Bible College. If they are to be workmen not ashamed, they must learn to sow the seed faithfully, constantly, ceaselessly, often without evidence of souls being saved, but praying that some of the seed will indeed fall on good ground, and then, watered by the Holy Spirit, will bring forth fruit that will mean life eternal. They must be faithful in their witness in homes, in churches, in their Sunday School classes, wherever they happen to be, if they are going to be faithful workmen.

And so, while the course at T.B.C. is a course of training, it is not merely training in academic subjects, but the vital training in the things of the Spirit, whereby they go out and put into practice the things that they have learned, the things that they have heard, the things that the Lord has spoken in the quietness of their own hearts. They go out and tell others of the Christ Who can save unto the uttermost all who come unto God by Him. Like Paul, they are "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

— D. C. P.



## *T.B.C. Scholarships*

### *Available For Students*

THERE are eight scholarships available at Toronto Bible College for students who measure up to the spiritual and academic requirements that are laid down by the donors. The student winners are selected by the Faculty and approved by the Board of Governors. These eight scholarships are as follows:

*THE McNICOL SCHOLARSHIPS*, of which there are two, are in remembrance of Dr. John McNicol, who for over half a century was intimately associated with Toronto Bible College, first as Principal and then as Principal Emeritus.

*THE J. B. RHODES SCHOLARSHIP* is given in memory of Dr. Rhodes, Principal of T.B.C. from 1946 until 1953.

*THE J. M. WATERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP* is granted in the name of Dr. Waters, who for twenty-five years served the College as Registrar, Secretary and teacher of Missions.

*THE T. B. HYDE SCHOLARSHIP* is given in remembrance of Rev. T. B. Hyde, who served T.B.C. for forty years, first as Secretary, then lecturer in devotional subjects.

*THE FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP* is granted to commemorate the work of those who sixty-three years ago founded what is now known as Toronto Bible College.

*THE ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS*, of which there are two in number, have been given by the Alumni Association and have been subscribed to by Alumni members around the world.

Students who qualify for scholarships must prove themselves to be of fine Christian character, as well as able students in the subjects carried at the College. Many things are looked for before scholarship winners are prayerfully and carefully chosen. These scholarships are worth \$200. a year and all but the McNicol scholarships are awarded annually. The McNicol scholarships are awarded for the three year course, if the student maintains the high standards during the full time.

No application is received for scholarships, since they are open and available to the whole student body, and no special examinations or tests are necessary to qualify. Some of the scholarships are available only to those who also have matriculation standing, as well as ability in the course at the College and all round Christian character. Other scholarships are available for any student, who in the judgment of the Faculty and Board, have acquitted themselves academically and with Christian character during their time at the College.

The list of scholarships is open to any who would like to make available to the students, a scholarship that would help them financially and encourage them to greater effort.

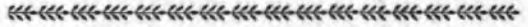
These scholarships, not only serve to commemorate the life and work of others, but they substantially help in the life and the work of the present generation. It might interest those who read the Recorder that it costs us approximately \$470. a year for every student that we have at the Toronto Bible College. Since the College is not endowed, but is maintained entirely by the freewill gifts of God's people, this amount of money, multiplied by the number of students who are in attendance, must be received each year for the maintenance of the work. There is no tuition fee at the School, and students are only required to pay for board and room, books, personal items, plus a Registration and Student Activity fee of \$45. For most, this requires work part time — time that could better be spent on their studies and practical work

The scholarships that are given, therefore, help very substantially every student who acquits himself well enough to win one, and makes it possible for the students to put their time and attention into their studies and work at the school instead of having to find the necessary two or three hundred dollars.

There are two opportunities that are before our Christian friends: One, is to assist the students directly in making available for them a scholarship; second, is to "subsidize" a student by contributing towards the \$470. a year that the school must find in order to teach and train those who are preparing for the Lord's service. Here are worthy projects for a church, a group, a family or individuals, to share in the great task of training young people to go out into all the world "holding forth the Word of Life."

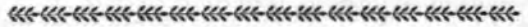
If you would like to know more about these opportunities, write to the Field Secretary, at the Toronto Bible College, and he will be very happy to see you, talk to you or write you regarding this glorious opportunity of serving the Lord Jesus Christ





**REV. JOHN HONEYMAN, B.A., B.D., M.Th.**

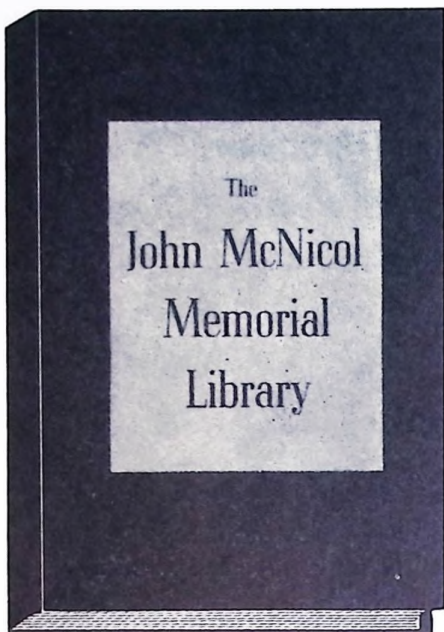
*JOINS THE T.B.C. FACULTY*



AN ADDITION to the full time faculty of T.B.C. has been announced by the Board of Governors in the appointment of Rev. John Honeyman

Mr. Honeyman came to Canada from Scotland in 1929 and was saved in 1933. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario with his B.A. degree in 1937, and from Knox College, Toronto, in 1940. That same year he was ordained into the Presbyterian ministry and served as an ordained missionary at Appin, Ontario, for the next year. He was called to serve as minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church from 1941 to 1946. From 1945 to 1952 Mr. Honeyman served as a member of the faculty of the London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary where he gained valuable experience in the training of young people for the Lord's service. In 1950 he received the B.D. degree, and 1952 his M.Th. from Immanuel College in Toronto. At present Mr. Honeyman is the minister of Oakwood Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and will be resigning his charge to accept his appointment as a full time faculty member of the Toronto Bible College.

We would commend Mr. Honeyman to the faithful, praying friends of the College. Do ask the Lord to undertake for him as he fits in to this very vital task of training labourers for the harvest fields of the world. We welcome Mr. Honeyman into the T.B.C. family, where we know he will find many friends and rich fellowship.



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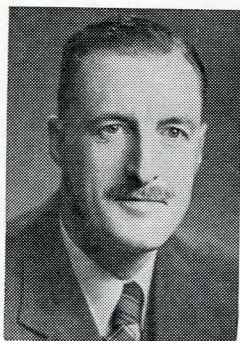
THE WORK on the Memorial Library, commemorating the life and work of Dr. John McNicol, Principal and Principal Emeritus of T.B.C. for over half a century, will be started this summer, although the amount needed to complete the task has not been received.

The need for the Library, and the desire of the Board of Governors to set up the Memorial as quickly as possible, has led to the decision to start work immediately. By the opening of the 1957-'58 Session, it is expected that about half of the Library will be ready for use.

The deadline for gifts for this project will be early July, and we would urge all our Alumni and friends to take it to heart. Perhaps you could follow the example of a missionary couple from Mexico who have pledged themselves to give a definite sum each month until the need is met. If you cannot make a large contribution all at once, a "pledge" gift will assure the final sum and permit the completion of the work.

All gifts should be marked "McNicol Memorial Library" and cheques or money orders made out to Toronto Bible College. Receipts for income tax deduction will be sent for each gift, plus a memorial folder as illustrated.

Remember the deadline and the urgent need for your gift now!



*Principal,*  
E. L. Simmonds, M.A., B.D.



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T. R. Maxwell, M.A., M.TH.



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# ALUMNI NEWS

## PERSONALS

JAMES HILLS, '47, received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree at the Spring Convocation of Princeton University. He will continue with post-graduate studies in the fall.

CHRIS. COSTERUS, '51, received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree at the Spring Convocation of Knox College and is continuing his study of the Chinese language at Yale University prior to leaving for Formosa in the fall.

NEVILLE PHILLS, '51, graduated from Knox College and has been appointed to the Killarney-Bellafield circuit in Manitoba, by the Presbyterian Board of Missions.

FRANK GILLESPIE, '52, has been appointed to Corner Brook, Newfoundland by the Presbyterian Board of Missions, following his graduation from Knox College.

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## BIRTHS

In Japan on August 25, to Mr. Donaldson and Mrs. (MARGARET BOAL, '47) Wilson, a daughter, Ruth Ellen.

To Mr. Cecil and Mrs. (MARGARET ENGLISH, '45) Hodgson, on November 9 in Liberia, Africa, a daughter, Carol Ann.

On January 19, a daughter, Marlene Yvonne, to REV. LORNE, E.C. '55, and Mrs. Lichty, of Meath Park, Saskatchewan.

A daughter, Nancy Vera, on February 1, to Mr. LEONARD, '43-'46 and Mrs. MORRIS.

To Mr. JAMES, '46-'48, and Mrs. (VIOLET GIBSON, '45-'48) MULLIN of River Drive Park, Ontario, a son, David Sinclair, on February 24.

In Jos, Nigeria, on March 10, a daughter, Joyce Beverley, to Mr. ELVIN, '48, and Mrs. (LOLITA KELLY, '49) HARBOTTLE.

To Mr. Cyril and Mrs. (DORIS LEONARD, '45) Weller of the Philippine Islands, on March 18, a daughter, Lois Ann.

At Guadeloupe, French West Indies, to Mr. DAVID, '55 and Mrs. (SHIRLEY JAMES, '54) MITTON, a son, Larry David, on March 23.

A daughter, Sharon Esther, on April 1, to Mr. GEORGE, '58 and Mrs. ELSASSER.

To Mr. PAUL, '51-'52, and Mrs. (FRANCES OLIVER, '53) WILSON, on April 30, a son, Gordon Paul.

In Nigeria, Mr. JACK ('53) and Mrs. Mrs. Phillips, a daughter, Caroline Wendy, on April 14.

## MARRIAGES

EILEEN KLEIN, '44, to Wilfred Johann, on June 16, 1956.

On August 13, NELLIE DOIG, '44, to REV. ARTHUR LEGGETT, '24. Ruth Oliver, '44, was bridesmaid.

At Knox Presbyterian Church, on September 15, Isabel Ward to HOWARD SMITH, '53.

In Calgary, Alberta, at the Full Gospel Church, on October 6, ELIZABETH (BETTY) ANDERSON, '54-'55, to Ronald Scott.

On December 25, in the Baptist Church, at Brighton, Ontario, OLGA BANGAY, '37, to George O. Kerr. Mr. JOHN, '38, and Mrs. MONTGOMERY, were attendants.

FERRIS CAMPBELL, '44, to Lou Oakes, on January 5.

On January 26, ELLEN GREENSLADES, '36, to Stephen Zivkovic.

In Hollywood Gospel Chapel, Hollywood, Florida, on February 2, DAVID HARRIS, '51-'53, to Lorraine Brown.

NORA RUSSELL, E.C. '39, to Finn Johannsen, on February 16.

VERNA BURNHAM, '39, to WILLIAM HOLDER, '36, on March 1.

In the Anglican Church at Gonda, United Provinces, India, on April 18, MARILYN GIMBLETT, '54, to RODGER TEDFORD, '54.

On May 18, at Behlehem Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, SALLY MUSSELL, '56, to JOHN COUTTS, '56. Ted Simmons, '58, was best man; Donna Lynden, '55-'56, bridesmaid; Douglas Sherwood, '57, soloist.

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## DEATHS

MARY RICHER, '34, on April 24, in Toronto.

### MRS. ERNEST SHILDRICK

The sympathy of the T.B.C. family goes out to Mr. Ernest Shildrick, in the loss of his wife on March 11, 1957. For more than a quarter of a century, Mr. Shildrick, "the man who made T.B.C. to sing," was associated with the College as Music Director. Mrs. Shildrick shared those happy days with him, and in retirement they still attended school functions.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. F. G. Vesey, one time T.B.C. Secretary; and the Rev. D. C. Percy, '36. The Rev. D. E. Raymer, '40, represented the College as pall-bearer.

Do remember Mr. Shildrick in his loneliness, and we know he would be delighted to hear from you. His address is: 54 Heathdale Road, Toronto 12.

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