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Prayer in Wartime

None realize more fully the need of prayer in a time of war than soldiers who are Christian men, especially when they are in command of the operations of war. A story was told in the early days of the first World War when the German armies that were sweeping down on Paris made the movement that enabled the French to threaten their right flank and compel them to retreat, thus saving the city from capture. When the news came to the War Office in London, Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener, the two most famous British generals, were there together at the time. Roberts at once remarked, "Somebody must have been praying". "Yes," said Kitchener, "there was no military reason for the German action."

During the first year of that war many lone voices were heard in England urging the appointment of a national day of humiliation and

prayer. Those in authority, both in the church and in the state, declined to take that step on the ground that it would be a confession to the enemy that we were in the wrong. The war went on with no decisive result, but with appalling sacrifice of life, for four long, terrible years. In the last year, when the allied armies were being steadily forced back and the war seemed almost lost, General Haig the British Commander sent out his startling message, "Our backs are against the wall," and appealed to the nation for prayer. Then at last a special day was set apart for that purpose. Early in 1918 three representative religious services of a national character were held in London, including all the communions of the Christian Church. Canada and the United States, following this example, set apart their national anniversaries that summer for the same purpose. In a few months

the war was over. German morale had cracked. The Kaiser was a fugitive from his throne, and the German armies gave up the fight.

To pray for victory only for the cause of democracy is to make God a convenience for ourselves. Democracy must share the guilt for the present world tragedy. The last war was fought—so it was claimed—"to make the world safe for democracy." But when the peace came the democracies allowed self-interest to prevail again and utterly failed in moral leadership. This we all now know too well. Nationally we are all guilty of the moral stupor and spiritual palsy that allowed the present storm of judgment to gather and break upon the world. For this there ought to be corporate and national repentance.

In the year 1813 during the Napoleonic wars, when Britain was still fearing an invasion, a royal proclamation was issued commanding the ob-

servance of a "public day of humiliation," to pray not only for victory and peace, but also in these terms:—"in order to obtain pardon of our sins, and in the most devout and solemn manner send up our prayers and supplications to the Divine Majesty for the averting of those heavy judgments which our manifold provocations have most justly deserved." In less than a year Napoleon abdicated, and when he made another bid for power the battle of Waterloo sealed his doom.

It is not our business as Christians to give the state advice how to carry on the war. We can make a far higher and more useful contribution than that to our national war effort. We should take our stand upon the Divine philosophy of history. We should point out the only ground on which we have any right to pray for victory, and seek to magnify those spiritual values without which no righteous peace can come. —J. McN.

Our Students at Work in the Home Land

The Secretary of the Alumni Association visited the churches of his denomination in the Thunder Bay district during the last two weeks of September. He travelled over 3,000 miles in all, visited 9 mission fields and addressed gatherings in 5 centres. In Winnipeg he spent a few hours with R. M. Arnold '34 who is doing fine work among the young people of his city. Three days were spent in Kenora where the pastors and delegates of the district gathered for annual conference and three days were spent in Slate River Valley where Rev. '34 and Mrs. M. Roblin (Grace Irwin '31-'32) are doing fine work and where Mr. Roblin is the leading figure in his community. (Mr. Roblin is spending part of the winter in the East completing his university course. Mrs. Roblin is acting pastor in full charge of the work during his ab-

sence.) The church radiates the reality of the spiritual life and is laying its hand on the entire surrounding community.

He also visited Conmee and O'Connor townships where Joe Richardson '38 has been labouring under the direction and support of the Slate River church. Bob Cochran's ('39) work in the Swedish church in Port Arthur was also visited together with the work being done among the sailors at the Head of the Lakes.

Rev. A. B. Schulte '26-'27 of Dryden is doing fine work, supported by an enthusiastic group of young people, as is Elsie Anderson '41 in her home church at Eagle River, where she is the leading "layman".

Rev. Albert Motchman '34 (Baptist) and Rev. J. N. Hepburn '31 (Presbyterian) have fine congregations in Fort Frances and are experi-

encing blessing in their work on the Minnesota border.

The Alumni Secretary tells us that he was greatly impressed by the enthusiasm of the rural pastors, their consecration and spiritual leadership as well as by the need for the evangelization of the rural areas. Opportunities abound as is illustrated by the work being done by the Canadian Sunday School Mission, and by the missions carried on in such settlements as Suomi and Intola by Mae Brooks '35, Mary Davis '36 and Helena Rae '42, who have two cars which they use in their evangelistic tours. Slate River is the centre to

which they return each Friday evening for prayer and fellowship, leaving again on Monday morning for another settlement where homes are visited, services conducted and spiritual help made available. The girls sleep in the homes of the settlers, or on the ground in their sleeping bags.

He met joyful converts in all these places who had been led to Christ through the work being done and the witness borne by our graduates, and he visited churches in the backwoods as radiant with the joy of the Lord as any he has ever visited in urban centres.

In Memoriam

Rev. S. M. Kanagy

Rev. S. M. Kanagy, B.Sc. ('16), one of the most respected and loved graduates of the Bible College, died in the Galt hospital on September 9. He took his course while he was pastor of the Mennonite Church on Danforth Avenue, to which he had come from Chicago. At the same time he conducted the College choir, and in doing so he made a fine contribution to the life of the student body. His character was marked not only by earnest spiritual devotion but also by kindly human sympathy. Some time after graduating, he and his wife, also a graduate of the College (Elizabeth Brown '11), were called to city mission work in Chicago. After several strenuous years there they returned to Canada for rural church work. When he passed away Mr. Kanagy was the minister of the Wanner Mennonite Church near Hespeler.

Mrs. M. E. Morris

There passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 31 Mrs. M. E. Morris (Gladys Langley '26) who was Dr. Waters' secretary from 1931 to 1933. Mrs.

Morris was deeply interested in all the work of the College. As a young people's leader for her denomination, she travelled extensively throughout the provinces of Ontario and Quebec and, knowing well the College constituency, she made many fine contacts for the Bible College in her travels. Mr. Burns conducted the funeral service which was largely attended and at which many of her friends of College years were present. To her parents, her husband and children the Alumni extends sincere sympathy.

Rev. Fred Owen

The swift flowing, treacherous Yangtze river has claimed another victim in the person of Mr. Fred Owen ('28) who was drowned when crossing the river in a small Chinese boat during a dense fog in which the boat lost its course and was carried into the rapids where it capsized, drowning all on board except two.

The Principal and the Registrar represented the College at a memorial service held in Toronto under the auspices of the United Church Mission Board, which he served in West China.

A loving and loyal tribute was paid to Fred Owen and his noble wife, and their most effective work on the field, by Rev. James Endicott, Jr., who claimed Fred as his best friend in China. He spoke of the unbounded hospitality of the "Owen" home, where all comers, Canadian and Chinese, received a most hearty welcome. None, however, escaped having to face the challenge of the claims of Jesus Christ as the Owens were still the ardent personal workers that they had been in the homeland. It was for this reason they were transferred to Chungking where there is a large student community and many young people.

The Registrar briefly reviewed Fred's College days, mentioning that during his course he had entered fully into the spirit of the College and all its activities. After graduating he finished his matriculation and took a course in the United Theological College, Montreal, following which he was appointed to the West China field. Fred was blessed with many fine qualities of head and heart. He was an optimistic, enthusiastic, painstaking young man with an attractive personality, a cheerful and buoyant spirit and a saving sense of humour. He was musical and artistic, had executive ability and was a good speaker. He exercised a very helpful influence among the young people with whom he was always a great favourite.

We extend to his beloved wife and children and their families in the homeland our deepest sympathy.

The Secretary's Message

Mr. Winston Churchill, in one of his heart-stirring broadcasts, quoted the well-known lines of Arthur Hugh Clough, a nineteenth century poet. In his poem, the writer suggests a wider vision, a broader faith and a higher hope. And in these days of world darkness and desperation it is good to say with Clough:

Rev. W. G. Windsor

Rev. William G. Windsor ('20) was killed in a car accident in Kweichow, China, in the beginning of October. When this news came by cable to America, it brought a shock both to the Bible College and to the China Inland Mission, for he was one of our finest graduates and one of their most useful missionaries. When Will Windsor was a student in the College the course was only two years, but he remained for a third year as many of our graduates were doing. The consistent excellence of his work may be judged by his general average for the three years, which runs as follows: 96, 97, and 98. He was chosen president of his graduating class, and his farewell letter to them, written just before sailing for China in August 1921, ends with these words: "In closing, let me remind both myself and you of our Class Motto, 'For me to live in Christ', and through His grace, and in His strength, strive to make this a living fact in our lives." This was the secret of his life. He and his wife (Constance Brock '22) were both born in China as children of missionaries, and they spent many years of devoted service together for China. He had held for the past few years the responsible position of Superintendent of the province in which they laboured. Our sympathies go out especially to her and her two children, and to the Mission which has suffered so great a loss.

"Say not, the struggle nought
availeth,

The labour and the wounds
are vain".

For do we not know that above the din, destruction and darkness there is the bright shining of the Presence of the Sovereign Lord God?

The poet, Arthur Hugh Clough, must have felt this in his day as he wrote:

"For, while the tired waves vainly breaking,

Seem here no painful inch to gain,
Far back through creeks and inlets making

Comes silent flooding in the main.

"And not by Eastern windows only,
When daylight comes, comes in the light,

In front the sun climbs slow—how slowly!

But Westward, look, the land is bright!"

Did not the great Apostle say something like that? Perhaps his very words inspired Clough to write those lines. Saint Paul wrote, "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not

seen are eternal".

Then let us, in this dark day, lift up our eyes, for our help cometh from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth. There are realms of victory, even upon earth, where the Kingdom of God is making good and great progress!

Think for a moment of the growth of this College. From those simple roots of faith and courage planted forty-seven years ago there has grown a great tree of spiritual enterprise and learning whose leaves have been for the healing of the nations.

Will you, by your prayers and practical support, enable the College to continue to train young life for its holy mission in the cause of the Gospel? Thus, you with us will be able to say:

"In front the sun climbs slow—how slowly!

But WESTWARD, LOOK, THE LAND IS BRIGHT!"

News of the U.C. Family

A son, John Paul, was born in Toronto on March 23 to Rev. and Mrs. R. Frank Roblin (Evelyn Agnew '35).

A son, Donald Arthur, was born on May 2 in Chowkiakow, Honan, China, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Morris Rockness (Grace Weir '33). Their other son, John Weir, aged 16 months, died on June 10.

A daughter, Judith Lynne, was born in Toronto on May 3 to Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Treleaven (Gladys Matheson '37).

A daughter, Elizabeth Weston, was born on May 22 at Anshun, Kwei, China, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Rae (Muriel Weston) '34.

A daughter was born on June 21 to Rev. '37 and Mrs. N. Frank Swackhammer, of Montreal.

A daughter, Barbara Mary, was born in Toronto on July 4 to Mr. and Mrs. K. Morgan Henry (Barbara Beal '31).

Twins, Ruth Ann and George Albert, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman (Laurel Barber '40) at Midland on July 19. George Albert died on July 20.

A son, Ian Frederick, was born on July 12 to Mr. '35 and Mrs. B. Francis Rice (Helen Knight '36).

A son, Peter Shenton, was born on Aug. 14 to Rev. '38 and Mrs. Albert Bolster. Albert is assistant pastor of First Maine Baptist Larger Parish, Wytopotlock, Maine. He was ordained there on Sept. 5.

A daughter was born in Toronto on September 5 to Mr. '40 and Mrs. Telford Mack (Irma Bailey '40).

Twins, John and Joan, were born in Toronto on Sept. 18 to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Groh, '32-'33. Joan died on Oct. 7.

A son, David Cameron, was born in Thorold on Sept. 20 to Mr. '38 and Mrs. Cameron Orr (Muriel Mosey '33-'34).

A son, John Luther, was born on Sept. 30 to Rev. and Mrs. John M. L. Young (Jean Elder '37-'38). Mr. and Mrs. Young are returned missionaries from Manchuria.

A daughter, Sandra Anne, was born in Toronto on Oct. 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Alan MacKenzie (Vivienne Rooney '36-'37).

Winnifred Crafts, Reg. N., '36 was married to George Murray in Kingsville on Feb. 14.

May McCurdy, Reg. N., '37, was married to Clayton Wilton on May 30 in Brighton. Rev. Fred Darnell '30 officiated, and Olga Bangay, Reg. N., '37 was bridesmaid.

Hilda Bennett, Reg. N., '37 was married in Toronto on June 2 to Dr. Franklin T. Miles of Belleville.

Laura Foster '34, Reg. N., was married to Kenneth Dixon on June 12 in the Christian Alliance and Missionary Church, Belleville. Rev. Victor Freeman '30-'31 officiated.

Annie Gunn, Reg. N., '35 was married on June 14 to Ivan E. Bretzler of Fisherville.

Hazel Fulcher, Reg. N., '33 and UH Cronhielm '34, both missionaries of the China Inland Mission, were married on July 8 in Chungking, China. They left immediately for furlough in Canada.

Esther Campbell '35 was married to Hector Goodall '38 on August 6 in Kunming, Yunnan Province, China. Mr. and Mrs. Goodall are missionaries of the China Inland Mission.

Jean McElroy of Midland was married to Rev. Donald Sinclair '32 on Aug. 30. Mary Sinclair '40 was bridesmaid.

Maria Pardi '41 was married to Donald Keith '39 on Sept. 1.

Esther Trout '25 was married to W. J. Thompson on Sept. 2. They will live in Seaforth.

C. Frances Ward was married to Eugene Ayton '34 on Sept. 3 at Nancheng, She., China. Mr. and Mrs. Ayton are missionaries of the China Inland Mission.

Edna Kent '41 was married to Blois Crawford '41 on Sept. 3. They will live in Port Hillford, N.S., where Blois is minister of the Baptist church.

Doris Greenslade, E.C. '41, was married to Edward Twining, E. C. '42, on Sept. 6 in Islington Evangelical Church. Rev. Glen Wardell '13 officiated. Evelyn Pielow, E. C. '41, was bridesmaid. Earl Bucknam, E. C. '41, was best man, and Muriel Whilsmith '42 played the wedding music.

Phyllis Gibbs was married to Thos. Northcott '38-'41 on Sept. 6 at the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto.

Grace Jacomb was married to Frank Ward '32 on Sept. 10 in Sutton. Doris Jacomb, A.T.C.M., E. C. '43, was bridesmaid.

Reta Lippert '40-'41 was married to Roland White '41 on Sept. 13 in Kitchener. Rev. C. W. Sorley '28 officiated.

Lorna Whitelaw, Reg. N., '37 was married to B. W. Anderson on Sept. 20 in Toronto. They will live in Bala, Muskoka.

Louie Jenkins was married on Sept. 23 in Columbus, Ga., to Rev. Rufus Hill '39-'41, minister of First Baptist Church, Toronto.

On Friday, December 19, the fall term of the 48th Session will close, and the spring term will commence on Tuesday, January 6, at 9.00 a.m.

Meiba Trombley '35 was married to Flying Officer Arthur Weaver on Sept. 27 in Toronto.

Edith Jesseman '38-'39 was married to Henry N. Wells, Jr., on Oct. 5 in First Presbyterian Church, Schenectady, N.Y.

Helen Minkler '38 was married to Arnold Gillott '36 in Woodstock on Nov. 15. Rev. D. A. Burns '16, B.A., B.Th., officiated, Rev. Alvin Armstrong '35 was best man, Irene Watson '38 was soloist and Mrs. Roy Pitts (Jean Burrell '38) was organist.

Mrs. W. M. Roberts (Rebecca Ann Chapman, E. C. '11) died on July 15.

The death occurred suddenly in Trenton on September 25 of Donald John, infant son of Sgt. Obs. and Mrs. A. J. Heal (Evelyn Dennison), both of '37.

Sam Rozell '39-'41, of the R.C.A.F., died in Hamilton General Hospital on Oct. 31 following an automobile accident.

Rev. Geo. W. Medley '24 and Rev. Dixon H. Gordon '32 have been appointed chaplains with the Canadian Army. Capt. Medley is stationed at the Military Hospital, Camp Borden, and Capt. Gordon at Halifax.

Jean Pyper '26, Reg. N., is at home on furlough from Bolivia where she works under the Canadian Baptist Mission.

Rev. T. H. B. Somers, E.C. '27, M. A., S.T.M., is minister of Saint James Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

May Russell, E. C. '28, and Dr. Alex. Henderson '35 were among the new missionaries of the South Africa

General Mission who sailed from New York for South Africa on Nov. 22.

On the occasion of his retirement from the presidency of Elim Chapel Young People's Society in Winnipeg after 7 years in office, R. M. Arnold '34 was recently presented with a set of Matthew Henry's Commentaries.

Mrs. J. P. Eustace (Minnie Hubbel '34), who has been engaged in mission work in St. Vincent, B.W.I., is on furlough.

Beatrice Kitchen '34, Reg. N., has returned from Bolivia for medical care. She works under the Evangelical Union of South America.

H. Arnholt Strand '34 is pastor of St. John's and Zion Evangelical Lutheran churches in Valbrand, Sask.

Rev. C. Alvin Armstrong '35 has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Sudbury.

Hazel Benner '35, Reg. N., Olga Bangay '37, Reg. N., and Etta Winter '39 are nursing at the Nootka General Hospital, Ceepeecee, B.C., under the Shantymen's Christian Association.

Edgar Burritt '35 was ordained in Mount Forest Baptist Church on Sept. 15.

Herbert Whealy '33-'34, of the West Indies Gospel Mission, is on furlough this year and is completing his course at the College.

Betty Saunders '36, Reg. N., is a Nursing Sister at the Toronto Military Hospital.

The following graduates are attending Normal School this year: Jean Scott '36 and Cora Berdan '40 at London, Hazel Day '40 at Hamilton, and Doris Abernethy '41 at Toronto.

The Alumni Executive, which meets shortly, is anxious to have the names and addresses of all our former students in the armed forces. Please send any you know to the Alumni Secretary, 12 Spadina Road, and let us worry about the duplicates!

Anita Asselstine '36-'37 is teaching school and assisting with Gospel services at McBean, Quebec.

Louis de Groot '38 is attending Brandon College, Manitoba, this year.

Stanley Gaudin '38, B.A., is Graduate Assistant at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia under Prof. W. H. Wrighton.

Larry Guillermin '38 was ordained on Sept. 25 at Royalton Baptist Church, Gasport, N.Y.

Lenord Jones '38 was ordained on Oct. 7 in Bethel Baptist Church, Peterboro.

Wm. Leaton, Campbell MacFaslane and Gordon Woodcock, of '39, Roy Masseur '40, Jas. Johnston and Clifford McLaughlan, of '41, Elwyn McInnis and John Mair, '39-'41, and William Molnar '38-'41, have entered McMaster University this session.

Andrew H. McKenzie '39 is in charge of the pastoral work of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Edmonton this winter. At the same time he is taking third year Arts work at the University of Alberta.

Stanley Medhurst '39 is minister of the United Church at Viewfield, Sask.

Beulah Rediker '39 was ordained at Danville, Que., on Oct. 9. She is pastor of the Advent Christian church at Bear River, N.S.

Willa Ross '39, A.C.C.M., is studying in the language school at Lucknow, India. She will work under the Worldwide Evangelization Crusade.

Della Honsberger '40 has entered the nurses' training school of Hamilton General Hospital. Jane Minott '40,

of Toronto Western Hospital, Estelle Kjelson '41, of Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, and Viola Little '41, of Grace Hospital, Toronto.

John Craig '40 and Geo. Scotchmer, occasional student '40-'41, entered Gordon College of Theology and Missions, Boston, on Oct. 1.

Ernest Harrison '40 and John Hildebrand '40-'41 left in October for Nigeria where they will work under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Annie Longworth '40 and Ernest Heal '40-'41, who have been accepted as missionaries of the European Christian Mission, are taking further training in that Mission's school, American Bible Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Grace Woodcock '40 left in October for South America where she will engage in mission work under the Evangelical Union of South America.

On Sept. 7 Harry Butler '41 assumed the pastorate of Trinity Baptist Church, Niagara Falls.

Mildred Goulding '41 left in October for La Paz, Bolivia, where she will work under the Canadian Baptist Mission.

Clifford McLaughlan '41 has been called to the student pastorate of the Stouffville Christian church.

Margaret Riel '41 is studying at the Anglican Deaconess and Missionary Training House, Toronto, and Orra Hunt '40-'41, at the Presbyterian Deaconess Training School, Toronto.

Annicia Zhelka '41 has been appointed a missionary of the Toronto Jewish Mission.

TWO EVENINGS OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

Monday, December 15—by the students of the day classes

Thursday, December 18—by the students of the evening classes

8 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the College.

We invite our readers and their friends to attend these services.