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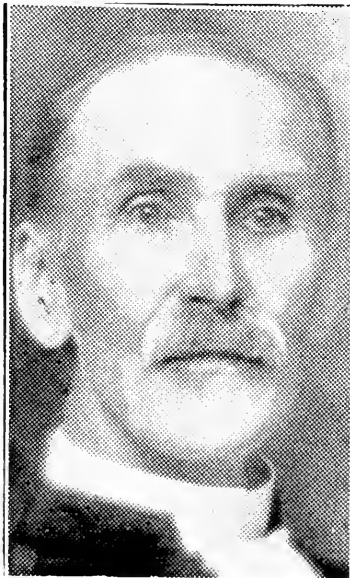
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Rev. Daniel McTavish, M.A., D.Sc.

Those who were students in the College during the early days, as well as those who have passed through its classes during the past four years, know something of the place the Rev. Dr. McTavish occupied in its teaching ministry. But it was not as a teacher alone that he served the College; he was a member of its Advisory Council from the beginning and took the keenest interest in its development. His sympathetic fellowship and wise counsel were of untold value both to the Board and to the Faculty. The College suffered a great loss by his



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death on March 28th.

Dr. McTavish combined in a remarkable way fine scholarship, Christlike character, and spiritual leadership. He was the gold medalist of his year at Queen's University and also the first man to win the D.Sc. degree. He was the leader in a remarkable evangelistic movement which the students of those days carried on in the city of Kingston.

After a short and successful pastorate in Lindsay, he was called in 1888, while not yet thirty, to Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto. There he carried on for a quarter of a century what one

well qualified to judge has described as the most intensive ministry in the city. His church became noted for its missionary enthusiasm and the spiritual activity of its young people, and also for the mission work it carried on in old St. John's ward, then the most needy section of the city. The Principal and Secretary of the Bible College were students in Toronto University in those days and they both had the high privilege of sharing in the work of that old Elizabeth Street Mission. No better training ground could any young Christian workers have than in such a field under the leadership of Dr. McTavish.

In the wider field of interdenominational activity, Dr. McTavish always took a prominent part. Every movement for reaching the unsaved or deepening the spiritual life of the churches found in him a sympathetic and ardent friend. He was one of the first to welcome the China Inland Mission to this country and was a

member of its North American Council from the beginning.

The time came when down-town Toronto crept up, swept away the old mission, and finally invaded the territory of the church itself. Its property was expropriated by the city for the extension of Bay Street. Instead of rebuilding on a new site the congregation united with a neighbouring one, Dr. McTavish becoming Minister Emeritus.

The years since then have been among the most fruitful of all his ministry. Besides lecturing in the Bible College, he has devoted himself to evangelistic work and conferences for the deepening of spiritual life throughout the country. He especially delighted in helping the ministers in the needier and more difficult mission fields and rural charges. Many a hard-working Canadian pastor owes much to Dr. McTavish. He being dead yet speaketh.

Mr. Thomas S. Cole

On Sunday, May 3rd, Mr. T. S. Cole, one of the Honorary Members of the Board of Governors and one of the warmest friends of the College, was suddenly called home.

At the time the Toronto Bible College was first established, Mr. Cole was the Travelling Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Associations for Ontario and Quebec. He was an aggressive Christian leader among young men, especially in personal evangelism and in Bible study. The new institution appealed to him as something after his own heart. He took an active interest in it from the beginning and was a member of its first General Council.

In 1912, having already retired from active Y.M.C.A. work and being at that time Canadian Secretary of the Gideons, Mr. Cole was chosen as a member of the Board of Governors.

During all the years since then he has served the College with an enthusiastic devotion which has meant much both to the members of the Faculty and to his fellow-members of the Board. He took great delight in the steady growth of the College, and in its spiritual welfare. It was a joy to him to realize that year by year increasing numbers of young men and women were coming to the classes for biblical training, and for this reason he took an eager interest in the development of the plans for the new building. Last year both he and Rev. Dr. Hooper, the two oldest remaining members of the Board of Governors, were created Honorary Members.

Mr. Cole was one of the last of the old guard of stalwart Christian laymen who forty years ago made Toronto a noted centre of spiritual and evangelistic effort.

The Principal's Annual Report

The outstanding impression which the past session has left with the members of the Staff is that of the solid and sure growth of the College. This impression will be justified by the following review and analysis of the year's work.

I.—*Attendance of Students.*

The regular classes had a total registration of 236, an increase of 24 over last year. There were 88 men and 148 women, distributed over the three years of the course as follows:—

First Year, 39 men, 66 women, total 105; Second Year, 20 men, 33 women, total 53; Third Year, 20 men, 45 women, total 65; Special students, including graduates, and missionaries home on furlough, 9 men, 4 women, total 13.

The denominational classification of this body of students is as follows: Anglican 10; Baptist 84; Mennonite 19; Presbyterian 21; United Church 24; Associated Gospel Churches 8; Brethren 5; Congregational 5; Evangelical 3; Pentecostal 3; Friends 2; Lutheran Evangelical 2; one each from the British Methodist Episcopal Church, the Christian Church, the Advent Christian Church, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Disciples of Christ, the Salvation Army, and 44 Undenominational and Independent. The list includes 18 denominations.

The homes represented by these students are distributed geographically as follows: 86 in Toronto; 30 in Hamilton; 95 in other points in Ontario; 7 in Montreal; 1 in New Brunswick; 1 in Nova Scotia; 1 in Alberta; 2 in Scotland; 2 in the United States; 1 in Cuba; 4 in European countries including Germany, Norway, Lithuania and Denmark, and 6 are missionary homes in China, Formosa, Africa and South America.

The Evening Class enrolment was 256, which happens to be the same

figure as last year's. There were 55 men and 201 women. Their denominational classification is as follows: Anglican 26; Baptist 81; Presbyterian 37; United Church 50; Undenominational 22; Independent 11; Christian and Missionary Alliance 6; Congregational 5; Pentecostal 5; Mennonite 5; Brethren 4; Christian Church 2; Evangelical Church 1; Advent Christian 1.

This body of Christian young people come from 95 separate congregations in all parts of Toronto, including 10 Anglican churches, 23 Baptist churches, 14 Presbyterian churches, 27 United churches, and 21 congregations belonging to 9 other branches of the Christian church. This fact helps to visualize the widely representative character of our Evening Classes, and also indicates something of the contribution the College is making to the churches of the city in the realm of Christian education.

II.—*The Work of Instruction.*

The regular class work was carried out along the lines of former years, with some new adjustments in the time-table. These adjustments had two objects in view, viz. the better co-ordination of the work of the separate years and the raising of the standard of the course as a whole. The curriculum of the College is already established so far as its scope and principles are concerned, but the complete co-ordination of its departments cannot be fully carried out without a further strengthening of the Staff.

We suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. McTavish last month. He came on the staff three years ago as a special lecturer in the New Testament department. He has enriched the life of the College by his clear and scholarly teaching and his Christlike character. Mr. Hyde's illness last summer made it necessary for him to relinquish the

Evening Class work which he had carried on with such acceptance for so many years, but he was able after the New Year to take an additional period in the Day Classes. Dr. Weston has been warned by his physician that he must not undertake any Evening lectures after this session, but he hopes to be able to continue his full Day Class programme.

The work of instruction has not been allowed to suffer during the past session, and with our present staff we hope to carry on the regular curriculum throughout the next session. For the Evening Classes, however, it may be necessary to seek some outside help.

The response which the students made to the rather heavy programme of class work put before them this session was very gratifying. The average attained by all the classes on the term examinations was never higher.

III.—*Student Activities.*
The session has been marked by an enlargement of the evangelistic work carried on by the College Student Body, and by a fuller organization of the Evening Classes and their closer co-operation with the Day Class activities.

The new spheres of activity entered by the Evangelistic Society include special work among children and young people. Evangelistic campaigns in two of the city churches were undertaken at the invitation of their ministers and office bearers. These proved to be of mutual benefit, not only bringing help and encouragement to the congregations concerned, but also giving the students valuable experience of the inner life and work of a congregation. The kind of service thus rendered by the College has become so widely and favourably known that some of the larger churches have invited the Student Band to conduct their evening services. More invitations of this kind were received before the end of the session than could be

accepted. Several requests have been made already for the services of the students next autumn.

It would be impossible to set out fully the results of these activities throughout the city and the neighbourhood of Toronto in which the students have been engaged during the session, but the following statistical summary may help to give some idea of them:—Services conducted by individual students: Sundays 248; week days 84; Total 332.

Services conducted by bands of students: Sundays 107; week days 47; Total 154.

Gospel services in city missions 34; Factory meetings at noon hour periods 52.

Children's meetings 108; Young People's meetings 55; Prayer meetings 28; Missionary meetings 113.

Two special church campaigns including 11 Sunday services, 13 Week night services, 6 Women's meetings, 12 Children's services and 3 Young People's meetings.

Sunday School Work: 59 Sunday Schools in the city were provided with teachers, 134 students being distributed among them, 122 serving as regular teachers and 12 as occasional teachers.

Visitation: Three groups of students visited regularly the wards of the General Hospital and other groups engaged in house to house visitation in connection with a number of city churches and missions.

Open Air Work: On Saturday evenings during the fall term, as long as the weather permitted open air meetings were conducted.

Gospel Music: On 246 occasions special music was furnished in the form of solos, duets, quartettes and choir selections for meetings of various kinds besides those referred to in the above summary.

Conversions: The reports of the practical and personal evangelism of the student body reveal the fact that

out of all this work at least 470 decisions for Christ were recorded during the seven active months of the session.

The various activities outlined in these statistics were all carried on outside the College. They belong to that contribution which the students are making every year to the Christian work of the churches in Toronto, under the capable supervision of Mr. Burns. There are other activities which are carried on inside the College and which have a good deal to do with the efficiency of the training provided by the College. They include the work of the Missionary Society, the devotional services of the School and the social and recreational fellowship of the students. These have all followed the methods of former years and it is unnecessary to make any further report regarding them.

Something should be said at this point about the care that is given the health of the students. The College is fortunate in having in Dr. Waters one who not only registers the students when they enter but keeps a watchful eye over them and ministers to their health during their course. Every year he selects from among the young women students a trained nurse, of whom there are usually several in the School, who as College nurse gives needed help from time to time. For two years in succession Miss Lulu MacIntosh has held this position and too much cannot be said of the attentive and sympathetic ministry she has given to many of the girls.

The dining room continues to be the most active and popular centre of student social fellowship, no fewer than 198 daily meals having been served by the dining room committee with an average attendance of 58.

IV.—*College Life.*

The student body passed through some experiences this year which put to the test the principle of self-govern-

ment upon which the College life proceeds. This self-government principle is carried out in the following way. Towards the end of each session the student body elects by ballot without previous nomination seven of their number, four young men and three young women, who compose the cabinet for the ensuing year. This cabinet, under the supervision of the faculty, presides over all the student activities, both outside and inside the College. Under its leadership the whole student body is organized in such a way that every student can find his or her place in the practical expression of College life and in the field of Christian service.

Rules are not imposed upon the students, but the great Christian principles of spiritual life and leadership are inculcated. Nothing is stereotyped; nothing is standardized. Initiative is developed, and the gifts of individual students are drawn out. They are encouraged to express their own personalities, under the common recognition of the Lordship of Christ and the unity of the Spirit. This whole system is permeated by the atmosphere of prayer for without constant prayer and watchfulness it would be impossible to maintain it efficiently.

The Cabinet for the past session was composed as follows: James Hutchinson, President and Head Boy; Ellen Callander, Vice-President and Head Girl; Rose Olsen, Secretary; Dixon Gordon, John Hadall and Roy Cook. They had a somewhat difficult task. The present senior year, to which most of them belong, had entered the College in the time when we were without a home and when the system of self-government with its special discipline was to some extent in abeyance. The larger numbers of students now entering the College take longer to become absorbed in the stream of College life and it is not so easy to incorporate them in the stu-

dent activities. And besides this, many of these students come with prejudices and attitudes of mind out of keeping with the College spirit and fellowship. For these reasons among others a number of serious difficulties arose in the early part of the session in the midst of the College life. But nothing was done by the Staff, to change the system of self-government. The students were given opportunity to solve their own problems. More attention was given, however, to the devotional life of the College and to the spiritual training of the students. Very valuable help in this respect was given by Mrs. E. R. York, who from week to week throughout the winter months opened her own home for small groups of the senior students to come for spiritual guidance.

As a result, not only were the difficulties of the early part of the session entirely removed, but the spiritual life of the College grew deeper and steadier as the session went on. The system of student self-government is now more firmly established than ever and is working admirably. The unity of the Spirit in the College was never more marked. Looking back over the session as a whole we may truthfully say that the quality of the work done in the class room, the character of the service rendered by the students in the city, and the spiritual depth and tone of the inner life of the College have all combined to make this session perhaps the strongest in our history.

V.—*The Graduating Class.*

The Bible College must finally be judged by the graduates it trains and sends out into the world. The present group of graduates comprises 16 men and 33 women, 49 in all, and is the largest class to graduate since the course was extended to three years. At least six of the young men are going on into the Christian ministry, in four separate denominations. A large proportion of the class will go to the

foreign field. No fewer than nineteen of them have already applied to foreign missionary societies. It should be added here that four other students who are not in the graduating class, having been only one or two years in the College, are already under appointment to sail to foreign fields this year. Before many months will have passed the students who are going out from the College now will be scattered in all the continents, and will be found in the harvest fields of China, India, Africa, South America and Europe, as well as in our own land. These facts show that the missionary character of the school is being well maintained. The Staff would regard their work as having failed if with all the instruction and training given in the class room there were not created in the hearts of the students a dominating life purpose to serve in the Kingdom of God.

It is the custom for those who are graduating from the College to leave behind some written statement regarding their religious and spiritual experiences and especially testifying to whatever they have found of value in the Bible College course. These statements are always interesting because of their personal nature. They help us to understand the reaction of the student to the training which is being given. Some of the testimonies this year contain sacred and intimate revelations of lives profoundly moved and changed.

Taking them as a whole we have been impressed with the following features about them. (1) Their breadth. They do not dwell upon any one part of the course as more important than another. All departments of the curriculum and all the instructors on the staff have co-operated in the general effect produced upon the student. (2) Their variety. They follow no stereotyped form of experience. The course has not repressed

the personality of the students or run them all into one mold. It has developed individuality. (3) Their discrimination. In most cases the students have come to discover by the time they reach their third year that the Bible College is attempting to set forth the pure Christianity of the New Testament in its essential reality, transcending all denominational distinctions and emphasizing no school of thought. Hence we find them confessing such discoveries as these: a larger conception of God; a broader outlook on life; a greater love and sympathy for people of all denominations; the unity of all Christians in Christ; the presence and power of the Holy Spirit; the living character of the Bible; the reality of spiritual things; a wider vision of the world's vast need of the Gospel.

One of the most thoughtful students of the class, summing up her testimony as to what the Bible College has meant in her case, writes, "The main impression left upon my mind is the wonder of Christ". And then she proceeds to elaborate what she means by this, under three points: the wonder of Christ in the Bible, the wonder of Christ in the instructors, and the wonder of Christ in the students.

One of the men receiving the diploma is a Russian lawyer in middle life, a graduate of the former St. Petersburg University, who lost his fortune when the revolution broke out, practised law in China until Russian extra-territorial rights were given up, and finally made his way to Toronto. Being a deeply religious man, but utterly dissatisfied with the only Christianity he had known, that of the Orthodox Greek Church of the Czarist regime, he sought for light by attending Protestant churches in Toronto. At last the truth began to dawn upon him and then he came to the Bible College. With what result, he describes in the following paragraphs:

"In August, 1929, I came to Toronto Bible College. Here I was graciously received, encouraged, and given all the information I desired. I joined the College and wholeheartedly devoted myself to study. Here I have approached the solution of all mysteries. I found the most sublime conception of the religion of Christ. It dawned upon me and now I stand with wide open eyes, with stretched-forth hands ready to face my God.

"Here in the College I was gently led into truth. Here I have learned to read the Bible with understanding. Here I have firmly established myself in Christ and decided to devote my years to the service of the Lord."

One of our special students, a Mennonite pastor, himself at one time a professor in a European institution, who spent a few months of the session with us, sent a letter to the faculty expressing his appreciation in the following terms:

"I have not been a regular student, nevertheless I think that the faculty will not be inattentive to the words of gratitude I wish to utter for having opened unto me the doors of the T.B.C. in such a friendly way, so that I have been able to attend a series of very good lectures on the most vital questions in Christian life. This has meant very much to me. The spirit that prevails in the College, and that rules the faculty as well as the students, in persona and in corpore, has kindled in me an affection for the T.B.C. that is going to remain with me in the years to come. It is Christianity of the best type that is lived and taught in the institution."

With these testimonies we may fittingly close the 37th annual report, simply adding on behalf of the faculty a note of profound gratitude for the sense of divine favour we enjoy and for the happy fellowship we share in carrying on this blessed work.

Communion Service

On the morning of Sunday, April 19th, two hundred students, friends and members of the Staff and Board gathered in the Assembly Hall to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. The service, conducted by the Principal, commenced at 11 o'clock.

The late Rev. Dr. McTavish had consented to address the gathering on this occasion, but, instead, the message was brought by Rev. T. B. Hyde.

This annual event has become one of the much appreciated features associated with the close of the session.

Graduation Exercises

Walmer Road Baptist Church was packed to the doors ten minutes before the time announced for the opening of the graduation exercises on Friday, April 24th. About eight o'clock it was found necessary to close the doors and thus a considerable number of interested friends failed to gain admission. The College exceedingly regrets this unfortunate circumstance and hopes that those who were on the outside will recognize that every effort was made to accommodate as large a crowd as possible.

The programme of the evening was of a very high order throughout. The choral selections were well rendered and the choir of one hundred voices, under the direction of Mr. Schildrick, made a worthy contribu-

tion to the exercises of the evening. The addresses of Mr. Roy C. Cook on "The Value of the Supernatural", Miss Ethel G. Dawson on "God's Response to Man's Cry", and Mr. Geo. Darby on "The Working of God's Power" were uniformly good and called attention to three phrases of Christian experience and witness.

The President, Mr. E. G. Baker, presented the diplomas and certificates to some sixty students, after which Rev. Canon Osborne Troop led in the prayer of dedication.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Bingham, pastor of Walmer Road Church, led in the devotional exercises. The College is grateful to the officials of this church for the use of their splendid auditorium.

A Russian Lawyer's Testimony

By Mr. Serge Constantinoff, one of the Graduating Students

To begin with, in my early youth I was a religiously minded boy. I believed in God. I used sincerely to confess my sins to the priest. My relation to God and my responsibility before him for all my deeds were real to me.

Later on, at the age of between sixteen and nineteen, when I got interested in science, especially in the then vague materialistic conception of the universe, a struggle came into my soul between what I held to be the latest findings of science and my religion.

I was reared in the Greek Orthodox

creed—the state religion of Czarist Russia. My God was a Greek Orthodox God, the arbitrary God of complex spiritual and material worlds, God of angels, of saints, of images, of sacred rituals, and of a vast host of priests of all ranks—God identified with a certain political and economical system of my country and with that regime of oppression which was characteristic of Czarist Russia, to which the church always lent its support.

Well, in that struggle of my soul, that kind of religion could not stand.

I have abandoned it. I did not know any better. I was not able to discriminate between the true, everlasting God and the misrepresentations of Him. I was not able to retain God. I lost Him and can vividly remember now all the pain and my grief over that. Happily it was not for ever.

After having graduated in 1898 from St. Petersburg University, I engaged in the practice of law. The material interests of practical life, the municipal activities in which I was taking part, and the management of a growing fortune were absorbing all my attention. I was well on my way to the usual completion of this kind of career when the Great War came and, as its aftermath, the great Russian revolution. In 1919 I left Russia and went to China. While in Tientsin I made friends with some missionaries and came into contact with the Union Church (Protestant) over there, and frequented its meetings. But my interest in religion remained rather superficial. It was not until I came to Toronto in 1924 that I approached what proved to be the turning point in my life.

I cannot explain now how I should account for it, but it was here in Toronto that I have approached the problems of religion with zeal and eagerness. I have approached the great questions as they were discussed by different prominent pastors of Toronto and visiting evangelists. I diligently used to attend all services and campaigns as my spare time allowed me. But I did not feel satisfied. I could not accept religion on the principle, 'Just as I am'. I was after truth, but was not able to see it readily, to grasp it with my intellect as I expected. A kind of revolt grew in me against what seemed to me to be merely a well-balanced phraseology. Many learned sermons and discussions, logical as they were, seemed to well illumine details of the structure

without showing the central point thereof.

But the guiding light came finally, and there happened that which I cannot exactly formulate. A kind of saying influence came into my mental turmoil. It was not along any particular line of argument. I saw the hidden light. It satisfied my reason. It came in with warmth of feeling and anticipation of peace. I vividly remember it was on my way home from a certain Baptist church of Toronto that I rested in that feeling of acceptance. If I had to describe that in a pictorial way, I should say I saw His smiling face. I was ready to accept the truth of the loving heavenly Father of my spirit.

Needless to say how much more since then I have been engaged in attending to my religious interests. In August, 1929, I came to Toronto Bible College. I was desirous of knowing all about it, wondering if I could take the course. I was anxious to have systematic instruction on the doctrines of Christianity. Here I was graciously received, encouraged, and given all the information I desired. I joined the College and whole-heartedly devoted myself to study. Here I have approached the solution of all mysteries. I found the most sublime conception of the religion of Christ. It dawned upon me and now I stand with wide open eyes, with stretched-forth hands ready to face my God.

Now I understand that He was always with me, in me, in the darkest moments of my unbelief, not seen by me until I was ready to receive His revelation of Himself, and then I saw beyond any shadow of doubt that He was my Redeemer.

Here in the College I was gently led into truth. Here I have learned to read the Bible with understanding. Here I have firmly established myself in Christ and decided to devote my years to the service of the Lord.

The T.B.C. Faculty

At the Graduating Class Banquet on March 27th, the toast to the Faculty and the College was presented by Miss Barbara Beal, the Vice-President of the Class, in the following address:

To toast the Faculty and the School separately would be an impossibility for the 1931 Class. We love the beautiful building that is the visible T.B.C., but to us who are about to leave its walls, College is much more than bricks and mortar. Members of the College family who have returned to visit during our three years' sojourn here all speak of their love for T.B.C. and what it means to look back upon the happy fellowship, the blessed prayer meetings, and the hours spent within its walls. There is a "something" that we call atmosphere found nowhere else, and that we ourselves have looked back to in holiday times, that is the real T.B.C., the T.B.C. that we will always carry in our hearts no matter to what lonely, or very busy, part of the globe the Lord may lead us.

But there is a real reason for our love for T.B.C. The "something" to which we referred is a tangible thing and we believe that our honoured Faculty have much to do with it. Time does not permit us to give anything approaching a complete appreciation of each one, but we do give thanks to God for the privilege of the three years' training under such men.

A short time ago a well-known Toronto doctor who was attending me, discovering that I was a T.B.C. student, asked, "Has Dr. Waters still the same fault that he had as a student at the Toronto University?" Asking to what he was referring, I received the reply, "Dr. Waters had only one fault, and that was that he hadn't any faults." And we as a class are so glad that those outside of T.B.C. have discovered what we

have long known to be true.

Mr. Hyde is probably a little disappointed that our banquet did not take place on March 17th instead of 27th, and also that we have blue and silver instead of green and gold decorations, but perhaps next year's class will come up to his expectations on these points. We are so glad to have him with us tonight in order to be able to tell him that we feel better equipped for our life work as the result of the very practical lessons we have learned through him.

There has been one period each week that we have approached with mixed feelings; that is Dr. McTavish's. He has given us so much and our grief has always been that we left that class with writers' cramp because we could never keep up with him. But we also left it richer in spiritual things and we are sorrier than words can express that he has been laid aside. We trust that he may yet be spared to labour for the Master he has served so faithfully these many years.*

What shall we say of Dr. Weston? We do appreciate the way he has led us through a three years' study of Systematic Theology and yet never has there been a suggestion of controversy in his classes. We have enjoyed his apt illustrations and the unique methods he employs to make us "search the Scriptures", and we are truly grateful that he has been spared to us through this year. May it be for many more to come.

When Mr. Burns was added to the Faculty as Superintendent of Student Activities, we all rejoiced—a member of the College family; one who knows so well what T.B.C. stands for; one to whom we could take problems that seemed trivial perhaps, but were very real to us; and one who sought opportunities of practical work for us. Mr.

*Dr. McTavish passed away on the day afterwards.

Burns has had some of the "dry" lectures to give, about which we may have grumbled, but we all appreciate what he has done for the student body as well as the individual members of this Class.

I can only give greetings to Mr. Loney, for I am not taking New Testament Greek. Most of you know him well, but he is "Greek" to me.

This toast would not be complete without a mention of Mrs. Gray and Miss Lunn who, amid all the busy-ness of the office work, always have a cheery word for us. And Brother Bob—he calls himself the "Dust-man", but we would call him the "Gold Dust-man".

Twice a week we have a very happy time and are allowed to work off our exuberant spirits. During these classes most of us find that we really have very shaky knees and that our hands do not always move as they should. Of course you know I am referring to the singing classes. Mr. Shildrick's patience seems to be unlimited. He has, as well, the happy faculty of getting results from poor as well as good material. He has said he enjoys his work with us, and we can say that he is a real tonic to us.

Mrs. McNicol has won the hearts of all the girls, to say nothing of the boys, and we eagerly look forward to our turn to go and have tea with her on Monday afternoons. We only wish we could go more often. At the Col-

lege social last week a second year girl and a third year girl came to blows as to which one should sit beside Mrs. McNicol! You will be glad to hear that there was a peaceful ending, as Mrs. McNicol offered to sit between the combatants.

Every morning as we assemble for the Devotional Exercises followed by the clear study of God's Word, we realize that our beloved Principal is daily teaching us, by example, as well as by word, to love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Bible characters have been made to live before us and we have learned many practical lessons, and have realized how human the men and women of those days were. Even in Elisha's day there were struggling Bible students! But it is not only in the class room that we meet our Principal. He alone knows how many of the Class have found the needed counsel in his study and have been strengthened and helped to live a better Christian life. And no gathering of the students is quite complete without Mr. McNicol, who besides being "Our Principal" will always be "The Principal" and "the only one" to each one of us wherever we go.

We are approaching the Easter festival and not the Christmas season, but we would with Dickens' Tiny Tim echo and re-echo the words, "God bless them every one."

Tributes to the T.B.C. Students

From the Superintendent of Yonge Street Mission.

"There is nothing that affords me greater pleasure than to write this letter, in acknowledgment of the splendid service rendered the Mission by the Toronto Bible College students, during the past fall and winter months.

"May I take this opportunity of paying tribute to their earnestness

and zeal, and their passion for souls, manifested in the Thursday night services, and at the noonday lunches.

"The large number of unemployed this year necessitated our having two lunches and two services on each occasion, and the dear boys stayed right through with us. There was no task too difficult for them to undertake, and how they did work, with a buoyant spirit and a sunny smile,

"Then the young ladies were a great help to us on Fridays, as they lifted their sweet voices in song, singing the Gospel down into the hearts of the men.

"We never had a happier winter, and never had sweeter fellowship with the students than this year. May God richly bless them in their service for Him this summer."

J. C. Davis.

From the Pastor of Silverthorn Baptist Church.

"The Evangelistic Band of the Toronto Bible College comprises a group of very fine young people. The simplicity of their way and the sincerity of their purpose, so manifest on every hand, at once arouse interest and begot confidence. The Saturday afternoons spent in a canvass of the district with announcements of the meetings proved helpful. The variety of

ministry revealed the variety of talent in the group. The simple talks to the children were very effective, and the clear and sane Gospel messages were well received. One of the most gratifying features of their work was the tactful and fruitful personal work they did. It was not through open expression of desire during the meeting, but through careful contacts formed after the meeting and skilful, prayerful handling that decisions were secured for Christ.

"The atmosphere these young people carried with them and the trail of good will and elevated desire bear testimony to their worth and to the character of their training in the school.

"I am glad to offer this tribute to the students of the Toronto Bible College after the happy fellowship we have had in the brief campaign in the Silverthorn Baptist Church, Toronto, March, 1931."

A. R. Park.

Student Outing

It was with a sense of disappointment the students of the College awoke on Wednesday, April 22nd, to observe that the sun was hiding behind the clouds. As the morning wore on, however, the clouds disappeared, and at the appointed hour, a large body of students left the College to celebrate their annual picnic at High Park.

Just as a ball game was in progress, the rain began to fall and the students had to retrace their steps. They may have been suffering from damp clothes when they arrived at the College, but certainly not from damp spirits, as was evident by the noise heard from every corner of the building.

The game of Musical Chairs was enjoyed in the basement by as many as could participate. While this was going on a number were in the Assembly Hall singing old Gospel hymns and choruses with much enthusiasm.

Presently, a voice was heard above the din, demanding order, and ere long, under the capable leadership of Bob Simpson, head of our Social Committee, a promenade was under way.

A few more games were played, then (what a welcome sound!) the supper bell rang, and in a few minutes approximately one hundred might-have-been picknickers sat down to a very appetizing meal.

A short after-dinner programme in the dining-room took the place of after-dinner mints, and judging from the amount of laughing, no one seemed to be suffering from indigestion. The trio "Grace, Grit and Gumption" appeared for the *first time* in the history of the College and with their "dog" made a big hit. Several medals were then presented to those who had tried so hard to play Volley Ball, the school's newest recreation.

After a short intermission we all wended our way to the Assembly Hall to enjoy the evening programme. The first two items were very humorous and caused a great deal of merriment. The programme then took a more serious turn when two of our students effectively rendered a couple of duets. These were more than appreciated by all. Our newly elected Head Boy manifested one of his talents when he gave an illustrated read-

ing on "Grey's Elegy". The Male Quartette sang, and then came the grand climax when our beloved Principal took charge of the Family Worship, a most fitting close to the activities of the day.

Thus after ten strenuous days of examinations, the silver lining of the heavy clouds revealed itself, although it may not have been so bright to some who knew it was their last picnic as T.B.C. students. E.F.

Alumni Conference

The prevailing business depression in no way affected the attendance or spirit of the annual gathering of graduates and friends held this year on Thursday afternoon and evening, April 23rd. Evidences of renewed interest on the part of many in the expansion of the College were manifest throughout the sessions, culminating in a unanimous decision on the part of those present to appeal to all graduates to more liberally support the work of their Alma Mater.

The afternoon session was largely taken up with business matters and addresses. The theme discussed was, "My Personal Responsibility to Toronto Bible College". Mrs. Weber dealt with the subject from the standpoint of Personal Interest, Mr. Wardell from that of Prayer Interest, and Mr. Burns from that of Practical Interest, after which Dr. Waters conducted an open discussion on the topic, which was characterized by enthusiasm and interest throughout.

The following officers were elected for the year:—

Hon. Presidents—Mr. L. E. Chinal, '06, New York; Rev. A. A. Wilson, '13, South Africa General Mission.

President—Mr. Ambrey de Vere Hunt, '27, Sudan Interior Mission, Nigeria (now on furlough).

1st Vice-President—Pastor John Byers, '30, Orillia, Ont.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Mr. Reuben Chappell, '26, Toronto.

3rd Vice-President—Miss Constance Knight, '28, Toronto.

Secretary-Treas.—Rev. D. A. Burns, '16.

Day Class Councillors—Miss Kathleen Brown, '22; Rev. Glen Wardell, '13; Miss A. Jennings, '24.

Evening Class Councillors—Mrs. Austing, '29; Mr. H. H. Lane, '30.

Non-Graduates—Mr. J. H. Hunter; Miss Eva Meen.

Under-Graduates—Mr. John McLeod; Miss Grace Weir; Mr. Jas. Aitken.

Faculty—Principal and Secretary.

So great was the interest in these sessions that after every available seat in the dining hall was occupied over forty had to be accommodated in the Common Rooms for supper. During this hour of fellowship brief messages were given by Mr. Revell and Rev. Dr. T. G. R. Brownlow of Grand Rapids, Mich., both of the second graduating class, who once again sat side by side within the halls of T.B.C.; Rev. E. Roy Baker, '15, of East Syracuse, N. Y.; and Miss Rose E. Bolton, '12, recently returned from the North-West.

At the evening meeting, the Assembly Hall was filled and the reports presented showed a year of increased service and blessing upon the life of the student body. Rev. A. A. Wilson welcomed the graduating classes into

the fellowship of the Alumni and briefly reminded the members of the opportunities presented by the challenge of the unevangelized millions.

Summer Prayer Meetings

On Tuesday evenings, between each College session, the students of the Evening and Day Classes remaining in the city gather for prayer and fellowship. At these meetings the work of the College is remembered in prayer, and the students on summer fields as well as those permanently located in all parts of the world are remembered at the throne of grace.

On Tuesday evening, May 12th, about seventy thus gathered listened

to an inspiring message from Rev. John Hall, of Nigeria. It is planned that on June 9th Mr. P. Watson will speak on the work of the South Africa General Mission, on July 7th Mr. Koukle will speak on the work of the Mission to Lepers, and on August 11th Mr. Anderson on the work of the Inland South America Missionary Union.

Friends of the College are invited to these Tuesday evening gatherings.

Annual Picnic

Our second annual College Picnic will be held on Saturday, June 20, at 2.15 p.m., in Sherwood Park, North Toronto. This park is beautifully located, has a natural woodland, and provides rustic seats and ample table

accommodation. Students and friends of the College may reach the Park by taking a Yonge Street car to Eglinton Avenue and transferring to a bus going East. Buses stop on Sherwood Avenue, just outside the Park.

Students who Received Graduation Diplomas

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| Lena T. Alger | Hamilton, Ont. | Margery J. Howe | Toronto |
| Mary Laing Allison | Toronto | James M. Hutchinson | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Ada Amer | Hamilton, Ont. | Lewis James Lake | Toronto |
| John Alfred Austin | Mimico | Frances Leaker | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Barbara Mary Beal | Toronto | Greta Isabel Lloyd | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Dora Victoria Billings | Hamilton, Ont. | Flora Bell McCutcheon | Creemore, Ont. |
| Lillian Pearl Black, Amaranth Stn., Ont. | | Hilda Elizabeth McIlroy | Toronto |
| Elizabeth A. Brown | Preston, Ont. | Ian A. Macintyre | Glasgow, Scotland |
| Mabel S. Brubaker | Lancaster, Pa. | Hilda Morris | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Ellen A. Callander | Guelph, Ont. | Rose Evelyn Olson | Toronto |
| Arthur Gordon Chambers, | Stratford, Ont. | Nellie Charlotte Poole | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Serge Constantinoff | Toronto | Gladys Aileen Pow | Simcoe, Ont. |
| Roy Campbell Cook | Clinton, Ont. | Eva Grace Robertson | Dunsmore, Ont. |
| Martha Letson Crawford, | | Gertrude Elizabeth Schade, | |
| | Woodstock, Ont. | | Dashwood, Ont. |
| George Darby | Hamilton, Ont. | Ada Doddington Smith | Humber Bay |
| Ethel Georgina Dawson | Boston, Mass. | Jean Sinclair Spence | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Freida Mae Faust, | Southampton, Ont. | Orville Thamer | Fullarton, Ont. |
| Elizabeth L. M. Ferguson, | | John William Ernests Thompson, | |
| | Hamilton, Ont. | | Toronto |
| Annie E. T. Geddes | Montreal, Que. | Ethel Letitia Thompson, | |
| John William Hadall | Hamilton, Ont. | | Owen Sound, Ont. |
| Margaret R. H. Halliday | Toronto | John A. Trewin | Toronto |
| David Wood Hanna | Toronto | Edna Maud Trout | Stratford, Ont. |
| James Noble Hepburn, | | Clifford Paul VanDuzen, | |
| | Glasgow, Scotland | | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Violet Hewson | Brampton, Ont. | Leslie Roy Wambold | Markham, Ont. |
| Wilhelmina Hoogstad | Chesley, Ont. | Audrey Carolyn Wood, | |
| | | | Thornbury, Ont. |

Students who Received Certificates of Attendance

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| Louis Joseph Daigle | Toronto | HildaMaud Querpel | Hamilton, Ont. |
| Catherine McCallum Kelly | Toronto | Irene Thede | Port Elgin, Ont. |

Students who Received Evening Class Certificates

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| Frances Mary Helps | EdithMay Newby |
| Albert Russell Jones | Iva Isabel Preston |
| Lena R. Jones | Doris Watford |
| Margaret L. Knowles | Gordon Arthur Young |
| Helen Margaret Miller | |

News of the T. B. C. Family

A son (John Frederick) was born on April 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Haugh at Matto Grosso, Brazil.

A son (Wilson Bruce) was born on April 21st to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Groh (Nora Weber '23) at St. Catharines.

A son (Elmer Milton) was born on May 5th, to Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Loney ('22) at Humber Bay.

Philip H. Bird, '30, and Ruby Walling, a former student, were married in the College by the Principal, on August 30th.

On January 7th, Hilda Duckworth, R.N. ('23), was married to Mr. George Malcolm at Duzdah, S. E. Persia, where they are serving under the Bible Churchman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. T. F. Barker of Washington, D.C., who as Miss Ada Moyer had almost completed a course in the Toronto Bible Training School before going as a missionary to Turkey in 1899, has been granted the standing of a graduate of the College of the year 1900, for an essay on Turkey's need of the Gospel and in view of her long service in that land.

Rev. George M. Blackett, '15, after seven years of successful ministry as pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle in Owen Sound, has accepted an invitation to become pastor of Christie Street Tabernacle, Toronto.

Mrs. W. H. Nowack (Alice Broughton, '20), Miyang Hsien, Honan,

China, in a recent letter tells of much blessing upon her work, in the face of great opposition.

Rev. Geo. A. Brown, '24, and Rev. Albert Eikenaar, '24, were admitted to the degree of B.A. at the convocation of McMaster University, in Hamilton, on May 12th.

W. H. Moore (Harry Moore, '28, who was Head Boy during his last year at College, was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry by a council of churches of the Northern Association of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, on April 30th, at Capreol, where he has laboured with much success during the past three years. Rev. Mr. Moore has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the Eastview Baptist Church, Ottawa, and commences his new duties on June 1st.

Miss Edith Peake ('28) who has been teaching in one of the most northerly points in Ontario, has been appointed deaconess and Bible woman in connection with Evangel Hall Presbyterian Mission, Toronto.

Miss Barbara Stevenson ('28) graduated from Wyckoff Heights Hospital of Brooklyn, N.Y. on May 20th.

Rowland Simpkins ('29) has received the B.Th. degree from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and has been ordained to the Christian ministry. He is under appointment to French Equatorial

Africa under Sudan United Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Schulte Velma Turner '29 are living at Waterloo, Ont., where Mr. Schulte is taking a course in Waterloo College.

Miss Gertrude Gibb ('30) has been accepted by the Inland South America Missionary Union and will be sailing soon for the field.

Miss Lily Poley '30, has completed a course of training at the Nursing at Home Mission and is under appointment to French Equatorial Africa under Sudan United Mission.

John Trewin, '31, has been appointed sailors' missionary at the port of Toronto, under the Sailors' Mission of The Upper Canada Tract Society.

Roy C. Cook, '31, has been appointed pastor of the Baptist Church at Sandwich, Ont.

Minnie Hoogstad, '31, is in charge of the Rest Home, Toronto, of the Sudan Interior Mission.

Dixon H. Gordon, '32, has been appointed student pastor of the Baptist church at Dunkin, Que.

James N. Hepburn ('31) is at Westfield, N.B., under the Home Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. He is going on into the Presbyterian ministry.

Gordon Chambers ('31) and Edna Trout ('31) have been accepted by the Women's Missionary Board of the Regular Baptists of Canada for foreign service in Belgian Equatorial Africa. In the meantime Mr. Chambers has been appointed for a few months to a Home Mission pastorate in Saskatoon, and Miss Trout will take further training in the Nursing-at-Home Mission in Toronto.

Orville Thamer ('31) and Ethel Neale ('30) have been accepted by the Sudan Interior Mission for work in Northern Nigeria.

Ronald Bommer, '32, Clifford Van-Duzen, '31, and George Darby, '31, are serving the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec this summer as

student pastors at Widdifield, Bel-fountain and Capreol respectively.

Mr. Moir A. J. Waters, B.A., the son of our Secretary, graduated with honours from Emmanuel College, Toronto, in April. He has received the distinction of being appointed Assistant to Dr. Trevor Davis in Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, his duties to begin in September.

James Ferguson and Frank W. Dean are on summer fields in Northern Ontario under the Presbyterian Board. Mr. Ferguson is at Thessalon, Ont., and Mr. Dean at Echo Bay.

Rose Olsen '31, has been appointed a visiting missionary in connection with the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Victor Freeman, '33, is in charge of the work at Lappin Avenue Mission, Toronto.

Earl Phillips, Bertha Belch, Florence Shepherd, Ada Smith and Elizabeth Ferguson have been appointed to work in the Bronte Camp under the Toronto City Mission.

Mrs. Beth McKay, Minnie Hubbel, and Florence Glover are spending July and August in work at Bowmanville, in the camp conducted by Memorial Institute, Toronto.

Frank Ward, '32, has been appointed for the summer to work in connection with the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Audrey Evoy, Lola Walker and Nellie Horne are to be at Ferndale, Muskoka, during the Canadian Keswick Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Ahnas ('30) graduated on May 24th in the Christian Service Medical Course at the National Bible Institute, New York.

The Cabinet chosen to preside over the student activities for the session 1931-32 is composed of the following members: John McLeod, president and head boy; Grace Weir, vice-president and head girl; Ella Miller, secretary; Viola M. Good, assistant head girl; Robert Simpson, Victor Freeman, and Dixon Gordon.

