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A Personal Impression of the 1948 Graduation Exercises

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THE PRINCIPAL has very kindly suggested that I should give you the doubtful benefit of my personal impressions of a memorable evening. And certainly Thursday evening, April twenty-ninth, was an occasion which will be long remembered by all who were privileged to be present in the Toronto Varsity Arena. Alternative ways of attempting this task have presented themselves to my mind. I might try to describe the events of the evening in the order of their occurrence. But this could hardly avoid being tedious and, quite inevitably, it would fail to recapture the spirit and the thrill of the occasion as a whole. I shall therefore follow the broader course of mentioning, in some detail, a few of the reflections prompted by the Graduation Exercises as they proceeded and as I hold them in recollection.

To begin with, there was the sheer immensity of the occasion. In a day when great gatherings are chiefly associated with sporting or political interests, there is something deeply moving and impressive in the sight of several thousands of people assembled with a common concern for the Gospel and the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. To see so great a gathering as a whole is the chief, and perhaps the only, compensation for a seat on the front row of the platform! A high degree of personal interest attached, of course, to the proceedings and helped to explain so large an assembly. The fact that forty-one students of the College were receiving their Graduation Diplomas, and eleven others, Evening Class Certificates, meant that very many of those present had been drawn by ties of friendship. But that is in no way inconsistent with the deeper spiritual loyalties to which the ceremony was ultimately committed. Both the personal ties and the deeper loyalties and, related to both, the widespread influence of the Toronto Bible College, were reflected in the presence of groups of people from points as far distant as Kitchener and Montreal. Their joining the great company of Toronto friends left us in no doubt that we were brought together by a great and warm family spirit. In this connection, one other detail seems worthy of mention. Both on the platform and elsewhere in the audience were to be seen Church leaders,

and, in particular, outstanding officials of overseas Mission Boards. This was no mere accident. It is a witness to the fact that the Toronto Bible College has always set itself to work in close co-operation with the Christian Churches. There is no opposition between it and them in respect of the College's basis or of its aims. There is, in fact, on the part of the College authorities an earnest desire to aid the Churches by sending into their service a steady stream of trained and loyal workers.

From earliest times the authentic Christian spirit has expressed itself in song, alike in moments of exaltation and in days of persecution. It is relevant, therefore, to note that one of my outstanding impressions of the Graduation Exercises was the volume and the heartiness of the singing. The hymns had been well chosen, and everybody knew all the tunes! We began with a great hymn of praise and, thereby, our attention was, from the very outset, directed to the majesty and the redeeming love of "the King of Heaven". Later in the evening an evangelistic hymn more widely used in an earlier generation, but not without its message for our day, reminded us of the believer's sure refuge in the unchanging Christ. And as climax to the movement of the evening and with a special relevance for those who, only a few minutes earlier, had received their Diplomas and Certificates we sang a hymn of dedication to Him Who has called us to serve Him "to the end". The sequence of ideas thus represented, and shared by all of us, was spiritually and psychologically sound. Further, the various musical items rendered by groups of students, or by the College Choir as a whole, were of a high standard and gave clear evidence both of competent training and of thorough practice. It is always dangerous to mention names, but few of us who heard Mrs. Marion Newby sing that evening will easily forget the contribution that she made, aesthetically and spiritually, to its programme.

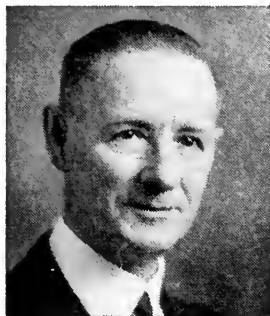
But last, and chief, of all the impressions left upon me was that of the part taken, with such manifest sincerity and enthusiasm, by the students themselves in the evening from first to last. It was their evening in an especial sense, and neither the arrangement of the proceedings nor their own spirit allowed us to forget the fact. Brief allusion has already been made to their part in the music, but nothing moved me so much as the "Words of Witness" from six Graduating Students, and quite outstanding among them, the testimony of a girl who had known something of the strains and demands of life in a European land where life has been dominated by godless forces. She spoke as they, and they alone, can speak who have experienced the harsh realities that are unknown, and almost unimagined, by the rest of us. And when the graduation ceremony was actually under way, the incident which gave the whole programme its focal centre and for which so many had been waiting, we were all kept alive to its sustained interest. With so large a graduating class, it might have been tedious. That was prevented by the admirable arrangements made in favour of orderly movement, by the personal comments of a Principal who knew his students intimately enough to be able to say the pithy personal word about them, by the President's genius for friendliness, and again let it be said, most of all by the manifest devotion and consecration of the students concerned.

It was a long evening, perhaps it was a shade too long for some of us. That is the only hint that I will offer of possibly legitimate criticism. But it was alive from first to last, and it had its benediction, in the double sense of the word, from one to whom thousands of us owe so much, the College's distinguished and beloved Principal-Emeritus. And as we left the Arena we felt sure that such a graduating class has a rich contribution to make to the Christian cause, alike in Canada and in the distant lands to which many of its members hope and expect to go.

Introducing New Staff Members

(Adapted from the Principal's Annual Report.)

Changes will be taking place in our College Staff this summer. It is obviously with mixed feelings that this announcement is made, for relationships that have existed through the years, and that have been very fruitful and happy, cannot be severed without a sense of inevitable loss.



Dr. J. M. Waters

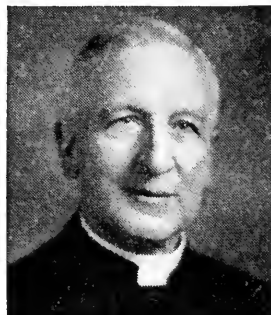
A very gracious and kindly Christian gentleman has served as College Treasurer for fifteen years. He has looked after our financial interests with meticulous care and unflinching devotion. Though seldom seen by the students, he has been a constant visitor to the College in fulfillment of the Treasurer's responsibilities. While he is laying down the reins of office, we are most happy that he will remain as a valued member of the Board of Governors. I refer to Mr. John Westren who, as a leading member of Walmer Road Baptist Church, maintains the link between the College and the Church in which it had its inception.

A member of the Faculty, who has endeared himself to successive generations of students, serving them unselfishly and untiringly, both as College Physician and Registrar, for some twenty-three years, is retiring this summer from the full-time Teaching Staff and from the post of Registrar, an office that he has eminently graced. We rejoice that Dr. Waters will continue to serve, however, as the beloved Physician of T.B.C., still available for consultation by students and graduates, and he will also deliver his valuable medical lectures.

Still another change will take place in the office of the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Vesey has given eight years unremitting service in this important capacity; showing at all times assiduous attention to his duties, and unflinching courtesy to all with whom he has to do. He has not spared himself in fulfilling the requirements of his position with us. As he lays down his office this summer, he leaves the College with all good wishes, and our prayers for God's continued blessing on his life and ministry.

Since in the natural order of things changes must come, we are very glad to announce that these positions are to be filled from within our own Bible College fellowship. **OUR NEW TREASURER** needs no introduction to any of you, I am quite sure. Mr. G. G. Richardson, a prominent Chartered Accountant, is well known in this city for his Christian life and service. He is an elder of Knox Presbyterian Church, and is closely related to our T.B.C. constituency. His sister, Mrs. John Trewin, is a member of the S.I.M. staff in Nigeria, and both she and her husband are graduates of the Bible College.

OUR NEW REGISTRAR is also not unknown to you. For the past two years Rev. C. Alvin Armstrong has been serving us in a part-time capacity. He was introduced to the Board and Council at our last annual meeting. For the sake of our record may I add that he was graduated from the Bible College in 1935; graduated thereafter from McMaster University in 1940; obtained his M.A. degree



Rev. F. G. Vesey

from McMaster in 1946, and is at present engaged in graduate studies in the University of Toronto leading to his Doctor's degree in Philosophy. He served as pastor of the Baptist Church in Blenheim 1939-41, and of the Baptist Church in Sudbury from 1942-46. During his two years with us he has made a very fine contribution to the work of the College, and has won the confidence and admiration of the whole student body.

OUR NEW SECRETARY is also one of our own graduates. Rev. Denzill E. Raymer graduated from T.B.C. in 1940. Before coming to us, however, he had studied Civil Engineering at the University of Toronto, obtaining the degree of B.A.Sc. in 1936. It had been his desire on leaving the Bible College to enter missionary service in Africa together with Mrs. Raymer, also one of our graduates. But as the war had broken out he was requisitioned to serve in D.I.L., (Defence Industries Limited) from May 1940 to July 1945. He began with D.I.L. as a Head Office Engineer, was transferred to the Verdun Works to enter the Engineering Training Department, and eventually became Supervisor of Head Office and Plant Training. When D.I.L.'s activities ended, Mr. Raymer was taken into C.I.L. (Canadian Industries Limited). He remained with C.I.L. from September 1945 to May 1947.

He had, however, in 1941, become the lay pastor of Grace Church, Ville la Salle, the only Protestant Church in that suburb of Montreal. He was ordained as a minister in 1945 within the Associated Gospel Churches. As the work of the congregation grew, Mr. Raymer was anxious to give more of his time to Christian service. Consequently he made an arrangement with C.I.L. to give only three days a week to them, reserving the other four for his duties as a Christian pastor. After a year of that arrangement, Mr. Raymer felt he was still not able to devote as much time as he would like to Christian service. He therefore entered into a new arrangement with C.I.L. to give them two days a week of his time, reserving the balance of the week for his Christian work. In addition he entered upon studies, which he is still prosecuting, leading to the B.D. degree of London University in the Old Land. He is therefore well prepared for the work he will be called to do with us as Secretary of the College, looking after the business details that will fall to his lot, and developing the Extension work of the College, making it more widely known and eliciting prayer for it and interest in it. He will also be able to assist us in the practical training of young people.



Rev. D. E. Raymer



Rev. C. A. Armstrong

We commend these new Staff members, and all the Staff and work of the College, to your prayers. We covet God's seal of approval upon these changes, and His continued blessing on the life and witness of the College.

Graduation Testimonies

I.



Hattie Huebner

It was in a Dutch home in Russia, behind the Iron Curtain, where we were constantly in fear of the Communists because of our faith in God and His Word, that I grew up. In my early 'teens I came to realize that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, but that since Christ died on the Cross for the sin of the world, all I required to do was to receive Him in simple faith. As I did so His peace filled my heart. I knew then that I could go anywhere and bear anything for Christ's sake.

When I was a child my family moved to Canada and I learned the English language, and almost at once the English Bible appealed to me and I wanted to learn more about it and how to use it. With this purpose in mind I entered Toronto Bible College in 1944. Since I did not have my Matriculation, I entered the Preparatory Class where I was taught careful habits of thought and methods of study as a preparation for the regular course. My purpose in coming to the College has been fully realized because the first hour of each College day is spent in the study of the Word of God. From Genesis to Revelation we are taught to think our way through the Scriptures, not only to become familiar with their contents, but to let them make their own impact upon our lives. In this way God's Word meets our needs, enlightens our minds and strengthens our wills.

Around this central study the other disciplines are arranged—some of them are Biblical, some academic. Their purpose is to equip us mentally, spiritually and practically to become effective witnesses of God's grace: to wield the sword of the Spirit: to be ready to give to every one that asketh us both in the places where we earn our daily bread and in the rooming houses where we live, a reason for the hope that is in us.

In its system of training the Bible College never loses sight of the necessity for self-discipline. It has been said that the best part of any education is not that which others give to us but that which we secure for ourselves. Therefore the effort we put into our course is what we get out of it. We are not kept on leading strings nor are we turned out in a mould, for each one of us is expected to cultivate self-discipline. To this end the activities of the student body including the various appointments in Churches and Mission Halls are all under the direction of the students themselves.

This student self-government has always been an essential part of Toronto Bible College training. How different it all is from the methods followed in lands that are Communist-dominated, where personal freedom is discouraged if not denied, and a rigid, rigorous, repressive regime is enforced.

True freedom is a legacy of Christian faith and Christian life, and can be maintained only where the spiritual freedom is allowed. How urgent then is the challenge facing the Christian Church to give the Gospel through which alone freedom from sin and oppression can be assured to the peoples that still sit in darkness and in the shadow of a Gospelless Communism.

II.

My experience in life was very limited when, three years ago, I enrolled as a student in the Toronto Bible College. I came from a home in the province of New Brunswick where my God-fearing mother influenced me to live a Christian life. I was led to a personal faith in Christ when a child of eleven and that decision was final. I took God's promises in His Word as personally addressed to me, and thus was laid the foundation upon which my life today is built.

In high school I realized God's strengthening grace and His guiding hand upon my life. I proved that His grace was sufficient to meet every need, even the need of a high school student.

Where my next step was to take me, I did not know. But knowing Him I trusted, and saw other doors closed as He opened the way for me to come to T.B.C.

While I knew Christ savingly, yet I realized that a useful Christian life must add to faith, virtue and to virtue, knowledge. My initial experience must be followed by growth in the understanding and gradual acceptance of His will for my life.

During these years of training my earlier convictions have been deepened and confirmed, and I have been encouraged to press on to know the love of Christ not only intellectually, but experientially.

By daily confronting God's Will revealed in His Word, as we have been taught to think through the Bible under the teaching of Dr. McNicol, the reality of the spiritual world has opened up to me. Many of these things were known to me before but they made little demand upon my allegiance and consequently did not receive the assent of my will. But when I began to respond to the spiritual order which opened up for me from the study of God's Word, I gradually came to recognize that the things which were only names to me formerly were great spiritual realities which challenged my thought and to which I yielded myself in glad obedience.

In this way the Bible has become a new book. It is not merely a record of past events, but is a living Word which speaks to me today. A book like Leviticus with its codes and offerings, a book like Isaiah with its prophecies and predictions, and a book like Psalms with its songs and devotions, enables me to see the unfolding of God's plan of salvation in His people throughout the centuries; to follow the footprints of God in the affairs of men and to know that the world of spiritual reality has always been open to men and women who have responded to God's call and yielded to His will.

In this way, too, prayer has become a joyful experience as well as a vital necessity. By it we are enabled to enter now into the unseen world and to draw support for the maintenance of Christian life every day. Prayer is not, for me, merely a religious exercise. It is fellowship with my Heavenly Father. It is the acknowledgement of His will for my life; it is the significant act of the corporate life of the Christian Church in response to its belief in the reality of the spiritual order, for every time the Christian Church prays, it acknowledges and proclaims that there is an order, other than this present world order, to which it belongs and with which it is united.



J. W. McLellan

With this conviction of the unseen world of reality, which is everywhere about us, which rises up from God's Word and which we enter in the experience of prayer, I return to the Maritimes to work under the Baptist Home Mission Board—my only ambition, to serve Him who loved me and gave Himself for me.

III.

For more years than I care to remember the Lordship of Jesus Christ was little more than a rather high sounding phrase to me. And yet there was always something about it that found an echo in my soul. There was the uncomfortable feeling that if ever I stopped to examine the phrase something would be required from me in the way of response to its significance. So perhaps there was actually more understanding than I was prepared to admit.

As a schoolboy in England I was thoroughly imbued with a self-glorifying belief in the supreme importance of the individual. This in spite of the fact of my conversion which, by the Grace of God, occurred when I was fifteen years old.



Don Wilkinson

On leaving school, and after a three year trip to Canada, my wandering way led me into the British Army. Yet the influence of seven years of a system that severely discouraged all forms of individualism failed to shake my belief.

This was the more remarkable in that six out of those seven years were spent in India, Burma and Palestine. The individual is but of minor importance in the thinking of the East.

It was the late world war that finally aroused me from my self sufficiency. Six years in the Canadian Army, with all that they entailed, first shook and then shattered the illusion. To my great surprise and chagrin it was borne in upon me that as an individual I was quite unimportant in the general scheme of things. But what was worse was the realization that of myself I was quite incapable of measuring up to the challenge of the hour. Reluctantly I was forced to acknowledge that as a creed to live by the cult of the individual was empty, and powerless to meet the needs of either the mind or the soul.

This discovery led me to turn back to Him who long before had put His hand on me, but whose hand I had ungratefully tried to shake off, and failing that to ignore. Bit by bit I was led to see that there can be only one Lord if life is to be harmoniously integrated.

My three years at Toronto Bible College have served to deepen the effect of this lesson. The unfolding of the Revelation of God in Christ Jesus enshrined in the Bible has brought home to me more and more the necessity of giving to Christ the Lordship over my life which is rightfully His.

Thus as the weeks have lengthened into months and the months into years, the Lord has graciously taught me that while I must decrease, He must increase. That to please Him and so allow Him to work out His loving plan for my life, I must surrender my sovereignty as an individual and give Him complete control who is Lord of all.

And because God does now control my life, the future, which is for me the Christian ministry, is bright with the promise of His presence, and I can say:

GO THOU, I FOLLOW,
FOR NO MAN GOES ASTRAY IN FOLLOWING THEE.

Missionary Motives

REV. HARRY M. PERCY, S.I.M.

Delivered in Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, Dec. 28, 1947

A century and a half ago the Church of Christ was spiritually stagnant. The Church and its earthly leaders had forgotten the great commission of Jesus Christ who had commanded those who followed Him to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel." The lack of vision brought spiritual decay. But God had a man for such a time—a man who was to light the torch of modern missions. He was a humble cobbler named William Carey.

One spring evening in the year 1792, Carey stood before a group of gospel ministers in an attempt to arouse them from their lethargy. He alone of that group had caught the vision of multitudes of perishing souls throughout the world. He alone had seen the imperial pity of the Man of Calvary and had felt the world-love in the heart of God. His sermon text for that evening was Isaiah 54:2-3:

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the gentiles, and make desolate cities to be inhabited."

The text was written during the Chaldean destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation of the Jews. They were a discouraged, despairing, and broken people. The church of Carey's day was in a similar condition to Judah then—and for the same reason: disobedience. The time had come, said Carey, to awaken. Extension or extinction is the Master's ultimatum. The church must strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords, must enlarge the place of her tent or perish.

The state of Christ's Church to-day is better than it was in Carey's time, but Christians must now, as then, acquire the larger horizon. The church at home must strengthen the stakes: strengthen the work in the homeland by evangelizing this so-called Christian land; lead young Christians into a deeper knowledge of spiritual truths; discard worldliness; be pure and devout; show forth the praises of Him who hath called her out of darkness into His marvelous light.

The Church of Christ must enlarge the place of her tent. The Gospel of Christ must be preached to all nations. It is Christ's command. The apostles of old were responsible for going according to their strength into all the accessible world with the good tidings, and we are duty bound to speed the message into our much enlarged world. Though it is important to strengthen the stakes at home, it is equally as important to see to it that the Christian evangel is ministered abroad to all nations. The church or individual Christian that coldly ignores the divine commission forfeits Christ's benediction. We have no right to claim the promise, "Lo I am with you alway" unless we observe the qualifying command "Go ye".

I am a young man returning for a second term of service in West Africa. On various occasions during this year of furlough I have been asked why I want to return to the dark continent to minister to Africans while there are so many unsaved at home and while there is so much sin to combat here. Several young people during this furlough have come to me also to discuss the matter of the missionary "call". "How do we know when we are called?" "What is a call?" I answer all these questions in the same way, for missionary motives form the missionary's "call". Briefly, the true motives behind missionary enterprise are these:

1. A Love for Christ

"The love of Christ constraineth us." It is the supreme requisite for a missionary call. It is love for Jesus Christ that creates in our hearts a passion for the souls of others. Are you uninterested in missions? Have you no passion for souls, no pity for the lost? Then, do you really love Jesus Christ? There is no true love that does not inspire service, and a lack of willingness on our part to serve Jesus Christ anywhere indicates that our love for Him is not very deep. If a missionary or a mission society has no love for Christ as the supreme motive of missionary endeavour (and this, sad to say, is sometimes the fact), then it would be far better for the heathen if that missionary would return home or the society disband.

2. The Condition of the Heathen

This reason for my serving Christ in Africa is more real to me now than it was five years ago: I have seen the condition of the heathen with my own eyes. Since going to the mission field I have longed for the power to place some of our church leaders, and other Christians who are indifferent to foreign missions, in the midst of Africa's heathenism. If they could sit where sit the missionaries and see for themselves the result of idolatry, witchcraft, and demon worship, and their hearts remain unmelted and their spirits unstirred, then I would know that their hearts were not occupied by Jesus Christ.

"The condition of the heathen"—the words cause the missionary's mind to conjure up visions: Visions of lepers made hideous to the eyes by the ravages of the advancing disease, and unpleasant to the nostrils by reason of the rotting flesh of ulcerated feet and hands and bodies—and none to care but the missionaries. Visions of down-trodden pagan women robed in aprons of banana leaves toiling with short handled hoes in the heavy earth of the yam fields from sun up to sun down, sweltering in the sun or shivering in the cold rain:—beasts of burden. Visions of Moslem women locked behind high mud walls, hidden from the sight of all men save the husband, until death releases them from the earthly prison to await the frightening Judgement Day. Visions of lying wakeful on one's bed in the still, lonely night and hearing the spine-tingling, heart-sickening death wail come echoing up from the nearby village. "The condition of the heathen"—how frightful it is, and how many there are; 747 millions of people with access to the Word of God, but one billion 348 million without it—and this twenty centuries after the incarnation of the Son of God!

3. The Command of Christ

"The command of Christ is not a request nor a suggestion. It leaves nothing to our choice. It is an order, comprehensive, and unequivocal—a clear peremptory, categorical, imperative, 'Go'."

No child of God dares ignore His Word and His commands. Every child of God should rejoice that "His commands are His enablings". China, India, Africa, may seem fearful places and you may feel so weak and so little: but remember His "Lo I am with you alway".

4. The Common Sense of Reason

This age is sometimes called the "age of reason". Looking at missionary enterprise to-day and considering the gigantic task that is yet to be done, one cannot but feel that many Christians are not being reasonable about missions. James Gilmour, famous missionary to the Mongols, said:

"Even on the low ground of common sense I seem to be called to be a missionary. Is the Kingdom a harvest field? Then I thought it reasonable that I should seek the work where the work was most abundant and the workers fewest".

These are the four reasons why I am going back to Africa. These are four of the main missionary motives. These four motives also form the missionary's "call". I would that every young Christian would allow the following quotation to dwell in his or her memory and heart. They are the words of a Scottish nobleman, Hon. Ian Keith Falconer, who sacrificed all he possessed for the cause of Christ in Arabia.

"While vast continents are shrouded in almost utter darkness, and hundreds of millions suffer the horrors of Islam or of heathenism, the burden of proof lies upon you to show that the circumstances in which God has placed you were meant by Him to keep you out of the foreign mission field."

"Strengthen your stakes," urged Isaiah, "enlarge the place of your tent". Extension or extinction is still the Master's ultimatum to His people.

Another Alumni Branch Formed

On November 22nd a Branch Alumni Group was formed in Belleville, Ontario. Already those who sponsored this new Branch have shown themselves active in the interests of the T.B.C. Alumni movement. From nine members their numbers have now grown to seventeen. They are planning a joint meeting in Belleville to be held with Alumni members from Kingston on Saturday, June 26th. All former students and graduates of T.B.C. who expect to be within reach of Belleville on that date, are cordially invited to attend. Rev. Dixon Burns, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alumni Association, will be present.

We do not have the names of all the officers of this newest Branch, but the enterprising and energetic Secretary is Mrs. Kenneth (Laura Foster) Dixon, 223, West Moira Street, Belleville. Among those taking part in the inaugural meeting were; Rev. C. V. Freeman, Lydia Sorensen, '46, and George Chapman, '46, Frankford.

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A Week of Fellowship and Fun

Toronto Alumni Banquet

Some 175 to 200 members and friends of the Toronto Branch of the Bible College Alumni Association gathered in the College Dining Hall at 6.30 p.m. on Friday evening, March 12th, to enjoy the first of the "home branch" banquets since 1942. As the doors were opened and the guests admitted to the Dining Hall, many remarks were overheard expressing delight at the lovely sight the tables afforded—with their white cloths, yellow streamers, and lovely daffodils; and the daintily arranged plates and dessert dishes, containing a substantial and delicious supper for each.

After a few words of welcome at the conclusion of the meal and words of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the evening, the entire group removed to the Assembly Hall, where an exceptional musical program was presented. Everyone entered heartily into a sing-song, led by Horace Braden, and there was an instrumental number to suit almost every taste — piano, violin, trombone, piano accordion, phonofiddle — and other items of interest — a tenor solo, soprano solo, whistler, elocutionist, and sign "language" solo. Mrs. George McAlpine, a missionary graduate now home on furlough from Africa with her husband, gave a challenging devotional message at the close of the evening. Mrs. Douglas Percy from Africa and Miss Elizabeth Laing from China also took part in the program, and several other returned missionaries were present.

The evening was one of profit and blessing to all, and we trust the interest of all graduates and friends of the College living in or near Toronto, will be so stimulated that the attendance at the future meetings will be greatly increased.

Alumni Picnic

Saturday, June 12 at 2.30 at Exhibition Park, Area 10, near the Dufferin Street Entrance. Bring a well-filled basket. Tea and milk provided. All former students and friends are heartily invited to attend. Games and sports for young and old.

NOTICE - TORONTO BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATES - BELLEVILLE-KINGSTON DISTRICT

There will be a rally in June (probably June 26) of all former students and graduates in Belleville and surrounding district, with Kingston group and Rev. D. A. Burns in attendance. Kindly send your name and address if you plan to attend, to Laura Foster Dixon, 223 West Moira Street, or telephone Belleville 1281W. Further notice will be mailed to you.

Montreal Conference May 4th - 16th

By Rev. L. K. Chubb, B.A., B.D., '40

Another T.B.C. Montreal Conference has become history. Canada's largest city has again felt the impact of young lives surrendered to the service of God coupled with the spiritual ministry of consecrated and able speakers from the College faculty and Alumni.

It is difficult to assess the value of two week's meetings of this kind for spiritual results are not easily tabulated. The Spirit of God works in a multitude of ways to use the message of a group such as this. Certainly the overall picture is one of genuine spiritual uplift for all the churches and organizations touched by the College group. Some decisions for Christ were made and some young people indicated their desire to consecrate their lives fully to the Master. Thus the Conference theme "For Christ and Consecration" became a living reality in the two-week period.

Conference Personnel—The College group visiting Montreal numbered nearly thirty persons, consisting of faculty members, missionary members of the College Alumni, two Ladies' Double Trios, two Male Quartets and Mrs. Marion Newby contralto soloist. The work of all the singing groups was outstanding but perhaps never more effective than when they combined their talents to form a well-balanced choir. Mention must be made of the tremendous contribution to the whole Conference by the superlative singing of Mrs. Newby. Montreal will not soon forget her remarkable ability and her obvious consecration. Nor shall we forget the splendid duets from Joan Filyer and Bill Crump.

Rev. D. A. Burns with his usual amazing energy and efficiency bore the brunt of the organizational work in Montreal, while to the Rev. and Mrs. Denzill Raymer fell the arduous task of planning the Conference in its many details before the party arrived. Mr. Burns carried the heaviest burden in preaching appointments ably assisted by Rev. Doug. Percy, Rev. George McAlpine and Rev. C. A. Armstrong. The one and only disappointing feature of the campaign was the enforced absence of the beloved principal of the College, Rev. J. B. Rhodes. We had looked forward to his presence to make the Conference complete.

Conference Program—A heavy program confronted the T.B.C. party as soon as they arrived in Montreal. Something like seventy-five services were conducted in the two-week period taking in almost every section of Montreal and many of the suburbs such as Ville La Salle, Ville Emard, St. Lambert, Lachine, Town of Mount Royal, etc. Services were also held in the more distant centres of Sherbrooke, Beauharnois and Brownsburg.

The group conducted meetings of almost every kind, Children's meetings, Mission Services, I.S.C.F. and I.V.C.F. meetings, Sunday School and Church services. Perhaps the highlights of the Conference proper were the Youth for Christ service on the final Saturday night in Emmanuel United Church and the rally in Westmount Baptist Church which brought the Conference to an end. At both of these services between four and five hundred people were present. The showing of the coloured film depicting life in the College was an interesting feature of the Youth for Christ service. This film was shown at a number of other churches as well.

One of the enjoyable events of the Conference was a dinner for the entire party sponsored by the Montreal Branch of the College Alumni. A brief Alumni meeting was held preceding the dinner and all enjoyed the fellowship of the

occasion. At the dinner, words of greeting were brought by Rev. D. A. Burns, Rev. C. A. Armstrong and Dr. J. M. Waters members of the College faculty present.

Welcome Hall Mission (Rev. George Anderson, Supt.) was host to the entire party for the noon-day meals. Centrally located it provided an ideal headquarters for the Conference and the use of the Mission facilities was very much appreciated. A word of gratitude is here in order to all those who helped provide billets for the College group during their stay in the city.

Teacher Training Course — One of the special features of this year's Conference was a concentrated period of instruction for Bible School teachers and workers. Held in Emmanuel Baptist Church, Verdun, for five successive nights, and conducted by Rev. D. A. Burns, it was a pre-eminently successful venture which filled a deep need in the work of the district Sunday Schools. Assisting Mr. Burns each night were students of the College who gave Flannelgraph, Story Telling, and Object Talk demonstrations. The singing groups added to the inspiration of the sessions.

Conclusion — To sum up the results of a campaign of this kind is not easy. Widely dispersed, as the groups were, throughout a large city there was little of the cumulative effect of an intensive effort in one central location. From every standpoint, however, this seemed to be the only plan which could be carried out most advantageously in a city the size and nature of Montreal. Certainly it proved a blessing to the many churches which were brought into immediate and personal touch with the work of the Bible College and the spiritual witness of the College group. Expressions of appreciation from all sides have indicated the tremendous worthwhileness of the effort. The spiritual life of churches and individuals has been re-vitalized and strengthened by the unique witness that has been given by the group, to the oneness of all believers in Christ, and to the redeeming and sanctifying work of our Lord. A letter received after a service in our church expresses very well what might be echoed in the hearts of a great many in Montreal ---

"This is just to say many, many thanks for the great treat we had last Tuesday evening. I visited another world for a while, with no reaction of returning to earth with a bump, as one does so often.

It was surely helpful to see young folk like they were, completely surrendered, and looking forward to the future.

There is so much fear and distrust today — so many heartsick folk, that one becomes depressed and sometimes wonders if it is any use trying to help. Tuesday evening gave me a great lift and I am only sorry that there were not more present.

I left after the first part because of being so very tired, and mainly because I wanted to keep the music as long as possible.

Thanks again."

Principal J. B. Rhodes underwent a major operation on May 17th in Western Hospital, but as the Recorder goes to press his physicians report complete success for the operation and encourage us to expect a speedy recovery. He has now returned to his home greatly improved in health.

News of the T.B.C. Family

PERSONALS

Rev., '16, and Mrs. (Ruth Goforth, '19) Ivory Jeffrey have returned to their work in French Indo China.

Rev. E. Fred Page, '19, is now pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at Aurora, Indiana, having moved there from Huntingdon, West Virginia, last year.

Jean Pyper, '26, is on furlough from Bolivia.

Rev. Arthur Leggett, '24, has been appointed to the faculty of the Vancouver Bible School.

Rev., '31, and Mrs. (Nellie Poole, '31) James Hutchinson are establishing a Bible Club centre at Jurich, Switzerland.

Louis De Groot, B.A., '38, graduated from Knox College, Toronto, on April 13, leading his class and winning the travelling scholarship.

Hazel Bunyan, '40, and Hazel Gibbins, '44, graduated from Grace Hospital, Toronto, on April 28. Hazel Bunyan was awarded one of the prizes.

Clifford McLaughlan, '41, has accepted a call to Dundas Baptist Church.

Hazel Callaghan, '45, has begun mission work in Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Doreen Barrie, '45, is studying French in Switzerland preparatory to service in French Equatorial Africa with the Sudan United Mission.

Bert Bourke, '48, has accepted a call to First Baptist Church, Shaunovan, Saskatchewan.

Following a course in California Russell Flaxman, '48, will take up his duties as Secretary for Ontario of the Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Ruth Patterson, '48, and Lilyan Brandon, '48, are in charge of a summer pastorate at Dorion, Ontario, under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Arthur MacLean, '48, is serving a summer pastorate at Westchester, Nova Scotia, under the Baptist Home Mission Board of the Maritimes.

Lucinda Snyder, '48, is doing deaconess work with the Mennonite Mission Church in Detroit for the summer.

Josie MacLellan, '48, after serving as Pastor's assistant in Arcadia, N.S. this summer, will become Field Secy. for the U.B.W.M.U.

Doreen Kerr, '48, and Dorothy MacMillan, '50, are serving the Canadian Sunday School Mission in Quebec.

Don Wilkinson, '48, becomes pastor of the Independent Baptist Church in Kenora, Ont.

Bob Russell, '48, will become pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Cobourg, Ont., establishing his home in that town.

Jean Cook, '48, Anne Mutkala, '48, Margaret Burton, '49, Arthur Hux '49, Margaret Barry, '49, and Jessie Mair, '49, comprise the staff of Bronte Camp of the Toronto City Mission.

Grant Wright, '49, is serving the Baptist Home Mission Board at Avoca and Rivington, Quebec, for the summer.

Howard McCormick, '49, is serving a summer pastorate under the Baptist Home Mission Board, at New Canada, N.S.

Jim Westman, '49, has a summer charge at Capreol, Ontario, under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Lolita Kelley, '49, has a summer charge at Shipman, Saskatchewan under the Presbyterian Board.

Bill Rogers, '49, is serving the Baptist Home Mission Board at Eagle River, Ontario.

Fred Gould, '49, will serve at Buckhorn, Ontario, under the Presbyterian Board.

Percy Page, '49, is serving the Presbyterian Home Mission Board at Breadalbane, P.E.I., during the summer.

John Roberts, '49, has charge of the Independent Baptist Church at Community Beach, Ontario.

Roy Wallace, '49, will serve in a mission field in Northern Ontario, under the United Church.

Vincent Lohnes, '50, has a summer pastorate at Redbridge, Ontario, under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Mona Thompson, '50, and Joyce Blundell, '50, are doing Daily Vacation Bible School and visitation work in Southern Ontario, for the Independent Baptist Church.

Allan Cameron, '50, is serving Meath Park, Prince Albert Presbytery, Saskatchewan, under the Presbyterian Church.

Kenneth Hynes, '50, has a summer pastorate at Gordon Lake, Ontario, with the United Church.

George Howse, '50, is serving the United Church for the summer months at Stone, Sask.

Henry Bell, '50, has a summer pastorate at Torch River, Saskatchewan, under the Western Baptist Home Mission Board.

On May 17, the following degrees were conferred at McMaster University:—

B.D. to Gordon Woodcock, B.A., '39, and Clifford McLaughlan, B.A., '41.

B.A. (three year courses) to Rev. Arthur Greer, '37, Rev. William Molnar, '38-'40, and Alice Gleason, '46.

Diploma Course in Theology to Emil Balla, '42.

In the Divinity School the Salmon and Esther Vining Memorial Prize was awarded to Gordon Woodcock, '39, and the First Eugene J. Harris Prize to Clifford McLaughlan, '41.

On May 11, Gordon Woodcock, '39, was ordained at Humber Bay Baptist Church, Toronto, and has been made associate pastor, of First Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

Clarabelle Williams, '46, has been appointed Missionary among the Churches in the Amherstburg Association of the Baptist denomination.

Timothy Starr, '46, was ordained by the Northern Baptist Convention in Fourth Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A., on May 9.

Joyce Swimmings, '46, has joined the staff of St. Andrews Indian Residential School, Atikameg, Alberta.

Floyd McReynolds, '46, has a summer pastorate at Lost River, Quebec, under the Presbyterian Board.

George Davison, '47, is serving the Baptist Home Mission Board at Englehart, Ontario.

Jim Pimentel, '48, has a pastorate at Providence Bay, Manitoulin Island under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Cuthbert Thomas, '48, has a summer charge at Cherry Point, Alberta, under the Church of England.

Vernon McDormand, '49, has a summer charge at Wainfleet, Ontario, under the Church of Christ.

Allan Hunter, '49, is serving the Western Baptist Board at Calvary Baptist Church, Weston, Manitoba.

Lorna McComb, '49, is spending the summer with the United Church Mission Hospital at Bella Bella, British Columbia.

Wrennie Bryant, '49, is with the Maritime Baptist Board at Tracadie, Nova Scotia.

Bill Milner, '49, is serving the Maritime Baptist Board in a summer pastorate.

Helen Durrant, '49, and Evelyn Wallace, '49, are with the Rural Life Mission, in Northern Ontario for the summer months.

Sheila Hoag, '49, is engaged in Daily Vacation School Work in Kingston and environs.

Verlie Garrold, '49, is doing Daily Vacation Bible School and Women's work at Mossbank, Saskatchewan.

Charlie Long, '50, and Herman Wiebe, '51, are with the Shantymen's Christian Association, in Northern Ontario, for the summer months.

Geoffrey Lee, '50, is with the Presbyterian Board for the summer months at Mille Isle, Quebec.

Ray Costerus, '49, has a summer charge at Clarenceville, Quebec, under the Baptist Home Mission Board.

Donald Powell, '42, was ordained in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on April 20. Rev. Robert Barr, a member of the Council of Toronto Bible College, gave the sermon to the ordinand. Rev. and Mrs. Powell have been appointed to Mackay Presbyterian Church, Timmins.

BIRTHS

On February 11, to Mr. and Mrs. (Elsie Bull, '46) Gordon Langman, a son, Gordon Paul.

To Mr., E.C., '40-'42, and Mrs. (Evelyn Pielow, E.C., '41) Victor Raison, a daughter, Judith Virginia, on March 30.

On May 4, to Mr. and Mrs. (Ruth Black, E.C. '40) Lloyd Ogilvie, a son, David Lloyd.

On August 23, 1947, to Rev. '34, and Mrs. Arnholt Strand, a son, David Halvdan.

To Rev., '37, and Mrs. (Dorothy Carroll, '43) Leslie Thomas, a daughter, Sharon Myfawny, on November 30, 1947.

To Mr. '42-'43, and Mrs. (Marjorie O'Brien, '43) Andrew Donald, a daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, on January 31.

On February 19, to Mr. and Mrs. (Grace Hammell, E.C., '34) Edward Burke, a daughter, Nancy Jeanne.

To Rev., '31 and Mrs. George Darby, on February 28, a daughter, Helen Kathryn.

On March 5, to Mr. '39-'40, and Mrs. (Ruby Edwards, '39-'40) Charles Snider, a daughter, Ruth Lynn.

To Mr. '50, and Mrs. (Monica Lambert, '39) Allan Cameron, on March 14, a daughter, Helen Lambert.

On March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. (Annie Reid, '43) Hugh Campbell, a son, David Duncan.

On March 31, to Mr., '40, and Mrs. (Ethel Brazier '43) Allan King, a son, Peter Allan.

To Mr. and Mrs. (Inez Engstrom, '45) Mervyn Porteous, a daughter, Eleanor Elvie, on April 14.

On April 23, to Mr., '34, and Mrs. R. M. Arnold, a son, John Charles.

To Mr., '48, and Mrs. Douglas Murray, on April 24, a son, Samuel Thomas.

MARRIAGES

Florence Algeo, E.C., '29, to Garnet Kirk, in Toronto, on April 17.

Dorothy Cook, '38, to Thomas Bell, in October, 1947.

Maire Scabloom, '45, at Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on March 20, to Leonard Nordgren, Margaret Scabloom, '45 was Maid of Honour and Rev. Lorne Smith, '38, sang.

Dr. Marion Gray to Rev. Donald H. Powell, '42, at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Toronto, on April 24th.

DEATHS

Rev. James Iijima, '31-'32, in Japan, in May, 1945.

John Johnes E. C., '26, at Toronto, on December 6, 1947.

Rev. William Warwick, '38, at Little Britain on March 3rd.

Elizabeth Grace Brooking E.C., '41, on March 31, at Milton.