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A modern "Book of Acts"
describing the contribution
being made by the gradu-
ates of Wheaton College in
the Lord's work, at home
and around the world.



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FATHER died during my second month at Wheaton College. Had I not heard in chapel the thrilling challenge of a famous medical missionary I would have left soon to enter my father's business. But through this man of God, my heart was opened and I gave myself unreservedly to Him for service in whatever capacity would please Him most.

Through the beloved members of the faculty and visitations to the campus of many outstanding spiritual leaders of this day, scores of Wheaton students have had this same experience.

As I have come in contact with scores of evangelical leaders, ministers, and missionaries who are products of Wheaton the contribution of the College has become more dramatically apparent to me. Wherever I go, I meet Wheaton graduates. Many of them hold key positions in the Christian world which some of them would not now fill had they not had the privilege of four years of clean Christian living, challenge, and careful training at Wheaton.

Today Wheaton stands at a great threshold of promise. As evidenced by the usefulness of

*Historic motto on Wheaton College cornerstone

the graduates and by the hundreds who are applying for entrance, the Lord is showering His blessing on the college.

Will Wheaton be able to seize its opportunity of training an increasing number of consecrated men and women? Christian leaders are desperately needed over the whole world. Christian work everywhere demands the kind of leadership which Wheaton graduates have been providing.

The names of some Wheaton men and women are almost household words in evangelical Christian circles. In the midwest there are Torrey Johnson and Robert Cook, co-pastors of the Midwest Bible Church and sponsors of Chicagoland Youth for Christ. These men have a large radio following and a strong influence in the Chicago area. Also in the midwest there is William Graham, director of the "Songs in the Night" program. Then there is the Children's Bible Hour of which David Otis Fuller is one of the founders, while Percy Crawford is known for his Young Peoples' Church of the Air, Pinebrook Bible Conference, and The King's College.

Then consider the number of Christian institutions now headed by Wheaton men. Houghton College, excellent Christian school in Houghton, New York, has as its president Stephen Paine. The president of the Philadelphia School of the Bible is Douglas Boe. Gordon School of Theology and Missions in Boston is headed by T. Leonard Lewis. The president of Multnomah School of the Bible is Willard Aldrich. A new evangelical theo-

logical seminary is being established in Chungking, China, under the direction of Marcus Cheng. Navajo Methodist Mission School of Farmington, New Mexico had Wheaton graduate Dr. Charles C. Brooks at its head for fourteen years. This fall he has become the new acting Dean of Men at Wheaton College. He was succeeded as the head of the New Mexico school by Willard Bass, another alumnus. Donald Davies leaves shortly for Ethiopia to organize a new Christian college there initiated by the United Presbyterians at the invitation of Haile Selassie.

All of these men are Wheaton trained.

Many faculty members, deans, and registrars of Christian schools, colleges and seminaries all across the country are Wheatonites. Schools in which Wheaton graduates are at work include: Calvin College, Columbia Bible College, John Brown University, King's College, North Park College, Sterling College, Westmont College, and William Jennings Bryan University.

Bible institutes and seminaries where Wheaton men and women now hold faculty positions are: Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Denver Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Honolulu Bible Training School, Moody Bible Institute, Missionary Training Institute, Nyack, N. Y., Philadelphia School of the Bible, Providence Bible Institute, Toccoa Falls Institute, Dallas Theological Seminary, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Northern Baptist Seminary, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, and Westminster Theological Seminary.

Ben Lippen School for Boys, Chicago Christian High School, Culter Academy, Hampden DuBose Academy, and Stony Brook School for Boys are Christian secondary schools where Wheatonites are teaching.

In the rapidly developing and strategic Christian publications field are Horace L. Fenton, Jr., and O. Raymond Lowry, editors of *Seek*, devotional guide now read daily by almost 50,000 people. Willard Aldrich is the originator and publisher of the *Doorstep Evangel*, a weekly paper used by many churches to interest unsaved families in their neighborhood in the things of Christ. Donald Hoke is the writer of many publications of the Good News Publishing Company. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry is a name found frequently on Christian books, pamphlets, and articles. Robert Walker is the editor of *Sunday*, a fast growing evangelical magazine. Kenneth Taylor is responsible for the editing of *His*, an Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship publication. *Child Evangelism* has as its managing editor, John Witmer. William Jones is the editor of all publications of the American Sunday School Union. Many other Wheaton men are in Christian journalism and most of them got their start while working on school publications at Wheaton.

Several of the prominent youth organizations of the country have Wheaton men and women on their staff. Kenneth Hanson is the general secretary of the Christian Service Brigade, a new and rapidly growing boys movement with a program similar in many ways to that of the Boy Scouts—but with a primary interest

in winning boys to Christ. Founder and active worker in this movement is "Uncle Joe" Coughlin. Grafton Harpell, another Wheaton man, is the head of the Boys Brigade work in New England. Lois Thiessen is acting general secretary of Pioneer Girls, companion organization reaching thousands of girls every week for Christ.

In the field of high school evangelism, almost half of the staff of the Young Life Campaign are Wheaton trained. Two of the original staff members who helped launch this organization are Walden Howard and Addison Sewell, both graduates of the College. Then there is the Youth Gospel Crusade headed by Richard Neale and staffed by several other Wheaton men and women.

Eight Wheaton men and women are staff members of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship which is active on non-Christian university campuses. The general secretary of this organization is C. Stacey Woods, Wheaton graduate. The Foreign Mission Fellowship has been headed for the past two years by Peter Stam, III, a Wheaton graduate, who was recently succeeded by Herbert Anderson, another alumnus.

An interesting and effective work is being done by the Best Seller Publicity. Founder and moving spirit in this organization is Josephine Peterson, artist, graduate of Wheaton.

Meanwhile 607 other Wheaton men quietly serve the Lord as pastors, some of them in large churches with great influence. There are 308 men and women on the foreign mission

field. It would be impossible to visit any section of the world without finding some Wheaton graduate nearby. They are at work under almost every evangelical denomination and most of the faith mission boards from China to Chile. Among these is Robert Ekvall, pioneer missionary to western China and Tibet, who from his vast knowledge of this area has written an important book on the Tibetan people.

Others are serving as church secretaries, Christian education directors, music directors, and home missionaries. Some of the home missionary efforts founded and headed by Wheaton men are the Oak Hills Bible Fellowship in Minnesota, the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission, the Utah Gospel Mission, which is a work among the Mormons, the Society for the Friendless, whose purpose is to help men as they leave prison, and the Scripture Distribution Society.

Wheaton graduates have found a place of usefulness in the Child Evangelism Fellowship, the Pocket Testament League, Good News Publishing Company, Scripture Press, Inc., Navigators, New England Fellowship, Christian Business Women's Council, American Sunday School Union, and summer camps and Bible conferences in all parts of the nation.

Some of the conferences and camps that are headed by Wheaton men are Bethany Camp in Indiana, Boardwalk Bible Conference in New Jersey, Camp Kaskitowa in Michigan, The Firs in Washington, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, the North Mountain Bible Conference, Montrose

Bible Conference and Pinebrook Bible Conference in Pennsylvania. There are others as well.

An interesting digression here is the consideration of the names of parents of some of the alumni and former students. It reads like a Who's Who of evangelical Christian leaders, past and present, and it reveals the widespread confidence that God's people have in my Alma Mater. Here is a partial list for example: Bach, Brownville, DeHaan, Ferrin, Glover, Guinness, Hockman, Houghton, Howard, Ironside, Loveless, McCarrell, McQuilkin, Moffett ✓ of Korea, T. R. Phillips, Rader, Rimmer, Raws, Savage, J. B. Smith, Soltau of Korea, Strachan, Talbot, Taylor of Mexico, R. A. Torrey, and R. A. Torrey, Jr.

No mention has been made of the hundreds of men and women, graduates of Wheaton, who have gone into the professions and business and are now helping as consecrated laymen in the cause of Christ. One example is Paul Fischer, prominent Chicago attorney, serving as secretary and treasurer for the International Christian Business Men's Committee.

More than one per cent of all the chaplains in the army and navy are Wheaton graduates. This group of men, 107 strong, is having telling opportunities to bring men to Christ. Among these men is a chaplain to the Marines who, in this supposedly "hardboiled" branch of the service, reports many thrilling spiritual contacts and conversions. This fellow came to Wheaton unconverted, graduated a keen Christian, and as a result is now serving the Lord in this outstanding way.

But our men in the chaplaincy are not the only ones bearing a faithful witness in the army. Donald Dey, a Wheaton product now a captain in the infantry, wrote from France, "I have had the privilege of helping our chaplain a great deal. The men respond better to an officer of the line than to a commissioned preacher. We have some really stirring meetings, many souls saved, testimonies that held us spellbound, and prayer like you have never heard from men who haven't prayed since their Sunday School days. And they carry it away with them, too; it isn't temporary. They tell other men. I even see it in their letters which I censor."

One officer writes of preaching in the chaplain's absence; another, of having organized a gospel team for work among churches in England. A sergeant has helped build a chapel in the jungles of New Guinea. Another serviceman has started a service center in a west coast city, and a naval athletic officer was successful in starting a large young people's fellowship in a Texas town. Hundreds of them have been quietly witnessing and winning their buddies to Christ in the Army, Navy, and Marines.

Many of these men testify that it was at Wheaton that they were led to yield their hearts to the Lord. What if they had not been able to go?

Consider that question, and then weigh well the fact that this fall 700 young people who wanted to go to Wheaton have been turned away—because there was no room. A large proportion of them will of necessity go to a

state university or some non-Christian college this fall. Some of these will graduate in four years with clear convictions and a strong testimony. But many will not.

In a recent letter to the friends of the College, President Edman cited several typical cases of students for whom there was no room. One was a young war widow wanting music training so that she could go into Christian work. Another was a brilliant Chinese girl who was hoping to get her education at Wheaton before returning to her native land as a Christian worker. The third was a nurse who wanted training at Wheaton before leaving for Africa as a missionary.

These are days when investments have to be made carefully. It is well for us Christians to consider wisely the use of the money over which the Lord has made us stewards. Certainly there is no better investment than the preparation of young people for Christian service and leadership.

A dining-hall and dormitory are seriously needed at Wheaton College now. Are we, His people, going to stand by idly? And what of the science building, music building, and library building which are imperative needs on the campus?

In this opportunity the alumni of Wheaton College have responded with great enthusiasm. Now, we the alumni invite God's people to join with us in their prayers and in their gifts at this time of Wheaton's need.

Pray for Wheaton, give to Wheaton, as the Lord lays it upon your heart.

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