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A Call to Prayer

The present term has been marked by a quickening of the life of prayer among the students. The atmosphere of the College has always been pervaded by the spirit of prayer. Each school day begins with a gathering of students in the Praise and Prayer Room between eight and nine o'clock, a meeting which sometimes overflows into the Lecture Room across the hall. Every noon period sees some group going apart to intercede for some section of the mission field, the whole world being covered in this way each week. Every Saturday night the men and women first meet separately in their respective common rooms and then unite in the Praise and Prayer Room to remember especially the work in which they are engaged on the Lord's Day.

This is the usual weekly programme of prayer. But early in the new year many of the students began to feel a

deeper need in their own lives, and a more urgent desire for the realization of God's presence and power in their work. This movement appeared at first during some of the class periods. It then took shape in the common rooms, and there for several weeks separate groups of men and women have been devoting an hour every afternoon to special prayer. Under the leadership of the Cabinet, the whole student body, Day and Evening Classes together, observed the last week of February as a special week of prayer.

In view of movements like this inside the College, we should like to ask our praying friends outside to take the Bible College on their hearts. Young people of this kind are coming to us in increasing numbers every year to find out the will of God for their lives and to be trained to do it. Already our new building has proved

inadequate to give them all the training they should have. More room is needed to do the work and more help is needed on the staff. Will our praying friends put the case before the Lord, and ask Him, since He is raising up these young people for the service

of His kingdom, that He would also raise up men of faith and vision to furnish the means required for their training. The College is now facing the need of further development, and for this it is waiting on God to provide.

J.McN.

The Ministry of the Toronto Bible College

There never was a time when the need for real Bible study was more apparent than at present. To-day there is a return to the consideration of the question, "What does the Bible say about it?" The general education received at university and the theological education of the seminary, while very good in themselves, may leave a man woefully ignorant of the contents of the Divine Revelation. Of what value would a general Arts course be to a lawyer, if he did not know Law? No doubt his knowledge of Law is enhanced by his general education, but it would be little satisfaction for those who must rely on his judgment to know that he had studied several years, if at the end of his course he had not really mastered the principles of his practice.

There is an increasing demand on the part of the occupant of the pew, that the man who occupies the pulpit shall be a specialist in the knowledge of God's Word. It is to this ministry that the Toronto Bible College has been giving itself for over 40 years. Young men and women with a passion for God's truth go out from the College to all parts of the world to proclaim His gospel. During the present College year, week-end evangelistic campaigns have been held in Detroit, Niagara Falls, Burlington, Hagersville, and Meaford. In addition, many brief campaigns have been held in city churches, and large sections of the city and suburbs have been visited in an effort to win souls to Christ.

At the time of writing, we have

records of over 6,000 homes that have been visited, and a number of people have been led to a definite acceptance of Jesus Christ as a result of this work. Several groups of students carry on regular work in the hospitals of Toronto, not only visiting during the week, but also holding services on Sunday mornings, singing the gospel, and bringing cheer to the sufferers.

A great many children's meetings, young people's meetings, women's meetings, missionary meetings, and cottage meetings are directed by the students, from year to year. We have on record for the present year hundreds of such meetings, at which students have brought messages from God's truth. Students have also provided music either vocal or instrumental, at several hundreds of services during the year, and there is an increasing demand, on the part of the churches, for this type of ministry.

The records show that at the time of writing, over 3,000 individuals have been dealt with, and over 400 have been led to a definite acceptance of Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, through the services conducted by the students of the College.

When one adds to this the personal witness of the 330 young men and women enrolled in the day classes and the 370 enrolled in the evening classes, in all the churches with which they are identified in the city and beyond, one begins to form some articulate conception of the ministry of the Toronto Bible College.

This work is carried on under stu-

dent supervision. Each year a cabinet is elected by the student body, to preside over student affairs. It has a membership of nine persons, who meet regularly for prayer and consultation. All aspects of student life are under student government. A representative for each department of student efforts sits on this cabinet, so that the cabinet acts as the radiating centre from which all this activity is directed.

Each Wednesday morning at 7.30, in the library of the school, you will find this group waiting upon God for His direction in the affairs of the week. On Tuesday morning at the same hour, the Evangelistic Band meets to plan its programme for several weeks ahead. On Wednesday at noon, the members of the Missionary Executive gather for prayer and the furtherance of the missionary interests of the school. The Devotional and Social Executives likewise meet regularly.

These branches of work form avenues through which the Christian life and service of the students flow to the world around them.

The ministry of Toronto Bible College is not confined to Ontario. Hundreds of students have gone out to the mission fields of the world, and are to be found serving God in all parts of the globe. This week's mail brought letters from Ethiopia, China, India, and Spain. What a great host they form to-day! And what a multitude will gather around our Father's throne on high, as a result of this universal ministry carried on by the students of Toronto Bible College!

May we suggest to our readers that as the Schools of the Prophets helped to keep alive the torch of truth in the decadent periods of the history of Israel, so our College, in these days of depression and decline, is steadfastly "Holding Forth the Word of Truth"

Campaigning for Christ at Oakwood Church, February 10 to 24

Saturday afternoon, February 2, after a week of prayer at the College, saw about forty students begin visitation work in the Oakwood district. They set out two by two (according to apostolic custom) after prayer and instructions, armed with note-books, tracts, invitations to the meetings, and the Sword of the Spirit. Eager, earnest and enthusiastic, their spirit reminded me of the spirit of the forty soldiers, members of that famous Roman regiment "The Thundering Legion" who refused to renounce Christ and accepted death singing:

"Forty wrestlers have come out to wrestle for Thee,

Give them, O Christ, the victory."

And Christ gave them victory, for when they returned to the church they reported four conversions and many other profitable interviews.

This work was repeated on the two succeeding Saturdays and, in a lesser degree, throughout the weeks. Twenty conversions were reported through visitation, and the ten who decided for Christ during the public meetings were all reached through the visitation work. Two incidents will illustrate the calibre of the work done. A young mother was led to Christ one afternoon. Next day the two who had led her to Christ spoke to a man on the street and had the joy of leading him to the Saviour. On asking his name and address they found (to their astonishment) that he was the husband of the woman just mentioned. How true it is that:

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform".

Three lads were brought to Christ as they were going home from public school. In a driveway they removed

their caps and prayed under the direction of two students, and yielded themselves to Christ.

More than thirty public services were conducted by the students during the campaign. Children's meetings were held every day, and from these groups were formed two choirs which occupied the platform on the two Friday evenings. The three Sunday evenings saw the church crowded to capacity. Many more than could be comfortably accommodated came, and on one Sunday an overflow meeting had to be conducted.

In my estimation it was one of the most constructive campaigns I have ever witnessed. The Gospel was presented with power and simplicity at every service. No two meetings were the same, yet, paradoxically, no two were different. Different faces, different voices, different approaches, yet a continuity ran through the messages, music, testimonies, and leadership. It

was refreshing to hear the sweet Gospel declared in its manifold aspects with simplicity and freshness. It was inspiring to hear the testimonies given night after night with earnestness and winsomeness. There were no digressions or deviations from a straightforward positive message. The members of the church, and all who attended these meetings, were strengthened in their faith in the reality of Christ and salvation.

In closing may I say that the students are a credit to the College. Over a hundred took part in this campaign, and all did so humbly yet capably, trusting in the power of prayer and the unction of the Spirit.

May I express my personal gratitude and that of Oakwood Baptist Church, and many others, to the members of the faculty for their co-operation, and to the members of the student body for their service, in the Master's Name.

Anderson Linton, Minister.

Toronto Alumni Branch

In the fall of 1934, there was organized in Toronto a branch of the General Alumni Association. For some time it had been felt that there ought to be a strong branch in this city, to give leadership to an idea which is gaining favor among the graduates, that of uniting in small groups throughout the world, to strengthen the fellowship which commenced in undergraduate days.

Graduating classes are organized for the continuation of the fellowship of their members, but very few classes have a sufficient number gathered at one place, at any given time, to make their meeting worth while. However, in many places of the world there are graduates of the College over the forty years of its ministry, in sufficient numbers to warrant their getting together for the continuance of their College

fellowship. A fine group has been carrying on in Kitchener for some years. Last year, a group was formed in Hamilton; this year, one has been formed in Toronto, and suggestions have been made for the formation of groups in other centres, even extending to Africa and China where a great many graduates and former students are engaged in missionary service.

The Toronto group is holding a fellowship meeting on the third Friday of each month, at the College, and extends an invitation to all former students of the College who are residing in Toronto and vicinity, to keep this night free each month and join the fellowship. The group will be glad to receive visits from any who are interested in the work of the College, and former students who are visiting the city will be welcome at the meetings.

The purpose of the Toronto group is not only to conserve fellowship, but also to strengthen interest in the work of the College among that great group in the city who have benefited by its ministry. For example, they have accepted the principle of a monthly contribution to the work of the College, and they recommend that as far as possible this be practised by all former students. It is not the large amount per month, but the regularity of the gifts that is going to tell in the long run in helping forward the growth of the work of the College.

Then, too, they have secured a list of the graduates and former students who are serving on the foreign field, and are planning to appoint home correspondents from their group, to keep in touch with these students. This ministry will be greatly appreciated by the missionaries, who are always eager to get news from the home base.

Their fellowship is to be further strengthened by an annual banquet, which this year is to be held on March 15, and at which Rev. Dr. A. B. Winchester, pastor emeritus of Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, is to give the address. The College orchestra is to play.

The Toronto group has also taken over the responsibility of conducting the annual picnic, which heretofore has been carried jointly by the General Alumni Association and the Evening Class Student Cabinet. Our friends outside Toronto will feel that this is a forward step in our Alumni organization. We hope that in the course of its development the Toronto group will be able to furnish leadership and suggestions for local groups in nearby centres, providing speakers and singers for these smaller groups and arranging a general interchange of delegates between group and group.

An endeavor is being made to organize an Alumni choir. This may be available for groups as far west as London. We shall be glad to hear, not only from those who reside in Toronto, but also from those living elsewhere, regarding this matter, and the Toronto group will greatly appreciate any suggestions that any member of the General Alumni has to make regarding the development of the Alumni as a whole. To those who are within reach of the College, we add that your presence at the annual banquet on March 15 will be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Spring Banquet
OF THE GENERAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(and complimentary banquet to the 1935 graduating classes)
will be held at the College on
Thursday, April 25th at 6 p.m.
Charge 25c.

The annual reports of the student body will be presented in the Assembly Hall at 8 o'clock the same evening. All friends of the College are invited.

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The College Library

Students of by-gone days who were accustomed to using the library on the west side of the old building, will be glad to get some information regarding the use made of the library in our new College home.

To a student of the days prior to 1928, the first thing that would be noticeable in the present library, is that it no longer serves as a common meeting place for those who are not attending the lectures. The common rooms and the reading room are to be found in other parts of the building, and the library is for the purpose of studying. Therefore, there is a quietness and a mental challenge about its atmosphere which helps the student to detach himself from what is going on in the College halls and to settle down to the mastery of those things that are before him.

Again, an old student returning to his Alma Mater would observe that the new library is much more orderly. He would find that a librarian is in charge; that the majority of the books are catalogued on the same basis as books in other college libraries; that he can go to the index and find what he wants, at a moment's notice; that he will be assisted in locating his books by the librarian in charge; that he will have no other interests competing for his attention while he attempts to spend a period of time in the mastery of his subject. This is all to the good, and is as it ought to be.

He would discover, again, that the usual number of magazines to be

found in many libraries are to be found in the reading room on the opposite side of the hall, so that those who are interested merely in current events, and not study, are not occupying space in the library, which really belongs to those who require it more urgently.

Nevertheless, if an old student happened to drop in during the weeks immediately prior to the examinations in the spring, he would be more put to it to find a chair upon which to sit down, than he was in the old building ten or fifteen years ago. The reason is that the present enrolment of the day classes, numbering three hundred and thirty-two, has already overtaxed the capacity of the building.

The College requires more library space to-day, as it requires more of other kinds of space. It will be glad to receive donations of the right kind of books from friends who are interested in its advancement. It will appreciate the prayerful support of the people of God, who can spread its needs before the Lord, especially in these days of increasing challenge.

Might we say to our former students, that we are always glad to be of service to them in connection with the use of books and magazines, providing that this does not interfere with the needs of the present student body. The library is used now by a number of Toronto ministers and laymen who find it of great advantage to be able to consult its shelves in the preparation for their ministry.

The First Annual Banquet of
TORONTO ALUMNI BRANCH
 will be held in the College Dining Hall on
 Friday, March 15th, at 6.30
 Address by Rev. Dr. A. B. Winchester
 Music by the College Orchestra

Personals

At Cassadaga, N.Y., on June 5, a daughter (Gwyneth Ellen) was born to Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Jones (Helen P. Lindsay '27).

At Toronto on September 13, a son (James Duncan) was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Macdonald (Florence Steen '27).

At Rocky Hill, New Jersey, on September 28, a son (Donald Secor) was born to Rev. and Mrs. Harold Pangborn (Helen Anderson '27).

A daughter (Helen Louise) was born on December 10, at Caico, Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, South America, to Rev. ('26) and Mrs. Edward Haugh.

A daughter (Dorothy Joyce) was born on December 20 to Dr. ('22) and Mrs. J. Edgar Graham at Hankow, Hupeh, China.

A daughter (Elizabeth Louise) was born at Von, Nigeria, on January 9, to Mr. and Mrs. John O. Percy (Mary Suttie, both '32).

A son (Donald James) was born on Monday, January 14, at Berlin, Germany, to Mr. and Mrs. James Hutchinson (Nellie Poole, both '31).

A daughter (Grace Carol) was born on February 15 to Mr. and Mrs. C. Ernest Tatham at Lakefield (both '29).

On October 24, at Zebuk, Nigeria, B.W.A., Frances Leaker ('31) was married to Mr. J. N. Miller who is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are stationed at Zebuk and are engaged in out-station work, going from village to village and helping in the school work and the preaching.

On December 25, at Gelengu, Nigeria, E. Marie Timpany ('33) was married to Walter E. Schultz who is a

graduate of Moody Bible Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are relieving Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson who are on their way home for furlough.

Rev. Duncan E. McDonald ('11) was married to Margaret Jane Moore on January 1, by Rev. A. C. Stewart of Chalmers Presbyterian Church.

Gladstone Franklin ('22) was married on October 27, to a Christian lady of Costa Rica. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Franklin have been evangelizing in the districts of Esparta, Jesus Marie, Orotine, and Prentarenas. They may be addressed at Santa Barbara de Heradea, Costa Rica, Central America.

Margaret E. Burritt ('32), and R. Edward Harlow ('33), were married at the College on Saturday, March 9, by Principal McNicol. Elizabeth Ferguson ('31) attended the bride, and Edgar Burritt ('35) gave his sister in marriage. The reception for Mr. and Mrs. Harlow was held at the home of Barbara Beal ('31) at 382 Eglinton Avenue East.

George Darby ('31) was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry on December 19, in the Victoria Gospel Tabernacle, Hamilton, by a council of Associated Gospel Churches of Ontario. On January 1, Mr. Darby succeeded the Rev. James MacFarlane as pastor of Victoria Avenue Tabernacle.

Hilda McIlroy, R.N. ('31) has been appointed by the Church Missionary Society of London, England to work in China. She will be stationed at Hanchow in the Province of Chekiang. This Society carries on the greater part of the foreign missionary work of the Church of England.

In a letter from Tom Devers ('33), mailed from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, he tells of his first impressions of heathenism. "Africa, in the raw, is seen at Djibouti: everything from naked savagery to the well-dressed native, which means, half native dress and half European. The train from Djibouti to Addis was a revelation—the most discomfort for the most money. Nevertheless, we praise God we didn't have to trek over that four hundred and eighty-five miles of burning hot lava rocks and sand hills. All the way from the sea to Addis it is climb, climb, climb. For the past few weeks I have been busy at language study. Little has been accomplished among the natives—just a handful of converts. Pray for Ethiopia and its twelve millions, that God may have sons and daughters from this sin-sick land."

Donald Stockford ('34) was recently ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry by a council of the Churches of Christ of the Maritime Provinces. He may now be addressed at R.R. 2, Lakewood, near Saint John, N.B.

Letters have recently been received from Ulf Cronhielm, Bill Rae, and

Jim Smail, all of '34, telling of their progress in learning the Chinese language at Hwaining, Anhwei. Bill Rae writes: "As I sit, or stand here day by day and give myself wholly to it, I have a text hanging before me continually, and it keeps me from discouragement and despair; it is (Ex. 18:23) 'If God command thee, thou shalt be able.' I thought at first that the study of Chinese was going to be a weary drudgery, and it might have been but for the fact that I make the whole matter an occasion for fellowship and communion with the Lord by praying over everything. I pray through the characters, idioms, and tones, and so it is no drudgery at all but a real joy: and too, the Lord is blessing me in this method, and helping me to understand it. We have had two exams, already. I only got "fairly good" on the first, but that was because I did more worrying than praying. We had the other last week, and I got "very good." And so judging from results it would seem that the praying method is the best, and the one which all students, whether of Chinese or anything else, should adopt.

The annual Communion Service of the College will be held in the Assembly Hall on Sunday morning, April 21, at eleven o'clock. Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.

**The Graduating Exercises of the
41st Session
will be held in
MASSEY HALL**

on

Friday, April 26th

**All friends of the College are invited to attend
Doors open at 7.00 p.m.**

