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Moving Forward



The new session which opens on Tuesday, September 19th, will see another step taken in the forward movement of the Bible College. Rev. J. B. Rhodes, M.A., who has been serving as special lecturer in Systematic Theology for the past four years, now leaves his charge at Cobourg and joins the permanent staff as a full time lecturer.

Mr. Rhodes has a foreign missionary background, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Rhodes of the China Inland Mission, and he received his early education in the Mission School at Chfoo. He graduated in the University of Toronto with honours in Philosophy in 1925 and received the M.A. degree in the following year. He spent a year at Princeton Seminary when such outstanding Biblical scholars as Prof. Robert Dick Wilson in the Old Testament and Prof. J. Gresham Machen in the New Testament were teaching there. He completed his theological course in Knox College, graduating in 1929 at the head of his class.

Mr. Rhodes has an experience of ten years in the ministry, having had two successful pastorates, four years at Exeter and six years at Cobourg. The Principal visited St. Andrew's Church in Cobourg one Sunday in

July and took part with Mr. Rhodes in his last communion service with that congregation. He saw something of what Mr. Rhodes' ministry has meant for them, of the warm place he has secured in the hearts of his people, both old and young, and of the loss which they have felt at his leaving them. They have taken his resignation in a fine spirit. As some of them told the Principal, they realize that in accepting the call of the Bible College Board he is entering a work for which he is peculiarly well fitted and which will give him a much wider field of usefulness.

Mr. Rhodes will bring added strength to the teaching staff of the College because of his Christian culture, his conservative scholarship, and his fine quality of reserve, the mark of strong character, which students know so well how to appreciate. He will continue the teaching of Systematic Theology, and he will hereafter have the department of Introduction and Evidences also. He will take part in the Evening Class work, and when a post graduate year is added to the regular course he will have something to do with it.

Mr. Rhodes will also act as the College Librarian, taking over the library from Mr. Burns, who has done splendid work in arranging and cataloguing it. This will enable Mr. Burns to devote himself to the practical department, which will be under his charge, and to the student activities, which have grown to such proportions during the past few years, and also to

the work of the Alumni Association of which he is the permanent Secretary.

Another feature of the coming session will be the further expansion of the College work in the new building. The south wing, No. 12, was in use last session. The north wing, No. 14, occupied by the Academy of Music last session, is now undergoing alterations. It may not be quite ready when the session opens, but in the course of the fall term we expect to have full use of it.

The business office will be transferred there with Mrs. Lantz in charge. The music room on the ground floor with the pipe organ will be ready for use and Mr. Shildrick will have a private room of his own near by. On the first floor there will be two new common rooms for the girls, Miss McCarthy's private room, an emergency rest room, and the nurse's room.

A few alterations have been made in the south wing also, so as to use the concert hall there as the praise and prayer room, and make it a kind of College chapel. The present praise and prayer room will ultimately be turned into a lecture room. When all these alterations are finished and the whole building is ready for use we shall plan to divide the large classes by a system of grading. This will make the instruction more efficient and prevent the loss of personal contact between the teacher and the student. We hope to be able to put this plan into operation before the end of the session.

THE 46TH SESSION OF THE COLLEGE

Will open with a Devotional Service in the Assembly Hall

On Tuesday morning, September 19, at 10 o'clock.

Brief address by Rev. J. B. Rhodes, M.A., newly appointed instructor.

Friends are cordially invited to attend.

Graduating Testimonies

by **Eria Robinson**



Three years ago I entered the Bible College as a young Christian, having accepted Christ as my Saviour only a short time before. I came with a degree of wonder and

perplexity, not quite certain what the Christian life really was. You can readily understand my reaction to such a fellowship as I found there, a fellowship made up of young people belonging to various denominations, creeds and churches, and with different temperaments and personalities.

I have found a sense of unity and harmony prevailing. Christ is the centre and spring of spiritual life in this fellowship; He is the ruling Head and source of power. Through the Holy Spirit, He is given complete control in the guiding and directing of student affairs, in corporate life as well as individual life. We are all one in Christ Jesus, one large Bible College family. He is the One to whom our purposes, aims and interests are related. Furthermore, He is our Life, the bond that unites us all in a common acceptance of and submission to the will of the living God.

I have learned many valuable lessons through the studies, the friendships and the experiences of the College. One in particular, to me the most significant and most vital, is that I have truly come to know Christ Himself in all His beauty and perfection. I had known Him before, yes, but only as my Saviour from sin. The veil has been drawn aside; now I see something of the brightness and glory that radiates from His own Person. He has

become to me the "altogether lovely one". There is every element of beauty in Christ, for in Him there is no moral flaw, no spiritual imperfection. There is nothing lacking in His holiness, His courage and His love. I understand why He is called the chiefest among ten thousand, the lily of the valley and the bright and morning star.

Jesus is perfect in His manhood and holy in His submission to the purpose and will of God. The secret of His perfect manhood lies in the fact that "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us". He also is the "perfect Friend, the One on whom I may depend". I have realized and been conscious these College days that Jesus is the Friend who "sticketh closer than a brother" and who never leaves me nor forsakes me. He has become a living reality in my life. I am beginning to know something of the eager cry of Paul's heart, "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

My conception of redemption before I came to the College went no farther than that Christ had saved me from my sins and given me an assurance of heaven. The gospel was so simple when offered to man that I failed to see its profound depth when it was being wrought out by God. The death of Christ on the cross was no accident or blunder, but it was the design of God himself. Deep were the waters that Christ passed through to reveal His infinite love for us. "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." God's love manifested at Calvary inspires our love. "We love Him because He first loved us."

The power of God as displayed in the life of Christ has been a revelation

to me. He healed the sick, stilled the sea, created food for the hungry, and even raised the dead to life. The utmost demonstration of His might, however, is seen in His resurrection. He defeated death and the grave and is now at the right hand of God, the source of power. To realize this power, I learned that I needed to be united in fellowship with Him and to be made conformable unto His death. The spiritual death to self, self-ambitions, self-desires and self-will, I have found to be a painful process. By spiritual union with Christ, I am identified with

all that happened to Him; that is, when He died, I died also. Oh, the splendour of it, "If we be dead with Christ, we shall also live with Him!" No longer is it I, but it is Christ.

The Christian life, with Christ as its source and power, has a heavenly aroma. Christ is my Lord; I am His by His eternal love, by His infinite sacrifice, by His saving grace and by the power of His resurrection. We are each loved by Him personally and individually. Such love demands my love, my life, my all.

by **Russell K. Wickers**



It would be impossible for me to enumerate the many spiritual blessings received from the course at Toronto Bible College. The phases of truth presented have been numerous and varied, and my experience has been deeply enriched as the cardinal verities of our faith have been urged upon us with clarity and simplicity.

The foundation of our teaching rests upon the unfolding through the Bible of God's redemptive plan for mankind. Man was estranged from God when self-will asserted itself at the fall. God's grace immediately went out to fallen man and He promised a Redeemer. Throughout the Old Testament age God revealed Himself from time to time and unfolded His plan for the redemption of man. God was preparing the world for the greatest event in history, the culmination of Divine revelation in Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament a new prin-

ciple came into operation through the cross of Jesus Christ, and it is upon this basis that redemption has been wrought out and the kingdom of God is to be established. The Christian is identified with Christ in His death and resurrection. He is now a new creature by virtue of the new birth, and walks in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Eventually the creation itself will be freed "from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God". God must eliminate from the universe all that is contrary to His will. He must destroy all His enemies. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

It may appear as though the forces of evil are now triumphant, but we have confidence in God who is directing the affairs of men from that unseen world which is the seat of ultimate reality. We believe the time will come when wickedness and war shall be no more and Jesus Christ shall reign in peace and righteousness.

Before coming to College I thought the Holy Spirit was merely the influence of God at work in the world. The realization of the personality of the Holy Spirit has been a great source of strength. He is not merely a Divine

influence, but the Third Person in the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is the dynamic of our Christian experience. Without His power we would be unable to stand against the hosts of iniquity around us. His presence enables us to conquer. He is ever here to comfort, guide and sustain along the Christian pathway. It has been said that the greatest unused power in the world is the power of the Holy Spirit. Because of His presence with us we have illimitable resources of spiritual power always at our disposal.

But not only have I learned of the Holy Spirit's guiding in individual life: the entire life of the College demonstrates the leadership of the Holy Spirit in a corporate body. If the Holy Spirit is able to guide individual lives, why not a corporate group? This practical guidance is illustrated in the government as well as in the life and fellowship of the College. Plans are not determined by majority vote but by a patient waiting upon the Lord until unanimous decisions are made.

The fellowship among the students has produced a tolerance, a new and sympathetic understanding for those

of other denominational convictions than our own. We represent many denominations but are all one in Christ Jesus. We have not magnified our differences. We have found that each separate group has something unique that it can add to the building of the universal church of Christ. Our fellowship has truly been "like to that above" as we have prepared ourselves to go into the harvest fields of the world.

As we go forward to bear witness for the one whom we love, we are reminded of His words, "greater works than these shall ye do because I go unto my father". "Greater works than these"? A soul redeemed, brought from darkness into light, is a far greater miracle than to have water changed to wine or a sea calmed at our bidding. It is through the power of the Holy Spirit that we see these miracles of grace accomplished. Let us in dependence on that mighty power use what we have learned at Toronto Bible College to this end, that we may better proclaim the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the world, and help to hasten the time when His kingdom shall be established.

News of the T. B. C. Family

A daughter, Eleanor Jean, was born on May 5 to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Persall (Dora Price '34) of R.R. 2, Waterford.

A son was born on May 14 to Mr. ('35) and Mrs. H. Edgar Burritt of Mount Forest.

A son, Alfred John, was born in Toronto on May 18 to Mr. ('38) and Mrs. George McDonald (Margaret Turnbull '36-'37).

A son, Anthony Neville, was born in Toronto on June 1 to Mr. ('37) and Mrs. Leslie Taylor (Joy Brockman '35-'36).

A daughter, Jean Elizabeth, was born in Toronto on June 12 to Mr. ('36) and Mrs. Percy Ibbotson (Jean Clarke '35).

A son was born at Fowchow, West China, on June 13 to Rev. ('28) and Mrs. A. E. Owen (Mary Vickers, Reg. N., '29).

To Mr. ('35) and Mrs. Stanley Beard, at Toronto Western Hospital, on July 19, a daughter, Myrtle.

To Mr. ('30) and Mrs. Alex. McLean, at Toronto Western Hospital, on July 23, a son, Mr. McLean is minister of Willowdale Presbyterian Church.

A daughter, Laurel Gresham, was born on Aug. 7 at Cassadaga, N.Y., to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones (Helen Lindsay '27).

Neta Peters ('38) was married to William Floyd of Belfast, Ireland, on March 4, in Toronto.

Maizie A. Van Dusen ('32) was married to Albert E. Embury, on May 20. They will reside at St. Ola, Ont.

Rose Andrews ('39) was married to William Wills ('40) on June 10, in Toronto.

Jessie Trotter ('37-'38) was married to George Barr (E. C. '38-'39) in Stratford, on June 17.

Irene Watkins ('26) was married to Charles K. Zabriskie in Wushishi, Nigeria, on June 28.

Dorothy Richardson ('28) was married to John Trewin ('31) on July 20 at Jos, Nigeria. Mr. and Mrs. Trewin are missionaries under the Sudan Interior Mission.

Katharine Ord ('39) was married to Russell Vickers ('39) in the Bible College on July 22. Jean Burrell ('38) played the wedding music.

Ella Graham Murphy, B.A., of Louisville, Ky., was married to Rev. Stanley Young ('37) in Louisville on July 27. Mr. Young was ordained in the Hyland Park Baptist Church in that city on May 17.

Jessie Clarkson ('34) was married to Frank Keys ('36) on August 17 in Toronto. Rev. G. W. H. Medley ('24) of Langton assisted with the ceremony and Melba Trombley ('35) was soloist.

Mary Shantz ('39) was married to Dilman Eby ('37-'39) in Toronto on Aug. 29. Helen Richl ('39) was bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Eby have taken over the work of Oakridge Tabernacle, East Toronto.

Mr. G. M. Byres, a retired banker, who attended the classes of the Bible College during the years 1920-23, died

in Toronto on Aug. 20. He was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, eighty-five years ago. He was an earnest student of the Bible and was a man of devoted Christian piety.

Rev. J. Wesley Hisey ('09-'10), former pastor of Petrolia Baptist Church, has recently been called to Mount Brydges Baptist Church.

Dr. Sarah M. L. Cook ('15) is at home on furlough from India where she works with the Canadian Baptist Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Nowack (Alice Broughton '20), who have been at home on furlough, returned recently to their work in Ebenezer Mission, Honan, China.

Mr. (student '21) and Mrs. ('23) George Bell, who have been at home on furlough, returned recently to their work in China under the China Inland Mission.

Rev. ('26) and Mrs. E. Haugh are at home on furlough from Brazil where they work with the Evangelical Union of South America.

Rev. ('26) and Mrs. Gordon Mellich (Catherine Hartley, Reg. N., '27) are at home on furlough from Liberia where they have been engaged in Baptist Mission work.

Rev. Howard Phillips ('28) has recently become pastor of the Ruth Morton Baptist Church, Vancouver, B.C.

Rev. ('30) and Mrs. Lewis S. Weber (Edna Bowman '24) returned on July 4 for a year and a half's furlough from their work in Buenos Aires under the Mennonite Mission. Mrs. Weber is a sister of Alice Bowman (E. C. '39).

In the McMaster University scholarship list announced this summer the names of Roy Cook ('31) and Clarence Knapp ('35-'36) appeared. Mr. Cook won the Gilmour Memorial Scholarship which is given to the stu-

dent who ranks highest in History of Christianity I, and Mr. Knapp, the McCrimmon Memorial Scholarship which is awarded to the student for the Baptist ministry graduating in Arts with highest scholarship.

At her graduation from Hamilton General Hospital Elizabeth Ferguson ('32) received a scholarship in General Proficiency, representing the highest honour in bedside nursing.

Rev. Donald Sinclair ('32), pastor of the Hepworth and Kimberley Baptist churches, conducted the Summer Bible Conference in the Gospel tent at Chesley Lake, during July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schultz (Marie Timpany '33) and Mr. and Mrs. David Rough (Nettie MacDonald '27), returning to Nigeria after furloughs spent in Canada, were in charge of the two Sudan Interior Mission parties which sailed in June and July respectively. The following new missionaries were among the group: Joan MacDonald ('37), Ethel Saunders ('38-'39), Sam Goertz ('38-'39) and Albert Neilson (E.C. '38-'39).

Muriel Bowes ('33-'34), who has been working in Tinnevelly District, India, with the Dohnavur Fellowship, returned home recently on furlough.

Violet Herber ('35) has been transferred from Petrolia City Mission, under the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, to a similar work in St. Thomas. Lorraine Carter ('41) has been assisting Hazel Bond ('33) in Petrolia during the summer.

Rev. F. Paul Erb ('36) has been called to the pastorate of the Arnprior Evangelical Church.

Ronald Williams (E. C. '36), who has completed three years in Arts at Victoria College, has had a summer field at Scrip, Sask., under the United Church Home Mission Board.

Leonard Coupland ('37) is assistant

pastor of Dawes Road Mission, Toronto.

Among those who have been in Canadian Sunday School Mission work this summer are: Ida Peterman ('37), Fannie Langford ('40) and Audrey Kelly ('41) in Western Canada; Verna Caine ('41) and Harold Mayotte ('40) in Northwestern Ontario.

Ora Climenhegg ('38) has temporarily taken over the work of the Church of Christ at Frederick House, Ontario.

Stanley Gaudin ('38), who has completed one year in Arts at McMaster University, has been accepted as an Exchange Student for next session by the University of British Columbia.

Russell Hughes ('39) left on June 30 for Lisbon, Portugal, where he will spend several months in language study before going to Portuguese East Africa for service under the South Africa General Mission.

Monica Lambert ('39) has been accepted for missionary service in Syria under the British Syrian Mission.

Milly McElrea ('39) sailed on Aug. 25 on the Andania for her home in Northern Ireland.

The following students have been in Shantyment's work during the summer: Harold Lambshead ('39) in Northern Ontario, Gregers Gregersen ('40) in Thunder Bay District, and Charles Cowell ('40) at the Montreal docks and in the surrounding district.

Paul Morris ('39) and Harry Butler ('40) are student pastors of the Mullingar and Loon Lake, Sask., Independent Baptist churches this summer.

Russell Self ('39) has a student pastorate at Hilton, Man., under the Presbyterian Home Mission Board.

The following graduates have been appointed to student pastorates under

the Baptist Home Mission Board: Jack Heal ('37) at Englehart, Lloyd Hylton ('37) at Jerseyville, Russel Lamb ('38) at Hardington Mission, Weston, and Campbell MacFarlane ('39) at Eastview church, Ottawa.

The following graduates have recently been accepted by the China Inland Mission: Vera Bigham ('37), Gladys Mileson ('39), Douglas Muir ('39) and Frank Muir ('39). Douglas and Frank Muir expect to leave Toronto for China on Sept. 25. The girls may be sailing later in the fall.

Marion Allnutt, Reg. N., ('41) has been engaged in children's work in Montreal during the summer.

David Harris ('42) has been associ-

ated with the work of the Gospel Workers at Shelburne for the summer.

The Alumni Association entertained its members who were delegates to the Baptist Jubilee Convention, and members of the College Faculty, at a luncheon held in the College on Tuesday, June 13. Seventy-three guests, representing various parts of Ontario and Quebec, as well as India, Bolivia and Africa, were present. Dr. McNicol spoke genial words of welcome, and, in addition to a number of our own graduates, Dr. John McLaurin, General Secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and Mr. Jonadab, Principal of the Cocanada High School, India, who were also guests, gave brief messages.

THE ANNUAL ALUMNI CONFERENCE TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

3.00—Afternoon Session in the Assembly Hall

Business Session

Address by Rev. R. H. Glover, M.D., Secretary, China Inland Mission.

5.45—Alumni Supper (25 cents).

7.45—Evening Session in the Assembly Hall and in the Lecture Room of the New Building.

Brief messages by former Students representing several walks of life (a lawyer, a doctor, a school teacher, a housewife, etc.), on the general theme of "Christ and the College."

A cross-section of Bible College training and influence.

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Hear something of what the College is doing in the home land.



