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### College News

*A Change of Day.* Our Graduation Exercises this year will be held on Thursday, April 28th, as another institution has a prior claim on the Varsity Arena for the 29th. For the first time in its history the College session will close on the last Thursday instead of the last Friday of April. This will probably be the annual day hereafter.

*A Bouquet of Bills.* The first contribution toward the building which the College has purchased in its new forward step was made by the students themselves. At the end of last term, during their Christmas festivities, the Head Boy presented to the Principal a bouquet of ten dollar bills, representing a spontaneous gift on the part of the student body and expressing their appreciation of the College and their joy in the prospect of its enlargement.

*The Day of Prayer.* The first Tuesday of February was spent in the same way as last year. The regular programme of lectures was set aside, and the whole day was devoted to prayer and waiting upon God. The plan varied very little from last year. During the first two hours, the Faculty and the whole student body were in the Assembly Hall. For the last hour in the morning, the three classes met in their respective rooms, under three of the instructors. The meetings in the afternoon were conducted by the leaders of the Cabinet and the Devotional Committee. The Evening Classes continued the services of the day in a similar way. They first met together in the Assembly Hall, under Mr. Hyde and Mr. Burns, and afterwards divided into separate groups. The spiritual life of the College has never been steadier or stronger than it is to-day.

*Congested Class Rooms.* The enrollment of students in the College has reached the highest point in our history. The Assembly Hall every morning is crowded to the corners and the overflow in the gallery above often more than half fills it. The first-year

students, numbering 137, have to crowd into a room originally seated for 100. Thus the present building is surging with earnest and joyous young Christian life, which is all ready to overflow into the new building when it is opened for us in the fall.

### A Word to the Budget Secretaries

One of the finest pieces of work carried on for the College is that which is rendered by the secretaries of the various classes in preparing and circulating their respective class budgets. It is a labour of love and devotion. It not only preserves the class fellowship when its members scatter throughout the world in the service of Christ, but it also helps to keep the Bible College in touch with its great family.

Copies of these budgets come to the office of the College and the letters they contain are read with great interest, especially by the Principal and Mrs. McNicol. We are interested in following the life and work of every member of the family. What we look for is not so much a piece of sermonizing—we can get that better elsewhere—but those bits of personal history or personal experience that come fresh from the lives of the writers and illuminate the conditions under which each is carrying on his or her service wherever it may be in the world. Familiar letters of this personal kind are the most helpful in preserving both the class fellowship and the College spirit.

These budget letters do two things for us. They keep the living personalities of our former students in our

remembrance through all the years since their graduation, and they bring the whole world before us, for the letters in these budgets come from the mission fields of all the continents.

The Principal has been glad to contribute occasionally to some of these budgets when requested by the class secretary. But these requests have been so frequent of late that he has not been able to meet them all. The budgets, too, are increasing with each succeeding year. He has appreciated the interest that has prompted those who have made these requests. But he has also appreciated the consideration that has led others to refrain from making them. The Principal and Mrs. McNicol are just as much interested in those former students who have not received any direct personal message from them in their class budgets as they are in those students who have already received several such messages. With such a large and growing family, and with so many graduating classes now out in the world, the Principal feels that henceforth he should be allowed to send his messages to all the classes through the College "Recorder" and the Prayer Fellowship letters which go to all alike.

## THE ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE

of the College will be held on  
SUNDAY, APRIL 24, at 11 a.m.  
in the Assembly Hall.

Address by Rev. T. B. Hyde

Friends of the College are cordially invited to attend.



## Gertrude Pogue '34

In the death of Gertrude Pogue in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on January 10, another name was added to the number of members of the Bible College family who have laid down their lives on the foreign mission field. In her brief term of service in Ethiopia she had been called to pass through great trial, including the tragic death of her fiance, Tom Devers, and her own serious illness and operation, all of which she bore with that quiet patience and courage which always characterized her.

Before she went out to the field her life had been telling at home. Her Christian character and testimony had exerted a deep and widespread influ-

ence, especially among young people. This was very manifest in the memorial services which were held in Forward Baptist Church, Toronto, where she was converted, in the Baptist church in Lindsay where she addressed a farewell meeting when leaving for the field, and in her home church at Reaboro, which was crowded on the occasion by those who knew and loved her. Principal McNicol, and two of her fellow missionaries from the Bible College, Jack Percy of Nigeria and John Trewin of Ethiopia, attended all these services and took part in them. The sympathy of the Bible College family goes out to all those who sorrow for her loss.

## New Recruits for Foreign Service



Ellen Callander, Reg. N., ('31)

Ellen Callander came to the College in 1928 to prepare for foreign missionary service. She had been associated with the Meadowview Mission in Guelph, and had proved herself a very useful worker. During her last year at College she was Head Girl. She has since graduated in nursing from the Hamilton General Hospital. On Dec. 26 she left for South America where she will serve under the Evangelical Union of South America.

Ruth Pecover ('35)

Ever since she was 12 years of age, Ruth Pecover has had the mission field in view. Before taking her course at the College she graduated from Hamilton Normal School as a kindergarten teacher. During the past two years she has been engaged in work with the City Mission, Hamilton. She left on March 1 for Kenya Colony under the Africa Inland Mission.





**George T. McAlpine (E. C. '37)**

A short time after he had consecrated his life to God for service either at home or abroad, George entered the College Evening Classes. During his last two years there he was president of the Evening Class Cabinet. At the same time he found opportunities for witness in various places in Toronto. Less than a year ago he received a definite call to the foreign mission field, and he is already on his way to French Equatorial Africa under the Sudan United Mission.



**Leonard Warr ('35)**

Leonard Warr was led, under Rev. John Hall, to dedicate his life for foreign missionary service, and came to the College from Hamilton with that purpose in view. During his course and in the years since, God has used him in various types of His mission work. South America has been on his heart for some years, and in November he sailed for Amazonia where he will serve under the Unevangelized Fields Mission.

**Toronto Branch Alumni  
Devotional Meeting**

**March 11**

in the College Assembly Hall  
at 8.00 p.m.

We expect to organize an  
**ALUMNI EVANGELISTIC BAND**  
that evening.

It is important that **EVERY  
MEMBER** attend.

**The Fourth Issue of the  
GATEWAY**

(the annual publication of the  
**GRADUATING CLASS**) is now  
available at the office.

Price 50c

## Toronto Alumni Banquet

A new idea in banquets was tried out and found to be very successful, in connection with the annual social gathering of the Toronto Branch of the Alumni Association, on January 21. The number in our College family who have taken up residence in foreign parts has increased so much from year to year that between twenty and thirty missionaries were home on furlough during the Christmas and New Year season of 1937/38. In order to have the inspiration of their presence and the benefit of their experience, it was decided to have the banquet of the Toronto Alumni Association in January instead of early in March.

In addition to the members of the Faculty and the Alumni officers, representatives were present from Africa (Abyssinia, French Equatorial Africa, Angola and the Sudan), China, the Arctic Circle and the Canadian West. Over twenty missionaries (including accepted missionary candidates for South America, India, China and Africa) were present and five-minute messages were delivered by sixteen of them. This presented in a unique way a cross section of the world-wide fellowship of T.B.C.

The difficulties and trials of missionary life at home and abroad were explained; the joys of Christian service were enumerated; and the possibilities of the reclamation of the lives of men and women, even of those in darkest paganism, were illustrated by remarkable stories of conversion, from all parts of the world mission field. We can think of no finer way by which Christian people at home can

become familiar with the modern missionary problems than by attendance at such a gathering as this.

By allowing one's imagination to take in the meeting as a whole, it was quite easy to grasp the importance for missionary work of the continuous stream of life going out from the halls of T.B.C. It illustrated, too, how the training received here is fitting hundreds of young men and women each year for a wide variety of tasks in the Church's missionary enterprise. And we can understand the significance of our Master's words when He said that some seed would bring forth ten, some twenty, and some one hundred fold, for all parts of the mission field are not equally anxious to receive the Gospel, and in many places to-day the missionary is experiencing active opposition to the presentation of the Christian Evangel.

The dining hall of the College was filled to capacity with present and former students, many of whom had come to meet classmates now on furlough and to say farewell to missionaries returning to the field.

The service was fittingly terminated by a period of family worship by Principal McNicol, in which he read from the book of Revelation, Chapter 7, and commended our entire Bible College family to the Lord.

The new officers for the Toronto Branch are:

Stafford Love, '35, President.

Donald Loveday, '37, Vice-President.

Florence Derbecker, '36, Secretary.

Laura Marshall, '34, Treasurer.

Helen Stephen, '31, Social Convener.

## Death of Principal McNicol's Father

Mr. John McNicol, father of Principal McNicol, passed to his reward on Feb. 27 in his home in Ottawa. The funeral service was held in the capital on March 1. Mr. McNicol who was in his ninety-eighth year came of hardy

Scotch stock. He was employed in the Finance Department of the Civil Service from which he retired twenty-five years ago. He was an elder of the Presbyterian Church and for years was active in St. Andrews Church,

Ottawa. Mr. McNicol was one of Canada's outstanding amateur horticulturalists—a man who revelled in God's great out-of-doors.

The sympathy of our Bible College family is extended to the Principal and the members of his home in this hour of their bereavement.

### News of T.B.C. Family

A daughter, Helen Patterson, was born in Yutaoho, China, in August, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hulse (Ethelwyn J. Holland, B.A., '25).

A daughter, Mima Ruth Gwendolyn, was born in Winnipeg, on Nov. 28, to Rev. ('30) and Mrs. John Byers, of Orillia, Ont.

Twins, Roberta Lee and Fred Kenneth, were born at Terrell, Texas, on Dec. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatt (student '34-'36).

A son, Gilbert Earl Edward, was born in Brantford, on Dec. 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Pitts (Ruth Phillips '29).

A son, Stephen, was born on Dec. 20, to Mr. ('33) and Mrs. R. Edward Harlow (Margaret Burritt '32), of Nyang-kundi, Belgian Congo.

A son, John Malcolm, was born in Toronto, on Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. James Rennicks (Bessie Ridgley '27).

A daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, was born at Kalene, Northern Rhodesia, on Jan. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher ('35).

A son, Duncan Herbert, was born in Montreal, on Dec. 1, 1936, to Mr. ('35)

and Mrs. Jas. Lowden (Hazel Duncan '35).

A daughter, Lorraine Amy, was born in Coleville, Sask., on Feb. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Benjaminson (Beulah Brent '34).

On July 14, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Miss Margaret Jane Clouston and Rev. Tristram W. Fry (student '29-'31) were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. McNicol.

Margaret J. Milne (E. C. '37) and Donald Hill, of Galt, Ont., were married in Toronto, on June 5. Frances Woods (E. C. '37) was bridesmaid.

The marriage of Miss Gladys Gustard and Kenneth Meredith (student '36-'37) took place in Peterborough, on Nov. 27.

Catherine Knechtel (student '33-'36) was united in marriage to Edward Strome, on Nov. 20, in Kitchener.

Edith M. Atkinson ('18) and Alexander W. Galbraith were united in marriage in December, at Stouffville. They are residing at Newtonbrook.

The marriage of Evangeline Williams ('35) to Harold Dowdell took place in Port Dalhousie, on Oct. 16.

## THE ANNUAL BASKET PICNIC

of the

Bible College Alumni

will be held in

AREA 2, HIGH PARK, TORONTO

on SATURDAY, JUNE 4,

at 2.30 p.m.

Take a Bloor car west to the Bloor Street entrance. We shall be glad to welcome out-of-town friends.

Vera Ray ('35) and B. C. Lehman, of Buffalo, N.Y., were united in marriage, on Dec. 21, at Minna, Nigeria. They are stationed at Kuta.

On New Year's Day, in the Assembly Hall of the College, Frances I. Woods and George T. McAlpine, both graduates of last year's Evening Classes, were married. Rev. D. A. Burns ('16) performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Dr. Andrew Hood.

Miss Lillian Ray, of Galt, Ont., and Burton Hill ('33) were united in marriage on Oct. 12 in Bremner Baptist Church, Galt. They are living in Newmarket, where Mr. Hill is pastor of the Friends' Church.

Former students of the College, along with many others whose lives her rich ministry has blessed, will mourn the passing of Mrs. Eva Rose York, which occurred at her home in Toronto, on Feb. 6.

Richard Oliver ('22) is doing deputation work for the Sudan Interior Mission, with his headquarters in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Beard (Jane Powell '19) have recently come home on furlough from China, and Beatrice Jackson ('27), from Nigeria.

Rev. J. F. Holliday ('21) has completed his ministry in Faith Baptist Church, Toronto, and has taken over the pastorate of Charlton Ave. Baptist Church Hamilton.

Rev. Prof. T. W. Isherwood, M.A., who lectured in the College on Doctrine, from 1931 to 1935, has returned to England to become rector of the Anglican church at Birkenhead.

Albert R. Jones (E. C. '31) was ordained in Pape Ave. Baptist Church, on Feb. 17. Rev. W. F. Roadhouse ('00) preached the ordination sermon, and Rev. Glen Wardell ('13) gave the charge to the candidate. Mr. Jones is pastor of Keelesdale Baptist Mission.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard F. Geary (Margaret Murray '34) have gone to Scotland where Mr. Geary is curate of St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Edinburgh.

George Worling ('36), who is on furlough from Nigeria, was ordained in Forward Baptist Church on Nov. 9. Dr. McNicol was present and was invited to a seat on the ordination council.

Gibson Brown ('35) has been appointed pastor of the Christian Church at Little Britain, Ont.

## THE ANNUAL MEETING of the STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

will be held in the  
Assembly Hall of the College  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27,

at 8.00 p.m.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET will be held the same evening at 6.00  
when the GRADUATING CLASS will be the guests of the  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Archie McGilvray ('35) is Assistant Minister and Director of Music in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Ottawa.

James Lowden ('35) is pastor of the Baptist churches in Thamesville and Louisville, Ont.

Marion Wilson ('35) and Jean Shankland ('37) have returned to their homes in Scotland.

James Ferguson, B.A., ('33) is a student at Knox College, with a view to entering the Presbyterian ministry.

Iner Farmery ('37) is taking the medical course at the National Bible Institute, New York.

During his furlough in Canada, Rev. John O. Percy ('32) has acted as secretary of the Sudan Interior Mission in place of Mr. Ernest Jones who has been on leave of absence, but who is expected to return to his office shortly.

Frank C. Stevens ('35) was a member of the debating team which recently won several inter-collegiate debates at McMaster University. He received an "M", the highest award given for this type of debating.

Arthur Brodie ('36), pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance

Tabernacle at Hopeville, Ont., was recently ordained in Toronto.

Eva Musser ('36) has been accepted by the Unevangelized Fields Mission for service in Amazonia.

Frank Christie ('37) is acting pastor of the Baptist church in Dixville, Que.

Mae Tipping ('37) is engaged in Jewish work in Toronto, under the Toronto Jewish Mission.

Joan MacDonald ('37), Edith Seager ('37), Eugene Ayton ('34) and Sydney Best ('37) are working with the Faith Mission at the present time.

May McCurdy ('37) is doing deputation work for the Upper Canada Tract Society.

The following graduates are attending McMaster University this session: Ronald Harmer ('37), James Lowden ('35), Roy Pitts ('36), Frank Swackhammer ('37) and Elmore Williamson ('36).

Jos. Richardson ('38) has accepted a call to become pastor of the Baptist church in Delta, Ont.

Cameron Orr ('38) has been appointed pastor of the Hardington Baptist Mission, Weston.

## THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

of the

Forty-Fourth Session

will be held in

VARSITY ARENA, BLOOR STREET WEST

(Near St. George Street)

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 28,

at 8.00

Doors open at 7.00

7,500 seats

Offering

Accommodation reserved for out-of-town friends, on request.













