

# Toronto Bible College



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### Rev. T. Bradley Hyde

The sudden death of the Rev. T. B. Hyde on January fourteenth removed the last remaining link between the present Board and present staff of the College and its original founders. In the Prospectus which announced the opening of the first session of the Toronto Bible Training School in September, 1894, Mr. Hyde's name appears as a member of the first General Council and also as one of the instructors. He was then in his early thirties, and had recently come to Toronto from the Moody Church in Chicago to become pastor of the former Northern Congregational Church which is now the Rosedale United Church.

Mr. Hyde continued to serve on the Council of the College and to give occasional series of lectures both to the Day Classes and the Evening Classes while carrying on the work of his church. On the death of Dr.



Stewart in 1912, Mr. Hyde was appointed Secretary of the College and a member of the regular teaching staff, as he had resigned his pastorate shortly before. He occupied the office of Secretary till the appointment of Dr. Waters in 1926, but remained on the Board and on the Faculty till the time of his death.

Generations of Bible College students who have sat in his classes and cherish his memory will be sorry to

hear of his passing. Many of them learned from him for the first time how to begin personal Christian work, and how to read the Bible in public, and how to speak before an audience. His lectures on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit and on the Principles and Practices of Prayer have led very many into a deeper understanding of the practical and devotional aspects of Christian life and work.

While advancing years brought a limitation of his lecturing, Mr. Hyde never lost his youthful enthusiasm in

the class room or his sympathetic interest in the life and experience of individual students. He continued to have personal interviews with them to the end. His devotional spirit was always evident. He was nowhere happier than in his fellowship with the Faculty, when the instructors met around the table in the Board Room to confer together about their work and to pour out their hearts in prayer for the student body and for the Lord's cause in the Bible College.

### **Rev. F. S. Weston, D.D.**



Only a few weeks after the death of Mr. Hyde, another former member of the College staff passed away in the person of Dr. Weston, who had been retired for the past eight years.

Dr. Weston began to give courses of special lectures in the old Bible Training School in 1908, shortly after coming to Toronto as the pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church. He taught

the subject of Christian Doctrine which had been previously taken by Dr. Stewart, the first Principal of the School. On resigning from his church over twenty years ago, he was appointed to the regular staff with Systematic Theology as his special department. He lectured on some other subjects besides and also gave courses on separate books of the Bible.

Dr. Weston was a wide reader and explored some unfamiliar fields of knowledge. He was especially interested in Eschatology and wrote much upon it. The students of the 20's will remember the interesting lectures he used to give in character study at their evening entertainments. He was well beyond his four score years when he was called home.

### **Miss Margaret Armstrong**

Those who were students in the Bible College between 1912 and 1916 will remember Miss Margaret Armstrong who was the office Secretary during that time, and they will regret to learn that she was fatally injured in a motor car accident in Saint John, N.B., on the evening of February 22.

After serving four years in the office of the College, Miss Armstrong at-

tended the classes of one session, and then entered the Home Mission Work of the former Methodist Church in Western Canada. After the union in 1925, she continued to serve under the United Church of Canada. About five years ago, during a furlough from her Western work, she attended the College again, taking special classes as other missionaries on furlough fre-

quently do. After that she was transferred by the Women's Board of the Church to mission work in Eastern Canada.

Miss Armstrong will be remembered for the unflinching charm of her Christian character, as well as for her long and devoted service to the cause of the Kingdom of God.

On Thursday afternoon, February 27, the funeral service of the late Miss Margaret Armstrong was held in Oshawa, being largely attended by

relatives and friends. Mrs. Loveys and other ladies of the United Church W.M.S. Home Mission Board were present. The service was conducted by the Reverend J. Verner McNeely, pastor of King Street United Church, where a sister of the deceased attends. He spoke very fittingly and feelingly of her life's work for her Church, and of her strong and sweet Christian character. Representing the Principal, who was unable to attend, the Secretary of the College also gave a tribute to her memory.

### **Miss Bermeda Sanderson**

Ten years ago there came into the class room of T. B. C. from Guelph a rather quiet, unassuming young lady who for the first half of her course was known only by name—Bermeda Sanderson. Her fellow students gradually learned to appreciate her steady pace, her droll statements and her crisp humour, for through them all they were able to discern a conscious purpose, the possession of which had led Bermeda to the Bible College. Her face was set toward the foreign field and, at the end of her course, she applied for service in Africa, and while at first it seemed likely that she would be designated to work in the Soudan, it gradually became clear to her that her field of service was to be in the homeland.

She had been appointed by her class as its secretary, and her quiet persistent passion for the missionary enterprise of the church later, found its ex-

pression in the unselfish work she did for the members of her class and others. The very last act of her earthly life was the mailing of the class letters to all members of the group throughout the world. In a way, that class letter is a farewell message from her to her fellow students. For having mailed these letters, she went out to complete her Christmas shopping, expecting on the following morning to go home to see her parents and spend Christmas with them. By a strange accident, caused by a motor car backing up, she died on December 23 and was buried three days later. At the funeral service held in the College auditorium, her minister, Rev. H. E. Irwin, and Dr. Waters paid tribute to her simple faith in God, and to her conscientious service in the office of the College, where for the past ten months she had served as secretary to the registrar.

## **THE ANNUAL COMMUNION SERVICE**

of the College will be held on

Sunday, April 20, at 11 a.m.,

in the Assembly Hall.

Former students and friends are invited to attend.

## An Unsolicited Testimony

(The following testimony was found in the editor's mail a few weeks ago and is signed "An Evening Class Graduate".)

A little less than a decade ago, a "chance" remark about a good Bible College found the writer of this article seeking to verify the truth of that remark by attending the evening courses which were offered at that time in the old building on College St.

Keenly interested in the subjects for study, I attended the full three year course, under great difficulty on account of my hours of employment. It was a frequent occurrence for me to work from 8.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., prepare for the classes at 7.45, leave them at 9.15 and then return to work till one or two the next morning. But I rejoiced inwardly because my soul was being fed week by week from that deep inner life which came to me through God's chosen channels—Dr. McNicol, Rev. T. B. Hyde, and Dr. Weston.

The graduation exercises were always a source of deep inspiration to me. Here were assembled groups of young people going forward into the Master's service, and as I acquired and absorbed more and more of God's Word I, too, realized that He must have some place in this worldwide vineyard where I could have a part. After receiving my evening class certificate, I interviewed Dr. McNicol and told him of my desire for foreign service, but before I left him he told me that he thought I was better fitted for service at home.

I have often thought since that I am not the only one who has been disappointed by his wise counsel, and yet as I look back over the intervening years, I have thanked God that even though one door of desired service was shut in my face, its revolving counterpart opened up an avenue of

service of immeasurable benefit to mankind. I am quite sure there must be many day and evening students who, after graduating, have found themselves in the same position, and because of disappointed hopes, have wondered whether it was all worthwhile.

I had often sung in bygone days Fanny Crosby's hymn, "Take my life and let it be" and as I thought of the second verse, "Take my hands and let them move", the secret suddenly dawned upon me—"There stands the signpost which points to your road of service." So I prayed earnestly that God would use me in this way, and I consecrated my spare hours to working at my trade to earn money for various branches of God's work, especially for funds for missionaries' passages to and equipment for their fields. My first endeavour along this line was to supply \$250 as part of the fares for two of our graduates going to the mission field.

Working on faithfully as private work came to me, I was able to lay aside quite a considerable sum for future calls, and after a while I had the opportunity to buy part of the necessary equipment for one of our graduates, to give \$100 as part of the passage money, and all the working equipment for another. Some time later through my continued efforts I was able to give \$400 toward the passage of another of God's children going to the foreign field.

Some years ago, one of our weary graduates was advised to return for furlough after years of faithful toil, but funds apparently were lacking. And yet faith played a remarkable part. Packing her baggage she left her station with orders to proceed to the central station. After travelling twelve miles this lone servant of the Lord met the weekly "mail-boy", and

under the hot equatorial sun she opened, to her excited eyes, a letter from the writer containing shipping tickets for a return trip to Toronto with \$25 for spending money thrown in. I suppose only God knows the outpouring of praise which must have taken place.

But what of the other activities which this revolving door opened up to me? God has His own wonderful ways of introducing His workmen to their tasks. Thirteen or fourteen years ago a young lad went to one of the smaller hospitals for an operation, and when I visited him the following Sunday, I found a small band of gospel singers who needed an "extra", and for nearly six years, until the hospital was closed down, we sang the old gospel hymns to those who had been laid aside. Most of these patients were there for open-air treatment, but their beds were old rusty affairs with boxes to keep them in place, or table trestles to rest them on. I had ten special iron frames made, and on these were put long narrow boards so arranged that a stretcher could slide conveniently in between. These I painted a gleaming white, and how those patients appreciated their new "resting places" can readily be understood.

After five or six years this hospital was closed and yet as this door of service closed, another opened to the identical work in another part of the

city, and for a number of years, each Sunday has found me singing and giving out the message of the old story as well as handing out in printed form the unchanging truth.

Two churches in Toronto benefited to the extent of sharing \$1,000 between them in their building programs some years ago from my funds. In the early days of the 1931 depression, hundreds of sandwiches found their way into the hungry stomachs of homeless men in the various missions, and throughout these ten years many a discouraged soul has knocked at the door of our home and received the "cup of cold water" from the hands of my sympathetic wife.

I could relate many other things, but this should suffice to show that no life that passes through Toronto Bible College, whether in the day or evening course, can afford to sit back and say that life is a failure just because the door of his desire is shut. The pathway of life that I have followed has not been a bed of roses; in fact, many keen disappointments have fallen to my lot; but through them all God has wonderfully sustained me, and I still go forward, inwardly singing,

Go labour on, spend and be spent,  
Thy joy to do the Father's will;  
It is the way the Master went.  
Should not the servant tread it still?

### THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STUDENT BODY

will be held in the Assembly Hall of the College

Wednesday, April 23, at 8.00 p.m.

The Alumni Banquet will be held the same evening at 5.45 when the Graduating Classes will be the guests of the Alumni Association.

You are cordially invited to attend.

## A New Volume by Dr. McNicol

In answer to persistent requests from friends and former students Dr. McNicol has undertaken to put his Bible lectures into permanent form. He will issue three volumes under the title, "Thinking Through the Bible," the first number to be available by April 1.

After a lifetime spent in the study and teaching of the English Bible, Principal McNicol brings a wealth of experience to his task. His former students will find in this first volume, which covers the Historical Books of the Old Testament, many things which will recall to them the hours spent in the class room under the author's teaching and guidance. They will find new ideas as well. For example, the

summaries which Dr. McNicol has used to point out the significance of the dealings of God with His people as well as the significance of great divine movements will appeal to all. These pages deserve to be read by a wide circle of friends everywhere to whom the author's work will clothe with new life these early books of the divine library.

We think the dedication of the book to Mrs. McNicol, "Our College Mother," a very happy thought.

The volume will sell at \$1.50. Orders may be sent to the office of the College, or to the Upper Canada Tract Society, 406 Yonge St., Toronto.

—D. A. Burns.

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

A son, Malcolm David, was born on Nov. 7 at Moundou, French Equatorial Africa, to Mr. '34 and Mrs. George Anderson (Isabel Miller '33).

A son, Norman David, was born on Nov. 12 in Galt to Mr. '39 and Mrs. Frank Phillips.

A son, James Donald, was born in Kitchener on Nov. 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hartwick (Gertrude Thompson '28).

A son, Roy Brian, was born in Port Nelson on Nov. 26 to Mr. '34 and Mrs. Roy Tuck.

A son, Clarence William, was born in Sault Ste. Marie on Dec. 6 to Mr. '36-'39 and Mrs. Wm. Wills (Rose Andrews '39).

A son, David John William, was born on Dec. 17 in Lindsay to Lieut. and Mrs. '38-'40 Gordon Cowling.

A daughter was born in Toronto on Jan. 3 to Mr. '36 and Mrs. Percy Ibbotson (Jean Clarke '35).

A son was born in Hamilton on Jan. 7 to Mr. '34 and Mrs. Wm. Tilly.

A daughter, Carolyn Mae, was born in Kingston on Jan. 12 to Mr. '38 and Mrs. Wm. Brown (Florence Derbecker '36).

A daughter, Patricia Anne, was born in Toronto on Jan. 14 to Mr., E. C. '38-'39, and Mrs. George Barr (Jessie Trotter '37-'38).

A daughter, Valerie Joan, was born in Toronto on Feb. 6 to Mr. '34 and Mrs. Jas. Annan.

Sydney Best '37 was married to Dorothy Cornell on Oct. 24 in Chengtu, Szechwan, China. Mr. and Mrs. Best have been appointed to the China Inland Mission station at Chungwei, Ningshia.

Gordon Chambers '31 was married to Helen Murie on Dec. 7 in Stratford.

Edna Bailey '40 was married on Dec. 11 to Rev. S. A. Black, in British West Indies. Mr. and Mrs. Black are engaged in mission work in St. Catherine, Jamaica.

Clara Hicks '39-'41 was married to Sgt. Alex. Deans, E. C. '38, in Toronto

on Dec. 21. Wilma Watson '41 was bridesmaid, and Neta Reddick '42 and Sgt. Harold McMillan '39-'40 played the wedding music.

Mae Tipping '37 was married to Dow Sargeant '37 on Dec. 21 in Kitchener. Donald Loveday '37 was best man and Ruth Penman '39 was soloist.

Sylvia Firth '37-'39 was married to Pte. Harry Hone of England on New Year's Day at Lewisville, N.B.

Florence Markle '32-'33 was married to Rev. Horace Dulmage, B.A., B.D. '34 in Niagara Falls on Jan. 2. They will live in Woodstock, Ill., where Mr. Dulmage has been called to the First Baptist Church.

Rev. Glen Wardell '13, minister of Calvary Baptist Church, Oshawa, has been called to the pastorate of Islington Evangelical Church.

Isabell Jack '21 and Nellie Horne '33, who have been serving under the Evangelical Union of South America in Argentina and Brazil respectively, are at home on furlough.

Rev. Robert Moynan '23, minister of New Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hamilton for the past nine years, has been appointed field secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance for Ontario.

Arthur Homer '28-'30 was ordained at Burch Baptist Church on Feb. 13.

Mildred Johnston '30 is a nursing sister in the British Military Hospital in Ouetta, Baluchistan, India.

Rev. A. R. Jones, E.C. '31, of Keelesdale Baptist Mission, opened his new church auditorium on Nov. 24. Among the speakers at the special opening services were: Rev. W. F. Roadhouse '00, Rev. Glen Wardell '13, Rev. Robert Simpson '32, Donald Loveday '37 and Rev. Robert Gordon '38.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Rowe (Jean Spence '31) are on furlough from China where they have served for the past nine years under the China Inland Mission.

Mr. '32 and Mrs. Frank Melbourne (Mae Faust '31) are carrying on a work temporarily under the Central American Mission in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, until their work in Spain under the European Christian Mission is opened up again.

Helena Gibbs '36, who has been with the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Manchuria, has returned home for the present owing to unsettled conditions in that country.

N. Frank Swackhammer '37 was ordained on Nov. 14 in Garden City Baptist Church, Montreal, of which he is pastor.

George Tranter '38, formerly of the Picton Baptist Church, has recently been called to the pastorate of Woodbine Heights Baptist church, Toronto.

Mary Littlewood '40 entered the nurses' training school of Grace Salvation Army Hospital in Ottawa on Jan. 24.

## TORONTO BRANCH ALUMNI

7th Annual Banquet

Friday, March 14, 1941

6.15 p.m. sharp

in the College Dining Hall

Speaker: Rev. J. H. Slimon, Minister Parkdale Baptist Church

Music: Bible College Ladies' Double Trio

All former students invited.

Supper charge 25c.

Dora Howe '35, of the Sudan Interior Mission, Nigeria, is on furlough in Canada this year.

Betty Laing '38 left on Jan. 1 for Shanghai, China, where she will work with the Door of Hope Mission.

### A Note from the Treasurer

The Treasurer will be grateful if contributors would kindly send their gifts, whenever possible, direct to the office of the College, addressed either to him or the Secretary.

This will avoid any delay in dispatching official receipts. These re-

Ruth Melitzer '40 is taking a course in music at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

A gift of \$28.00 was recently given by nurses of the old Nursing-at-Home Mission for the N. A. H. room in the new building at 14 Spadina Road.

ceipts from the Treasurer of the College are valid for the purpose of "Income Tax Allowances". Ten per cent of one's Annual Income may be deducted, if that amount is given for Charitable, Religious or Educational purposes, within the Province of Ontario.

### The Secretary's Column

The 47th Graduation ceremony of the College will be held in the Varsity Arena on Thursday, April 24th at 8.00 p.m. We are very anxious not only to have Graduates, Contributors and Friends of the College present, but we also desire them to have the opportunity of bringing with them those who, inspired by the Service, might become prayerfully interested in the College. Therefore, in order that no one will be disappointed, kindly send us the names and addresses of those for whom you would like us to make reservations. Tickets will be sent to you at an early date.

Kindly state whether you are a Graduate, Contributor, or Non-Contributing Friend of the College, and please write names and addresses plainly.

All who have attended on former occasions the Graduation Ceremonies of the Toronto Bible College will be anxious to return again this year and to bring others with them. It is one of the unique services held in the city of Toronto. People have told us that nowhere else in the Dominion is there such an uplifting spiritual tone and atmosphere. The singing is a joy to bear. The sight of three hundred or more students on the great platform, and the vast throng of several thousands in the auditorium, together give one a thrill which is inexpressible. The visitor leaves at the close of the service with a feeling as one expressed it, "As if lifted up on wings like eagles, to go on his way running and not wearying, walking and not fainting".

## THE GRADUATING EXERCISES

of the

FORTY-SEVENTH SESSION

will be held in the

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ARENA

Bloor Street West, near St. George Street

Thursday Evening, April 24, at 8.00

Doors open at 6.00.

7,500 Seats

Offering