

United Church of Canada Colleges

TORONTO, Sept. 17 — Theological colleges of the United Church of Canada should be maintained and strengthened "to the full limit of the church's resources," according to a report presented to the 14th General Council of the United Church of Canada, which opened at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dr. George C. Pidgeon, 14th Rev. Dr. W. Harold Young, secretary, a national committee has been studying the work of the church's Theological Colleges. The question of whether or not some of the Colleges might be consolidated was under review. The cost to the church of operating these Colleges was under scrutiny. The committee also made a close study of whether or not the Colleges were adequately staffed.

"There may have been a time when the number (of Theological Colleges) might have been reduced without doing irreparable harm to the church, but that time is now past," the committee's report declares. General Council will debate the report at their session.

On the question of closing down some of the Theological Colleges, one Canadian University president is quoted in the report as declar-



BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

BY WINIFRED E. WILSON



BIRDS IN YOUR BACK YARD

"Sparrows are the only birds that ever come into our back yard," is too common a remark of the city dweller. Those who are bird conscious can see many varieties without leaving their own homes. Quite a few nest within hearing of heavy traffic every summer, there are always permanent residents that thrill us on wintry days, and many transients appear in migration season.

Long billed, bob tailed, dark birds are now, in some localities, outnumbering English Sparrows. Many of these Starlings occupy cranberries under our eaves all winter. Brown Creepers, White-breasted Nuthatches, Hairy and Downy Woodpeckers may climb our tree trunks any month in the year, but we are more liable to see them once the leaves have fallen. Junco, dressed in grey, with white on each side of their tails, should be looked for on the ground. They often stay around throughout winter, as do also some Purple Finches and Goldfinches.

One cold January day a big Barred Owl sat sleeping on a branch of one of our bedroom windows. Automobiles passed honking their horns, doors of delivery vans banged, we took its photograph, but nothing disturbed its slumber until after dusk. And each year a flock of gorgeous, yellow and black Evening Grosbeaks, sipsys of Birdland, pay us a visit in February or March. For ten days or so they take their noon meal just outside the window of the dining-room where we are having ours; but their fare is rather different. The great attraction is a

Manitoba maple from which the Hermit Thrushes, Phoebes, several kinds of Warblers, Sapsuckers, various Vireos, Crested Flycatchers, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, and Catbirds come and go.

But the Yellow Warbler that loves our sumachs, Chimney Swifts and Tree Swallows that fly past our windows, stay all summer; and a pair of Nighthawks have their home on the roof of the next door veranda.

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Several changes in the personnel of headquarter officials of the United Church of Canada are indicated in the report of the Committee on Vacancies.

The Very Rev. Jesse H. Arnup, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and secretary of the Board of Overseas Missions, will be retiring from his post in June, 1952, and the Committee on Vacancies, under the chairmanship of Rev. Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick will recommend to General Council that Rev. David H. Callaghan, now associate secretary of the Board of Overseas Missions, be named to succeed Dr. Arnup.

The Committee on Vacancies will suggest to General Council that Rev. Mr. Gallagher's successor on the Board should be one who has served in one of the overseas mission fields.

Resignation of W. J. Holliday as secretary of the Committee on Lay Activities will require the appointment of a successor. The name of Ralph C. Young, Halifax, formerly of the Y.M.C.A. and the Maritime Religious Education Council, will be submitted to General Council.

Resignation of Rev. Dr. R. C. Chalmers, associate secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service, who has been named Professor of Theology at the Andrew's College, Saskatoon, will require the appointment by General Council of a successor.

Rev. Robert S. Christie, graduate of the University of Alberta and St. Stephen's Theological College, will be nominated assistant secretary of the Board to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. Hugh Dobson.

The General Council will also be reminded that in four years Rev. Dr. Kenneth J. Beaton, secretary of the Committee on Missionary Education, will be due for retirement. Dr. Beaton's Committee, in the light of this, will ask General Council to set up a Commission to study the future of missionary education in the United Church. In its submission to General Council the Committee has suggested that there is some overlapping in the education and promotion work carried on by the Board of Christian Education, the Missionary and Maintenance Fund and Dr. Beaton's Committee. More co-ordination in the whole field of moving pictures, television and radio and wider use of these media by the church is recommended.

Related to the field of promotion, public relations and information is another recommendation to come before General Council from a committee that has been studying the public relations of the United Church of Canada. Setting up of a committee on "Community Relations" is suggested by that group. Its function would be to counsel and co-operate with the Boards of the Church, to inform church members of the work of the church and to discover and use the media best suited to interpret the work of the church.

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Dorothy Dix Says

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compliment, or did anything to interest and amuse her, so wife got bored with such an uninteresting companion and took to fretting and complaining or buying things by way of revenge, and said, in effect, "Oh, heck, what's the use in wearing myself out in getting up a good dinner for a man who is going to growl over it anyway," and slapped something from the delicatessen down on the table.

Oh yes, it certainly would pay a man to keep his wife in love with him because as long as a woman is in love with a man she breaks her neck to please him.

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I was engaged to a widow but through some misunderstanding we quarreled and parted and I went to another city to live. While there I became closely acquainted with another woman. I learned to like her, but she is madly in love with me. I returned home, whereupon this woman insisted upon visiting me quite often in the interest of an early marriage. In the meantime, the widow and I made up and I realized more than ever that it is she whom I love. I very much want to marry the widow, but fear the other woman will become heartbroken and despondent.

A. B. H.

ANSWER: It must be terrible to be such a devil of a chap among the women, but I am afraid you will have to decide which one of these lovelorn ladies you prefer, since the law takes a narrow view of marriage and limits us to one spouse at a time.

Apparently you are a sympathetic man and don't like to hurt the feelings of a lady, but how can you help it since both women love you and you can marry only one? Such being the case, I think that you should marry the woman you love rather than the one who loves you. That would insure the greatest amount of happiness to the greatest number. I might, indeed, say the greatest happiness to all concerned, since no man can be a good husband or make a woman happy if he marries her from a sense of duty, or because she dogs him into it.

DEAR MISS DIX: To settle an argument will you tell us what you think of a boy who will let a girl acquaintance casually treat him to a soda or a package of cigarettes or a show? Some of our friends do it, but it seems distasteful to us.

TWO BOYS
ANSWER: In the old days when girls were dependent upon their parents and never had even a thin dime in their pocketbooks, it was up to man to always pay the money for every treat. But now when girls work side by side with men in offices and get just as much pay it is just as much her part to pay as it is the boy's. In fact, if a girl doesn't furnish her own cigarettes and go on dutch treat with the boys or make it up in some way by inviting them to her house to meals or furnishing the car when they go out or preferring to have theatre tickets now and then, she is rather a grafter.

DOROTHY DIX cannot reply personally to readers, but will answer problems of general interest through her column.

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