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## WOMEN WORKERS READY TO SERVE CHURCH



Above is shown the largest graduating class in the history of the United Church Training School, Toronto. Graduates go Overseas, to Home Mission Fields, and to serve new housing areas and local congregations.

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"GRADUATION time at the United Church Training School underlines our ambition for a new School. Best wishes to those graduating. It is our hope that those completing the course in the near future will enjoy the facilities of the new building. Inasmuch as each local congregation does its share, this project can be accomplished. We anticipate that encouraging reports of the building campaign will continue to come in from Churches across Canada."

This message from Mrs. C. M. Nicholson, wife of the Moderator and Chairman of the National Committee in connection with the United Church Training School campaign, emphasized the thought uppermost in the minds of the thousand people present in Trinity Church, Toronto, on May 13th, that the Training School is a *National* institution serving the whole Church, and through the campaign for funds to build a new School which has been carried out during March, April and May, the Church, as never before, knows about the School, and the training it gives to equip women for full time service.

The Principal, Mrs. J. D. H. Hutchinson, in her report spoke on the comprehensiveness of the course of training which is given, not only by the staff of the School and Emmanuel College but by ministers, deaconesses and secretaries of Church Boards; by members of committees, Church members in a variety

of professions, specialists in their own fields. The presence of C.G.I.T. and Explorer groups in the audience was evidence of the success of the students' field work in these areas.

Mrs. Hutchinson also spoke of the six special scholarship students in the School this year to train for work in new Housing areas, stating that scholarships are available for the coming year, also.

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She noted the presence of the principals of the Anglican and Presbyterian Training Schools, Miss Edgar and Mrs. Raulston, and she paid tribute to the two professors, Dr. John Line and Dr. John Dow of Emmanuel College, both of whom have been teaching the students since Union and are now retiring. Mrs. Hutchinson announced that Rev. Hilda Johnson, don of one of the residences and Personnel Secretary, is returning to India. Miss Ruby Horton, a graduate of the School, at present Chairman of Lethbridge Presbytery, will succeed her.

The Chairman of the Board, Rev. J. Lavell Smith, D.D., noted that this year's class was the largest in the history of the School and the largest graduating class. He spoke about the heart-warming response to the Finance campaign and of how well the women of the Church had risen to the challenge.

In her report on the Campaign, Miss K. Harriet Christie, Dean of the School and Campaign Secretary, told that to date 1,300 congregations have reported active participation. From the money that has already come in, at least 25 per cent have exceeded their objective. Varied are the methods used to raise money. Many of them are new, interesting, and are proving most effective.

Dr. A. B. B. Moore, President of Victoria University, in his address to the Graduating Class spoke of the Church as a fellowship within which the woman worker has an important job to do, for both ministers and workers in other capacities should, first of all, be pastors. He warned the graduates against "professionalism"; he spoke of the danger of letting techniques and methods become ends in themselves. It is love for people, not skills and techniques, which should characterize and motivate their work. Yet, the trained workers' skills and techniques should be used. With graduation, the woman worker's training has really just begun. She must continue to grow and learn all her life, he said. (Continued on page 28)

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Dr. Moore concluded his address by speaking about the work being done by Miss Ferne Graham, who was president of the class of the United Church Training School in 1951, and has been working for the past ten months out from Yorkton, Saskatchewan. On a recent visit by the Home Mission Superintendent, the results of her work were clearly seen. In one of the four Churches where she conducts services every Sunday, 13 people were received into Church membership on profession of faith. All four Churches—at least one of which meets in the schoolhouse—are in Hungarian and new Canadian communities, and all have been without leadership, so that they were dwindling in numbers and in interest. During the short time Miss Graham has been working in that community all four Churches have grown so that the services were crowded, enthusiasm on the part of young and old alike was high, and the Church is taking its rightful place at the heart of the life of the community and in the lives of people. The Superintendent of Missions returned, physically worn out from the experience of the four services, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, plus the travel over bad roads between services. He also returned thrilled with the work being done every day by Miss Graham, and convinced of the value of the training she had received for the work she is doing.

Miss Frances Lodge spoke for the Graduating Class.

Rev. E. Crossley Hunter, D.D., the minister of the Church, read the Scripture and spoke briefly to the graduates at the close of the evening. Rev. Dawson Matheson, Principal of Emmanuel College, was also on the platform.

### First Year Students

Katheryn Nancy Cameron, Eleanor Elaine Cosens, Frances Beulah Gorton, Barbara Meade Grant, Beryl Leona Griffin, Barbara Suzanne Jewill, Willa Alberta Kernan, Edith Anne Kidd, Bernice Mary Muir, Margaret Robina Quigley, Elsie Patricia Rosenberg, Margaret Florence Steenson, Mary Lois