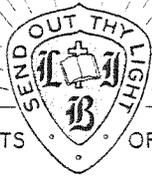


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SCHOOL NEWS AND BRIEFS

A friend of the Institute was visiting at Parkwood Hospital, the home for incurables, and the patient told her about a cheery, happy group of Christian young people who had been there that afternoon. She said that she had been blessed and the long, lonely hours made much brighter. Our friend discovered that the cheery, happy group were students from the L. B. I., who have been permitted to hold a service there each month.

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Would you like to have a part in winning souls? You can by praying daily for the L. B. I. students. These facts are taken from students' reports this semester:

Sunday School Classes taught.....	150
Children's Meetings conducted.....	33
Conversions reported.....	18
Number of other definite contacts made.	
Personal Work.....	51
Hours spent in Hospital Visitation.....	29
Hours spent in Tract Distribution.....	8
Number of Sunday Services in charge of Institute Students.....	33
Number of other Services in complete charge of Institute Students.....	38
Number of other Services in which Institute Students took part.....	77

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE AND FAITH

Our purpose is to assist in the training of Christian young people for the service of Christ in the ministry, in the mission fields, in evangelism, in Vacation Bible Schools, or in their home Churches and Sunday Schools.

We believe in the

- Plenary Inspiration of the Scriptures.
- Virgin Birth and Miracles of Christ.
- Deity and Personality of the Holy Spirit.
- Deity and Atonement of Christ.
- Necessity of the New Birth.
- Personal Second Advent of Christ.

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On January the 11th the Evening Class of the Bible Institute opened its winter term. At this meeting it was decided to appoint a Student Council, the following students being elected: Neil Nutt, President; Marion Pittaway, Secretary; Ruth Standfield, Treasurer; Margaret Stewart, Jean Metcalfe and Norman Rowe, Assistants.

FACULTY SKETCHES

MR. EDWIN HARTILL, Dean of L. B. I.

Mr. Hartill was born at Cambridge, Ohio, U.S.A. He received his higher education at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, where he received his B.A. degree. His musical talent was very much in evidence during his college days—his chief training being in violin.

He majored in speech and was training for "Little Theatre" work, in which no doubt he would have been highly successful. But God had other plans for his life and when he found the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour he began training for Christian service at Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He received his Bachelor of Theology degree from the Evangelical Seminary connected with Northwestern. Here he was director of the Glee Club.

The Hartills came to us directly from Northwestern and L. B. I. was fortunate in getting them. Mr. Hartill has certainly demonstrated not only his musical talent but his versatility and ability as instructor and now as Dean of the Bible Institute here.

Although he has been in charge of our musical department, Mr. Hartill has specifically trained and prepared for teaching the Bible and has indeed proved to be highly efficient in this capacity. His musical ability, along with the consecration of his talents to the Lord, has resulted in some good work by the Institute Choral Club, of which the members, with a few exceptions, possess little more in the musical field than a great determination to sing for the Lord.

We thank God for Mr. Hartill—for his consecration, spirituality and ability—and we pray that God may use him in these last days for the training of ambassadors of the cross and consequent winning of lost men into His glorious Kingdom.

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One has said: "There are too many saints on their way to Heaven who are unconcerned about the sinners on their way to Hell. Those who are in Heaven will be there because of what Christ has done; those who are in Hell will be there because of what they have done."

We are glad for those who have returned Prayer Cards to us since our last letter, but there is still plenty of time for you to sign one of these cards and send it in to The London Bible Institute, 517 Queen's Avenue, London, Ontario, in order that you, with scores of others, may have the privilege of praying for the work and the needs of our School. Won't you join us in this great work?

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"Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them."—Mark 11:24.

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It has been brought to our attention in the past few weeks that there are a number of young men and women who are desirous of entering our Day School Classes in order to prepare themselves for greater service in the work of the Kingdom. We covet your prayers in this matter that the Lord may open up the way for these young people to come to Bible School, and not only so but that their needs may be supplied materially.

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"Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that ye shall ask, it shall be done for them of my father which is in heaven."—Math. 18:19.

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Word has been received that our Brother Albert Fairbrother, who went out from our School to China, has not been enjoying the best of health. Now, we all know how impossible it is to carry on in life apart from the possession of good health, especially in those countries of peculiar climates, and so, dear friends, shall we unite our hearts and pray that the good hand of God may be upon the body of this dear young soldier of the cross and that his physical condition be improved.

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"If ye abide in me and I in you ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you."—John 15:7.

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PRAYER

Prayer is a small word for a tremendous thing. We often use it carelessly because it is a familiar word. But the thought of speaking directly to God, Maker of all the worlds, Ruler of all the universe, sublime in power and majesty, has awe and terror in it. It is not to be wondered at that in many cases it takes the extreme of sudden need to make a soul desperate enough to cry out to God. How can the mighty Creator listen to man? Yet not only does God listen to prayer but He encourages it and answers it. He gives us this amazing privilege freely for use every day and every hour. The tiniest child may kneel and pray, sure of hearing and of tender love. Prayer is a daily miracle whose wonder is ever renewed. It leads man into the actual presence

NEWS FROM THE CARNERS IN T CHANDUR DISTRICT, BERAR, INDIA.

The Missions Column is glad to report the arrival of a newsy letter from Gerald and Sara, and we are printing extracts from it with the hope that God will bless it to your hearts:

"We praise God for you dear folks in London. And to think that you are praying for us. It just thrills our souls. Please pray definitely, all of you, won't you, that the Lord will give us SOULS this touring season — re-born again Christians, right out of Hinduism. Hallelujah! He will. Bless His Name!

"I believe I will tell you about the wonderful convention we had at the Alliance Headquarters, which ended just a few days ago. We had as our special speaker a Mr. Cummings from North India, who is in charge of the language school at Landour, where Dr. and Mrs. Quinn have been studying. How wonderfully close to the Lord he brought us. It meant a fresh revelation of Jesus to me, and I needed it. I can't begin to tell you all that we were taught by the Lord in these meetings, but here is a sample: The New Testament is not important because of its high ideals, philosophy, etc., but because it is the last will and testament of Christ, bequeathing to us all of His Life and Blessing — all His property is ours."

"The big thing of the Convention was that we saw the Lord Jesus in a new way. Now to show Him to others, as their Saviour and Lord. Oh, that they might really see Him."

"In case you don't know the custom here when a special guest or some friend is leaving to go somewhere else the natives garland a person with flowers. It is a very pretty and expressive custom. They garlanded us when we left Mukti Mission last month. We felt unworthy of this royal send-off and their gifts."

"I hope you have the opportunity of hearing Krishna Bai Gadre on her visit to America.

"God bless you,

"SARA AND GERALD."

(Note: Pray for these folks, and they would enjoy having you write them.)

READERS' CORNER

Enclosed is the Prayer Card signed by us. We were glad to get the little paper. I enjoyed reading it and am sure it will be very helpful. Enclosed is our January contribution.

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Enclosed please find a small gift; wish it were more. Wishing your School God's richest blessing.

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I am enclosing \$5.00 to help with your work; I wish it could have been more. I pray God's blessing upon the great work you are doing. I certainly will do anything I can to help the L. B. I.

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Items of interest suitable for publication in these columns will be welcomed from our

The following excerpts are the news highlights from a recent letter received from Anna and Albert:

"The Lord has certainly taken care of us wonderfully and has supplied all our needs and most of our wants.

"If you could just take a peek at dear old China for awhile you would be drawn all the closer to the One Who has lifted you from the mire of sin. Even as I sit here in my study writing to you I can see a boat plying up the river selling incense sticks to burn in front of the boats and before their idols. Nearly every sampan has about a two-foot section taken from their limited space for their idols and ancestral tablets and nearly all the time there is a light or incense burning before them. But, praise the Lord, eleven followed the Lord in baptism and over ninety river folks gathered around the Lord's Table, remembering Him by partaking of the symbols of His body and His blood, which He has commanded us to do until He comes.

"Since starting this letter I have been to a Chinese wedding feast. Today the bride invited us to eat her rice and tomorrow, after the ceremony, we eat the groom's rice. This will be my first wedding and as I prepare for it I am reminded of my own wedding nearly three years ago. My, how time flies! Honestly, since coming to China time has flown by! For tomorrow I tremble because I am apt to make so many mistakes. In the ceremony there are a lot of 'FOO's' to be said and there are six to for this word and every one of them meaning a different thing. For instance: it can mean a husband, to shout, withered, a skeleton, bitter, tiger, to command, rich, trousers, to bail water, married women, father, and so on. So you can see what I might do if I happen to call the groom a father and the bride a tiger or something like that. I could get myself into a peck of trouble.

"Since I started this letter I have been down with my first attack of malaria and believe me it has been no fun. But, praise the Lord, I am some better now.

"Yours awaiting the Trump,
"ALBERT AND ANNA,
"Psalm 48:14."

(Note: Albert was too unwell to perform the marriage ceremony and so missed his first opportunity to make these two one.)

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January 19th, our hearts were thrilled as we heard Miss Robson of the British-Syrian Mission tell of the success in winning the Mohammedan children and young people to Christ.

"It makes no difference if the flesh
Be black, or white, or brown;
The dying Saviour wore for all

No element in stewardship is more significant than the use of time. All devout Christians realize the importance of employing their time to best advantage in the Master's work. But in the mad rush so characteristic of twentieth century civilization, so-called secular demands have a tendency to draw us away from the true path of service. However, the necessity of earning a livelihood, among other things, compels the majority of us to come in daily contact with the world of affairs. Yet this circumstance should not be permitted to detract from our usefulness. Rather, it should add to our opportunities for service to God and humanity. In a sense, no occupation is actually secular to those who are interested in Christ's Coming and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

But we, as Christians, are confronted with the problem of the proper distribution of the time at our disposal. However, in this we are not left without a guide. Bible instructions are quite explicit regarding this question. In the first place, we are urged to spend a portion of our time in prayer:

"... in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God."—Phil. 4:6.

Christ, our great example, spent much time in prayer. The psalmist recognized the importance of supplication when he wrote:

"Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice."

Another vital element in the utilization of our time is a study of God's Word. Without a knowledge of the Scriptures our efficiency as stewards is seriously impaired. Here, too, the Almighty's instructions, as expressed through the lips of His servant, Paul, are clear and plain:

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."—II Tim. 2:15.

While seasons of prayer and study are indispensable, the conscientious steward realizes that a goodly part of his time must be devoted to positive action for the Master and in the interests of mankind. The command to "follow Me" is a call to service. The Christian life is anything but a state of inactivity. Here again Christ set the example: "... my father worketh hitherto and I work." (John 5:17.) The number and character of His accomplishments during a three-year ministry have been the marvel of the ages. The great work of redemption, of course, He alone could perform. That Jesus expects His followers to be workers is indicated in many passages of Scripture. The order: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15) was no easy commission.

Rest and recreation are also factors of great importance. The human organism requires a periodic cessation from labor in order that it may regain vitality. This "recharging" of the body does not always necessitate physi-

mental exercise is essential to the storing up of energy requisite to the efficient performance of our daily tasks. Consequently, many earnest labourers in the Master's vineyard would accomplish more if they developed a hobby or followed some other form of regular recreation. Christ recognized the desirability of a change of scene. After a certain strenuous day He said to His disciples:

"Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest a while." (Mark 6:31.)

Prayer, study, work, rest and recreation all have a just claim in regard to the manner in which the "faithful and wise steward" uses his time.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

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Central Baptist Church is offering to us another great privilege. Dr. Sale-Harrison, the great Bible teacher, is to be there February 4th-11th.

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A series of meetings with the Olson Sisters, talented Evangelists from Long Island, New Ycrk, will begin Tuesday evening, February 6th, and continue each evening until Sunday, February 18th.

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GOD'S SUPREME GIFT

John 3:16

1. The Source of the Gift—"For God."
2. The Motive of the Gift—"so loved."
3. The Object of the Gift—"the world."
4. The Freeness of the Gift—"that he gave."
5. The Subject of the Gift—"his only begotten Son."
6. The Extent of the Gift—"whosoever."
7. The Condition of Receiving the Gift—"believeth."
8. The Result of the Gift—"should not perish."
9. The Blessedness of the Gift—"but have everlasting life."—W. I. Satterfield.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."—Philippians 1:3.

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We thank God for His goodness in giving us such a fine building but still there are many articles of furniture we are still without; for instance, in our library we are still without a study table. It is quite possible that some friend would be in a position to supply this need but best of all to pray with us that the Lord will be pleased to meet this need. Remember, prayer is powerful.

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"The basis of true faith is the Word of God. It is the Word of God that does the work of God."

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BIBLES FOR SOLDIERS!

The Book that is good enough for mothers and good enough for fathers is to go into hands of every soldier who proceeds over, and to all the various units in training throughout the Dominion. What better equipment for warfare could they be given? God bless them and bring them to the knowledge of Salvation by grace, through faith in the substitutionary death of Christ on the cross.

HELP WANTED!

Our thanks to the many friends who have sent in their contributions. We ask you to continue to pray that our financial needs may be provided fully and promptly so that the burden of debt which is being borne mostly by our faithful teachers may be lifted. If you have not yet sent a contribution, will you please do it now? Many small sums are equal to one large gift—we need both.

Our mailing list will eventually be limited to those who have signed and turned in the Prayer Cards. If you have not sent one in, please sign the one below and mail it now to The London Bible Institute, 517 Queen's Avenue, London, Ont.

PRAYER HELPERS

I am sympathetic to the work you are endeavoring to do for the Master and will be glad to join with others in daily prayer for God's blessing on your labours. Please send me regular information about the work of The London Bible Institute.

Name

Date.....19..... P. O. Address.....