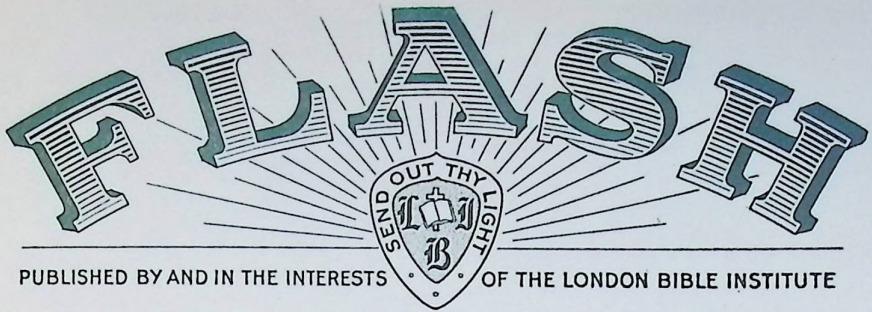


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MRS. EDWIN HARTILL

Mrs. Hartill was born in Corey, Pennsylvania, where she lived and studied until entering Muskingum College, in New Concord, Ohio. Here she majored on speech; oratory was her chief study, and to master this science was her objective. She was finally rewarded by receiving a special degree as Bachelor of Oratory.

From Muskingum, Mrs. Hartill went to the Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., to receive her education on the Bible before entering on a teaching ministry. She began to teach at Northwestern and for two years assisted in the speech department. (We must not neglect to add that here at Northwestern Mr. and Mrs. Hartill entered their life partnership.)

In the summer of 1937 they first came to London and entered in the fall term as instructors at L. B. I.

Since that time they have faithfully continued in the task at hand and have certainly been a great blessing here.

Mrs. Hartill has been attempting in these few years to give the students a knowledge of speech and the correct usage of the King's English. The results, though sometimes discouraging, will only be demonstrated in Eternity.

Not only has she proved her ability and effectiveness as a teacher, but she has also won a place in our hearts by her deep spirituality and sympathetic interest in the welfare and progress of our students.

Mrs. Hartill has also given splendid leadership in connection with the Daily Vacation Bible Schools held each summer.

Then, too, it would be impossible to overlook that rare quality of patience with which she has been so bountifully endowed. We, as students, can never forget her gracious instruction, her patient helpfulness and never-failing assistance in our endeavour to train for the service of the King of Kings. We only pray that God may bless and enlarge her ministry so that others may be equipped to "preach the Word of Life."

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Satan is mighty, but God is almighty.

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Be all for Christ, since he is all for you.

SCHOOL NEWS

As the summer approaches our students are preparing to go out to the different churches to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools. They are held for two weeks during the mornings.

If you would be interested in further information concerning these, write to The London Bible Institute, in care of Mrs. J. E. Hartill.

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Please be sure to return your Lenten Self-Denial envelope at Easter.

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The Student Council of the Evening Class is planning a Sunrise Service for all Institute students and friends on Easter Sunday.

'Tis the resurrection morning;
Rise, my joyful soul, take wing
And be at the earliest dawning
In the presence of thy King.

'Tis the resurrection morning,
So from every doubt be freed,
Join to swell the world-wide chorus
That the Lord has risen indeed.

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EASTER

I crave your pardon, that I did not know—
But for you told me so,
Being a stranger here—
This festival you celebrate each year
I took to be a sort of dress parade,
And fashion promenade;
The matter of a hat and gloves and gown.
But for your telling me, I had not known
It had to do with linen grave clothes laid
From the awakened Dead;
And with a napkin, folded by itself
From the aroused Head.

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"If a man die, shall he live again?" are the words we hear today. Our Bible teaches us that we may answer, "Yes, through Jesus Christ the Christian's soul lives on with God; through Jesus Christ the believer's body shall rise again, a glorified body, immortal, incorruptible forevermore."

"If a man die, shall he live again?" Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs answer "YES!" "Therefore, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord . . ."

HAVE YOU READ THIS LETTER?

(Excerpts from a letter received from Mrs. Daisy L. Monroe, Missionary Representative of the Latin-American Mission.)

Miami, Florida, Feb. 19, 1940.

Dear Dr. Mahood:

I have wanted to make my Lord a love gift (not a tithe)—a gift to prove my appreciation in a practical way for His constant care of me in what folks may term "little things," but big to me, such as the saving of my eye glasses from breaking when by accident I have bumped them, the saving of my ankle from being sprained when more than once I have turned it over; and in so many ways His special care has been manifest. So I am sending this \$5 bill to L. B. I. to help in that great ministry of training young folks in the Word of God.

I wish 500 people would send in a love gift of appreciation for the many times the Lord has protected them from serious auto accidents, while others have landed in hospitals. May God bless all the efforts of the L. B. I. and lighten the burden by regular substantial gifts from regular donors who deem it a privilege to support this worthy work.

Yours in Christian bonds,
(MRS.) DAISY L. MONROE.

SAY "THANK YOU"

At this Easter season would it not be an opportune time for you, too, to send a thank-offering by way of a gift to The London Bible Institute? Here is a place where your consecrated dollars will tell for the Kingdom in a much more effective way than in many other places, worthy though they may be. This is a direct request to you to consider this matter prayerfully and then send in the amount the Lord lays on your heart as an Easter "Thank You" for the many blessings received and the many ills from which you have been protected. We are sure that a careful perusal of the regular issues of the L. B. I. "Flash" will convince you that this is a worthwhile School, the only School of its kind in Western Ontario. It is an interdenominational School and is entirely dependent for its financial support upon the voluntary contributions of Christian friends.

We earnestly appeal for your support, believing that it is only by the making known the Gospel of Jesus Christ that individuals as well as nations may live in peace and security; salvation through Jesus Christ is the only "social security." Our students are being fitted to take their place as evangelists either in their home church and community or in other fields as God shall call them. Who can tell what a few dollars invested here and now will amount to in Eternity? Invest now in The London Bible Institute.

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To act in accordance with one's thoughts is the most difficult thing in the world.

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Man was lost by believing the devil; he is saved by believing Christ.

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Truth is not relished where sin is nourished.

MISSIONARY

WITH HENRIETTA WILSON AND
HELEN WESTERN IN CHINA

This month's Mission column of "Flash" carries the highlights of a letter received from the above-named missionaries. Miss Wilson is a former L. B. I. student and Miss Western has addressed the student body on different occasions. They both are now laboring among the boat people of South China.

"How conscious we have been of the many prayers in our behalf, and the many letters with their abundance of cheer have not only inspired and encouraged us, but have reminded us of your abiding interest and prayer support.

"How grateful we are that it has been possible for us to remain at our station through these months. Two new chapels have been opened since our last letter, one in Chan Chuen, in the heart of the city, to reach the masses on the streets, and the other in a large village, Pik Kong, across the river. This is the first time this village has ever had an opportunity to hear the Gospel, with the exception of the visits of our evangelistic team.

"War continues to rage in China and the Japanese soldiers are now nearing Hankow. Undoubtedly you have read much about the bombing of Canton and how thousands have been ruthlessly killed. Our boats and Christians have all been spared and sustained during these days of living under nerve-racking conditions. Recently while in Canton during an air raid I was walking down the bund with my eyes riveted on the planes in the sky and bumped into someone, or at least I thought so, and after an apology awoke to the fact that I had bumped into a telegraph pole! Someone has said that during an air raid the safest place in Canton is to stand in the middle of the Pearl River bridge. The Japs have been trying to bomb it for a year. In other words, you are safe as long as they are aiming at you!

"Living conditions are far from normal and worse than the raids and the bombs are the rumours of worse things to come. World conditions all point to the coming of the Lord and we covet your prayers that we may be strong in the Lord and true and faithful at any cost. 'Till He Comes.'

"In spite of war conditions, the doors of opportunity are open on every hand and we are finding the people more eager to hear and more receptive to the Gospel message than at any time since we have been in China. Trouble invariably brings men to God and this is true today in this land of suffering and tragedy.

"How unworthy we are of our calling. May God work in our lives and hearts and stir our souls with the need of the perishing about us, and use us to win some for His glory.

"Lovingly in Him,
"HENRIETTA WILSON,
"HELEN WESTERN."

"And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."—(Eph. 4:11-12).

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It is a well-known fact that all persons do not possess the same innate ability. Our talents are not identical. Even if there were no individual differences, it would be advantageous nevertheless to divide all work, except the very simplest forms, among a number of labourers. This principle, known in the economic world as "division of labour," has been instrumental in vastly increasing the effectiveness of the productive process. More goods and services are available for consumption as a result of specialization. Naturally the division of labour also takes advantage of special aptitudes, thus further enhancing efficiency.

But the division of labour principle is not confined to the economic sphere. It is important in practically all fields of human endeavour and plays a very significant role in the Lord's work. In the Old Testament we are told how God selected certain individuals like Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David to perform given tasks because they possessed the necessary qualifications. The Almighty chose a particular people, the Israelites—descendants of Jacob, who was re-named Israel—to perform a unique function. Furthermore, there was group specialization within the Israelitish people as the members of one tribe, Levi, were designated to fill offices pertaining to the priesthood.

The same principle was adopted by our Lord in regard to His followers. Not all of those who believed on Him were admitted to the circle of immediate disciples—only twelve were thus favoured. Out of this restricted group only Peter, James and John were permitted to accompany Jesus to the mount of transfiguration. But, with the exclusion of Judas Iscariot, the other disciples remained faithful to their Master (except during the brief period when "they all forsook him and fled") despite the fact that they were not privileged to play an equally conspicuous role of service.

True, followers of Christ in our day must recognize the specialization principle. Inability to become a great preacher or a gifted teacher does not excuse any Christian from the duties of stewardship. Each one of us has ability of a type which can be used in the Lord's work. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) the servant who incurred his Lord's disfavour was condemned, not because he had only one talent, but as a result of his neglecting to use diligently that which he possessed. This is a solemn warning and we would do well to heed it. Only by making full use of the talents given us and by co-operating with other servants of Christ can we do the most effective work in the Master's vineyard.

We are pleased to announce to our friends that in the past few weeks we have organized groups of students to carry on a program of practical work. We have several groups who will go out from our School to take the Word of Life into hospitals, orphanages and sanatoriums and various other places, and so at this time we ask our Flash readers to join us in prayer for God's blessing in this wonderful work of love and mercy.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us that the work of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."—II Thes. 3:2.

Many of our readers will be interested to know that at intervals during our school year we have what we term "a day of prayer." This is a definite day set apart for prayer alone; all our lectures are cancelled for this day and student body and faculty unite their hearts together before the throne of grace on behalf of the needs of the School. Friday, February 23, was our last day of prayer and one that will not be easily forgotten.

"God still hears and answers prayer."

During the week of March 17 a group of talented musicians and some of the members of our faculty purpose to go out through the surrounding district with the glad message of the risen Christ and we would covet your prayers on behalf of this splendid effort being put forth by these consecrated workers that men's hearts may be touched with the messages they shall bring. This group will consist of the President of our School, Dr. J. W. Mahood; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Hartill and others.

We are always happy to hear from students who have gone out into the Master's Service from the walls of The London Bible Institute. So at this time we present to our public the work in which Miss Ellen McKay is engaged in down in Ottawa, Canada, and for her we solicit the prayer support of all God's people who are interested in the work of the Kingdom.

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Wrestling prayer can wonders do,
Bring relief in deepest straits;
Prayer can force a passage through
Iron bars and brazen gates.

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Thus far in our prayer bulletin we have been soliciting the prayers of our readers. But at this stage in the life of our little paper we have been wondering if there isn't some dear heart among our widely scattered group of supporters who has a request for prayer upon their heart and would desire that we as a school and faculty might be able to share with such a one in their time of need. If so, we should be glad to receive your prayer request. Just send your request to The London Bible Institute, London, Ont.

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"Nothing is too hard for Jesus,
No man can work like Him."

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This life is all the Heaven the worldling has and all the Hell the saint ever sees.

READER'S CORNER

If you have enjoyed our little paper won't you please let us know. We should like to make friends with you, too. This space is entirely yours, and if you have had some special blessing from the paper or inspiration from the work of the Institute do let us share it with you here. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you. May God richly bless all our dear readers is the wish of everyone at L. B. I.

—Helen Emmons, 310 Queen's Ave.

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The "Book Nook" in L. B. I. is in charge of two students who can offer to book-lovers and readers desirous of "better reading" a wealth of material from the pens of outstanding Bible expositors, preachers, teachers and evangelists.

Bibles, Scripture, cards and other suitable articles for Sunday School Class gifts, etc., can be ordered.

At this Easter season you can purchase seasonable books. We trust that the reading of "good books" will be a blessing to you all. For information and inquiries write to

Mr. J. Stark, "Book Nook,"
517 Queen's Ave., London, Ont.

ST. THOMAS EXTENSION CLASS

Letter from Dr. E. J. Gray

Again in behalf of the St. Thomas Extension Class I would like to express to our teachers the gratitude and sincere appreciation that I know to be in the heart of everyone attending, for the splendid Bible Instruction they are giving. We all know that this is being done through a real sacrifice on the part of the Staff, which again only confirms our belief in their sincerity and the power of God in their lives.

May we again urge that every thinking Christian in St. Thomas avail themselves of the opportunity of these wonderful studies in God's Book. Surely in these days this is the book to which we must turn, and the very safety of our homes and nation lies in our knowledge of it.

Are you reading it?
Are you studying it?

Come to the Y. W. C. A. next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and learn of THE BOOK which is the foundation of our very civilization and our present and eternal safety.

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We are glad to note the name of an old friend of the Institute, Rev. J. H. Dudgeon, in the following reprint from "The Gideon":

More School Bibles Dedicated

"It has been suggested that if we place more Bibles in Canadian schools we will not be called upon to place so many in the prisons of the land," so Brother Glen Petch, Toronto Camp President, said in addressing the large assembly of pupils gathered for a Dedication Service at the Lakeview Beach and Lakeview Park Schools on Wednesday, October 11. One hundred and forty Bibles were presented by Brother Geo. Clarke to the two schools and

were received by the principals, Mr. H. R. Boyes and Mr. Wm. McNay. The Scripture was read by one of the pupils in each of the schools and Rev. R. K. Perdue and Rev. J. H. Dudgeon offered the prayers of dedication.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

"HE IS RISEN"—DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

How slow the friends of Jesus were to accept the fact of the Resurrection—so unexpected. A large proportion of this generation accept the fact of the Resurrection, but do we act as if we believed it? JESUS LIVING TODAY—DO WE really believe it?

A family lost three children in less than a week. When Easter came the parents and the only remaining child of three years were at church as usual. The mother taught her class of girls that day and the father went to the Superintendent's desk, led his school in worship and read the Easter story with only a break now and then in his fine voice. Amid the faces lined there and amid the voices of the Easter congregation they had seemed a miracle. "How can they?" many said.

A 15-year-old boy walking home with his father said, "Dad, I guess Mr. and Mrs. L— really believe it, don't they?" "Believe what?" said the father. "The whole big thing, all of it, Easter, you know." "Of course," answered the father, "all Christians believe it."

"Not that way," said the boy, and he could say no more.

Let us believe it; believe it triumphantly—"the whole big thing, all of it, EASTER."

—From Dr. Haddock.

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Every Christian is an evidence of
the Resurrection.

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"The Lord is now rejected,
And by the world disowned;
By the many now neglected,
And by the few enthroned.
But soon He'll come with power
And glory from on high,
The crowning day is coming by and by."

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GAS STATION CLOSES SUNDAY

This is religious news! Every Sunday—perhaps the biggest day of the week in the gasoline business—Ed. Scherbarth, who now does more business than he did in a seven-day week, closes his station, hangs out a sign and goes to church.

The sign says:

"Please fill your gasoline tank on Saturday and thus co-operate in permitting the attendants at this station to go to church and spend Sunday with their families."

"I positively do more business in six days now than I did in seven," the white-haired man said. "I know it sounds unbelievable, but that's what the books show, as you can see for yourself." May God continue to bless and prosper this man for his outstanding testimony.—Moody Monthly.