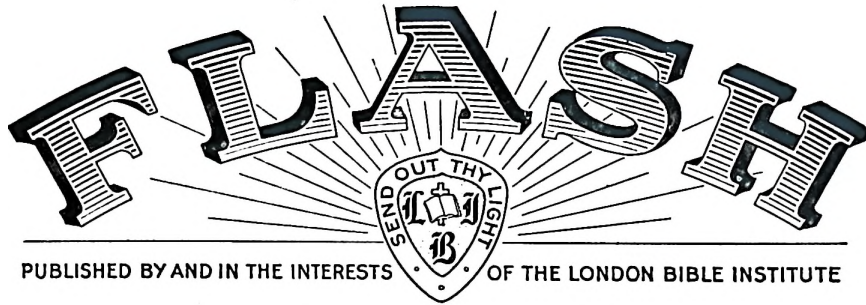


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A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

We have four paid teachers on the staff of The London Bible Institute. Their combined salaries amount to \$85.00 weekly. You will admit that these limited amounts do not afford many luxuries, BUT when you learn that there is something over \$1,500.00 due them in back pay, you will readily appreciate that while they are carrying on in face of this situation, and still keep smiling, they are facing problems every day which they should not be called upon to face. The work of the Institute is supported by voluntary contributions. We have no paid canvassers, and the burden has been carried so far by a very limited number of friends who are contributing, sometimes out of very meager incomes. We make this statement with its appeal to you to join with others in supporting a work which is every day proving that it is worth while. We believe if the full story of what is being done could be made known, many new friends would rally to the cause, and share both in the financial support and the privilege of helping on the work of the Kingdom. Contributions should be sent to The London Bible Institute, 517 Queen's Avenue, London, Canada.

READERS' CORNER

As one of the readers of the Flash, I would like to tell you how much I have enjoyed your little paper. It has been of real blessing and help to me. We are certainly glad for the Institute and pray that God will richly bless the work that many souls might be brought into His Kingdom through the ministry of the students and faculty.

"Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, let God be magnified."

Yours in His Name,

ONE OF THE READERS.

The members of our family enjoy reading the copies of the Flash. Thanks for them. The messages we find inspiring and helpful, and the school news most encouraging. Others we find more interested in the School through reading of the work being carried on.

It is our prayer that the Lord may abundantly bless the work and all connected with it.

FACULTY

Miss Olive Martin, the newest member of our Faculty, was born in London. She received her high school education at South Collegiate Institute in this city. After graduating, she entered the Technical School for her business training. But not content with even this, she entered L. B. I. at its inception and continued until she graduated in 1938, being the first graduate of our Institute.

Miss Martin has been an apt student and one can always depend on her to fulfil the apostolic command, "Whatsoever thou doest, do with thy might." All through her school career she has shown her ability to get in the top ranking with the very best students.

Not only has she proved her ability in the intellectual realm but she has maintained a high spiritual standing. She was saved and baptised at an early age in Wortley Road Church of this city and has been active in Christian work ever since. Her desire is to really serve the Lord Jesus in the capacity He has for her.

At present she is a member of Briscoe Street Church and very active in the work there. Liking children's work, she has charge of the Junior Y. P., and if you've ever had any experience at the work you'll realize the effort that it entails. She is also prominent in S. S. work in her church. Since 1939 she has been the efficient secretary of L. B. I., taking charge of the mailing department, which is such a vital link in the existence of a Bible Institute.

In the fall term of 1939 she was appointed to the Faculty as Greek instructor, a position that she fills with her customary efficiency. We certainly appreciate Miss Martin and her indispensable ministry at L. B. I. Our desire is that God may continue to use her in His service.

ACCORDING TO FAITH

Hast thou faith? According to your faith be it unto you.

In "Pilgrim's Progress," when Christian came to a river which lay between him and the Golden Gate, he asked the man by the waters if they were all of a depth.

"No!" answered the guide. "You shall find them deeper or shallower, as you believe in the King of the place."

WITH EDNA McQUIGGIN IN NEW MEXICO

This month's Missions column carries the Impressions and Experiences of Edna McQuiggin, a former L. B. I. student who is now in active service for the Lord in a Gospel Mission at Gallup, New Mexico.

"Certainly I will be with thee."—Ex. 3:12.

"For miles we had scarcely seen anything but long stretches of sand or hills of rock. But the train was stopping and as I prepared to leave a lady said to me, 'Is this where you get off?' I answered, 'Yes, this is where I am going to live.'

"My mind was full of questions and perhaps strange thoughts as I stood there beside the train surrounded by Japanese—young and old—my people, but the promise 'Certainly I will be with thee' was brought afresh to my mind and so I trusted Him for the future—He who so definitely had led me to my new work in Gallup.

"Now almost five months have gone and how wonderful they have been. Yes, there was the problem of language and customs, etc., but He has never failed.

"Steeped in Buddhism and surrounded with Modernism, also the thought uppermost of 'making money' we have been glad to tell of the Christ Who is All in All.

"The Word is still the Power of God unto Salvation. Recently a father and mother were converted and in English kept saying, 'Happy, happy.'

"One Sunday fifteen boys and girls raised their hands as we sang softly 'Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.' I would mention our Young People's President, too, who is progressing so well spiritually. Her parents are Buddhists and her sisters Catholic. She is bringing her brother to Sunday School now.

"The harvest is so white, the time short, and the labourers so few. May He use every one of the L. B. I. students and Christians everywhere to win souls for Him, wherever He shall choose. His promises never fail.

Oh, who will tell the story o'er,
The story of redemption ever new;
Oh, who will bring them to the fold—
The Lord is waiting for you.

"Happy in His service,
"EDNA McQUIGGIN."

EIGHT ABILITIES NECESSARY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL MISSIONARY

1. Adaptability. Accommodate yourself to circumstances.
2. Get Out Ability. Be a good mixer.
3. Constructability. Be a builder-upper not a knocker.
4. Aimability. Aim high, be friendly.
5. Linguistability. Be a language student.
6. Respectability. Realize your responsibility.
7. Spirituality. Be grounded in the Word.
8. Stickability. Rely on God's faithfulness to keep you faithful.

—By Bertha Hodge.

A MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY THE KING

(Which appears on the fly-leaf of New Testaments and Gospels distributed among men of the C.A.S.F.):

"To all serving in my Forces by sea or land, or in the air, and indeed, to all my people engaged in the defence of the Realm, I commend the reading of this Book. For centuries the Bible has been a wholesome and strengthening influence in our national life, and it behoves us in these momentous days to turn with renewed faith to this Divine source of comfort and inspiration."

SCHOOL NEWS

During the week of Spring vacation, services were held in the interest of The Bible Institute in several churches throughout Western Ontario.

The Resurrection Challenge was presented by message by Dr. J. W. Mahood and in half an hour of music by a mixed quartette. This group was composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hartill, Mrs. Roy McBeth and Mr. Burleigh Jackson.

Altogether about 1,300 people were contacted with information concerning the work of the School.

The fellowship was blessed and the response to our work was gratifying. These services were held in: Crusaders Church in Toronto; York Road Baptist Church, Guelph; First Baptist Church, Waterloo; Delta Tabernacle, Hamilton; Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brantford; Baptist Church, Dresden; Good Tabernacle, St. Marys.

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We would like to call your attention to the 1940 Orb, the Year Book published by the Senior Class of this year. We've spent a great deal of effort on it and we're sure that the finished product will not disappoint you. It contains not only the elements that will interest the students and their friends but a real message for everyone who reads it. It contains a feature section that will interest everyone, school calendar, events of the year, inevitable pictures, informal snans, annual antics, messages and poems. It will certainly be worth far more than the mere 75 cents we are asking for it. If you would like a copy of this splendid Year Book send your request and money to L. B. I. or forward it through any of the students. It will be sent as soon as it comes off the press—a book of inspiration and spiritual blessing whose message will reach to the ends of the earth.

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Remember, Summer is coming and it will be time again for Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Last year we had all that we could take care of so if you would like help from the School please write for information early.

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Love of the truth is greater than knowledge of the truth.

STEWARDSHIP

Among the many Christians who have rendered conspicuous service to their Master few have surpassed George Muller. In the great work of preaching the Gospel and caring for orphans, Mr. Muller relied wholly upon the unsolicited free-will offerings of God's people. It has been said that he "received through faith one and a half million pounds without asking man for one penny."

In his inspiring biography of this remarkable man, entitled "George Muller of Bristol," Dr. A. T. Pierson describes some of the givers, their gifts and the circumstances under which they contributed. One incident is recorded as follows: "Among the first givers to the work was a poor needlewoman who, to Mr. Muller's surprise, brought one hundred pounds. She earned by her work only an average per week of three shillings and sixpence and was, moreover, weak in body. A small legacy of less than five hundred pounds from her grandmother's estate had come to her at her father's death by the conditions of her grandmother's will. But that father had died a drunkard and a bankrupt, and her brothers and sisters had settled with his creditors by paying them five shillings to the pound. To her conscience, this seemed like robbing the creditors of three-fourths of their claim and, though they had no legal hold upon her, she privately paid them the other fifteen shillings to the pound of the unpaid debts of her father. Moreover, when her unconverted brother and two sisters each gave fifty pounds to the widowed mother, she, as a child of God, felt that she should give double that amount. By this time her share of the legacy was reduced to a small remainder, and it was out of this that she gave the one hundred pounds for the orphan work.

"As Mr. Muller's settled principle was never to grasp eagerly at any gift whatever the need or the amount of the gift, before accepting this money he had a long conversation with this woman, seeking to prevent her from giving either from an unsanctified motive or in unhallowed haste, without counting the cost. He would in such a case dishonour his Master by accepting the gift, as though God were in need of our offerings. Careful scrutiny, however, revealed no motives not pure and Christlike; this woman had calmly and deliberately reached her decision. 'The Lord Jesus,' she said, 'has given His last drop of blood for me, and should I not give Him this hundred pounds?' He who comes into contact with such givers in his work for God finds therein a means of grace."

If all of us who are "saved by the blood" were filled with the spirit of this woman who gave so freely of her limited means, God's work would not be hindered by lack of financial support.

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Are your friends reminded of God by the way you live?

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God's wisdom is greater than our logic.

PRAYER COLUMN

We are drawing near to the close of our School year and of course as far as the student body and the faculty are concerned it is a time of many important impending events, such as the editing and compiling of our Senior Class year book, the Orb, and also the preparation for the commencement exercises of our School, which takes place in early June. So at this time we ask that our great company of friends join us in prayer that these events might be times of rich blessing to many and that our year book may bring both inspiration and salvation to those who read its pages.

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"Brethren, pray for us."

"That the Word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified."

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Out from the walls of The London Bible Institute this June shall go a fine group of consecrated young men and women who have heard the call of God upon their lives for service and who have for the past three years been equipping themselves for their future work. Therefore we desire that God may be pleased to thrust these precious young lives out into the great white harvest fields that they might take to others the glorious message of redeeming grace. Pray for them. They have heard the call. Have you?

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Another outstanding feature of our work at The London Bible Institute is our children's work, getting the Word of God planted in their young hearts. In a few months a number of our students will be going out to the various churches in Western Ontario to hold Daily Vacation Bible Schools. This is a great work as has already been proven by our attempts in the past. Won't you pray that God may see fit to lay His divine seal of approval upon this all-important ministry among the children.

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God."

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To those of our readers who live in the City of London, we should like to announce that every Sunday afternoon at 4.15, in the school building, 517 Queen's Avenue, there is a prayer meeting in the interests of the School. You are invited.

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"I simply take Him at His word,
I praise Him that my prayer is heard,
And claim my answer from the Lord—
I take, He undertakes."

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"An active faith can give thanks for a promise though it be not yet performed, knowing that God's bonds are as good as ready money."—Mathew Henry.

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It is impossible to win souls and gain the world at the same time.

THE CHURCH IN FINLAND

Christians today are naturally interested in the character of the Finnish Church, which shares in the suffering of that valiant little nation. The overwhelming majority of the Finnish people are Lutherans, and in recent years only 100,000 of the entire population had other than Lutheran connections.

In all Finnish schools instruction in religion is given according to the confession of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Finnish Church supports missionaries in both China and Japan.

If the Soviet thrust into Finland should prove finally successful, we may expect the issue sharply drawn between the forces of Christianity and those of atheistic paganism.—Christian Union Herald.

TRAGIC IGNORANCE?

"What can wash away my sin?" asked the hymn writer of old, and his enlightened conscience responded, "Nothing but the blood of Jesus." How tragic if sin had no cure or cleansing!

"Nothing can for sin atone—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

Would that all professing Christians knew the teaching of the Word of God concerning sin's remedy. If this knowledge were universal, churches in money-raising attempts would not carry in the church bulletin such an appeal as this:

"Have you a kindness shown?
Give a penny.
Would you for some sin atone?
Give a penny."

What a cheap appeal. Ours is not a penny atonement. It cost the life of the only begotten Son of God to make atonement for our sins.—Eph. 2:8.

A SOUND INVESTMENT

A dozen years ago I went to a banker friend of mine and said: "I have some money I would like to invest somewhere." And he said: "These are good investments." I took his advice and I put my savings into stocks and bonds. They are all gone. All I have are some bright-colored lithographs. About that same time there was a boy in one of our seminaries who would have had to go home because he did not have money to finish his education. I found out about him and put some of my money in his education. Every now and then I get a letter from him telling of the work he is doing to advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, and every time I get one of those letters I thank God for an investment that endures. If you want to put your money where it will bring a return that will thrill your soul, here is your chance: Use it for Jesus Christ.—Clipped.

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Our circumstances are never outside of the provision of God's promises.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

"We thoroughly believe in a university education for men and women," said Prof. Lyon Phelps, of Yale, "but I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without the Bible."

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These hath God married and no man shall part,
Dust on the Bible and drought in the heart.

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Said an elderly minister: "I'd rather people would wonder why I don't have a degree than why I do."

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FAITH COMETH BY HEARING AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD.

One day in Chicago, little over two years ago, a young artist boarded a street car. Soon she was gazing absently at the advertising cards overhead. Wearily she shook her head, "Cures of all kinds for every imaginable ache and pain—but no remedy for man's greatest malady, sin." Suddenly she stopped, "That's it! Why not advertise the only true cure—all—the living WORD OF GOD?"

RESULT? Today in Chicago, 2,000 street cars and buses carry the cards. One million persons, care-worn, tired and discouraged, who might not otherwise see the Word are being subjected to its life-giving power. If space permitted, many testimonies could be printed here, but one thing is sure—and that because it is His promise—that Word never returns void.

—Moody Monthly

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Oh, the wonder and grace
To look Christ in the face
And not be ashamed!
For you gave what He claimed,
And you laid down your all
For His sake, at His call;
He had counted on you
And you failed NOT.

A MISSIONARY'S EQUIPMENT

A life yielded to God and controlled by His Spirit,
A restful trust in God for the supply of all needs,
A sympathetic spirit and a willingness to take a lowly place,
Tact in dealing with men and adaptability toward circumstances,
Zeal in service and steadfastness in discouragement,
Love for communion with God and for the study of His Word,
Some experience and blessing in the Lord's work at home,
A healthy body and a vigorous mind.

—By J. Hudson Taylor.

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The devil can tempt you but he cannot make you sin.