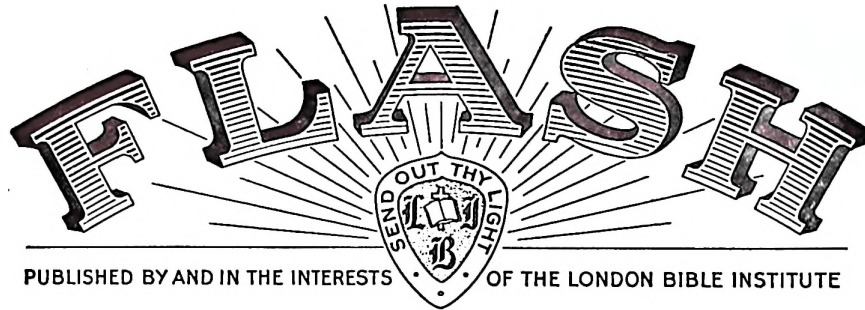


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## SINGING TO THE LORD

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In his letter to the Ephesian Christians, Paul speaks of "singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." It has been said that music is the language of heaven; and again and again when the heavens have been opened in the Word we have heard the songs of the celestial choir. At the birth of worlds "the morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy." I pity the person who has no music in his life. I do not believe that life can be at its best without appreciation of good music. Perhaps, this is the one thing that is missing in the lives of many good people.

From a study of the songs and music of the Bible what should be the character of our singing as Christians?

1. **In our hearts we should be worshipful.** We should sing unto the Lord. "Singing with melody in your heart." At Washington, D. C., a young lady who sang in the choir where the President attends church was asked by a friend, "So you sing for the President, do you?" She replied, "No. I sing for the Lord, and the President has the privilege of listening." I have often wondered how many in the average congregation and the average choir really sing unto the Lord. Or are they singing unto men—singing to be heard by the congregation? I fear that much of the listlessness in choirs and congregations may be because we don't realize that the Lord Himself is present. We lack God consciousness.

2. **The singing should be helpful to worship.** So often the singing has impressed me as a performance put on for my pleasure rather than as an assistance to my worship. I could not understand many of the words. Indeed it might have been sung in Chinese for all I knew. Others may get some inspiration from the harmony of sweet sounds, but for me to get help in worship I must have the words as well.

Remember Monday, October 25th

It has been my privilege through many years in evangelistic work to be assisted by some of the best Gospel singers and musicians, and I have felt that the strongest feature of their work was the way in which they sought to make the singing a real service of worship. I shall never forget the way Chas. Alexander used to sing "God will take care of you"; or how Joe Waugh would sing "Open the gates of the city," or "The Holy City." Ninety per cent. of the average congregation care little for the technique of music. They want something to assist the spirit of worship.

**3. Our singing should be in the Holy Spirit.** Paul introduces this subject of worshipful singing with the exhortation, "Be filled with the Spirit." Only the Holy Spirit can make the pulpit message effective; and likewise only the Holy Spirit can make the message of the choir effective. If all our choir singing and congregational singing and radio singing were controlled by the Holy Spirit, then we would understand the words, and our attention would be less on the technique and more on the spirit of worship.

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#### LONDON BIBLE INSTITUTE ANNEX

##### "ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK."



This is the testimony we would bear to the provision which God has made through our Annex. The problem of housing our students became apparent as the summer progressed. The scarcity of rooms led us to ask God for a place where we might have a number of our girls together. The way has opened.

God has given us first a building large enough to house twenty of our girls upstairs. Then he gave us a Christian woman, Mrs. Jessie Randall, who is acting as House Mother and cook. Furthermore, He made it possible for us to get sufficient equipment to meet the immediate needs. Already three friends have each offered to pay for the furnishing of a room. The detailed ways in which God has blessed brings rejoicing from those of us who have been making the preparation.

The Living Room has made possible much needed accommodation for a "crowded-out" day class, for Friday night student service and for informal fellowship.

We regret that we have not been able to accommodate all of the students who would like to room there.

Would you enjoy seeing what God has done? We invite you to come and visit us when we have open house, Monday, October 25th, at 8 p.m. We welcome you.

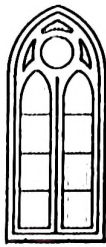
MRS. J. E. HARTILL.



Oliver Young, '39

Fred Wakeling, '41, is now Pastor of the Baptist Church in Essex.  
 Lynna Nichol, '43, and Vera Musikov, '43, are attending Missionary Medical Institute.  
 Gladys Lee, '43, won the proficiency prize in French, at Trois Platees, and is continuing studies at La Salle University, Que.  
 To Vernice, '43, and Mrs. Smith, on September 14, a son, John Vernice.  
 Albert and Anna Fairbrother, '39, are working at the orphanage at Ku Kong, China.

#### PRAYER



The first duty of any Bible School, before entering into the schedule of the school curriculum, should be to come into God's presence. Realizing this, and conscious of their need, the faculty and students met for three days of prayer— Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Hearts were touched as prayers ascended for the unsaved. God's power and presence were felt within the four walls as individuals prayed for a bond of fellowship and strength for the conflict in prayer by which the enemy may be overcome and the Will of God might be gloriously revealed.

Challenges were presented as Pastors and Christian Business men brought brief messages during the three days of intercession. These speakers were: Rev. O'Neil, Russell Winslow, Alison Welch, Pastor Logsdon, Rowland Hill, Jr., and Rev. Dines, of Woodstock.

The prayer sessions were closed by the singing and BELIEVING of the chorus:

"I believe the answers on the way;  
 I believe the Lord has heard me pray.  
 'Cast not away your confidence,'  
 Saith the Lord our God.  
 Now by faith in Him alone I stand;  
 Firmly held by His Almighty Hand.  
 Fully trusting in His promise,  
 Praise the Lord!"

DEAN HARTILL.

**We are Looking For You October 25th.**



## OUR NEW STUDENTS

The following are among our new student body as we begin our seventh year of Day School.

Ajax, Ontario—George Delaney.  
Byron, Ontario—Betty Cornell.  
Bethany, Ontario—Fledda D. M. Veals.  
Brantford, Ontario—Edna A. Norsworthy, Ellen Adkins, Doris Adkins.  
Dresden, Ontario—Lela Mildred Babcock.  
Guelph, Ontario—Ethel M. Green.  
Kitchener, Ontario—Bertha Keuhl, Paula Luft, Marjorie C. Moyer.  
London, Ontario—Thomas N. Devine, Douglas B. Shuter, Frances M. Hal-  
lam, Margaret Hussey.  
Mt. Forest, Ontario—Robert Adams.  
Niagara Falls, Ontario—Irene A. Carruthers.  
Orangeville, Ontario—Grace A. Stump.  
Omeme, Ontario—Eileen M. Veals.  
Oshawa, Ontario—Robert Sweet, Edna Wall, Marie E. Armstrong, Doris  
McQuaid, Murdy E. Getty, Winnifred Campbell.  
Pickering, Ontario—Cassie V. Coleman, Velma L. Coleman.  
Peterboro, Ontario—Hilda M. Hayes.  
St. Marys, Ontario—Doris Marguerite Willits.  
St. Thomas, Ontario—Douglas H. Gallagher, Margaret M. Millard.  
Shedden, Ontario—Alma Clubb.  
Toronto, Ontario—Margery Jean Arnott, Alice L. Robertson.  
Virgil, Ontario—David C. Heidi.  
Wingham, Ontario—Marjorie Falconer.  
Woodstock, Ontario—Harold E. Ropp, Margaret McAlpine, Eileen B.  
McNab.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Your Editor has been willingly crowded into a corner in this issue, to make way for News of the Annex and our New Students.



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We are deeply grateful to all who sent donations for our "Chair Fund." Thirty desk-arm chairs have been purchased. We hope to buy another sorely needed twenty as the Lord provides.

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Times change more easily than people do. That's why many people like to think that the times are out of joint.

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It's only the people who can't get on who tell each other where to get off.