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In 1900, Dr. J. B. Gambrell, a minister, electrified an annual convention of ministers by saying, "For years we have organized and evangelized. We have preached, but we have never taught. The time has come for us to further the teaching ministry." This statement led a large denomination to reorganize their methods which resulted in an increase of two hundred and fifty percent in membership in fourteen years' time. But the place that teaching holds in the plan of God for making His Word and Will known to men is not something that was discovered only in this day.

The old Testament and the New Testament record many teaching situations as well as many admonitions to teach and to instruct. God Himself spoke to Moses saying, "I will teach you what you shall do" (Ex. 4:15). The Hebrew patriarchs were commanded to teach the laws of God to their children. Samuel said, "I will teach you the good and right way" (1 Sam. 12:23). The Psalmist prayed "Teach me thy paths" (25:4) "Teach me thy way, O Lord" (27:11).

In the New Testament teaching is exalted. Of the ninety times Jesus was addressed in the Gospels, sixty times He was called "Rabbi" or "Teacher," "for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." The aim of the New Testament teaching is "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Tim. 3:17).

The early church was characterized as a teaching church and it is estimated by Bible scholars that more people were vitally Christian in the first century than in any period of time. Since that time effective teaching has been neglected except for an occasional light on the horizon of time. During the Reformation, Martin Luther realized the importance of teaching the fundamentals of Scripture, and he revived the Apostolic message as well as the Apostolic method. John Wesley, Robert Raikes and many others tried to keep the light of teaching burning.

Through the years the church has tried everything, and in our day we find by a conservative estimate that only two percent of the world is vitally Christian. We cannot have a strong and healthy plant without constant cultivation and care, nor can we have a strong and healthy church without careful grounding in the Word of God, that we might give a reason "for the hope that is within us."

In May, 1931, a small group of men from Christian Colleges and Bible Institutes in Canada and the United States met in Philadelphia to consider the teaching ministry of the church. It was at this time that Christian education as such was born for the Evangelical churches, for they formed the Evangelical Teaching Training Association.

This organization planned two courses for training teachers in the Church school—the Standard Course for those attending day school in Bible Institutes and Christian Colleges, and the Preliminary Course, a much shorter course, for night schools and the local church. Any one graduating with the Standard Course Diploma is qualified to teach the Preliminary Course. The London Bible Institute is qualified to grant the Gold Seal Diploma and Certificate of the Association.

Christian Education is not something new—it is as old as the Scriptures themselves. Christian Education is a method of evangelism whereby a child or an adult not only is saved from his sins through the atoning work of Christ, but also is given a realization of His indwelling presence and power in every-day life. This can only come with careful teaching in the Word. Always, however, it is God, not the teacher, who gives the increase.

## Why Christian Education?

A Survey Of The Subject By  
MISS GERALDINE VINCENT, M.A.



Part of the London Bible Institute faculty is shown above. Left to right they are, Rev. S. F. Logsdon, Rev. J. R. Dunkin, Rev. J. E. Boehmer, Miss Jean Scott, Registrar; Mrs. Rosa Baldwin, Mrs. E. Ralph Hooper, Dr. E. Ralph Hooper, Dean; Rev. John Honeyman, Superintendent; Rev. James Bedford, President; H. Allison Welch, Rev. Glen I. Wardell, Rowland Hill, Jr., and Miss Geraldine E. Vincent.

There is a great need in the world today for the vital message of life in Christ. Our teachers must be trained to teach the Word, our Young People must be taught in the Word as well as our children, that they in turn might take the unsearchable riches of Christ to the ends of the earth.

The future of the Christian Church is bright if more careful teaching of the Word is done in every phase of its ministry, and more than ever before we need those trained in Christian Education in the pulpit, the Sunday School, and on every mission field in the world "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Tim. 3:17).



# I Turned My Feet Toward L.B.I. . . . .

## SOME OF OUR STUDENTS TELL WHY THEY CHOSE THIS SCHOOL

"After God called me into full-time service I prayed that He would lead me to the place of His choosing to study. I had met students from L.B.I. and had heard many favourable reports and after meeting the president, Mr. Bedford, and talking with him, I decided to make application."

Ted White—Dartmouth, N.S.

"After much prayer and exercise of heart before God I felt led to enter L.B.I., as the school of His choice. I have found there warm Christian fellowship, fidelity in teaching, and, above all, Christ is pre-eminent. I only wish there were in this country more schools with the vision and the spiritual outlook that is found at L.B.I."

Hugh Horner—London, Ontario

"Possibly the greatest single factor that attracted me to the school was its strong fundamental doctrinal position. In a day when a determined stand on the basic evangelical doctrines of our faith is increasingly belittled, it is a delight to sit under instruction pledged to a faithful declaration of the whole counsels of God. Truly I praise His name for having led me to L.B.I."

Sam Mikolaski—Toronto, Ontario

"I knew the L.B.I. to be uncompromisingly loyal to the Word of God, and those of the faculty with whom I was personally acquainted, I knew to be loyal servants of Jesus Christ. I had the utmost confidence in their abilities and was persuaded that the school of which they were a vital part was well equipped in every way to train those who, at the Lord's command, would go into all the world preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is 'the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth'."

Jack L. Hockney—London, Ontario

"As I realized the need for training in His Word, I was looking to Him to open the way to Bible School. The information of L.B.I. was sent to me and the note about first year girls living in residence attracted me, and as I prayed and trusted, the Lord opened the door for me to attend Bible School. I have found L.B.I. all and more than I had read. The Christian fellowship is sweet and as you live here you realize it is the Lord who has done all things well."

Jessie Ritchie—Nanaimo, B.C.

"After attending one of the largest of Bible schools on the continent, I feel that I am in a position to say that the London Bible Institute is, in my estimation, the ideal Bible school for a person wishing good fundamental, old-fashioned gospel teaching. It also affords opportunities for Christian young people, and teaching by an efficient staff of teachers, who live their Christian experience seven days a week."

Mervin D. Pastorius—Windsor

"The fact that this school offered a preparatory year in which new students could refresh their school days before entering into the curriculum of the School attracted me very much. The efficiency of its teachers was a factor instrumental in turning my feet toward L.B.I. The fullness of the three courses offered was an important factor also in determining my application to L.B.I. But most of all the Lord's definite leading to L.B.I. is the primary reason for my coming."

Roy Murphy—Sarnia, Ontario.

## Alumni Day . . . . .

January 28th was Alumni Day at L.B.I.

It was also the opening day of classes for the second semester. We were happy to welcome a representation from the Alumni in a special chapel hour of real blessing. Mrs. Isabel Midgley ('45) took charge of the program and introduced the various members of the group. George Hunt ('40) led the song service, Mrs. Larry Bigelow ('46) sang a solo and Miss Peggy Randall ('40) and Miss Peggy Degnan ('44) led in prayer. Peggy Degnan gave her testimony, telling of the Lord's blessing in her life. Miss Gertha Rice ('42) with Mrs. Olive Young ('39), acting for the Alumni, presented to the School a beautiful clock. Miss Alice Henderson, school librarian, received this splendid gift for the mantel of the school library. The Alumni are to be congratulated upon their thoughtfulness, and the clock will help us to remember the exhortation, "Redeem the time for the days are evil."

A challenging message was given by Albert Fairbrother ('39), quickening our zeal in missionary endeavours. It was a morning well spent, and we trust that soon the Alumni will be back with us again for another hour of fellowship and blessing.