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Reviews Available
Professor P. E. McCullough has prepared and made available to the students mimeographed sheets bearing reviews of certain books which he has studied and felt to be of interest and importance to Christian workers. Though having already completed 85 reviews, Mr. McCullough indicated that he has not completed his work in this regard but will continue as time allows.

We, as students, are grateful to Professor McCullough for this important material. This ministry is indicative of the type of valuable training that we receive at B.B.I.

B.B.I. Enrollment Increases
The Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland continues to move ahead numerically as well as scholastically. The Day School enrollment rose to 83 with the coming of 4 new students. They are: Rose Haley of Flint, Michigan; Mary Ellen Morris of Cleveland; Carol Whitely of Painesville, Ohio; and Doris Gilbert of Millerton, Pennsylvania. After having served one term in Martinique, Doris has come to receive additional training in Doctrine.

With the addition of 24 new students to the Evening School, the total evening enrollment for the year, including the branch work in Willoughby, has risen to 169.

Christian Service
With the second semester in full swing, we can look back and see what has been done through our Christian Service Department during the first semester; not as though we had already attained, but that we might press toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus, during the second semester, in our service for Him.

There have been seven men actively engaged as pastors or assistant pastors of local churches. Twenty students have had Sunday School Classes. The Bible Club movement has kept ten busy preparing each week to reach the children for Christ. Three students have directed Junior Churches while two have been directing choirs. Others have had permanent assignments to county jails, rest homes, and as song leaders in the local churches.

Each week there have been students at the City Hospital, going from bed to

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Graduates Outbound -- Africa, Brazil

Quartet Activities

The B.B.I. Quartet - composed of Harold Hasse, Melvin Entingh, Raymond Entingh, and Howard Andrus - has been very active. Although each one of them has a job to help him through school, they find time to practice and go on assignments, many times to distant places. It is true there is always time to do that which we really want to do.

The fellows have been in the following Ohio towns: Elyria, North Jackson, Parma, Galion, Bowling Green, and Bryan, as well as Adrian, Michigan and Erie, Pennsylvania. They have had many assignments here in Cleveland including several City Mission radio broadcasts.

May God continue to use these young men as they sing for Christ.

Students' Aid Fund
A great need at B.B.I. is a Revolving Fund where worthy and needy students may obtain a loan to help them over rough financial problems so that their training for the Lord’s service will not be hindered. Thanks be to God this Fund is now going to be established and will be called “The Students’ Aid Fund.” The establishment of this Fund is made possible through the gift of $1,000.00 from one of God’s faithful servants. This gift will serve as a nucleus in order to start the Students’ Aid Fund, but additional gifts will be needed to replenish the Fund and keep it workable.

ARE YOU PRAYING DAILY FOR B.B.I.?

Marturion Duties Transferred
The responsibilities of publishing the Marturion this year were transferred to the second year class with Harold Hasse as editor. The annual of last year was the school’s first one and achieved great success, but this edition will incorporate many added features and improvement in the printing process.

The name “Marturion” comes from the Greek word in Revelation 1:9 meaning Testimony.

We feel certain that you will want to receive a copy of this book and your subscription sent to Edward Helmick in care of the school will be greatly appreciated.

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Bible School Apologetics

Articles often appear in print expressing the opinions of Bible Institute professors, presidents, and denominational leaders as to the importance of Bible School training; but, I thought that it would be unique and perhaps a source of encouragement to some Christian young person if someone in the capacity of student were to reveal some of his convictions on the matter.

I believe that every Christian young person in the world should have at least one year of Bible Institute training. I realize that God hasn't called all Christian young people to the mission field or into the pulpit ministry and why shouldn't we have believers in the fields of medicine, engineering, and even politics to name but a few. Conceive if you can though the advantage of being grounded in the Word of God as one faces the skepticism of the university or the practical issues involved in a subsequent vocation. The priority of Bible school training, I feel, is without denial.

Then too, if you are anticipating a full-time ministry, this type of training is a must. There are too many young people entering the Lord's work with inadequate training. I am a second year student and I become more convinced daily that what I am receiving is what I most need in preparation for His service. I wouldn't trade these past two years for anything except presence with my Lord.

Come along to Bible School first for even in one year you will possess a firmer faith, a broader understanding of, and an overwhelming love of the Bible, which we know to be the Word of God.

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Be Filled with the Spirit

K. A. Amsler

While attending a great evangelistic meeting, the other evening with 9,000 in attendance and some 300 coming forward to publicly confess Christ as Savior and Lord, I was conscious of the quiet convicting and converting power of the Holy Spirit. While seeing thousands of Koreans accept Christ through the earnest pleadings of Bob Pierce during the showing of "38th Parallel," I was again reminded of the Spirit's power while speaking to high school students during 8:00 o'clock morning devotions and while presenting the claims of Christ as many young people feel life received. Pentecost speaks of life demonstrated. Christ came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly. But the average Christian life is little like a thorny, parched, thirsty desert. There is no life, there is nothing green and nothing growing - no foliage, no fruit.

Christianity is nothing except as it is illuminated by the Light of Heaven. We must be taught, encouraged to some Christian young person if someone in the capacity of student were to reveal some of his convictions on the matter.

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The Examination

Editor's Note: The following was an English theme submitted by Mrs. Viki, a D.P. from Latvia enrolled in B.B.I.

The evening! The day is gone. This evening isn't moon and stars. The wind rustles in old leaves. Outside is cool and dreary. Autumn! The lights in the room shine bright and warm. Bright and warm speak to my heart the Words of God. This evening my thoughts are going up. Was my walk today for God, for the praise of my Saviour? Has been this day for His Glory or for my pleasure? How much time I have given for His work, for I know, the time belongs to Him? Time of grace! How has it been spent? What man said today? And when He asks me the same question as He asked to both disciples on the way to Emmaus: "What manner of communications are these that you have stepped forward to indicate your thoughts, words and deeds today?"

Lukas 24:17.

Was my talk today for His Glory? I met my folk's people! I have spoken with my family! I was on the way! Was I for the praise of my Saviour?

In this examination I feel weak. The shade of death is at the door. But then I come under the Cross on Calvary. The Light of Love from the Cross overflows my cup! I taste the joy of salvation! I hear the voice: "Abide in me, and in you." "Peace I give unto you." "Let not your heart be troubled." "I will not leave you comfortless."

Outside is darkness. But in my heart shines the Light of Heaven. I see the small way. There are stones and thorns. Many voices in darkness call me away, but His Light shines on my path. We are saved.

Are you praying for B.B.I. Daily?
“Every One Give One”

Much is attempted and often accomplished in our land through the use of slogans. Politicians make use of them in election campaigns. Advertisers spend vast amounts of money in efforts to spread their slogans, etc. Perhaps it’s making use of the power of suggestion or maybe its mob psychology, but nevertheless it often works. We trust that this introduction doesn’t defeat our purpose for we too would like to make use of a slogan. “Every One Give One” is what our librarian has been repeating lately and we trust that it will be found on the lips of everyone who has an interest in B.B.I.

Our library now has 4150 volumes and needs $500 by June 1st. Why not search the attic for an old college book or two. Books are needed dealing with History, English, Languages, Geography, Philosophy, Psychology, and all types of books on Religion, such as Biographies, Missions, Commentaries, Church History, etc. The donor’s name will be placed in the front of each book. Joseph Addison once said “Books are the legacies that great geniuses leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation.” You may have in your possession a book that you no longer need, but one that in an institution such as this would prove to be a real source of help.

We Admit This

Getting out a paper is fun, but it’s no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly. If we don’t, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other magazines, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don’t, we are too fond of our own stuff.

If we don’t print contributions, we don’t appreciate true genius. If we do print them, the page is filled with junk.

Now, like as not, someone will say we swiped this from some other magazine.

We did.

Choir Tour Coming

When? Where? You won’t want to miss these! Here’s our itinerary:

Thursday, April 24, Toledo, Ohio - Emmanuel Baptist Church
Friday, April 25, Galion, Ohio - First Baptist Church
Saturday, April 26, Bellefontaine, Ohio - Calvary Baptist Church
Sunday afternoon, April 27, Columbus, Ohio - Memorial Baptist Church
Sunday evening, April 27, Springfield, Ohio - Blessed Hope Baptist Church
Monday, April 28, Mishawaka, Indiana - First Baptist Church
Tuesday, April 29, Sandusky, Ohio - Calvary Baptist Church
Friday, May 2, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio - Graham Road Baptist Church
Sunday, May 4, Elyria, Ohio - First Baptist Church
Saturday, May 10, Cleveland, Ohio - Hough Avenue Baptist Church
B.B.I. Choir Sacred Musicale

New Scholarship Established

A scholarship in the amount of full tuition for some needy married student has been provided by a brother burdened to help these young people who are sacrificing to receive their training in order to serve the Lord.

This is the second scholarship made available at B.B.I. the other being obtainable by children of missionaries.

Alumni Labor Among Negroes of City

II Timothy 2:2—“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

This has been the desire and purpose of the Baptist Seminary of the Bible. Of thousands of church members among the colored people of Cleveland, there are very few who are saved and can teach others of Him. There are multitudes outside of the church who do not know the way of salvation.

The Seminary has four full-time workers, Rev. Donald Douglass, Rev. Walter Banks, graduate of B.B.I., Miss Marjorie Smith, former secretary and graduate of B.B.I., and Miss Mabel Starr, authorized by Mid-Missions. This Bible Institute began in August 1948 in the home of Rev. Fred Miller, former B.B.I. Evening School student, a colored man whom God wonderfully raised up to carry out His plan in establishing this work. After much prayer and waiting for it to come to pass, the Seminary now has a building adapted for class-room work located at 13407 Kinsman Road, and is also the current home of the Seminary Baptist Church. The present enrollment for day and night classes is 78. From this number we have several Sunday School superintendents, pastors, and Bible Club teachers.

Elect New Directors

Recent additions to the board of directors include Rev. G. V. Smelser, Supt. of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission, Mr. E. B. Smith, Trustee of the First Baptist Church, Elyria, Ohio, and Mr. Chester R. McNutt, member of the Hough Avenue Baptist Church and professor at Western Reserve University.

Nothing that we have is too precious to give to the Lord Jesus. Any talent or opportunity we may be selfishly keeping for ourselves we attribute to God and give Him the glory. This may be in the form of offering to the Lord, or by using our talents as He has given them to us.

Christian Service, Cont’d.

bed, speaking for the Lord Jesus. Many have professed Christ as Saviour through this ministry.

Gospel teams have been going out from the City Mission, starting at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, in which many students have taken an active part. They have brought messages at Wayfair Lodge and at the rest homes. Young ladies have added their testimonies and helped through instrumental and vocal numbers.

It has been a pleasure to know that the High and Junior High Schools here in Cleveland have been reached through the tract ministry. In the morning, as the students go into their schools, B.B.I. students have given them Gospel literature. After passing out the tracts, our students would then hurry to get to class on time to study more about the Faith they are proclaiming.

As taken from the personal records of Day School students, the totals are as follows:

- Tracts given out: 11,166
- Testimonies given: 147
- Decisions for Christ: 129

There is activity on week-ends that compares with a bee-hive in the spring. There is no education without participation. The students are busy in all phases of the work.

May we learn by doing and give ourselves to the winning of the lost, both while we are here in school and then to the uttermost parts of the world.

Student Testimonies

A testimony they asked me for and certainly it’s a treat.

To tell you about my Saviour, a Saviour that can’t be beat.

My Jesus is so kind, so faithful, true and sweet.

When I found Jesus as my friend my joy active complete.

After knowing more about Him by study and kneeling at His feet, He spoke to me saying in tones so clear, “I want you in Martinique.”

I waited until compelled was He the same command to repeat.

Yielded I went rejoicing oft’times tried to defeat.

By trials, tests, heartaches, my faith he tried to deplete.

Christ alone has cheered my heart which certainly was a fete;

But more than all He has saved my soul and given me a real concrete.

—Doris Gilbert

Phil. 1:20

“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he love us, even when we were dead in sin, might be quickened (or given life) with Christ and called here to study to be a faithful steward of His Word.”

—Joseph Fields

—B. B. I. Testimony
The Happy Man Characterized

The first Psalm does not intend to portray or teach what one must do in order to be happy. The idea is not, happy is the person that does these things, but the truly happy person is characterized by what the Psalm says. This is the distinction between the fruit of salvation, and work that one might try to do in order to be saved (Eph. 2:8-10). A saved person is characterized by what the Psalm says, because he is saved, by faith alone. Thus the first verse should read, “Oh the blessedness of the man...” meaning not plurality of blessings, but fullness of blessing.

In verses one and two we have the happy person described. In verse one, he is described negatively in that he walketh not, standeth not, sitteth not, showing the three degrees of the habit of sin downward as the habit grows. This is illustrated by a cartoon seen one day in the newspaper where a saloon keeper was changing a “boy wanted” sign in the window. A little boy was standing outside reading the sign which said, “Boy wanted, to start at the bottom and work down.” The root of these things is always away from the downward bent of sin. The Christian shuns the fellowship of evil men. The three words, counsel, way, and seat describe the three types of evil fellowship. To counsel means to plan or to purpose; way means a sharing of the manner of life; and seat means association in all conditions and events of life. Therefore the truly happy person is characterized by walking not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standing in the way of sinners, nor sitting in the seat of the scornful.

In verse two, we have the happy person described positively as the word “but” changes the thought from negative to positive. The happy person has his inclination toward the Law of Jehovah (cf. II Tim. 3:16). The word “delight” means to be favorably inclined. It is the difference between life and death to be favorably inclined to God. The faith that the Christian has in the atoning work of Christ in his behalf, saves him. Thus, because he is truly happy and blessed of God, he delights in the things of God, and meditates upon Him day and night.

The blessed or happy person is compared in verse three to a life-giving tree firmly established and grounded. A tree well planted and watered brings forth good fruit. So a Christian, well taught and nourished up in God’s Word is a fruitful Christian. As the green leaves on a tree are a sign of life and the fruit an emblem of the productiveness of a well taken care of tree, so faith in the Christian is that element that transforms the living waters of the Word into divine force that brings forth good works for the Lord which is used to spread blessings to others, and the fruit of salvation in living for God. Thus the results of a happy person in this state are “whatever he doeth shall prosper.”

In verses four to six, the happy person is contrasted with the ungodly, where we have the statement of the contrast (v. 4), the results of the contrast (v. 5), and the explanation for the results in verse six.

The happy person has root, he is well planted; he has fruit; and he has vital force as we see from the words “his leaf also shall not wither.” The ungodly person is rootless - “chaff” has no attachment and is blown around; he is fruitless - chaff bears no fruit; and he is lifeless - chaff has no life in it.

Therefore when the judgment comes, the ungodly person will not be able to stand before the judge, the chaff will be separated from the grain, the sinner will be separated from the Christian because the Lord knows the grain from the chaff. He knows the way of the righteous; He knows the way of the sinner. Thus the Christian will stand in the day of Judgment, and be vindicated, “but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”

Oh, the blessedness of the Christian, who has the fullness of the blessings of God in this life, and knows that when the day of Judgment comes, and God separates the grain from the chaff, he shall stand, because he has been characterized by his faith in God’s work in his behalf.

“Only one life, twill soon be past. Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

Pray for the Ministry of B.B.I.