

# GUIDE TO THE PHILIP P. and LUCY BLISS MEMORIAL

Rome Cemetery (Route 187/Main St./Rome Rd.)

Rome, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

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## **P. P. Bliss Memorial, Rome, PA**

Dedicated July 10, 1877

On Tuesday, July 10, 1877, the monument erected to the memory of P. P. Bliss was dedicated in the cemetery of Rome, PA. The number of people in attendance was estimated at 10,000. The exercises opened at 2 p.m. by the singing of one of Mr. Bliss's hymns and the offering of prayer by Mr. Bliss's former pastor in Rome, the Rev. D. Cool. Then D. L. Moody gave an account of the manner in which the funds for the monument were raised. Over three thousand Sunday Schools, including more than 500,000 scholars, in this country, England, Scotland, Ireland, and Canada, had contributed nearly \$12,000 for the monument and the education of the two orphan sons of Mr. Bliss. Mr. Moody gave an appropriate tribute to the memory of Mr. Bliss and his wife. He said that he himself owed very much of his success in saving souls to them—to their efforts and godly counsel.

Ira Sankey followed with a few remarks, and sang "Hold the Fort," the audience joining in the chorus. Short addresses were made by D. W. Whittle, Rev. Geo. A. Peltz, and Dr. Vincent. The dedicatory address was delivered by Dr. A. T. Pierson, of Detroit.

After the close of Dr. Pierson's remarks, Mr. Moody stepped forward, and silently unveiled the monument. After viewing the memorial, the people quietly dispersed. In the audience were the children of Mr. Bliss, his mother and sister, the parents and brothers and sisters of Mrs. Bliss, and personal friends from all parts of the country. —adapted from *The Sunday School Chronicle*, August 10, 1877 and "The Indiana Democrat," Indiana, Pennsylvania, Thursday, July 19, 1877.



ERECTED  
BY THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOLS  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES  
AND  
GREAT BRITAIN  
IN RESPONSE TO THE INVITATION OF  
D.L. MOODY  
AS A MEMORIAL TO  
PHILIP P. BLISS  
AUTHOR OF

“HOLD THE FORT”  
*AND OTHER*  
GOSPEL SONGS.

THEIR NAMES SHALL LIVE

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**FRONT OF MONUMENT ON SPIRE**

THY STATUTES HAVE BEEN  
MY SONGS  
IN THE HOUSE OF MY PILGRIMAGE.  
*PSALM 119:54*





**RIGHT (SOUTH) SIDE OF MONUMENT**

THROUGH A LIVING FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST  
THEY DIED  
IN THE BLESSED HOPE OF  
A HOUSE NOT MADE WITH HANDS, ETERNAL IN THE HEAVENS.  
THEY LIVED  
IN THE EXPECTATION OF THE  
RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS,  
AND THE GATHERING TOGETHER TO HIM.  
THEIR SPIRITS ARE WITH THE LORD.  
WE "SORROW NOT, EVEN AS OTHERS WHICH HAVE NO HOPE.  
FOR IF WE BELIEVE THAT  
JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN,  
EVEN SO THEM ALSO WHICH  
SLEEP IN JESUS  
WILL GOD BRING WITH HIM.  
FOR THE LORD HIMSELF SHALL DESCEND FROM HEAVEN WITH  
A SHOUT, WITH THE VOICE OF THE ARCHANGEL  
AND WITH THE TRUMP OF GOD:

AND THE DEAD IN CHRIST SHALL RISE FIRST.  
THEN WE WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN  
SHALL BE CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM IN THE CLOUDS,  
TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR:  
AND SO SHALL WE EVER BE  
WITH THE LORD.”  
- 1 THESS. 13, 14, 16, 17.  
[no chapter designation]

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**LEFT (NORTH) SIDE OF MONUMENT**

PHILIP P. BLISS  
LUCY YOUNG BLISS  
“LOVELY AND PLEASANT IN  
THEIR LIVES; AND IN THEIR DEATH  
THEY WERE NOT DIVIDED.”  
2 SAMUEL 1:23



### **BACK (EAST) SIDE OF MONUMENT**

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
PHILIP P. BLISS,  
BORN IN CLEARFIELD COUNTY, PA  
JULY 9, 1838

AND

LUCY YOUNG BLISS,  
*HIS WIFE*,  
BORN IN ROME, BRADFORD COUNTY, PA  
MARCH 14, 1841.

WHO LEFT THEIR HOME IN THIS VILLAGE THURSDAY  
MORNING DECEMBER 28, 1876, FOR CHICAGO, AND MET THEIR  
DEATH AT ASHTABULA, OHIO, FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 29,  
1876, BY THE FALLING OF A BRIDGE BY WHICH A TRAIN OF  
CARS WAS BROKEN INTO FRAGMENTS AND CONSUMED BY  
FIRE. SOME EIGHTY PERSONS BEING KILLED.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE BODIES OF MR. AND  
MRS. BLISS WERE CONSUMED TO ASHES, SINCE  
NOTHING RECOGNIZABLE AS BELONGING TO THEIR  
EARTHLY TABERNACLE HAS EVER BEEN RECOVERED.

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