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## ENOUGH

Enough that God my Father knows:  
Nothing that faith can dim.  
He gives the very best to those  
Who leave the choice with Him.  
--Selected.

## WHAT RELIGION MEANS TO ME

I find in the realm of religion those responses which satisfy my deepest desire for truth, and which my investigations in other spheres have not discovered.

I find the answer to my inquiry as to the First Great Cause is God. To me He is made known as the Creator of all things, for He "made the world and all things therein". He is revealed to me as Possessor of all things, because "He is Lord of heaven and earth". I have come to know God as the Source of Life, for "He giveth to all life and breath". I have come to know the relationship between men, for He "hath made of one blood all nations of men", and He "causeth all nations of men to dwell on the earth, and hath determined the bounds of their habitation". I have learned that all men are like me, in that all men "feel after God"; that God is omnipotent, for He is not "far from every one of us"; and that God is the Father-Creator of all men, for they are "His offspring".

In religion I have found a Saviour sent from God: who is light to shine upon my path and the way to keep my feet from straying; the Door to admit me into the Divine Presence; the Good Shepherd to care for me; Bread to satisfy; Life to assure my eternal conscious blessedness with Him.

THE IDEAL MISSIONARY

He who would be an ideal missionary must be:

1. Sound in body and mind.
2. Able to eat all kinds of food.
3. Prepared to "rough it" Physically and mentally.
4. A Bible student in mind and heart.
5. A linguist.
6. A person with a sense of humor.
7. Able to preach Christ instead of condemning superstition.
8. Spirit-filled.
9. Earnest in prayer.
10. Sympathetic.
11. Courteous and kind.
12. Full of common sense.
13. Able to put others to work.
14. Patient in all things.
15. Apt to teach.
16. Willing to sacrifice all and put God first.

(--Dr. W. T. Reid--former missionary to Korea.)

NEW OFFICE EQUIPMENT

The office now has two new filing cabinets of eighteen drawers each. Taking the place of three cumbersome and unattractive tables overloaded with small filing boxes, these cabinets and a large storing cabinet were made by Mr. Fish. Ease and efficiency in handling office matters, to say nothing of a neater office, are already seen as results.

"LUKES" DISTRIBUTED

Two hundred and fifty of the emphasized Gospels of Luke have been distributed by the ministerial association to students doing work in Sunday Schools in the vicinity of Dayton. They were the gift of the American Branch of the Scripture Gift Mission. A number of tracts were sent by the same group.

When he returned after Christmas holidays, Harry Crewe brought two hundred marked Gospels of John for similar use.

Gospel tracts are always welcome and will be put to good use if sent to the Ministerial Association.

MUKTI PROGRAM

Under the leadership of Rebeca Haeger, president, the Ramabi Mukti Prayer group gave the first chapel program of the year to be given by that organization.

Scripture was read by Ben Hall and a report of the Indian mission read by Emma Rea Bechtel.

Following this Edgerton Reid gave the qualifications of an ideal missionary, as set forth on this page elsewhere. He explained they were taken from a worn Korean note-book of his father, Dr. W. T. Reid, for twenty-one years a medical missionary to Korea, where Edgerton was born. (The qualifications, it seems, might be adopted by all His own.)

EXCELLENCE PRIZE

To the male student whose powers and "attainments of body and mind and whose principles and character shall secure for him the highest degree of influence over his fellow-students, especially as to abstinence from the use of alcohol and tobacco" will be awarded a prize of \$10.00, payable at commencement.

The donor of this prize is Mr. P. A. Boyd, of Bloomfield, N. J., who sets the following standards of excellence:

Student must have been in attendance at least one year before graduating.

1. Mobility of character.
2. Fearlessness and self-sacrificing devotion to the ideals of a purposeful life.
3. Actively identified with constructive work for the best interests of the student life at the William Jennings Bryan University.

NEW STUDENTS

Three new students--all men--have enrolled for the new year. They are Russell Kirk, Lovely, Ky.; Woodrow Peake, Kermit, W. Va.; and Vinton Fish, Kane, Pa. Mr. Fish is the younger brother of Assistant Instructor Lloyd E. Fish. All three are first-year men and have moved into the Octagon.

Wanda Masoner, Peakland, and

Pearl Actkinson, Spring City, are now attending U. T. and the Abel School of Business, respectively.

Fishy!--just as leap year opens we have three more boys and two less girls. Did the boys enter for the sake of safety and the girls leave in search of fairer fields? After all, it is leap year.

BRYAN SPEAKS TO FLORIDA

While in the Sunshine State, Bryan vacationists had the opportunity of representing the University on two Florida Baptist students' programs.

At Brooksville Ben Hall spoke on the evening of Dec. 22 at the church of which his twin brother, Fayette, is assistant pastor. Quite a bit of publicity was the result for the "twins in the pulpit".

At St. Cloud Bryan was represented on the same evening by Prof. McMurry, Miss Beckman, Emily McMurry, and Lula Mae Houston. Annie Laurie Vest sent her message, not being able to come in person because of illness.

IMPROVEMENTS

For the past four years the need of ceiling in the Octagon has been evident. Now the dream becomes a reality, resulting in a neater dormitory and a saving of fuel. Under the direction of Mr. E. O. Wonderly, a heavy press-

board, inexpensively neat, is being used in both the main lobby and the rooms.

At the office the roof is being water-proofed and additional cabinets being constructed as the need is seen.

Outside, stumps and dead timber are being removed from the campus, the labor being done by the students who are earning all or part of their expenses.

#### CREWE IN CHAPEL

"Who will fill that empty chair on the Hills of Death?" was the question presented by Harry Crewe in his chapel talk, in which he read an account of an African missionary who himself was unable to fill the vacant chair, though the chief of the tribe had begged him to remain and teach them who lived in the "Hills of Death" the story in the Book.

Crewe appealed for clean lives in the students, so that they might answer the call to this or any other field--when the Lord calls.

#### MESSENGERS AT C.C.C.

At the invitation of Mr. Emberson, educational advisor at the C. C. C. camp at Sale Creek, the Saved-by-Grace Messengers held a program there on January 21.

Mr. Fish brought the message, music being furnished by the quartet and Miss Yancey.

The following Sunday the Messengers returned to teach the morning lesson, when the quartet again sang, and Mr. Ryther taught.

#### FACULTY AT CHAPEL

Seemingly desiring to share the pleasure of leading chapel with the students, the faculty has stepped in to make their mark as speakers.

Miss Beckman, boasting an initial "B", which placed her first on the list, spoke on "My Trip to France". Merriment and interest vied for honors as she told of "the first day out", the winding Seine with its thirty bridges, the stone doors and rose-stained windows of the Cathedral de Notre Dame, the gargoyles on the gutter to frighten away evil spirits, the formal gardens at Versaille, the picturesque costumes of rural France, flowers growing in the snow patches of the Alps,

Mr. Fish, announcing the somewhat misleading topic of "Modern History", fooled those present by launching into a discussion of the four years he has been connected with the University and of the progress that has been made in that time. Many amusing incidents were related as he recalled early days at the Octagon, when a bed in any old corner was good enough and when inhabited rooms were not only lightless but well-less as well. "Them", according to Mr. Fish, "was the days".

DR. W. B. RILEY

For many years the students will remember with cordial appreciation the visit of Dr. William Bell Riley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the talk he made in chapel on Thursday, January sixteenth.

The northwestern pastor and professor spoke on one of his favorite subjects, "The Scientific Accuracy of the Scriptures". Using the first chapter of Genesis, which he declared still to be the "storm center of modern criticism", Dr. Riley went through the chapter verse by verse, giving a running commentary of it.

He declared that it was not until comparatively recent times that scientists realized such present-day common truths as water's being constantly present in the atmosphere, the seas' being connected, and the sun's being larger than the moon, all of which are set out in Genesis 1.

In prefacing his remarks Dr. Riley spoke at length of his friendship with the late Commoner and mentioned throughout his address Mr. Bryan's fight for the fundamentals of Christianity.

Dr. Riley, who was introduced by Dr. Currens (Professor of Bible at Bryan), was brought to Dayton by Dr. C. F. Clark, pastor of the Highland Park Baptist Church of Chattanooga, where he was holding a conference. With

him were Mrs. Riley and Mrs. W. A. Moffitt, widow of the late Reverend W. A. Moffitt, whose last pastorate was at the Dayton Baptist Church.

DEBATERS ORGANIZE

Students interested in debating met recently and organized, electing Lewis Llewellyn, Pennsylvania, president; Webster Moody, Tennessee, vice-president; and Virginia Barger, Tennessee, secretary. Plans were made for the debating club to have charge of the Saturday morning chapel periods, following the devotional with debating.

"Resolved, that modern civilization is a good thing", the first question to be argued, was fought to a finish on January 10th, Harold Fuss and Vinton Fish winning for the negative over S. D. Hodges and Sarah Idleman.

The following Saturday "Resolved, that the upper decks of double-decker dormitory beds are better than the lower" was won by Lloyd Wilson and Ottis Hensley (representing the upper deck) over Glenn Klamm and James Moring. As a result, upper deck beds are now in demand.

For the coming Saturday the topic is of a more serious nature and should prove more interesting if not more entertaining. "Resolved, that Italy is justified in her war against Ethiopia" is the topic for debate.

KENTUCKY COMES HUNTING

Rev. Wendell H. Walker and Virgil Parsley, both of Warfield, Ky.; Homer Kirk, Lovely, Ky.; and Rev. Austin Higgens, Laurel, Ky.; were recent Bryan Hill visitors, coming to Dayton to hunt rabbits in the Sequatchie Valley. All, excepting Brother Walker, accompanied by Ruby Brimar, Mabel Copley and Virginia Ford, drove to Lookout Mountain for one afternoon.

Outside of seven rabbits shot the first day in the field but little game was bagged. We pause in abject sorrow as we recall the plight of one poor rabbit as he wanders around furless on these cold wintry days. And to think that Brother Walker relieved him of his fur! And with a twenty-two on the run--the rabbit, not the twenty-two.

EASTER CANTATA PLANNED

Under the direction of Miss Julia Anna Yancey, head of the music department, the Choral Club is practicing for a cantata to be given during the Easter season.

"The Greatest Love", by H. W. Petrie, is the cantata, a very beautiful composition with numerous opportunities for both solo and chorus work. Soloists will be taken from among the faculty members and student body. The Saved-by-Grace Messengers are to sponsor the cantata.

MR. RUDD RADIOS

During the early part of last month Mr. Rudd delivered three messages over the radio at Salina, in Kansas. Other opportunities to speak on the work of the University and on the saving power of our Saviour were given by various churches in mid-western states.

Upon their return, both Mr. and Mrs. Rudd report a very interesting and restful vacation and business trip combined. Despite the inclement weather and icy roads they drove in safety--excepting for one skid too many, resulting in a garage bill and a stiff neck for Mr. Rudd.

WONDERFULS TALK

The Wonderlys--mother and son--have recently given talks before the students and faculty members. Mrs. Wonderly spoke on prayer, and William chose as his topic the Victorious Life.

NEW LEADERS

In line with an effort being made to better acquaint our Christian friends with the work, a new letterhead is planned. On the back will be pictures of the ministerial students and the seven churches in which they work. A picture of the Saved-by-Grace Messengers will also be shown, as will one of the foundation.

ANNUAL ADVERTISING  
CAMPAIGN PUSHED

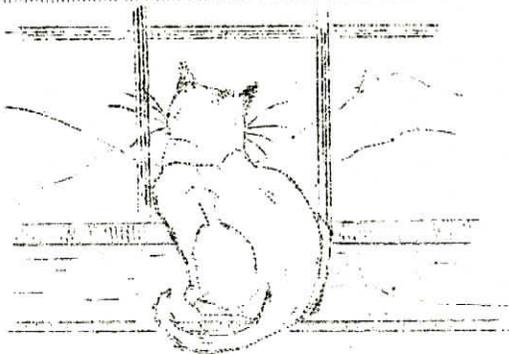
With William Wonderly as editor, the campaign for advertising for the 1936 edition of the "Commoner" is being pushed. There are three teams doing the work: S. D. Hodges and Emily McHurry; Bill Daugherty and Louise Godsey; and William Wonderly and Lewis Llewellyn.

Mr. Wonderly announces the price of the annual will be \$1.75 and that copies will be ready for distribution about the fifteenth of May. Once again the W. M. Welch Co., of Chicago, is printing the "Commoner" by the off-set process.

MESSENGERS OFF  
TO GRANDVIEW

Next Sunday the Saved-by-Grace Messengers climb into "Bulgy" and "Situation" (good old cars) and head twenty miles up country to Grandview and Possum Trot. Messages will be brought by Brothers Lloyd Fish and Edgerton Reid, music being furnished by the quartet.

The Messengers appreciate and welcome invitations to hold services, welcoming particularly an opportunity to carry the Gospel to those communities which do not have regular services and which have little or no chance to hear the Word of God taught and preached.



NEWSETTE introduces to her readers "Soapy"—the Octagon cat. Long a member of the Octagon family, she now comes from her place of retirement under said Octagon to take over the duties of society editor for NEWSETTE.

With a determination to serve you, with a heart full of love, and with her mind full of the latest gossip on the campus....

S O A P Y S A Y S

A new member of the Messengers is Vinton Fish, one of the two leading tenors in the group.

Lewis Llewellyn, Elizabeth Moore, Hazel Green, Mary McAllister, and Miss Beekman have been helping in the Sunday School and Church work at Norman's Chapel.

Juanita Pendergrass is out again after a bit of trouble from a bad ear. And that's what you get for listening to that gossip, Neeta!

The "Death to Rabbits" excursion instigated by the Kentucky Nimrods ended in a feast at the Octagon, the rabbits filling in where necessary.

Emma Rea Bechtol, Mae Wells, Louise Godsey, Miss Beekman, and Dean Ryther, were in Chattanooga recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Snyder, of Pikeville, Tenn., were recent visitors at Cedar Hill. As Miss Thelma Lee, Mrs. Snyder was a student at Bryan two years ago. Wish more of them would come back to see us.

Ben Hall helped in the evangelistic meetings at Sale Creek last month. They were held in the church of which he is pastor.

For the past three or more days the roads have been so icy that many feet on the way up have been passed by heads on the way down. Everything has gone down but the cost of gasoline.

Prof. and Mrs. Rudd enjoyed a short visit at John Brown College during their Western trip.

Wee Willie Wilson waits wistfully, wondering why winter won't wane. (Wow!)

If it's not too late, can't we say, "Congratulations and God be with you", to our good friends, Dr. and Mrs. William L. Pettin-gill? Do come see us soon.

"Woe is me! Woe is me!" mourn-fully wail certain faculty mem-bers as they manfully struggle in an attempt to get Greek under Mr. Fish, who replies, "WOE IS ME!"

Ben and Ralph attended a Bap-tist meeting in Nashville last week.

Joe was out to supper lately.

Hollo, Lula! Glad to see you out and through with the cold.

Letters were received from Chuck Prusack and from Bill and Gladys Fimmoll last week. Re-gards were included for everyone.

Brother Muse has been holding meetings in Harriman. "Give my love...to the entire faculty and student body", he writes. With his letter he enclosed a lovely letter of testimony in behalf of the university. Thanks, Brother Muse. The floor is yours if you find opportunity to drop in.

CANON F. E. HOWITT-

We rejoice in a visit and mes-sage from Canon Howitt, the "Best loved minister in Cana-da", who spoke on "The way to success": Grace, grit, gump-tion. Dr. T. W. Callaway and Brother McDowell brought Bro. Howitt from Chattanooga, where he was holding a series of meetings.

We regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Caroline E. Rea, Emma Rea's grandmother.

Mrs. McMurry was the victim of a bad fall on the snow a day or so ago. Glad it was not serious, Mother Mac.

"How big are you"? questioned Prof. McMurry in his interesting chapel talk, in which he brought out a number of appropriate and helpful points.

See you later! *S. O. J. P.*