

MEMORIALS

VICTOR RAYMOND EDMAN

1900-1967

Dr. V. Raymond Edman, Chancellor and former President of Wheaton College, died suddenly as he was concluding a message to the students who were assembled in the college chapel on the morning of Friday, September 22, 1967.

Dr. Edman was born in Chicago in 1900. He was educated at the University of Illinois and at Boston University, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1921. He attended Nyack Missionary College for one year, and served as a missionary to the Quechua Indians in Ecuador from 1923 to 1928 under the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Ill health compelled him to return to the United States. While holding a pastorate in Worcester, Massachusetts, he completed his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Clark University.

After teaching one year at Nyack Missionary College, he was called to Wheaton College, where he became Professor of history in 1936, and shortly thereafter head of department. He was appointed President in 1940, and held office until his retirement in 1965, when he became Chancellor.

He was the author of nineteen books, including a history of early missions, *The Light in Dark Ages*, and many devotional works, among which was *The Disciplines of Life*, which has already become a classic.

In public life he was constantly active as the representative of Wheaton College, as a speaker at Bible conferences, conventions, and as a member of important committees. He had been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society since 1957.

Dr. Edman was distinguished both for piety and versatility. His devotional messages were gems of simple and persuasive teaching. In his chosen field of history he was a well-informed scholar and a capable pedagogue. Under his administration the assets of Wheaton College in good-will, personnel, equipment, and endowment were greatly increased. He was one of God's great servants, whose departure we mourn, and in whose promotion we rejoice.

GERRIT VERKUYL

Rev. Gerrit Verkuy, Ph.D., an editor, author, preacher, and Bible translator, has been a member of the Evangelical Theological Society for fifteen years, prior to his Homegoing in March, 1967.

Of Dutch Reformed background, and with his doctorate in N.T. Greek, he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry at the turn of the century. After a series of successful pastorates, he was called to serve in executive capacity in California with the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., having particular responsibility for youth work. Even after retirement he continued to publish curriculum materials and guidance manuals, for example, his widely used *Enriching Teen-Age Worship* (1950).

It was his direct awareness of the need of young people for an understandable version of the Bible, in modern and yet dignified English, and faithful to its character of inspired inerrancy, that led him to translate the New Testament into modern speech, copyrighted 1945. He subsequently undertook to chair a committee of Old Testament scholars, most of whom are still active in E.T.S., to publish a corresponding Old Testament. Translating Genesis and other portions himself, and assuming the responsibility for the final editing and annotation of the whole, he produced what came to be called, after his home city, *The Berkeley Version of the Bible*, and this after he had passed his 90th birthday. Its acceptance and popularity by evangelicals has been evidenced by repeated printings since its copyright by Zondervan in 1959.

The Society mourns the passing of an able scholar, as he participated in the earlier meetings of E.T.S., a warm-hearted, forthright, and yet self-effacing friend, and an effective minister of Jesus Christ, whom he loved and in whose presence he now stands.

Announcements

Eastern Section ETS-May 4, 1968

Alma White College, Zarephath, New Jersey

Midwestern Section ETS—April 19-20, 1968

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill.

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1968 ASA-ETS Joint Biennial Convention
in Jerusalem, Israel

Travel arrangements:

Group A: Lv. New York June 8; arr. back in N. Y. June 29

Group B: Lv. New York June 15; arr. back in N. Y. July 6

(Group A radiates out of Paris, departs from Rome;

Group B radiates out of Rome, departs from Paris).

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