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Two Elected to Faculty

Two men were elected to the faculty of The Iliff School of Theology at the mid-winter meeting of the Board of Trustees on March 5.

John D. Spangler was elected associate professor of pastoral care and psychology of religion, and will assume his position with the Fall Quarter of 1971. He replaces Ronald R. Lee, who left Iliff to join the faculty of Garrett Theological Seminary.

Clyde H. Reid was elected associate professor of ministry, effective immediately. Dr. Reid began teaching in the current quarter. His is a new position, designed to strengthen Iliff's work in preparing students for ministry.

Dr. Reid may be best known across the country for his books. He wrote two curriculum books for United Church Press. He published *The God-Evaders* in 1966 and *The Empty Pulpit* in 1967. *Groups Alive—Church Alive*, published in 1969, is now in its fourth printing. A book to be published in June, *21st Century Man Emerging*, has been chosen as a Religious Book Club selection.

For four years Dr. Reid was assistant professor of practical theology and assistant director of field work at Union Theological Seminary. For two years he was secretary of evangelism (with primary assignment in programs for local church renewal) with the Board of Homeland Ministries of the United Church of Christ. Most recently, he was associate director of the Institute for Advanced Pastoral Studies, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Dr. Reid holds degrees from Bradley University (B.S., journalism), Pacific School of Religion (B.D., M.A. *cum laude*), and Boston University (Ph.D.). He has done post-doctoral study at the Menninger Foundation, and is a Fellow in Religion and Psychiatric Theology. He is an ordained minister in The United Church of Christ.

Dr. Spangler comes to Iliff after six years as assistant professor of psychology of religion at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

Dr. Spangler earned his bachelor's degree at Miami University in his native Ohio. He was Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, and B. A. *cum laude*. He earned a master's degree at Miami in mathematics, and taught math for a year at Miami before de-



Dr. Clyde H. Reid



Dr. John D. Spangler

ciding to enter theological school. He then earned an S.T.B. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Boston University.

He was pastor of Methodist churches in Massachusetts and Connecticut before going to Emory. He is a member of the New England Southern Conference of The United Methodist Church.

When Dr. Spangler moves to Denver this summer, he will bring his wife Dixie and two children.

Enrollment Hits All-time High

Total enrollment for the current academic year has hit an all-time high.

Spring quarter enrollment is 149, compared with 156 a year ago. Winter quarter enrollment was 158, compared with 144 a year ago. Fall quarter was 158, compared with 152 a year before. Total enrollment for the three quarters is 465 this year, and 452 for the 1969-70 year. Total enrollments, figured on the same basis, range from 337 in 1963-64 to 472 in 1968-69.

Summer session enrollments have been rising rapidly, from 63 in 1967 to 104 in 1968 to 190 in 1969 to 201 in 1970.

In the current quarter, 90 of the students are in M. Div. programs, 10 M.R.E., 13 M.T.S., and 12 Th.D. The largest denominational group is United Methodist, with 102 students. The second largest group is Baptist, with 8. Some 19 other denominations and religious groups are represented in the student body.

Templin Granted Faculty Tenure

Dr. J. Alton Templin, associate professor of historical theology and church history, has been granted tenure on the Iliff faculty as of June 1, 1971.

The new status was voted by the Trustees last month, upon recommendation of President Jameson Jones and a unanimous vote of the Faculty Personnel Committee. The recommendation said that "Dr. Templin has demonstrated excellence in teaching, personal qualities which enrich the life of the School, serious academic interests which find expression in publication, a continuing interest and participation in the life of the local church, and sensitivity in relation to community issues.

Dr. Templin is a graduate of the University of Denver (B.A. '50), The Iliff School of Theology (Th.M. '53; Th.D. '56), and Harvard University (Ph.D. '66). His wife, Dorothy, has an M.R.E. from Iliff and presently serves as an adjunct professor in the field of Christian education. Dr. Templin has been teaching at Iliff since September of 1967, and previously taught at Southwestern College (Kansas) and the University of South Dakota.

Iliff Summer Offers Excitement

Summer Session Seventy One at Iliff will offer an exciting faculty of outstanding teachers, clergymen, writers, administrators in a variety of courses.

The schedule emphasis is on two-week courses, planned to assist pastors in arranging an opportunity for serious study. The focus is continuing education for ministry.

Lay persons are welcomed in the summer session. In 1970, some 77 lay persons enrolled for courses.

The complete catalog of the summer session is now available on request.

Dr. Clyde H. Reid, newest member of Iliff's regular faculty, will offer twice (June 14-25 and July 26-August 6) an intensive small group experience designed for ministers, ministers' wives, laymen and laywomen. The workshop will involve persons full time each day, and there are no prerequisites for enrolling. Four quarter hours of credit may be earned.

One of the scholar-bishops of The United Methodist Church, Bishop James S. Thomas of the Iowa Area, will offer a two-week course on a topic of major current concern, "Polarization and Reconciliation in the Church."

There will be inter-professional and inter-disciplinary opportunities. The course on Law and Ethics will include both clergymen and attorneys in conversation. Ecumenical topics and concerns are spread throughout the summer curriculum.

Two of the national staff leaders of campus ministry will offer a workshop in "The Church's Ministry in Higher Education." Dr. Eugene A. Ransom and Dr. Frank L. Horton of the Division of Higher Education of The United Methodist Church will lead the course.

An ecumenical team from The Center for Contemporary Celebration in Chicago will present a workshop in "Designing Contemporary Celebration."

The complete list of course offerings follows. For the catalog, write to The Iliff School of Theology, 2201 South University Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80210.

JUNE 14—JULY 9

THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOCIETY IN OLD TESTAMENT WRITINGS/Walter G. Williams.
TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE HOLY BIBLE/Walter G. Williams.

JUNE 14—JUNE 25

WORKSHOP ON PERSONAL GROWTH AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY/Clyde H. Reid.
THE NEW TESTAMENT AND CHRISTIAN ETHICS/Dana W. Wilbanks and H. Edward Everding.
THEOLOGY AND THE CYBERNETIC REVOLUTION/Dr. Harold E. Hatt, Professor of Theology and Philosophy, The Graduate Seminary, Phillips University.

COMMUNICATION FOR THE CHURCH/Dr. Alfred R. Edyvean, Professor of Communication, Christian Theological Seminary.

THE BLACK CHURCH IN AMERICA/Dr. Preston N. Williams, Associate Professor of Social



The look of the Iliff faculty, on informal retreat at the opening of this school year. Front row, from left, Oliver Read Whitley, H. Edward Everding, Dana W. Wilbanks, Kenneth W. Neal, Shirley J. Heckman (adjunct faculty in religious education while Clarence Snelling is on sabbatical), and J. Alton Templin. Second row, from left, Harvey H. Potthoff, B. F. Jackson, Jameson Jones, Thomas B. Robb, Walter G. Williams, H. G. Van Sickle, and Charles S. Milligan.

Ethics, Boston University School of Theology.
POLARIZATION AND RECONCILIATION IN THE CHURCH/Dr. James S. Thomas, Resident Bishop, Iowa Area, The United Methodist Church.

JUNE 28—JULY 9

THEOLOGY OF MINISTRY/Harvey H. Potthoff.
LAW AND ETHICS/Dana W. Wilbanks and James E. Wallace, Professor of Law, College of Law, University of Denver.

ISSUES AND TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/Dr. Grant S. Shockley, Professor of Christian Education, Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

GENERAL AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION/Dr. Walter O. Fischer, Professor of Industrial Relations, College of Business Administration, University of Denver.

PREACHING TO CONTEMPORARY MAN/Dr. William D. Thompson, Professor of Preaching, The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

JULY 12—AUGUST 6

REVOLUTION AND THE CHURCH/H. G. Van Sickle.

THE SOCIOLOGY OF CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS/Oliver Read Whitley.
RELIGION, THE CHURCH, AND SOCIAL CHANGE/Oliver Read Whitley.

JULY 12—JULY 23

SEMINAR: PROCESS PHILOSOPHY/Charles S. Milligan.

PHILOSOPHIES OF LIFE/Charles S. Milligan.
MAN IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE/Sister Elaine Marie Prevallet, Associate Professor of Theology, Loretto Heights College.

THE CULTURAL BACKGROUND OF THE OLD TESTAMENT/Dr. Harrel F. Beck, Professor of Old Testament, Boston University School of Theology.

GUILT AND GRACE IN PASTORAL COUNSELING/Dr. Edward V. Stein, Professor of Pastoral Psychology, San Francisco Theological Seminary.

DESIGNING CONTEMPORARY CELEBRATION: A WORKSHOP/Kent E. Schneider, Director, The Center for Contemporary Celebration; Sister Adelaide Ortelge, Artist; Robert Wells, Filmmaker.

JULY 26—AUGUST 6

WORKSHOP ON PERSONAL GROWTH AND PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY/Clyde H. Reid.
HISTORY OF THE ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT/H.

G. Van Sickle.

FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY WITH OLDER PERSONS/Thomas B. Robb.

STEWARDSHIP AS A STYLE OF LIFE/Rev. Hilbert J. Berger, Assistant General Secretary, Section on Stewardship Education, The Division of Stewardship and Finance, The General Board of the Laity, The United Methodist Church.

PASTORAL CARE AND THE CARING COMMUNITY/Dr. Homer L. Jernigan, Danielson Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Boston University School of Theology.

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY IN HIGHER EDUCATION/Dr. Eugene A. Ransom, Director and Dr. Frank L. Horton, Associate Director, Department of Campus Ministry, Division of Higher Education, The Board of Education, The United Methodist Church.

CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGICAL METHOD: RAHNER AND TILlich/Dr. David W. Tracy, Assistant Professor of Theology, The Divinity School, The University of Chicago.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR: A SACRAMENT TO AND OF THE WORLD/Mr. Joe Wise, Religious Educator, Liturgist and Composer, Fontaine House, Louisville, Kentucky.

TRAVEL SEMINAR

Last call for the travel seminar to Europe has just been given by Dr. Clarence H. Snelling and Mrs. Shirley Heckman, who will direct the tour.

Anyone wishing to go is urged to call Mrs. Heckman immediately (area 303-744-1287.)

As previously announced, the seminar group will leave Denver, July 5 and return July 21, with major stops in London, Brussels, Rome, Paris, and Amsterdam. Focus of the study is European catechetical centers. Cost is \$895, plus \$80 tuition for those who wish to earn Iliff credit.



Dr. Ben Christner (B.D. '29, Th.D. '30) presents an "Alumnus of the Year" award to Rev. Willis C. Phelps (Th.M. '41) as Mrs. Phelps watches.

Three Honored by Alumni

Three Iliff graduates were honored as "Alumni of the Year" by the Iliff Alumni Association at its annual banquet on February 2.

Rev. Willis C. Phelps was honored for his work in town and country churches. Rev. Monford L. Jackson was honored for his achievements in urban ministry. Dr. J. Edward Carothers was honored in the category of special appointments.



Carothers

Dr. Carothers (Th.M. '36, Th.D. '37) served as pastor in Vermont and three cities in New York. In 1964 he became the chief administrator of the National Division of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church, and last fall resigned that post to become executive director of a U.S.A. Task Force on "The Future of Mankind in a World of Science-Based Technology."

Mr. Jackson (B.D. '28) is officially retired as a member of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference, but still serves as pastor of Merritt Memorial Church in Denver. His more lengthy pastorates were at Longmont, Highlands of Denver, Casper, and Thornton. From 1953 to 1958 he was superintendent of the Utah-Western District. In 1953 he was elected president of the Denver Ministerial Association. When he left the church at Thornton in 1968, the city council presented him a certificate of appreciation for his work as a member of the career service board there.

Mr. Phelps (Th.M. '41) has spent 27 years of his ministry in the service of rural churches. From 1963 to 1967 he

was at Cameron in Denver, and from 1949 to 1953 at Berkeley in Denver. But he has served Windsor, Haxtun, Paonia, Fremont-Corrine, Rinn, and since 1967 has been at Eaton. His first appointment, as an Iliff student, was at Last Chance, Colorado.

Dr. Ben Christner (B.D. '29, Th.D. '30) made the presentation to Mr. Phelps, and Rev. Lester Edgett (Th.M. '47) made the presentation to Lynn Jackson, a son, in the absence of "Monte" Jackson. Miss Margaret Scheve (Th.M. '34) made the presentation to Dr. Carothers, who could not be present for the occasion.

Recipients of the awards are chosen by open nomination of Iliff alumni.

Three Alumni Books

A book by Robert L. Main (Th.D. '58) of El Paso, Texas, has been released by Tidings, the publishing arm of the General Board of Evangelism of The United Methodist Church. Dr. Main is pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church of El Paso and executive secretary of evangelism for the New Mexico Annual Conference.

His book, *Encountering Christ*, is a presentation of the lay witness movement as one key to personal and church renewal.

Dr. Main, who has a triple career in journalism, psychology and the ministry, wrote the book on assignment from the General Board of Evangelism. In doing research for the book, he surveyed a large number of churches in Texas and Oklahoma for reactions to the missions and attitudes of participants, both youth and adults. The book describes how a mission functions. Other chapters face questions about the results, suggest positive values for the churches, and probe into the nature of a mission.

The Prophet's Song

Dennis Tenney (B.D. '29) has written an unusual book of poetry, just published under the title, *The Prophet's Song*.

Publisher is The Naylor Company of San Antonio (\$4.95). The poems are united in a common concern with God's revelation in Christ, and the spirit is one of joyful love. The forward is by Jeane Dixon, who told the author, "Congratulations on writing a really great book."

Dennis Tenney has been a Methodist minister, a newspaper editor, and an insurance broker. He is the author of six previously published books, and now makes his home in Denver (907 East 7th Avenue.)

Man's Search for Faith

Dr. Jordan E. Detzer (Th.M. '51, Th.D. '53), head of the department of philosophy and religion at Dakota Wesleyan University, has published a new book, *Man's Search for Faith*. Earlier Dr. Detzer published a two-volume work, *Similarities in World Religion*.

The goal of the new book is "to present clues for a meaningful search for faith and to describe why man searches; the goals of his quest; the disappointments he finds in this search; the happiness he experiences as he attains his goals and a better understanding of himself."

The book was originally designed as a text for college courses in modern and contemporary Christianity, but has a much wider use. Clues to such wider use are found in the book's subtitle, "Insights into the Principles and Varieties of Major Philosophy and Religious Expressions in the World."

The appendices are among the more fascinating parts of the book.

In soft cover, 383 pages, the publisher is North Plains Press, Aberdeen, S. D., and the price is \$2.95. The book is available in the Iliff bookstore.

Dr. Detzer and his wife Jeanne have four sons. They now live in Mitchell, S. D.

Other Alumni News

Dr. Charles A. Nowlen, Sr. (B.D. '28) and now an honorary trustee of Iliff, has been given a unique honor.

The John Wesley United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio, has given the first \$100 of what will be an annual \$100 contribution for the establishment of a Charles A. Nowlen, Sr. Scholarship at Iliff.

When Dr. Nowlen was on the staff of the Board of Missions, assisting local churches in fund raising and building campaigns, he worked with the John Wesley Church as it began. The Scholarship Fund is a gift of the congregation to express lasting appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. Nowlen.

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Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert G. Swager (Th.M. '57) received a Doctor of Divinity degree on April 17 as a honor of Ohio Northern University. Seven men were given honorary doctorates at the dedication of a new \$525,000 religious center given to the University by Ohio United Methodists, the men representing specialized ministries of the church. Chaplain Swager has been in active duty since July of 1957. His present appointment is Assistant Staff Chaplain, Headquarters, United States Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. He is a member of the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference.

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Charles D. Gilbert (B.D. '66) has been named editor of the Iowa Annual Conference Journal. He is now appointed to Carlisle, Iowa.

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J. Otis Erwin (M.R.E. '53) has been elected president of a new organization, The Association of Private Minority Junior Colleges. The Association will represent seventeen black private junior colleges, located mainly across the south. President Erwin has also been elected Secretary-Elect of the Council of Presidents of the black colleges of The United Methodist Church, and will take office in June 1971. He has been president of Morristown College, Morristown, Tennessee, since February 1970.

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Marion E. Tinsler (Th.D. '60) will continue to teach at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, but will relinquish the chairmanship of the department of philosophy and religion. Dr. Tinsler has taught at Ohio Northern since 1943. He was assistant to the president 1943-48 and dean of the liberal arts college 1952-55. In 1968 he received a Faculty Award from the Ohio Northern Alumni Association.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) **William D. Franks** (Th.M. '56) recently completed the U. S. Air Force advanced course for chaplains at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. Chaplain Franks received instruction in management and supervision of chaplain programs ranging from base to major air command level. He is permanently assigned to the 6510th Air Base Group, Edwards AFB, California.

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Frank A. Jackson (Th.M. '47; M.R.E. '55) is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Moses Lake, Washington. He was given a scholarship for continued education during February at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City. Mrs. Jackson received her B.A. in Education in December of 1970 from Central Washington State College. She is now teaching third grade at Larson Heights Elementary School, former site of Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake.

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Mrs. Paul Hathaway, has given 255 of Paul's books to the Ira J. Taylor Educational Resources Library at Iliff. Paul was given the M. Div. degree posthumously in 1970.

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Elmer Guy Cutshall, president of Iliff from July 1, 1925 to June 30, 1932, and Mrs. Cutshall send greetings and warm regards to the Iliff community. Dr. Cutshall is now 80 years old, and living in Hixton, Wisconsin. He says, "We are both well but pretty much pinned down." The Cutshalls stayed in Hixton through the winter, as he says, "two in a row."

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S. Dallas McNeil (B.D. '30; Th.D. '32) is retired, and serving part time on the staff of Rose City Park United Methodist Church in Portland, Oregon. He sent a check for Iliff and the name and address of a prospective student—a good alum—

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Eugene B. Rowbotham (Th.M. '53) lost his wife Gerry on December 28, 1970, and his father, Ira B. Rowbotham, on February 15, 1971. Memorial services for Gerry were conducted by **Bishop R. Marvin Stuart**, Dr. **Harvey H. Potthoff** (Th.M. '35; Th.D. '41) and Rev. **Fred C. Venable** (Th.M. '55) in the Littleton Church where Gene was pastor from 1961 to 1967. At the family's request, the Gerry B. Rowbotham Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Iliff. As of March 31, some 156 contributions had established a fund of \$1,943. Gene and the two children live in Cheyenne, Wyoming. He is superintendent of the Cheyenne District.

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Harold C. Knudsen (Th.M. '44) has been appointed by Bishop R. Marvin Stuart as superintendent of a new district in the Rocky Mountain Conference. At a special session of the Conference in February, the Conference voted to

create two new districts, and Hal will head one of them, carved out of the west half of the Denver metropolitan area. Since 1953, Hal has been pastor of East United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs. He has been serving as chairman of the Conference Board of Pensions. He and his wife Virginia will move to Denver in early summer, when the new appointment takes effect.

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Mr. S. Arthur Henry, longtime trustee of The Iliff School of Theology and a former chairman of its Board of Trustees, died in Denver on December 8. Funeral services were conducted at Warren United Methodist Church by Rev. Ed Beck. Mr. Henry was also a trustee of the University of Denver and attorney for the City of Denver School Board. His will included a cash bequest to Iliff, and the family requested memorial contributions to Iliff and D. U. instead of flowers. This layman rendered significant service to Iliff, and surviving Trustees commemorated his leadership in an official statement.

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Births Reported

An announcement from **Elaine and Larry Bungay** (Th.M. '67) says that Beth Elaine entered life's arena on November 5, 1970. Her sparring partner is David Lawrence, "who ended his first round November 23, 1968." The name, the announcement says, means "God's bright promise."

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Terry and Lonnie Eakle (Th.M. '67) announce the adoption of Brett Charles on January 26. He was born December 9, 1970, and joins a sister Leslie and a host of students who also live at Coronado Hall at Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado.

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The William E. Gordons (M. Div. '69) announce the birth of Corey Travis on November 25, 1970. They live at 707 S. E. 16th Avenue, Vancouver, Washington.

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A fourth child, Marcille Beth, was born to **Phil and Lois Mesner** (B.D. '63) February 17, 1970, in Pueblo, Colorado. The Mesners are now residing in Victoria, British Columbia, where Phil is working with adolescent boys at the Pacific Centre for Human Development.

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Ardis and Kent Savage (B.D. '66) announce the birth of Elizabeth Lynn on December 31, 1970. The time was 2:47 P.M., which leaves some margin of time for the Internal Revenue Service. Kent is associate pastor of the Visalia United Methodist Church, part of larger parish of three churches. The family lives at 647 Avery Lane in Farmersville, California.

Esther Puska Dies from Stroke

Miss Esther Puska, friend of students and a valued member of the Iliff staff, died on February 12, 1971 in Hancock, Michigan.

Esther, as nearly everyone called her, began work at Iliff on August 12, 1961 as a secretary. When a vacancy occurred in the registrar's office, she became assistant registrar and served faithfully and efficiently in that post.

She put in long and generous hours of service. On a Saturday morning last summer, she came to school to give a doctoral examination to a student. Just inside the door, she collapsed. Fortunately, a few moments later Professor Potthoff arrived to check his Saturday mail and found her. He and Robert Herndon, a student, got her to the hospital immediately. It was a stroke, that August 1 day.

Esther partially recovered from the stroke. After long hospitalization (with her nurses including the wives of two Iliff students, Donna Norris and Dottie Wolgemuth), she was moved to a nursing home in Denver, and then to her sister's home in Michigan, where she died.

Esther's sister, Mrs. Flora Miller, wrote to the students and faculty:

"Even from the beginning, Esther found fulfillment in her work at Iliff. Her riches were found in the many small services she could do for the students and faculty. Here was opportunity to give of herself in so many ways. Numerous graduates of Iliff have often testified by letter that Esther did them many services which made their time at Iliff a very satisfying one. I know she did her job well and this gave her a sense of well being.

"All those friends at Iliff who were so concerned really amazed me. There really is a community among you. I found warmth and friendship and concern in your community and can say that Esther was truly blessed."

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