

## OLD BIBLE SCRIPTS ARE PHOTOGRAPHED

### Monasteries on Mount Athos Yield Valuable Data.

Princeton, N. J.—Approximately 2,200 photographs of Biblical manuscripts in Greek Orthodox monasteries on Mount Athos, many never before photographed and several never before seen by American scholars, have made it possible for Princeton university professors to reconstruct the origins and development of Biblical illustrations in manuscripts from the Second to the Nineteenth centuries.

The photographic expedition, sponsored by Princeton university, passed two and a half months in 14 of the 20 monasteries on Mount Athos, one of the richest depositories of early Bible pictures.

Since late in January Profs. Albert M. Friend, Jr. and Ernest T. DeWald, of the Princeton departments of art and archaeology, and Dr. Kurt Weitzmann, leader of the expedition, have been compiling a preliminary classification of the photographs in preparation for publication of all the illustrations found in the Greek manuscripts of both the Old and New Testaments. Doctor Weitzmann was assisted in the expedition by Freiherr Anotol von Melbourn, of the University of Prague.

#### Unknown to Scholars.

The earliest of the manuscripts photographed, many of which had not been catalogued and were therefore unknown to scholars, were painted in the Ninth century.

Other pictures now in the Princeton collection date to the Sixth century, and, with the Mount Athos photographs, make possible accurate determination of the general structure of Bible illustrations as far back as the Second century, Professor Friend said.

In the collection which Professor Friend began to compile about 1920, are 10,000 photographs of Old and New Testament manuscript illustrations, of which 2,000 are of miniatures in the Vatican library. There are about 1,000 similar illustrations from manuscripts in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. With the addition of the Mount Athos pictures seven-eighths of the known material has been assembled.

#### See Ancient Volume.

The expedition was the first permitted to see the contents of the "Gospels of Nicophoros Phocis," an imperial gift to the Monastery of Great Laura, the first on Mount Athos. The volume is bound in golden covers and embossed with gems and enamel. Miniature pictures in the volume of the three great feast days are among the finest examples of early Eleventh-century Byzantine art.

The work at Princeton has been undertaken as a part of the preparation of an exhaustive index of Christian art, a catalogue of Christian art which has been in the process of classification for more than 20 years.

Two volumes on the Old Testament corpus are planned for publication this year, with complete publication of the enormous collection expected to require about ten years. Ten volumes of Old Testament illustrations and four volumes of text about them are planned. The New Testament is expected to require four volumes of illustrations and two volumes of text. Professor DeWald is in charge of preparation of the text of the first two volumes.

#### There's ZZZ

"I see as how the total of alphabetical giv-mint units has now reached 81."

"How kin that be?"

"Huh?"

"There's only 26 letters."

#### Dad, the Censor

Guest—So this is your daughter's coming out party?

Host—Yes, and if I hadn't checked up on the dressmaker making her gown she'd be out even further than she is.

#### RYLAND

Mrs. Bill Hansley and daughters, Ramona, Barbara Joyce and Marilyn, of Washington, D. C., are visiting Mrs. Harriett Parks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Ward and children were in Edenton Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ward attending the County Democratic Convention.

Mrs. Julian E. Ward, of Edenton; Mrs. Vance Moore and little son, Grady Vance, of Gates County; Mrs. C. W. Ward, from near Sign Pine, Mrs. Harriett Parks, Miss Mary Lee Davis and Carson Parks were dinner guests of Mrs. Randolph Ward on Friday.

Miss Gertrude Jackson spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Albert Keeter, near Evans Church.

Roy Parks was in Washington, D. C., Thursday and Friday on business.

T. E. Parks and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Parks and baby, of Rocky Hook; Mrs. J. T. Byrum, Miss Montaze Byrum and Forrest Byrum, from Cannon's Ferry; Mrs. R. S. Ward, Lehman and Lella Faye Ward, were among the guests of Mrs. Harriett Parks Sunday afternoon.

Miss Thelma Ward returned Friday from Colerain, where she spent several months nursing an invalid.

Little Miss Sarah Jane Boyce has returned home from a two week visit with her grandparents near Sunbury.

Mrs. Roy Parks has been entertaining the preachers who are con-

## LAUGHS FROM THE DAY'S NEWS!



### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

#### AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE GOOD A PLEDGE AND TO SERVE THE STATE

From time to time since that eventful November day in 1918 when guns ceased firing on the Western Front, and the boys embarked for home to take up again the ordinary procedure of earning a living, ex-service men have offered themselves as candidates for public office. Too often they have had no qualifications for the office they sought, and no claim upon the voters other than the fact that they had served their flag during the war.

This paper has always felt that war service alone was insufficient didate. On the other hand, it has all along contended that when other qualifications are equal that war service should be perhaps the deciding factor.

All of us 30 years old and above remember the high patriotic fervor of 1917 and 1918. We recall the flying banners, the panoply and parade. We recall the solemn dedications of the young men who went to camp to

the service of their flag. We recall, too, the solemn promises that those who stayed at home made to them—that they should not be forgotten when they returned home.

Early in 1919 they began coming home. Shipload after shipload came all through 1919, 1920 and 1921. Soon the young men who had come home began to ask for fulfillment of the promises. Some of the requests assumed proportions of demands. The boys were too young to fill the positions they desired. Their claims sometimes smacked of baseness, in that it seemed that they were trying to capitalize patriotism. The public generally resented that.

Time marched on. Youth became middle age. Rashness gave place to mature judgment. The callow boy became the experienced man of affairs. The service men reached the age and the position in affairs which qualified them for leadership.

For the first time the people of North Carolina have opportunity to honor one of those who went to France with the highest office in the State. He bases his claim to that

office not upon his war record, but on the fact that he has won the right to it in civil life.

In 1918 when his country needed him in uniform, Sandy Graham did not hesitate. So well did he serve his flag, that he came out with a captain's commission. In 1920 he felt that his people needed him in the legislature of his State and again he did not hesitate. He came to the legislature which met in January, 1921, and since that time he has continuously served the people of his county and his State. That experience has endowed him with certain qualifications for larger service now as governor and again he does not deny the call to service.

If Sandy Graham now claimed the governorship as his right because of war service, he would be presumptuous. But when his ability is recognized as equal, if not superior, to that of the other candidates; when his experience and training have given him peculiar qualifications not possessed by either of his opponents; when his political philosophy seems aptly fitted to the needs of the State at this time; it seems to this writer

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that the people of North Carolina—not only his former comrades in arms, but all of us—should find joy and satisfaction in fulfilling some of reason to justify support of any candidate the primes made to the boys nearly twenty years ago.—The Courier Journal.

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