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MEET AT COLUMBUS

Report of the Student's Bible Study Convention Oct. 22-26.

TO AID LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Will be of Value to Every Member of the Local Y. M. C. A.

In Columbus, the capital of that old historic state which has furnished our nation with some of her greatest men, more than a thousand students from the educational institutions of United States and Canada met together from October 22nd to 26th, to discuss the subject of Bible Study.

This great conference opened on Thursday evening, October 22, in Memorial Hall, a building dedicated to the memory of Ohio's heroes. John R. Mott of New York, presided and opened the conference with encouraging words as to the outlook of the nation.

"A few years ago when it was announced that Two hundred and three Meter hill had been taken you all know that Port Arthur soon must fall," he said. "So when you hear that the student body of the nation is taking a deep interest in Bible study you may know that the future is safe." Therefore, it is our obligation to our nation not to neglect Bible study.

Dr. Gladden, pastor of Broad Street Congregational church, gave the address of welcome in behalf of the city of Columbus. He said in brief: "It is to be hoped, that in considering the



relation between the study of the Bible to individual and social welfare you will take the Bible honestly and reverently, with a view of deriving from it the great spiritual and ethical truths which it contains.

Friday morning and afternoon was given over to conferences, but space will not permit us to go in detail. Dr. O. E. Brown of Vanlerbilt University likened Bible study to a phon-

ograph, and our individual lives a record, so we should see to it that we get a clean record.

Prof. Miller of Chicago, said: "We want men in this movement that will make it move." Therefore, we want to take a part in this movement, so let us strive to make Bible study a success in Alma.

Prof. Jeremiah Jenks of Cornell said that Bible study was a means to develop our powers of thinking. "Our life work will depend on what we receive from the Bible." If this is true, we should not neglect our Bible classes.

Dr. Henry Churchill King, of Oberlin, gave the first address on Friday evening, speaking on "The Call of Church to College Men for Bible Study." He said in brief: "Our greatest needs are the touch of high and significant personalities, in whose visions we may share and these high and significant personalities we may find in the Bible. It offers to us a realm of moral and spiritual truths unmatched anywhere else in the world. As the Romans still remain our great teachers in law, the Greeks our teachers in art and literature, so the Jews remain our great teachers in morals.

"What is needed to make life worthwhile, is character, influence, and happiness. These can be obtained only by contact with high and significant personalities, who must be inspired with convictions, decisions, ideals and hopes. The Bible, more than any other, can put us in touch with the leaders in the spiritual and moral world."

No man who wants to ground his moral life solidly can dispense with the Bible. There is no rule that can always guide you right. "Stay persistently in the best in the sphere in which you seek achievement." You cannot go wrong if you always read the best literature, hear the best music, see the best art. You need not let yourself be forced by Jesus Christ. Just let his teachings have their legitimate effect. Just give Christ an opportunity."

Following Dr. King, Robert E. Spear of New York, addressed us on "The Bible and Our Deepest Spiritual Aspirations." It was a wonderful address and he touched the hearts of many men. "For a vocabulary to express our deepest spiritual aspirations we must go to the Bible. The Bible schools us to discern in history and life the spiritual element. The Bible makes us think of life as a great struggle, a great conflict. It interprets our career as one which must be waged triumphantly. It makes life deep, gives it dignity, volume and weight. It sets men free from idleness and frivolousness. It confronts him in the ideas and actions of his life. It invites us to mystical fellowship with God. The spiritual life is a life that needs nourishment and food. Only in the Bible can we find this nourishment needed by the spiritual life in an adequate and satisfactory way. If we do not go to the Bible we will go through life impoverished. The great fact of our spiritual life is not our searching after God, but his searching for us."

Sectional conferences were held on Saturday morning and afternoon, where plans were laid for the coming year.

Saturday evening H. B. McFarland of Washington, D. C., spoke on "The Call of Nation to College Men." "The nation looks to the college man to

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ALUMNI.

Raymond Moon, ex-'09, who is taking a stiff course in the Detroit College of Medicine, writes interestingly of his work. He says: "I am becoming quite well acquainted with the term 'work', and I believe that before the year is over I will know fully what the term means when I hear it spoken. We have no vacant hours during the day, but are kept on the jump all the while. School is in session from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. and we study after that. On Saturday morning we have surgical clinic at the hospital so you see we are getting no time to go canoeing, skating, or walking in the afternoon." In spite of these serious drawbacks Moon concludes that "it is great stuff and that he is glad he has started."

Miss Perl Huber, ex-'10, is teaching in the Edmore high school this year. She expects to enter the college again next year and graduate with the '11 class.

Dan Duncanson, ex-'10, is making good at Michigan, where to get a place even on the scrubs, a fellow has "to go some." We clip from the Michigan Daily: "The defense which the coaches have built was still further tested in yesterday's scrimmage, but the line bore up well against the gruelling attack that was sent against it. A forward pass from Duncanson, the scrub quarter, to the younger Little netted about ten yards and this was the only time that the varsity's opponents were able to make the necessary distance. Right left a word might be said in regard to that man Duncanson; he is certainly the whole works on the scrub team. He never misses a punt, seldom fumbles a pass, and runs the team with excellent ability."

A WORD FROM THE GIRLS OF '05 AND '07.

It was a source of great disappointment that while there were so many Alma students and alumni present at the State Teachers' Association, no organized reunion was arranged; nevertheless the indescribable Alma spirit served as a magnet to draw together many pleasant informal groups.

One of the pleasant results of the association is this reunion of Wight Hall senior girls of '06 and '07, which is occurring this week at Milan. For fear you do not remember us, we are Beryl M. Keesgen, Elizabeth W. Hunt, Minnie Kinnard, Susie L. Hawes.

WEEK OF PRAYER

To Be Observed All This Week in the Y. M. C. A., Everywhere

LIST OF LEADERS AND TOPICS

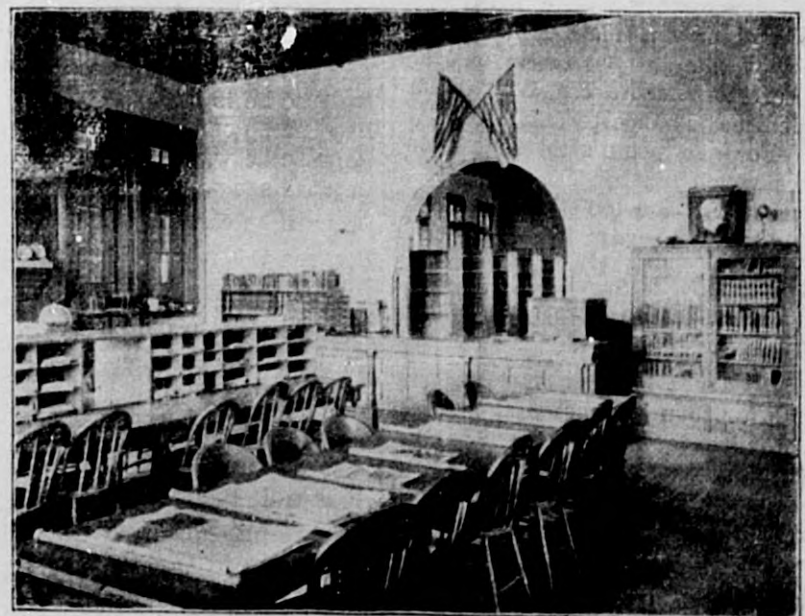
Meetings Every Morning From 6:30 to 6:50. A Source of Strength and Helpfulness.

The International committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations has issued its annual "call to prayer." The Young Men's Christian Associations of North America are asked to unite with the associations throughout the world in intercessory prayer for men, beginning Sunday, November 8, and ending Sunday, November 15.

Prayer life in our present age is exceedingly important. We are living in a time of intense, practical materialism, and are apt to forget the spiritual needs of our natures. We are called to unite in that sort of prayer, worship, communion, and intercession which brings divine power into the lives and characters of men; and though unseen, works mightily for good.

The following men will lead the meetings:

- Sunday, Nov. 8—Stanley G. Aves. Subject.
- 1. The associations of Europe.
- 2. The world's Com. and its secretaries.
- 3. The young men of Europe.
- Monday, Nov. 9—Allan D. McFadden Subject.
- 1. Metropolitan and city associations of America.
- 2. International Com. and its secretaries.
- 3. Young men and associations of Africa.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10—Stanley Johnson. Subject.
- 1. Boys and boys' department of N. America.
- 2. State and provincial Com.'s.
- 3. Young men and associations of Cuba, Mexico, Panama and Central and South America.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11—Roy L. R. Campbell. Subject.
- 1. Students and students' associations.



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IF NOT, WHY NOT?

The weeks come and go and one season takes the place of the other before we realize it. Soon our minds will be diverted from outdoor to indoor athletics from outdoor to indoor social pleasures, and from outdoor to indoor activities of all kinds. The season of oratory and debate will be upon us before we are half prepared. "A stitch in time saves nine." The ladies' and men's oratorical contests take place Dec. 14th and Jan. 11th respectively. Are you getting ready? It takes time, more time than you realize perhaps, until you are in the midst of things and are crowded to the limit. Begin early—begin now.

Essays and addresses have already been selected for the local contests and those wishing to compete must have their manuscript in the hands of Prof. Adams by Dec. 1st, for the ladies, and Dec. 15th, for the men. Three type written copies must be prepared and there is no objection to your "going the limit," which is two thousand words. Orations exceeding this, however, will be ruled out.

Some one must win—perhaps you if not—why not?

AND WITH ALL THY GETTING—
GET WISDOM.

(To the Wright Hall Co-Ed.)

1. My son, incline thy heart unto wisdom and heed thou these commandments.
2. For blessed is the man who knoweth of the world enough to shun the fair and innocent charmer, especially she who lieth chocolates and jewelry.
3. So get thee hence when thou see'st her coming. Hide thy foolish face within yon classroom. Linger not upon the stairways nor yet along the corridors where the Wright Hall maiden may chance to pass.
4. For she possesseth an alluring glance which maketh even the wisest to forget that she fooleth all alike.
5. Should she gaze fondly on thee, Oh my son, until the dollar in thy pocket burns a hole in thy two fifty breeches, shut thy fishy eyes and "duck"—"duck" quickly.
6. Heed not her words of praise—be wise for thou knowest well thou art not grand to look upon as she sayeth. Neither art thou tall nor broad across the shoulders as she pretendeth to thy face.
7. Shut thy ears to all base flattery.
8. Consult thy mirror in thy gar-

ret.

9. Shouldst thou be cornered by the sweet and extremely innocent, my son, grasp thy purse strings tightly with thy freckled fist and feign that thou art dumb and deaf.

10. Oh, verily shalt thou later murmur—"Stung."

11. For 'tis a wise guy, forsooth, who knoweth with un'le standing the dark road of delectable, by ye brown-eyed Junior or the blue-eyed Senior.

12. Then must ye beware, for her ways lead down to bankruptcy.

13. Thou art lured by words of the mouth—yea even carresses.

14. But heed them not, lest thy shekels be separated from thee and thy heart badly mutilated and thy own miserable freight dumped from thy door—yea—kicked out to the mercy of thy poverty or whatever a new guy bites.—EX.

CAMPUS NOTES

This isn't bad from one who has not yet entered Alma.

Franklin by Hospital,
Greenfield, Mass.

Thank you very much for the paper (Almanian). I shall send in my subscription for it before long. I am glad that piece was put in, it makes me feel as if he were at Alma partaking of his college course already.

Yours sincerely,
Wallace Rudland.

Miss Eddy's Sunday school class dissipated Friday evening to the extent of taking in a good square at Murphy's. Lucky the fellows who had "friends" in the fold.

Get next to those suppers every other Wednesday night at the M. E. church. Same class—and only fifteen cents. (This is not a liner ad.)

So far there are five Bible classes in session and nearly fifty fellows enrolled. We still have room for more.

A few bargains on lecture course tickets now available. This happens every year—wonder why?

Where is that "Freshman Rhyme" that was going to "fill a column—n less than a week?"

All the college exchanges are coming regularly now. They may be found in the second alcove at the magazine table farthest west. You can well afford to read them and get in touch with what is doing outside of our own three acres.

Miss Houghawot (in Junior English). Probably the only thing you need remember about this is that it is uninteresting and not worth remembering.

For the normal game—"We have met the enemy and we are theirs."

This from Dr. Clizbe. Student—Well how are you feeling today doctor?

Dr. Clizbe—Oh, well. My rheumatism is bad, my hip is very lame, my back is quite stiff, my head aches a little and to tell the truth I don't feel very well myself.

Hulton, (grumbling at table)—Confound it, they switched that pie from Wednesday to Thursday night and I haven't felt well since.

YOUR ANSWER, BECAUSE—

- Because he wants to keep in practice.
- Because he is happy.
- Because he can't help it.
- Because he wanted to, probably.
- Because she wouldn't.
- Because he can't.
- Because the magnet draws him.
- Because it's impossible.
- Because he's so obliging.
- Because he wants her to.
- Because he is "Fleety."
- Because—the Lord only knows, we don't.
- Because it tickles him.
- Because he's weak-kneed.
- Because—well, ask Marsh.
- Because she likes it.

Minister—"Mrs. D., I was very much surprised to see John walk out in the middle of the sermon yesterday."

Mrs. D.—"Ah, sir, I do hope you'll excuse my poor husband. He's a terrible one for walking in his sleep."—EX.

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SCHEDULE OF DEBATES 1908-1909.

Oct. 20, 1 vs. 2. Resolved: "That the president of the United States should be elected for a term of six years and be ineligible for re-election."

Oct. 21, 7 vs. 8. Resolved: "That a further restriction of immigration is desirable."

Oct. 22, 5 vs. 6. Resolved: "That the United States should adopt the policy of tariff for revenue only."

Oct. 27, 3 vs. 4. Resolved: "That the United States should adopt Mr. Taft's tariff policy for the Philippine Islands."

Nov. 12, 4 vs. 1. Resolved: "That home missions are of greater commercial value to the United States than are foreign missions."

Nov. 17, 7 vs. 3. Resolved: "That the practice of the courts of issuing injunctions in labor troubles should be discontinued."

Nov. 18, 2 vs. 6. Resolved: "That the union of the United States and Canada would be beneficial to both countries."

Nov. 19, 8 vs. 5. Resolved: "That the present powers of the speaker of the house of representatives are dangerously great."

Dec. 8, 5 vs. 8. Resolved: "That the United States is not justified in the exclusion of the Chinese."

Dec. 9, 4 vs. 7. Resolved: "That inter-state railroads should be placed under the control of the Federal government."

Dec. 10, 6 vs. 1. Resolved: "That greater economy in production is secured by large independent concerns than by trusts."

Dec. 15, 2 vs. 3. Resolved: "That the change from the factory system to the non-competitive system in our state penal institutions is on the whole a mistake."

Dec. 16, 1 vs. 7. Resolved: "That the gratuitous giving of money and food to tramps, bums, hoboes and other itinerants by individuals acting separately is morally and socially wrong."

Dec. 17, 8 vs. 2. Resolved: "That the regulation of marriages, separation and divorce should be under Federal control."

Jan. 6, 6 vs. 4. Resolved: "That it is detrimental to the student's future usefulness for him to make a practice of preaching during his collegiate course."

Jan. 7, 3 vs. 5. Resolved: "That the modern innovations in our schools system should be discouraged."

EXHIBITION SERIES.

Jan. 19, A vs. B. Resolved: "That the small college offers a better undergraduate education than the university."

Jan. 20, C vs. D. Resolved, "That the state of Michigan should adopt the Oklahoma guaranteed bank deposit policy."

Jan. 21, E vs. F. Resolved, "That the working of the present system of primary reform justifies a return to the nomination by party convention."

DEBATING TEAMS.

Team 1. Miss Bayly, D. R. Blaske, Miss Burns.

Team 2. E. M. Brown, H. Carson, R. Clark.

Team 3. H. Craig, H. A. Drake, F. Fraker.

Team 4. S. Graves, Miss Hood, L. Koepfgen.

Team 5. H. Lyon, H. Marsh, M. L. Marshall.

Team 6. R. Phillips, F. Rix, Miss Reed.

Team 7. Miss Seaver, R. Von Thurn, Miss Gillard.

Team 8. A. H. Lindley, Miss Dykes.

SWIPES

"Fleety"—"You had better have your head examined."

Inglis—"I did, and the teacher would not let anyone set beside me for a long time."

MacFadden—"As long as it don't cost anything I don't care for expenses."

"Johnny," our swipe, sent home a note,

'Dad kill the fatted calf I'll be there to vote.'

His pa replied by the very next mail,

"All right my son, put on full sail."

So "Johnny" left on the morning train,

In cheerful spirits and his mind all sane.

When Bryan learned that "Johnny" went home,

He cursed his luck then he frothed with foam,

To think that "Johnny" would go to cast

His vote for a man like Candidate Taft.

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hold her standard high, and we must have the spirit which the Bible gives."

Hon. J. A. Macdonald, editor of Toronto Globe, gave an address on "Citizenship, the Bible and the College Man." "Graduates should go out into the world prepared in religious training and Bible study. Any thing worth while in life must have knowledge of the foundation of the world."

Sunday was indeed a busy day and Dean Bosworth addressed the conference on "How Does Bible Study Promote Effective Prayer." Prayer is more than a mere utterance of words, more than thought though it be eloquent, it is the interchange of thought between spirit of man and spirit of God. Prayer is growth, is a part of life, and when growth ceases life begins to decay, so take care that you do not neglect your prayer life. Prayer presents to us a personal God. There is no end to the Universe of God and likewise no beginning. The present generation needs the power of prayer which comes from Jesus Christ and we can find this power by the study of the Bible, and we must make Jesus Christ our partner for life.

Sunday afternoon Booker T. Washington, the noted negro educator, spoke on the theme "The Place of the Bible in the Uplifting of the Negro Race." The men doing the vital things of life are those who read the Bible and are Christians and are not ashamed to let the world know it. Said he, "The negro who does the shooting is uneducated and without Christian training. The negro without a home who wanders about from community to community fills the work houses today."

Just remember that the negro came out of Africa a few centuries ago, half naked, with rings in his nose and ears and chains upon his ankles and wrists. He came out of that clothed according to civilized custom, with a hammer and saw in his hands and a Bible in his hands. No man can read the Bible and be lazy. Christianity increases a man's wants and therefore increases his capacity for labor. The negro doesn't run from the Bible, either.

The closing session was held Sunday evening. Dr. W. W. White of New York, was the first speaker, taking as his theme "Future Bible Study." He said it would be historical, theological, pedagogical, experimental, ethical, and worshipful. He declared all people should know the teachings of the Bible and concluded: "I believe that they are perfect for the purposes for which they were given."

Bishop William F. McDowell of Chicago, closed the conference, speaking of the place of the Bible as great literature. He compared the Bible and its origin with that of other literature and periods of producing it. "Literature," he said "springs out of life, returns upon life and into life, to bless and strengthen it. All great literature has arisen from a great period of inspiration. It did not just happen. So with the gospels. They tell of a perfect life. They do not supply an inspired creation but an inspired recollection. People ask if there may not be a better Bible, if they had not better wait. The Bible tells us of a perfect life and there will never be a better Bible until there is lived a better life.

"The end of the exploration is the beginning of the enterprise, the end of this conference is the beginning of Bible study." With these words the conference closed.

Let us see to it that Bible study has an important place in our lives, for each one of us desires to be of value to mankind. If you have not yet signed up for a class do so at once.

CLASS AND SOCIETY.

ALPHA THETA.

The following new members have been added: Jean Dykes, Selma Hahn, Marion McKenney, Ethel Northon, Julia Reed, Hattie Mills, Laura Brown, Jessie Minchin, Carrie Rowland, Eda Bitner, Lela Duff, Ruth Hovey, Cecil Krapp.

EUTERPE.

The Euterpe society was invited to the home of Dr. Bruske last Monday evening. They were entertained by selections on the phonograph, among which was Meebe's Lark song, and Dr. Bruske's favorite, "Uncle Josh" were very much enjoyed by all.

The following new members have been taken into the society: Misses Smith, Barron and DesVeres.

FROEBEL.

The Froebel society is taking up the study of the classic myths, giving special attention to the way they should be taught to a child.

The Froebel girls are going to give a stunt party Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:00 p. m., in the reception room of Wright Hall. All are invited to come and bring 10 cents for admission.

FRESHMAN.

Garfield in fresh English—"Sherlock Carter is puzzled. He turns his sharp, corkscrew glance around the slimy dungeon. The maniac stands, knee deep in blood, surrounded by his victims. His upraised, shimmering knife dripping with gore gleams in the pale moonlight. The death knell sounds and—Boo."

PHILOMATHEAN.

After a smacking good spread held Monday evening the society gave the glad hand to the following new members: Lydia Resseguie, Lulu Resseguie, Resa Knox, Edna Henderson, Laura Kirby, Lena Horner, Laile Wilson, Isabelle Mitchell, Lucile Hargrave and Esther Holverson.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

The students of geology will know whether or no the spider is of the same species as the whale; we commercial students, do not desire to say but realize the fact that the "spider" in the Almanian box must have swallowed a considerable sized paper, containing notes, which after three weeks, instead of three days, has not as yet been disgorged.

Several moons ago our class was organized; the following officers were elected:

President—Fred Chaffield.
Vice Pres.—Lulu Resseguie.
Sec.—Edna L. Day.
Treas.—Jessie Turner.

Mr. H.—"It is close in here, isn't it?"

Miss M.—"Yes, I don't like to be so close, do you?"

Mr. B. (translating in shorthand). "Live and be married (merry) for tomorrow ye may die."

Mr. C. (P. S. in a business letter). "With oceans of love and a kiss on each wave."

Ed. Note.—As Aldrich has had the "spider" for some days training him to climb up the corner of the chimney a delay has necessarily been entailed. We just succeeded in catching him (the spider) about five minutes before going to press, and made him "disgorge."

Antonio—"Heard about Bosan's extravagance?"
Lancelot—"No."

Antonio—"He paid 3000 ducats to press his suit!"—Ex.

WEEK OF PRAYER.

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tions of N. America.

2. Boards of directors and Com.'s of management.

3. Young men and associations of India, Ceylon, China, Japan, Korea Thursday, Nov. 12—Harlow O. Whittemore.

1. Railroad and industrial associations.

2. Committee men and volunteers.

3. Young men and associations of Hawaii and Philippines. Friday, Nov. 13—Roy Phillips.

1. Country boys and young men.

2. General secretaries and assistant secretaries.

3. Young men and associations of Australia and New Zealand. Saturday, Nov. 14—M. L. Marshall.

1. Soldiers and sailors, army and navy associations.

2. Physical and educational directors.

3. Young men and associations of Turkey and Asia Minor. Sunday, Nov. 15—M. A. Cook.

1. A day of Thanksgiving and evangelistic endeavor.

Meetings will be held each morning in the Y. M. room, Pioneer Hall, from 6:30 to 6:50. Every man is urgently requested to be present.

History teacher—"Give me the most important event in Henry VIII's reign."

Student—"He had six wives!"

Gentleman—"Sambo, did you ever see the Catskill mountains?"

Sambo—"No, sah, but I've seen 'em kill mice."

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Teacher—"Johnny, for what is Switzerland noted?"
Johnny—"Why, Swiss cheese."
Teacher—"O, something grander, more impressive, more tremendous!"
Johnny—"Limburger?"—Ex.

STOLEN OUTRIGHT.

One night when I was snug in bed
A sweet dream came to me
I dreamed we were the Faculty
And the Faculty were we.

CHORUS—

And the Faculty were we,
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I dreamed we were the Faculty
And the Faculty were we.

In chapel we had seats on high,
While they had seats below,
We always read and talked so loud,
We would not let them go.

In recitations every day,
We listened with a frown,
When'er a Prof. stood up to speak,
We put a zero down.

We met on Tuesday afternoons,
And when the Senior class
Sent in petitions by the score,
We never let them pass.

A favorite toast: "Here's to our teachers and parents; may they never meet."



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