

## MEMORIALS

### Denzill Edwin Raymer

Denzill Edwin Raymer was born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 1915. Reared in a Christian home, he was converted at the age of nine and baptized in Century Baptist Church.

His initial post-secondary education was at the University of Toronto, where in 1936 he earned the B.A.Sc. in engineering. He pursued his engineering interests in Toronto and Montreal. In the former city, while still an engineer he gained the diploma from Toronto Bible College. In the latter city, he served as a self-supporting pastor from 1940 to 1948.

In 1948 he joined the faculty of Toronto Bible College (now Ontario Bible College), where he served in various administrative capacities: secretary of the College, secretary of the board, superintendent of student activities and alumni secretary. Never content with his theological skills, he studied long hours whenever he could set aside the time and thereby earned an external B.D. from the University of London, becoming also an Associate of London Bible College (England).

From 1958-1960 Raymer served as vice-president and dean of men at Winnipeg Bible College. Then followed six years as pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in North Bay, Ontario. Toward the end of this period he commuted to Toronto to lecture part time at Central Baptist Seminary. Still studying, especially in the fields of OT and archaeology, he earned the M.A. at Wheaton College Graduate School in 1972.

In 1966 he became a full-time faculty member at Central Baptist Seminary. Here his administrative gifts again came to the fore as he became registrar in 1967, interim dean in 1971 and dean in 1972. He was awarded an honorary D.D. from Northwest Baptist Theological College.

His students remember his industry, his steadiness, his unfailing courtesy, his genuine godliness, and the meticulous preparation he brought to the classroom. Best of all among his pedagogical skills was his refusal to bluff: If he did not know the answer to a question, he said so—and returned for the next lecture with extensive notes to make up the lack. He was concerned to draw the best out of people, and so his major memorial lies in the lives of the students he influenced.

Raymer was a member of the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Near East Archaeological Society and the Evangelical Theological Society. At the time of his death he was serving on the Membership Committee of the latter.

After a brief battle with an acute cancer, Denzill Raymer was promoted on Wednesday, September 6, 1978, to higher joys and higher responsibilities in the presence of the Lord. He is survived by his gracious and loving wife Nora.

### Martin J. Wyngaarden

Martin J. Wyngaarden was born in 1891 in Oostburg, Wisconsin. After attending John Calvin Junior College in Grand Rapids, Michigan, he went on to get his A.B. degree from the University of Washington in 1915. He studied theology

at Calvin Seminary and Princeton Seminary. He obtained an A.M. from Princeton University and a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. His published dissertation was entitled *The Syriac Version of the Book of Daniel*.

From 1924 till his retirement in 1961, Wyngaarden held the chair of OT at Calvin Theological Seminary. He was a member of several learned societies and presented papers at scholarly conventions. Beside the study on the book of Daniel he authored two other books: *The Future of the Kingdom* and *The Glory of Christ and Other Biblical Studies*. He was on the staff of translators of the *Berkeley Version of the Bible* and helped lay some of the groundwork for the *New International Version of the Bible*.

Throughout his long teaching career he steadfastly refused to yield to the influence of the negative higher criticism of the Bible, which has had such baneful effects on Church and country. He did not shun controversy when he believed the cause of the Christ he so loyally served demanded such. The text of the meditation given at his funeral was Ps. 23:1, "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want." This text, chosen by the departed brother himself, was a fitting illustration of a life that had shown the embodiment of that truth.