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Jesse S. Engle

It would be extremely difficult to estimate the actual number of persons throughout the world who are better men and women today because of the influence wielded by Professor Jesse S. Engle. Certainly, it runs into the hundreds and possibly thousands those persons who have sat in his Bible class down at the college. Perhaps a lot of us didn't learn as much Bible as we should have, but very few of us left the class without having a little of "Prof's." philosophy rubbing off on us.

The Bible can be rather dull reading, especially to college-age youths, but "Prof." made it interesting. To him the Bible was a magnificent story and, while it was necessary to read certain passages verbatim, the highlight of the class was when he would try to interpret it in down-to-earth language.

One of his favorite tricks would be to throw out a leading question, oftentimes, as not, contrary to his own thinking on the point; and the class would be off, with the arguments running hot and heavy. When he thought that things had gone far enough, back we'd come on the right track; put there by a remark or statement from him.

Most students will remember him for his dry humor, given with a straight face and usually coupled with a bit (sic)

Not only in the classroom did Professor Engle serve. His church and his community came high on his list of requirements of "things to do." Outside of health reasons, he has never been known to turn down an assignment for church and community service.

Death has been cruel to have removed such a man as Prof. Engle from our midst. However, we believe that by the example he has set, and the teachings he has given, perhaps there are many persons in the world today who are striving to make their lives come up to the standard which he has set. We are thankful that there are men like Prof. Engle -- and more specifically, we are thankful that Professor Engle lived in Westerville.