Rev. K. M. Yates to Receive Degree Today From Edinburgh University

The University of Edinburgh, Scotland, "will this morning at its annual commencement confer the Doctor of Philosophy degree on Rev. Kyle M. Yates, a native of the Olive Chapel section of Wake county, but now a resident of Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Yates spent the years of 1928 and 1929 studying at the University of Edinburgh. He receives his Ph.D. degree from that institution this morning at 6:30 o'clock, Raleigh time, which is 10:30 a.m. at Edinburgh. Dr. Yates is now at Ridgecrest, where he is giving a series of lectures to several hundred Baptist students assembled in their annual summer retreat at the Southern Baptist assembly.

"Although several thousand miles away from Edinburgh, he will be honored on the occasion by a special recognition program arranged by leading Southern Baptist educators and several hundred students who are in attendance at the Ridgecrest meeting.

Dr. Yates attended Wake Forest College. He received the A.B. degree there in 1916 and the Master of Arts degree in 1917. Entering the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall of 1917 he earned the Master of Theology degree in 1920 and the Doctor of Theology degree in 1922. Mercer University, Macon, Ga., conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on him in 1923.

Since 1922 Dr. Yates has been professor of Old Testament interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. When a student at Wake Forest he was a member of the Southern championship basketball team. For a number of years he has qualified in the Kentucky State amateur golf tournament.

Dr. Yates married Miss Margaret Sharp of Clifton, Mississippi. Mrs. Yates and their three children are with him at Ridgecrest. He will remain there for a part of next week to speak to the North Carolina Baptist Young People's convention.

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Dr. Yates Advised On Film "Greatest Story Ever Told"

By DAVE BAITY
Gazette Staff Reporter

"I have a great knack for acquiring jobs with no pay," Dr. Kyle Yates said jokingly in his room yesterday at Holiday Inn.

Dr. Yates, who is Professor of the Bible at Baylor University in Texas was outlining some of his experiences dealing with motion pictures, of all things.

Dr. Yates, who was in Gastonia to teach a Bible course on the book of Deuteronomy in a study session at First Baptist Church, served as technical advisor on the Cecil B. DeMille production of "The Greatest Story Ever Told". His latest gratis contribution to the film industry was advising on "The Greatest Story Ever Told" which will be released late this month and is the story of The Christ.

OF COURSE all glamour of Hollywood doesn't phase the good doctor. The work of which he is proudest, in his unassuming way, is serving on the committee which produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which is world-famous as a masterpiece of translation.

Dr. Yates was the only Southern on the committee until Phillip Hyatt was named to the committee during the last year of work on the translation.

"That, too, was a gratis job, but one well worth the time. I enjoyed every minute of it and feel that our committee really accomplished something," Dr. Yates said.

HIS TITLE at Baylor is Distinguished Professor of the Bible and he heads the Religion Department which numbers 16 professors. Baylor has 6,300 students, he says.

Before joining the faculty of Baylor he taught Hebrew and the Old Testament at Louisville Seminary, Kentucky and takes great joy in filling in as supply pastor every Sunday. He misses about three Sundays a year.

He has a regular summer supply job at First Baptist Church in Glendale, Calif. and through this came to know Cecil B. DeMille and his show business friends. However, this is a far stretch from his home territory of Wake County, N. C.

GROWING UP about 14 miles from Raleigh, he graduated from Wake Forest College in 1917.

He says that DeMille was one of the finest men he ever knew and was a very religious and spiritual man. "He was a gentleman of the old school and a great scholar," Dr. Yates said.

He also adds that George Stevens, producer of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" is also a man of high moral standing.

Dr. Yates related a story of a particular Sunday when he had unexpected visitors at his supply church in Glendale. Gracing the congregation were Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, well-known for their Christian endeavors.

He asked them to give their testimony for the church and they complied. He told them they could slip away during the singing of the hymn if they wished to avoid the crowd, but they remained, even through the call for any in the congregation to dedicate their lives to God.

SEVERAL TIMES during the ceremonies following the call, Dr. Yates told them they could leave if they wished to avoid autograph seekers, but they remained.

Said Roy after the service, "I had never seen anything like this and I wasn't about to leave."

Twenty persons came forward at the call to bring their lives to Christ.

Dr. Yates could not be called a prude. "I enjoy life and have a great deal of fun. Life gets more enjoyable as I go along," he said. He is "still under '70."

He believes in being modern and having modern conveniences, but he does not adhere to modern morals. "I'm a thorough going conservative in theology and believe you must keep the standard as high as the Bible places it. The sanctity of the marriage vow shouldn't be desecrated nor the sanctity of our lives."

HE SAYS religion can be a joyous thing and that life gets to be more joyous and filled with satisfaction as it goes by.

Standing six feet and two inches tall, he played basketball in college and is an avid fan. He was particularly proud of Baylor's record this year and last and enjoys most other sports, particularly golf.

He thinks Dr. Billy Graham a most dynamic person and a great force for God and counts Archaeology as one of his main interests.

His interest carried over to his son, who now serves as professor of Archaeology at Golden Gate Seminary in San Francisco, Calif.

His two daughters married preachers. "I guess it runs in the family," he laughed.

HE ALSO has eight grandchil- dren. "And this is terrible—the four grandsons want to be preachers. We'll be nothing but a family of preachers," he joked, but with pride showing in his eyes. "And the granddaughters will probably marry preachers, too."

He says there's something about the life that gets to you. "We're all very happy and have a lot of fun. "Life gets more joyous and filled with satisfaction as it goes on," he reiterated.
Preacher Checked Gospel According To Movie Makers

By HANNAH MILLER
Observer Staff Writer

Dr. Kyle Yates is one preacher who can’t complain about Hollywood biblical epics. At least he can’t complain about two of them — Cecil B. de Mille’s remake of his “The Ten Commandments” and George Stevens’ coming “The Greatest Story Ever Told.”

Yates, a biblical scholar, checked scripts of both films for inaccuracies before the movies were made.

The 69-year-old Baylor University Bible teacher was at First Baptist Church in Gastonia this week teaching the Book of Deuteronomy from the Bible.

In an interview at his motel room Friday, the tall, talkative professor revealed that he was an ardent supporter of certain Bible-based movies and a fan of De Mille.

He saw De Mille’s second version of “The Ten Commandments” several times — as many times as he had free tickets, in fact. “It’s tremendous,” he said.

He called De Mille “Dr. De Mille.” (Baylor once awarded De Mille an honorary doctorate.) He also called him “one of the sweetest, kindest, most circumspect Presbyterians you ever saw in your life.”

De Mille was a perfectionist, Yates said. Months of research went into “The Ten Commandments.”

“Every kind of earring or eye shadow, every kind of cosmetic, goods used in clothing ...” were determined through research, then duplicated, Yates said.

“That’s one reason things like that cost so blooming much.”

Five years’ work went into “Ten Commandments,” and $15 million is being spent on “Greatest Story Ever Told,” he said.

De Mille strove for good taste in his film, Yates said, and would allow no suggestive advertising.

“He didn’t want one thing in there that wasn’t absolutely scriptural. It just hurt him.”

Somebody from Atlanta called De Mille to complain about a scene depicting the orgy in progress when Moses came down from the mountain with the commandments.

De Mille, hurt, asked the man to read the story in the Bible while he stayed on the phone, Yates said. The man came back several minutes later and said, “I apologize, sir. You didn’t show half of it.”

Yates has spent most of his life in biblical scholarship. He grew up near Apex, went to Wake Forest College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Edinburg in Scotland.

He began teaching the Hebrew and Aramaic languages at Southern Seminary in 1932 and taught there for 20 years before taking pastorate in Louisville, Ky., and Houston, Tex.

From 1938 to 1952, he was one of 32 scholars who put together the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. In 1956, he gave up his Houston pastorate and started teaching Bible at Baylor.

He will be teaching a Bible class next week at Greensboro’s First Baptist Church.

The movie tells its story — the life of Jesus — truthfully, Yates believes. He’s all for it being shown on film.

“This picture will show to multiplied millions,” he said.

“Most of the people we’ll have in that big auditorium (theater) wouldn’t go to Sunday school or church.”

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Dr. Kyle Yates, distinguished professor of Bible at Baylor University, will begin teaching the January Bible Study series at the First Baptist Church today.

Dr. Yates was one of the 32 international Bible scholars who revised the translations of the Old and New Testaments for the Revised Standard Version of the Bible published in 1952. He was born in Apex and is a graduate of Wake Forest College, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and University of Edinburgh in Scotland. He is the author of eight books.
Dr. Yates Has Severe Heart Attack

Dr. Kyle Yates, brother of Belo Yates of this city, a distinguished leader in the Southern Baptist Convention, suffered a severe heart attack July 10 in Los Angeles. Mrs. Robert Costner of Raleigh, a sister, reports he is making progress toward recovery. He was in California for speaking engagements, one at the Golden Gate Seminary.

Dr. Yates, professor of religion at Baylor University is an outstanding author and Bible scholar. He is the author of a Hebrew grammar used in the seminaries.

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Baptist Minister Is Dead at 80

Dr. Kyle C. Yates, 80, a prominent Baptist minister, teacher and author, died Saturday in Waco, Texas.

Yates was retired from the faculty of Baylor University and had been pastor of Second Baptist Church in Houston, Tex.

A native of Apex, Yates held degrees from Campbell College, Wake Forest University and the University of Edinburgh. He taught for several years at the Baptist Seminary in Louisville and was one of the translators of the new Revised Standard Edition of the Bible.

The funeral for Yates will be today in Waco.

Among the survivors is a brother, Robert W. Yates of 2445 Greenbriar Road.