IN MEMORIAM
EVERET MORDECAI CLARK

After 50 years' association with the University of Texas, Everet Mordecai Clark, Emeritus Professor of English, died at Denison, Texas on December 23, 1961, while en route to Kansas City to spend Christmas with his son. Professor Clark was born near Ashville, Ohio November 27, 1879. He graduated from high school in Vanlue, Ohio in 1896 and then taught for two years in the public schools of that state. He next attended Lebanon (Ohio) University, from which he received a B. S. degree in 1901. He then came to Texas, where he served as Professor of mathematics and classical language in the East Texas Normal School, Commerce, then a private institution. In 1904 he interrupted his teaching to attend Yale University, from which he received a B.A. degree in 1905. On receipt of this degree he served one year as instructor in mathematics at Wesleyan University at Middleton, Connecticut before returning to Yale University for the M.A. He resumed his position at the East Texas Normal School, where he remained for two years. In 1908 he re-entered Yale University, where he was awarded a Macy Scholarship, and from which he received a Ph.D. in English in 1932. That all began his long service at the University of Texas, where he advanced through the various ranks from instructor to professor and member of the graduate faculty. He served as Chairman of the Department from 1921 to 1923 and from 1929 to 1934, and as Chairman of the Budget Council 1945 to 1946. His particular fields of scholarly interest were Milton and his Age and the Bible in English and American literature. In both of these areas he developed courses and acquired important collections of books, which he disposed of before his death. The Milton collection he gave to the University of Texas and religious books to the University Methodist Church, of which he had been for fifty years a member, serving for sometime on the Official Board.

In 1912 he married Grace Felicia Courtright who preceded him in death by ten years. He is survived by two sons, Rupert Clark, an airline pilot of Kansas City, and Kenneth C. Clark of the University of Washington.
In addition to the chief publications shown in the appended bibliography, Professor Clark prepared an anthology of the autobiographical writings of Milton, but this work was anticipated by the publication of J. S. Diekhoff, Milton on Himself, 1939. He also edited Milton's The Ready and Easy Way to Establish a Free Commonwealth, in 1915. This work and Milton's Letter to a Friend, edited by Professor Clark, are to be published in the forthcoming Volume V of the complete prose works of John Milton at the Yale University Press.

Appendix I: Resolution of English Department.

Upon the occasion of Professor E. M. Clark's retirement from active teaching, and his appointment by the Board of Regents as Professor Emeritus, the Department of English recalls with gratitude his many years of service to the interests and purposes of the department. He entered the department in 1911 as an instructor and rose through all the ranks, serving since 1942 as Graduate Professor. He not only was a devoted teacher but one who had a high conception of his duties and responsibilities. As his knowledge of the department and its functions grew, he was called upon to fill an unusual number of important-committee and administrative positions. Among the most responsible of these were the Chairmanship of Freshman English, the Chairmanship of Sophomore English, the Chairmanship of the Department for two different terms totaling seven years, and the Chairmanship of the Budget Council.

As a teacher, in addition to elementary courses, he taught advanced courses in a variety of fields. His major interest has been Milton and his contemporaries, a field in which Professor Clark introduced several new courses not previously taught in the department. He taught courses also in the Elizabethan lyric, the English novel, and the English Bible.

His teaching and scholarly interests led to his being chosen to edit the volume entitled The Seventeenth Century in the Scribner six-volume anthology of English literature. Professor Clark's volume has been widely used in colleges throughout the country and now, more than twenty years after its initial publication, continues in use. He also edited Great Expectations for Macmillan's Modern Readers' Series. His principal
interest, however, has been the works of John Milton. Years ago the Yale University Press
published his edition of Milton's Ready and Easy Way to Establish a Free Commonwealth
and more recently he has edited Milton's political treatises for the forthcoming Yale
University Edition of the Prose Works of John Milton. Among a number of articles on
Milton, two on Samson Agonistes, published in the University of Texas Studies in
English, have been particularly valued by Milton scholars. Professor Clark has for some
time been engaged on a study of the vocabulary of Milton's poetry, and the completion of
this work, already well advanced, will, we hope, be one of many fruits of his retirement.

As a man Professor Clark will be remembered by his colleagues for his rectitude,
his forthrightness, and his integrity. By his students and by some of his younger
colleagues, he will be remembered especially for his kindliness. His kindliness is part of
his integrity. For he has served his church not only as an active member and steward but
also as one who abides by her teaching.

Though he will not need our assurance, we wish to record that in his retirement
Professor Clark carries with him our affection and good wishes.

Submitted by a Special Committee comprised of Messrs. Sackton and Cline.

Appendix II: Chief Publications

The Ready and Easy Way to Establish a Free Commonwealth, by John Milton, edited with
Introduction, Notes, and Glossary. Yale Studies in English, No. 11, Yale University

"Shakespeare and the Censor of Great Britain," Shakespeare-Harvey Memorial Volume,

2024.

"The Kinship of Hazlitt and Stevenson," University of Texas Studies in English, No. 4,
1924, pp. 1-18.

"An Unpublished Bit of Jeffersonian Verse," South Atlantic Quarterly, Vol. XXVI, No. 1,
January, 1927, pp. 76-82.

"Milton's Earlier Samson," University of Texas Studies in English, No. 7, 1927, pp. 144-
154.

The Seventeenth Century, the third volume of a six-volume anthology and history of English Literature, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1929, 1930, pp. lxvi, 615.


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