

this morning we read a passage in the gospel of Luke, which I think in some ways was rather unfamiliar to most of us. Surely you must have felt as we finished verse 4 that something was lacking. He said, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil and he said unto them which of you shall have a friend, and I'm sure that there's never any church heard the Lord's Prayer recited that way. There was a copy of Look Magazine about ten years ago which made a very great stir on many of our college campuses, in fact, a man wrote me who was working with students, that in one of the colleges in Virginia he said the results, the impact of that magazine were such that it seemed that students for ten years could not be expected to have any interest in the Bible, on account of the impact of this article in Look Magazine. Actually the article was a rather harmless thing. It was an account of the work of a committee which is endeavoring to gather all material available on the texts of the N.T. And to make that material available so that people could see it easily and could know just what the evidence is regarding the texts of the New Testament. As you know, most of our discussions of N.T. texts are fairly brief, as it's necessary if they're to be used in a unit, but to a large extent they express the view of the particular man who prepared the particular edition. Out of the thousands of manuscripts the selection is comparatively small, of the reference he gives, and then from among them he makes a selection to ~~fully~~ put into the text. I was in a group of scholars not long ago discussing the preparation of an edition of the Bible, and someone said well now here is a phrase which we should certainly put a note in to say that this phrase does not occur in the best manuscripts, or maybe we could leave it out altogether, why he said it doesn't even occur in (2 3/4) text. Well I said let's see your so I looked down underneath and I found that it occurred in all the manu-