

a cable was received from Dr. N. G. Braun stating that he was safe and well. Dr. Braun was in charge of the mission hospital at Amele. Although the brief message made no reference to the doctor's wife, it is assumed that she also at the time was safe and well.

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The Bible Again Available to the People of Ethiopia.

When the Italians established themselves as masters of this country, most Protestant missionaries were compelled to leave the country. The agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society was expelled in 1936. Nevertheless, with the help of a trusted Italian colporteur a steady supply of the Scriptures went into circulation. Since the British occupation of Ethiopia, Bible distribution has again developed. It is the aim that the military roads built by the Italians shall become highways along which the Gospel shall travel more freely. The Emperor, too, it is stated, desires that all his people should be able to read the Scriptures; but that will require many educational reforms.

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Fear Alone Does Not Work True Repentance.

Effects of the first appearance of an aeroplane over Mwari, a town in Nigeria, are described by a worker of the Sudan United Mission. Everyone was out in the fields when the droning of a plane was heard. As it grew louder, fear entered the hearts of the natives, and their first thought was that the day of judgment had come. "This Jesus of whom the missionaries have told us has come and we have not repented. Let us repent!" This was the general attitude of the heathen. The Christians, too, thought it might be the second advent of our Lord; yet they were not frightened, but went quietly into their houses and gathered for prayer. Then suddenly one of them remembered what he had been told about aeroplanes, and decided this must be one. The repentance of the heathen, the missionary adds drily, departed as soon as the scare passed.

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The Missouri Synod's Mission in Africa.

Daniel Ekong, a brother to the native missionary, Rev. Jonathan Ekong, having been instructed at some length by the American missionaries, has now been called into the work of preaching and teaching. He is an earnest Christian, a Lutheran by conviction, and a man of sound judgment. His knowledge of the native languages is particularly valuable in bringing the glad tidings of salvation to a neighbouring tribe, the Ibos, who had asked that a missionary be made available for them. One of these people, Mbogu, who was educated and trained as a State school teacher, who therefore has a good knowledge of the language, is assisting in the translation of Christian literature. The mission in Nigeria has its seminary for training native workers.

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So live, as, when you come to die,
You'll wish that you had lived.
(Lebe, wie du, wenn du stirbst,
Wuenschen wirst gelebt zu haben.) —Gellert.

WELCOME TO AMERICAN LUTHERAN SOLDIERS AT GAWLER.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Gawler on June 16, when a welcome was extended to American Lutheran soldiers on behalf of the S.A. District of our church. The function was opened by the singing of the "Song of Australia" and the playing of an overture. Pastor Hassold, President of the S.A. District, welcomed the guests of honour. He expressed the hope that the task for which they had come to Australia would be accomplished, and that they would be able to carry with them pleasant memories of their stay in South Australia. He stated, too, that cordial connections had existed for many years between Australian and American Lutherans, eighteen of the ministers now working in our church having received their training in U.S.A. The General President, Pastor C. Hoopmann, also was present. Dr. Janzow said that Americans and Australians have much in common, and that the Lutheran Church in both countries came into being about the same time and in a similar manner. Our bond of fellowship with brethren of the faith across the Pacific has been a particularly close one. The President of the S.A. Luther League, Pastor H. D. Koehne, addressed words of special welcome to Walther Leaguers present, and invited them to attend Luther League meetings held in the vicinity of places where they happen to be stationed. Chaplain Emsch, responding on behalf of the guests, stated that his fellow-countrymen and he were very favourably impressed with Australia, and were grateful for the kind hospitality shown to them. They would carry with them cherished memories of their experiences here. Chaplain Kuehnert supported these remarks, and Chaplain Schnedler replied to the invitation extended to Walther Leaguers. The division chaplain, the Rev. L. C. Doerr, expressed the hope that through the present conflict we may be led to cherish all the more our true spiritual possessions.

The audience was then favoured with a number of vocal and instrumental items, and a collection was taken up for the Red Cross. A sumptuous supper was provided, and the remainder of the evening was spent in an informal manner; there were games and competitions, and the opportunity was given to make closer acquaintance with the guests. The happy and memorable function was brought to a close by the singing of the American and the British national anthems.

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IS THE BIBLE TRUE?

There are four grand arguments for the truth of the Bible that may be used over against those who have never experienced its power. First, the miracles it records. Second, the prophecies it contains. Third, the goodness of its teachings. Fourth, the moral character of its writers. The miracles flow from divine power, the prophecies from divine foreknowledge, the excellence of the teachings from divine holiness, and the moral character of the writers from divine purity.