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I WRITE as I See It!

—BARTON W. MARSH—

Hate, distress, agitation, confusion, fear. If on the face of the earth a spot can be found where these conditions do not prevail it could well be regarded as an oasis in the heart of Sahara welcoming the travel-weary caravan.

Those of us who have reached advanced years have had opportunities to observe startling developments grip portions of the world at times. Through the years we could not fail to note the increasing intensity of these changing aspects of life and the enlarging expansion of their spheres of influence.

In the past 50 or 60 years reprehensive and perverse activities have been more or less localized throughout the world.

Today, however, this has undergone a radical change. At this period trouble has laid its heavy hand upon the entire world. The peace, like the mirage on the desert, recedes as we seek to woo it. Intensity deepens, agitations increase, fears multiply, distress spreads and hate expands. Communism marches on. In the over-all sense, the world is in agreement on nothing, absolutely nothing. The aspects of war become more terrifying with the passing days, and preparation for the approaching onslaught is so vast and the cost of such astronomical magnitudes that the people, confused by the infinitude of it all, hopeless await the approach of the monstrous thing from which there appears no opening avenues of definite escape. The most encouraging words heard throughout the world is "We hope something will succeed."

Confidence is at an all-time low and suspicion at an all-time high. Nature gazing upon the comfortless scene seems to have revolted against it all, and is now belching forth its cold, its storms, its blizzards, with its winds unleashed. Floods, fires, and accidents increase.

The Scriptures have vividly portrayed conditions such as set forth above, and in every instance as far as I have observed, when

such conditions as now prevail assume world-wide proportions, they are associated with the closing events of human probation.

The writings of Moses, the Psalms, the Prophets, the Gospels and the Epistles of the Disciples repeatedly portray the events associated with the closing hours of man's probation. They speak of the breaking up of the nations, the hate engendered by national greed and thirst for rape and plunder. They hold forth at great length upon the moral decadence of mankind, of a world given to appetite, self-indulgence and debauchery, of passions unleashed and unrestrained. Of how religion becomes a hollow mockery and sham. The Scriptures tell of how the spirit of religious bigotry and intolerance will finally bring the great religious organizations of the world into a common bond in which they will reject and defy the commandments of God, and that the nations will unite with them in persecuting those who dare oppose them. This all seems very strange to us perhaps, but the heart of many can become very cruel when forsaken by the Spirit of God. These same scriptures tell us how raging storms and howling winds with sweeping floods will ravage the earth in the day of the Lord's visitation. If this were the end of it all, how hopeless would be our individual state in the closing days of destiny.

Let us thank God this not the entire end of all things. The Lord extends the Star of Hope to all willing, as individuals, to accept his means of escape. Here it is:

"The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing of evil.

He shall dwell on high: his place of defense shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him, his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the

king in his beauty, they shall behold the land that is very far off. Isaia 32:14-17.

I recommend, my friend, whoever you are, wherever you may be; acquaint yourself with the teachings of the Scripture. Man has failed, that includes you and me. We are utterly unable, by means of our own wisdom and in our own strength to cope with the issues which are now pressing in and that lie ahead. The Lord is the Hope of this world, May God help us to believe it.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. E. Sutcliffe returned Friday from Oklahoma City, and other midwest points where she had spent several weeks with her daughter and son-in-law. She said the cold "was terrific."

Archie Hendricks and Rev. Nick Neufeld flew from Crescent City Monday morning to San Francisco, where Rev. Neufeld will undergo a physical check-up and possible surgery at Franklin hospital. If surgery is not immediately needed Rev. Neufeld will return with Mr. Hendricks later this week.

Henry Kerr left Monday by car for San Francisco on business. He expects to be back by the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hogan entertained friends over the week end, including Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wilson of Smith River.

School Notes

Mitchell Cain, world's greatest magician and comedian, who is touring the U. S. will present his spine-tingling, baffling and fantastic mystery and side-splitting comedy at the High School on Monday evening, Feb. 7 at 8:00 o'clock.

He did shows during the war, not only with the USO in the states along with other Hollywood talent, but all over Europe where even the crown heads of England have seen and applauded his show.

In his fast moving 2-hour skit he features his canvas covered padlocked box escape on which he offers \$1000 reward to anyone finding any fake or trickery in the escape. Each may bring his own padlock.

Brookings high school started the second semester Monday with one new student, Barbara Chapman, a junior from Madera, California. This brings the present high school enrollment to 94.

This week the Bruins team draws a bye. Contact has been made with Humboldt State frosh and Port Orford for that evening but no game has materialized. Next week Brookings travels to Langlois.

With The Churches

Baptist Community
Rev. Nick N. Neufeld, Pastor
O. C. Turley, Music Director
Jeanette Pierce, Sunday School Supt.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Evening service at 7:30 p. m.
Young people at 7 p. m.
Bible study and prayer service, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Christian Science Society
Services Sunday at 11 a. m. at the I. O. O. F. hall. The public is invited.
"Spirit" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, February 6.
The golden text is "What man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11).
Among citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the

following from the Bible: "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Mic. 6:8), together with the following correlative passage from Christian Science textbook: "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The purification of sense and self is a proof of progress" (p 324)

Seventh Day Adventist
Saturday, 11 a. m. Sermon by the pastor: "Seven Blunders of the World."

Special services next week:
Sunday, 7:30 p. m. "World Peace, or Atomic Pieces."
Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. "Where Jesus Is."
Thursday, 7:30 p. m. "The Forbidden Prophecy."

Curry County Mission of the Episcopal Church
Brookings: St. Timothy Chapel
Priest-in-charge, Rev. Fr. Luthe O. Ison (phone: study, 734; home 662, Gold Beach)
Service every Sunday at 4:00 p. m. On Saints' Days when announced.

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Star of the Sea Catholic Church
Rev. Fr. Babyak, Pastor
First Sunday of month at 12 noon.
All other Sundays at 8 a. m.

Smith River Methodist
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Mrs. Grace VanZee, supt.
Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Rev. E. C. Hicks will deliver the sermon.

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