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I AM RALLY DAY

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I am a symbol of human life.

For life moves on its way, not always with measured and even tread, but with times of inner renewal, and spiritual exaltation, and high resolution.

It is my place in life to supply the occasion and the motive for such renewal in the yearly round of the school of the church.

I touch the scattered interests of those who have been on vacations, and tell them that the church and its teaching ministry again stand open to their call.

I remind a multitude of people that, as the public schools swing their doors open in the fall, so the church also goes on its way in its ministry to growing life.

I am a ringing challenge to the church and the community that life needs the inbreathing of religion to make it full.

I lay my touch upon those whose interest has waned, and quicken it.

I arrest the thoughts of those to whom the church has been but a distant memory, and bring them to its doors again.

I am the time when all the educational forces of the church say unto themselves, "Why are we here in this our work, and wither are we bound?"

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—Epworth Herald.

Young Organist Translated to the Heavenly Choir

Rev. Michael Theil, Temesvar, Roumania, sends an announcement of the death of their church organist, Bro. Pavlovici, who passed away on July 27.

Bro. Pavlovici was highly regarded in the church at Temesvar. He was not only an organist, but also a composer. Recently he had composed an oratorio and several psalms. Even as a child he was religiously inclined. His mother, who was a widow, brought him to our chapel where he was taught the truth, and searched the Scriptures until he found the Christ who died for him.

During the last days of his life he had a remarkable conversation with his mother. He said: "Mother, do you know how I picture death in my imagination?" The mother replied: "Do not speak of death; do you want to leave me here?" He continued, saying: "Dear mother, I picture death just as though I were going to Jugoslavia. Then it would be absolutely necessary for me to have my pass and visa. Now, instead of going to Jugoslavia, I am going to my Savior, who you know is so precious to me, and he has already issued my pass and visa." On the last day of his life he sang the beautiful hymn, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul, Let me to thy bosom fly." While singing this hymn he slept away.

His burial was an extraordinary one. The fact that he was a descendent of a distinguished family and had nevertheless become a Baptist, brought many people out for this occasion. As the funeral was held on Sunday many strangers were present, and not only the German church, but also the Hungarian and Roumanian churches were well represented. Three speakers had a part in the service and three choirs sang, so it was not only a funeral service but somewhat of an evangelistic one. It is surely true that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Because he had become a Baptist, his mother was not allowed to bury him beside his father in the Serbian cemetery, in spite of the fact that she owned two graves there. This was especially hard for her. He was buried outside of the city among the murderers. Here his body will rest, according to Daniel 12:13, until the day comes when he will arise to his inheritance. This shows how very hard it is to become a Baptist in this country. He reached the age of 27 years. His memory will long remain in the minds of our people.

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Brazil knows much of the cross, but little of the Christ. So we are seeking to interpret Christ in the spirit of the cross.—A. B. Langston.

We need to give the non-Christian world more than Christian principles; we need to give Jesus Christ himself.—Bishop W. C. White.

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