

The Diary of
Immanuel Albrecht
January – May, 1935

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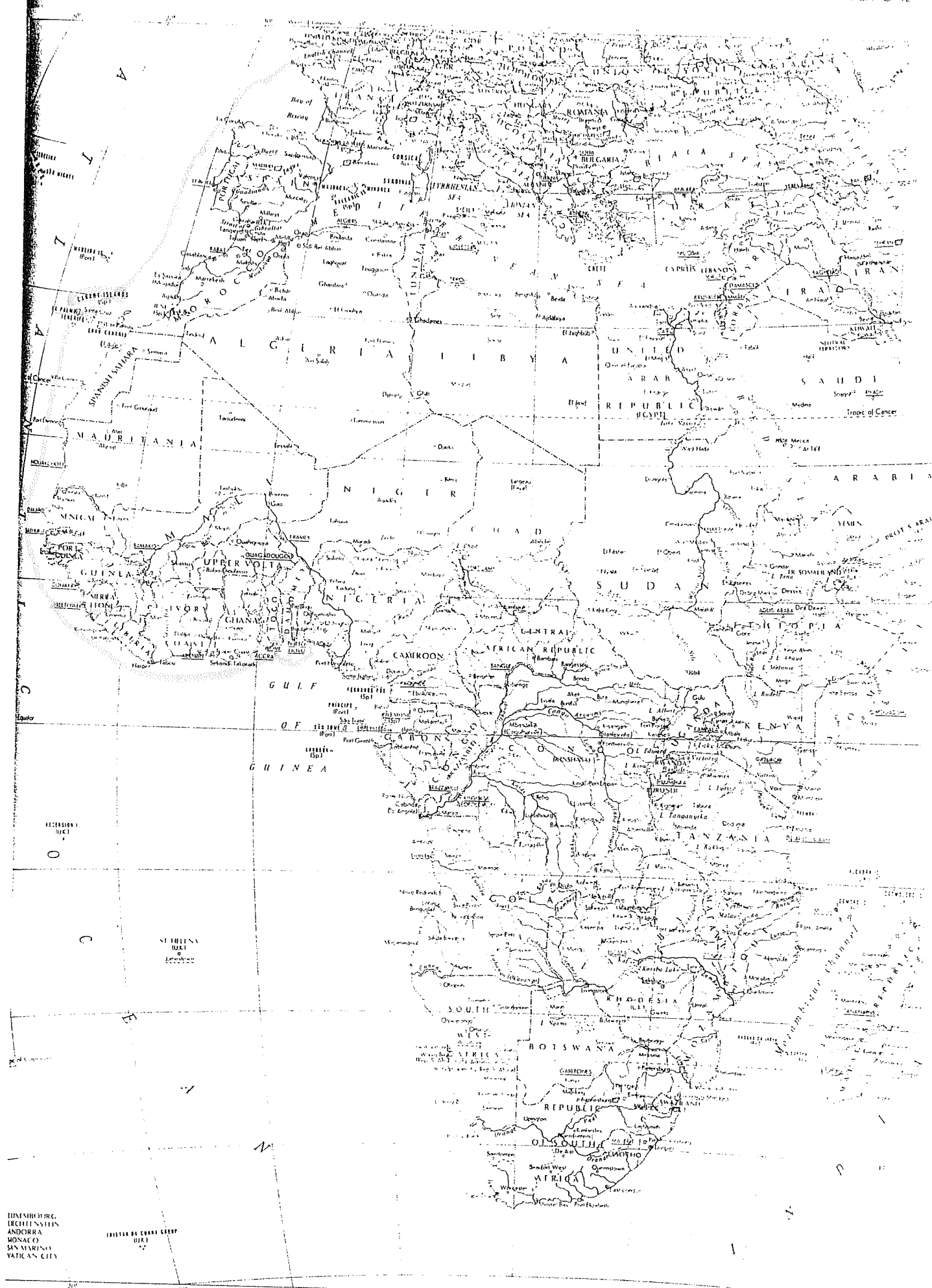
Forward

In 1935, at the Age of 58, Immanuel Albrecht, my great grandfather set sail for Africa as part of a mission survey team sent by the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference. He left with his family a diary of that journey. I am sure that you will find it a fascinating account of an unlikely event. 1935 was a tumultuous time. The depression was in full swing. Hitler had secured power in Germany. The churches of the Synodical Conference were having troubles paying their professors, yet they answered the call of a tiny group of churches in Southeastern Nigeria by sending these men.

As I transcribed the diary, I have labored to keep it as much like the original as possible. Odd spellings and unusual punctuation were left as is. Where the written manuscript made line and page breaks, the typed manuscript reflects those breaks. The footnotes are the result of conversation with relatives, and many hours digging in the archives and library of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon.

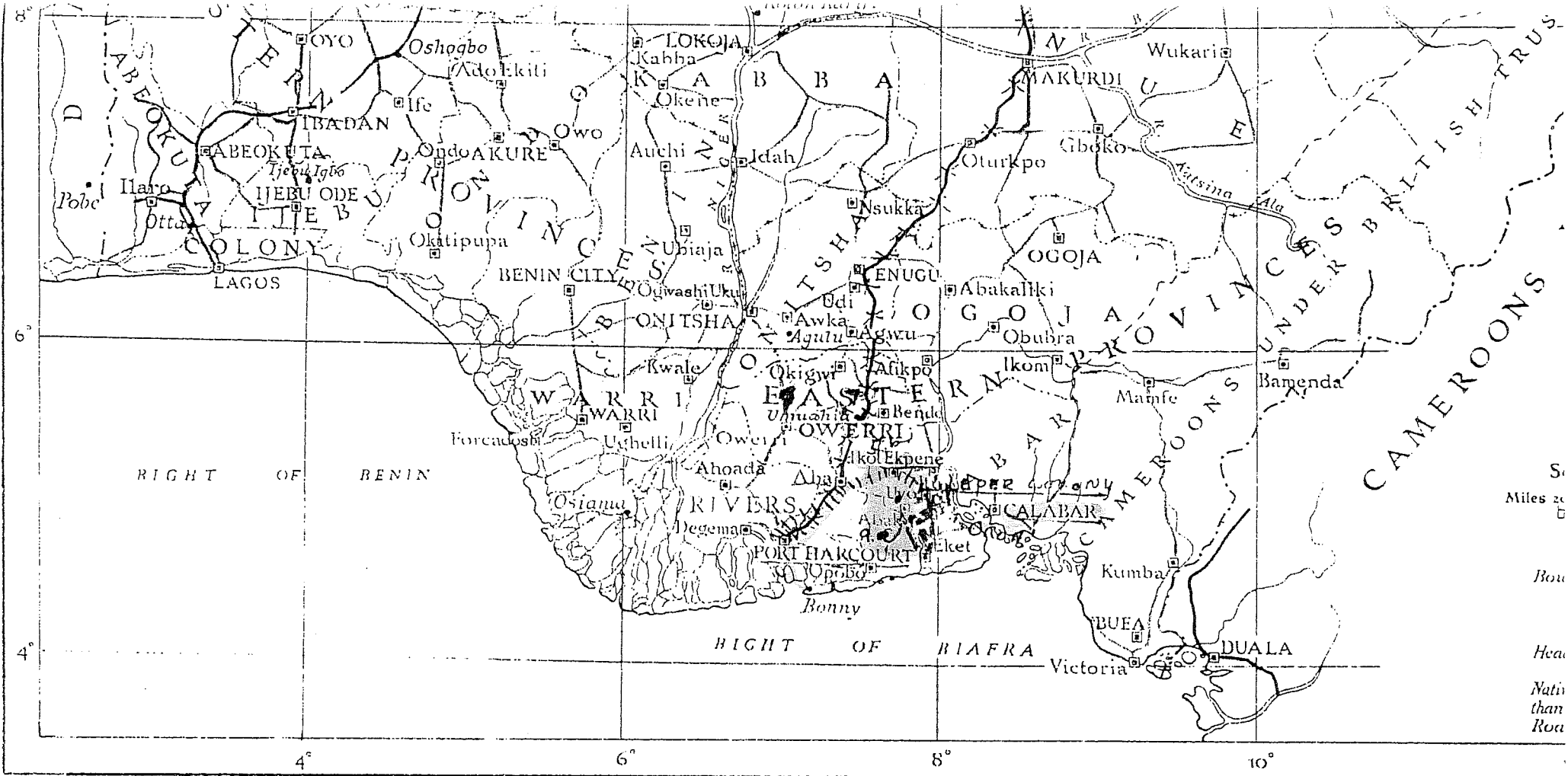
Special thanks go out to my grandmother, Lorna Sievert, my one first hand source, Martin Valeskey, who was very helpful in taking the guess work of deciphering the German handwriting, and my Mother, Judith Weigand who spent many hours helping decipher my great grandfather's difficult and miniscule handwriting, Enjoy!

To God be the Glory,
Michael J. Weigand.



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VATICAN CITY

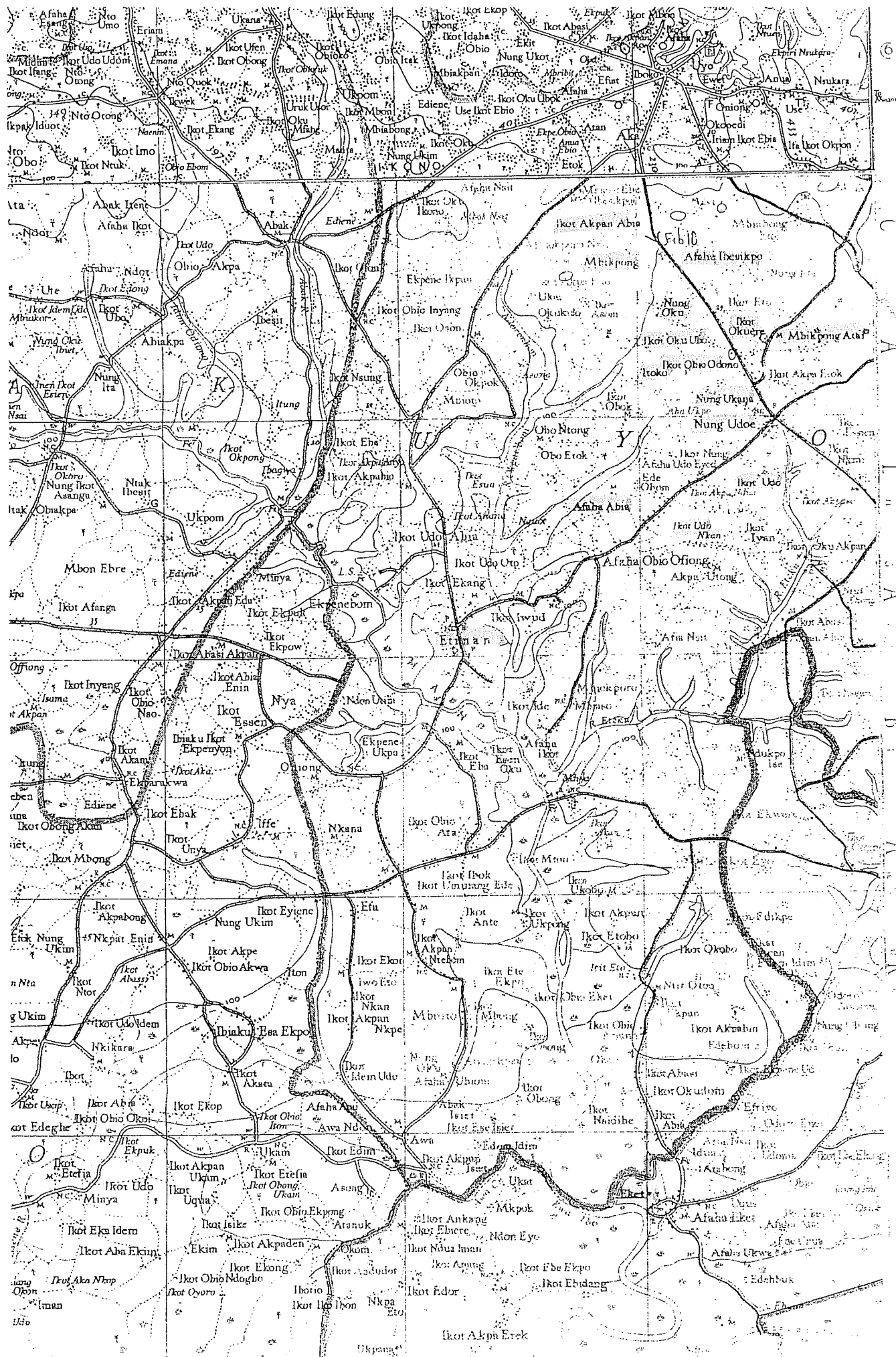


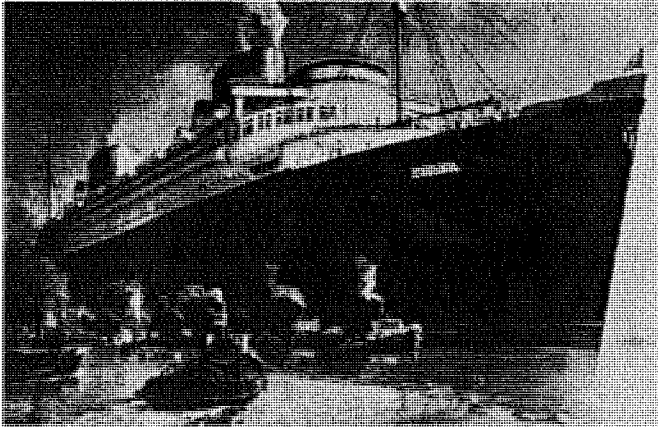


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- IN A
1. Obot Idim - 4 miles from Uyo
 2. Nung Udoe - 5 miles from Obot Idim, 9 miles from Uyo
 3. Ikot Ibiok. 3 miles from - BARRINGER'S
 EKET THE HOSPITAL SITE
 4. Ebichi ETA. District
 5. UKpom District
 6. NORMAL SCHOOL, IBAKACHI
 7. Umuezala Nsu - Ibo District
 8. Abia Okpo
 9. Ikot Foritam

PAVED ROAD





Nordeutsch Liner "Europa"



*On First Africa Soil
Freetown,
Sierra Leone*

*Native Woman
Sierra Leone*



*From Right to Left, Immanuel Albrecht, Otto
Boecler, Dr. Henry Nau on Board Europa*



**Wer seine Reis mit
Gott geplant.**

**Dem ist der Weg von
Gott gebahnt.¹**

If with God you plan your journey's way
God protects and guides you on the way.

¹ German proverb: English below is an idiomatic translation

January 1st 1935

Sermon on Motto Neh. 8,10 b.

"The Joy of the Lord is your Strength."

Installation of M. Bleick², Wm. Lutz³

Among those bidding farwell,

Lila Shultz⁴, Harry Borth⁵, Wm. Borth⁶, Mrs.

Mundahl⁷, Mrs. Bleick⁸, Harry Dickmeyer⁹

(The first 3 with deep emotion)

Pastor Zarling¹⁰ expressed special
appreciation of sermon.

Wedding of Art Schewe & Edna Schroeder¹¹

Ted, Addie, Martha¹² were here
for dinner.

Did some packing in afternoon.

Bill & James¹³ of Sleepy Eye, Ted,

Addie, Martha, with us for the evening

finished packing almost
fully.

² Member at Im's church in Fairfax

³ Member at Im's church in Fairfax

⁴ Good friend of Im's daughters

⁵ Son of William Borth – friends with Im's daughters

⁶ William was the Janitor at church in Fairfax

⁷ Member of church counsin at Fairfax

⁸ Member at Im's church in Fairfax member

⁹ Member at Im's church in Fairfax

¹⁰ Pastor F. Zarling served at Fairfax during Im's 6 month leave of absence

¹¹ Members at Fairfax.

¹² Ted & Addie Kreft – Addie is Im's sister, Ted is her husband. Martha Albrecht, another of Im's sisters lived with them.

¹³ Pastor Bill Albrecht – jovial cousin of Im, James is his son.

January 2, 1935

Finished packing for trip
to Africa.
Gave Norma¹⁴ instructions
about business and finance
matters for time of my absence.
Harry Borth furnishes his car for trip
to Mnpls. -Ted, Addie, Martha come to
bid farewell.
Trip to Mpls. with Frieda¹⁵ + Norma, stop to move trunk to
rear. Alf. Peschke¹⁶ helping me.
Had to turn back after nine miles out
to get purse with money.
Met Lorna¹⁷ in Mpls. Ralph¹⁸ taking us
In Harry's car ... Shopping.
Supper at Edna's
Called Pastor Bleick by phone. He came to
Edna's
At Edna's, brought copies of manifest
Left Mpls. on Pioneer Limited.¹⁹ Winfred Hinderman²⁰
Art Koehler & wife²¹ at station. Met P. Nachsteim²²
on train.

¹⁴ Norma is the older of Immanuel's two daughters.

¹⁵ Frieda Albrecht, Im's wife, he sometimes spells it Freda.

¹⁶ Member at Fairfax

¹⁷ Younger of Immanuel's two daughters, in nurses training school in Mnpls. at time of Im's trip.

¹⁸ Ralph Ledin, Im's nephew, son of Bill & Edna (nee Tappe, Im's wife's sister.)

¹⁹ Name of train out of Mnpls.

²⁰ Member at Fairfax & good friend of Im's son Friedubert. (Friedubert died in a car accident in 1924).

²¹ Im's nephew by sister Lydia

²² Pastor Emil G. Nachtsheim of Mnpls. Mn., LCMS.

January 3rd 1935

Arrived Chicago 7:45 A.M.
Baggage rechecked directly
through to S.S. Europa
(cost 9.01) Ticket on Penn RR
for New York 16.75, Pullman²³
9.00.

Called Paul Redick's²⁴; by telephone
spoke to Mrs. R; then called Paul
up at Bank office. Found T. Engel²⁵ has
no phone. Called up P.M. Carter.²⁶
Met Gordon Borth²⁷ visited with
him from 8 AM -2 PM, train time.
Left for N.J. 2:05 on Penn RR
train "Liberty Limited."

At Chicago Univ. Station wrote cards
home Lorna, Harry Borth, Ted, Addie
Gordon very much interested
in Africa trip.

²³ Sleeping car

²⁴ The Redicks are acquaintances of Im in Chicago.

²⁵ Pastor Theo. Engel of Chicago. LCMS.

²⁶ Pastor M.N. Carter, an LCMS pastor at the Colored Mission (Philip's) in Chicago.

²⁷ Cousin of Harry Borth, also a friend of Im's son Friedubert.

Jan 4th

Arrived N.Y. 10:30 AM
Called up P. Kroncke Luth.
Immigrant Missionary.²⁸ He and
Dr. Nau²⁹ met me at station. –
Before leaving train I met & had
interesting conversation with a Miss
Schnell, Reg. Nurse from Wichita Kansas and
A Mrs. Tom Leivie, 2115 Lake of the Isles, Mnpls.
They showed great interest in my trip
Mrs. Schnell, a German abroad in this
country asked me, if possible, to call on
her mother near Bingen on the Rhine.³⁰
Porter became interested when I
showed Ekong's³¹ picture in W L Messenger³²
to the ladies. Says he will get copies of
Messenger in Chicago. In NY at Immigrant Mission
P.Kroncke, P. Graesser, Pastor Pinkert,³³ Meal
At Dixie Hotel. Visa at British consulate office.
Maves Matlin at Lloyd office³⁴ Mr. Kieuzler
Supper at P. Kuechle³⁵, signed traveler's checks.
Board Europa; Telegram. Letter (Hertha)³⁶ flowers Gust.³⁷
note on side: Great meals at Sawyer Roadway, Manchester Street

²⁸ The LCMS Immigrant and Seaman's missions were established on Ellis Island to help immigrants find spiritual & physical help as they arrived in America.

²⁹ Dr. Rev. Henry Nau, an LCMS professor at Greenborough, N.C. – had also served as a Missionary in India.

³⁰ Bingen am Rhein, Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany, where the Nahe River enters the Rhine.

³¹ Jonathan Udo Ekong was a Nigerian convert to Christianity. In the region where he lived, many church goers had become fed up with the practices of the mission group that was overseeing them (the Qua Ibo). Sixteen of these churches seceded. Ekong was sent by his people to America to be trained as a pastor, and to find a church body whose teachings and administrative policies they could agree with, and who would agree to oversee the Nigerian churches and train workers. It was Ekong who made the contacts with the LCMS Colored Mission in New York that led to contacts with the Synodical Conference. These eventually led to the sending of Albrecht, Boecler, and Nau as a survey team. For more information see "A Short History of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa" published in 1986 by the Lutheran Press, Obot Idim, P.A. – Uyo.

³² The Walther League Messenger, the magazine of the LCMS young people's organization (Walther League) named after the LCMS's founding father C.F.W. Walther.

³³ Pastors Otto Graesser & Pastor Maximillian Pinkert of New York City. LCMS.

³⁴ Norddeutch Lloyd was the German Sea Line on which the team booked passage to Germany.

³⁵ Pastor Kuechle was Boecler's son-in-law

³⁶ Hertha Sievert, a teacher at Im's congregation in Fairfax, MN. Incidentally, her brother Richard eventually married Im's daughter Lorna.

³⁷ Gust Albrecht, Im's brother.

Jan. 5th

By noon had sailed 235 sea miles.

1 AM leaving New York Harbor occupying Room 552, Deck C Tourist Class! Splendid appointments, service. Nau liking the upper berth. Find telegram from Frieda, Norma Lorna, the Ledin's³⁸ ; letter from Hertha S. Flowers for Gust, family, Telegram for Bill.

Wrote cards to home, Lorna, Edna, Hertha S. Gust. Trumpeter plays to announce call to meals.

Slept well; find weather fine; sea very smooth; feeling fine; meals like in first class hotels. Times 8 A. and 10, second meal 12:20, Lunch 4; dinner 7.P. Took pictures Promenading on decks without difficulty or distress. Viewed III class; all very good.

Devotion in morn. Nau reading 2 Cor 1- prayer.

Read President's message to Congress.³⁹

Read "Lloyd Port" Ship's daily for information.

Radio News, Ship's capacity 2,400 passengers; this trip about 600.

³⁸ Bill & Edna c.f. Jan 1.

³⁹ President F.D. Roosevelt

Jan. 6th *n.b. in actual diary Jan 8th & 6th are mistakenly switched around.*

Watch 1 hr. ahead

Since Sat. sailed 621 sea miles total 860

No sign of sea sickness so far.

Very Bright Sunny day

Luth Services in large hall 10 A.M.

Attendance between 40-50

Text Job 6:66-69

Episcopal hymnbooks used!!!

(one section "For those on sea" in this book., Prelude duet "Ave Marie"⁴⁰)

In each stanza marks (f.mf. p:)

indicate how to sing the parts.

Young German, veterinarian

cow boy who had spent 5 yrs in

Winnipeg, sat next to us; made fine

confession about use of his Bible, hymnbook while lying in grass; "found Jesus in nature"!!

Took pictures of Boecler⁴¹, Schreiner.⁴²

Sun noon meal 1 hr 15 m. Movie – good

Travel picture. Opera Carmen, "Smokey" horse.

Watched "Horse Race."

⁴⁰ "Hail Mary"

⁴¹ Pastor Otto C.A. Boecler, a pastor at Immanuel Luth. Church LCMS in Des Plaines, IL. Im and Boecler became good friends, he preached Im's funeral sermon.

⁴² Name of the "young cowboy" mentioned previously.

Jan. 7th

Watch hr. ahead

Since Sun, sailed 639 sea miles total 1490

No sign of sea sickness-

Nau read 2 Cor. 2 for our devotion;

Mr. Schriener invited us to take part in their circle devotion in baggage room. 2:45 PM.

We did take part. Below water level!!!

At 4 O clock Miss Dakauer asst. to apt. Scharf took us, Dr. Taylor, & an officary engineer to the Commander's bridge; interviewed with capt. Scharf. Mechanism of running the ship explained to us!

Marvelous, 42 compartments shut off, water tight, fire proof, test every day.

Barber cut my hair, oil shampoo drying under net (5 Marks)⁴³

8 O Clock attended meeting of **"Saar Leute"**⁴⁴ in Dining Rm of III Class. Herr⁴⁵ Driesarats member of Reichstag⁴⁶ spoke.

⁴³ Marks = German currency 100 pfennigs = 1 Mark.

⁴⁴ Literally "Saar people" Saar = Land (state) in the southwestern portion of Germany. It is bounded by France on the south, Luxembourg on the west, and the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate on the north and east. It covers an area of 992 square miles (2,569 square km). The capital is Saarbrücken, which lies along the Saar River. In 1935 this land was in dispute between France and Germany, a vote was taken by the people living there to determine it's allegiance. Apparently, some were aboard the ship.

⁴⁵ Herr = German for Mr.

⁴⁶ The German legislature

Jan. 8th *n.b. in actual diary Jan 8th & 6th are mistakenly switched around.*

Watch 1 hr. ahead.

Since Mon: 627 sea miles Total 2120

No sign of seasickness in our group, but a few others show it. Safety devices applied on tables in dining room.

Walk on deck;

Saw dog kennels..

Received pictures, cost 4 M. 15pf.

Received 65 M. 150 pf. from Boecler as one third of Amling⁴⁷ special comfort fund.

Signed letter of thanks to Mr. Amling

Wrote to catch up in diary.

Saw inside Nau's & L⁴⁸ Rooms-

Devotion in baggage room.

Under guidance of Mr. Stroppel viewed ships

1st class Swimming pool! Dining Rm. Cabins.

Kitchens, Storage rooms, bakery.

Weighed myself 172. Gained 2 lbs since on shore.

⁴⁷ Well to do man who gave a gift of money to be spent by the 3 members of the Africa canvas team.

⁴⁸ L = Logios the Greek passenger.

Jan 9th

Since Tues 636, Total 2756

(no sign of seasickness)

Visited, viewed all the machinery in engine rooms by special courtesy arranged by Stroppel, guided by Engineer Moritz: 30 ft. below water level 6ft from lowest bottom of ship, stupendous; almost incredible! Every detail considered; Given rag to wipe hands.

Note at side: Dirty shoes

Interview with Dr. G.A. Gertener a Dutch Reformed Mission Director from Wellington S. Africa. Prof. of Church History in S. A. ; born in S.Af. had been to America to study training of missionaries. Reported to Division officer how much money we were taking in to Germany.

Dr. Nau's remarkable story of his life During war.⁴⁹ (learned of his wife, Lozaret Pfaner 1916 – 19.)

Mail to be delivered at Cherbourne Letter home, for all, cards Lorna, Gust, Lau⁵⁰ Ted & Co., Bill, Toppe⁵¹ About 7 PM saw lights on coast of Ireland beacon light flashes.

⁴⁹ World War I.

⁵⁰ Pastor Herbert Lau of Aurora S.D. (WELS).

⁵¹ Probably Elmer Tappe, Im's brother-in-law from New Ulm, MN

Jan 10th

No sign of seasickness; Weather is dreary, cool. In English channel. Arrived Cherbourne, France about 2 AM.; Unloaded an American air plane. Left Cherbourne 7 A.M.- cashed ship money; had to take 120 M. in silver = 24 five Mark pieces to carry in pockets! - Arrived Southampton England 10 AM. took until 12:30 to unload baggage & passengers to tender⁵² to take to main land. - Eng. news boy with Eng; Germ. Amr. papers (quite timid) Frl. Dakauer calls our trip **"fabelhafte Fahrt."**⁵³

Letter home & (Lorna) & Aug. Wakntz⁵⁴
see note letter by Zehlen brethren⁵⁵
written by Hagenah⁵⁶

**Gewesenig Benedicktines
Moench.**⁵⁷

⁵² Small boat used to transport cargo to mainland from anchored ship.

⁵³ Fabulous journey

⁵⁴ Member at Fairfax.

⁵⁵ Zehlen Brethren- religious order, the group that invited the 3 for a devotion.

⁵⁶ Peter Hagenah was one of Zehlen Brethren, and "a former Benedictine monk." A copy of this letter can be found in the Northwestern Lutheran (1935) V. 22 pg.39&40.

⁵⁷"Former Benedictine monk."

Jan 11

Weather dreary & cool Landing begins at Bremerhofen about 8 A.M. Shoot rope to our Boat to pull cables to shore etc...

Many Nazis⁵⁸, Band, choirs, children at pier to receive **Saar Leute**.⁵⁹ - Girls long hair; sensible shoes – Custom Examination: baggage according to Alphabet. – mattresses on which baggage lands. - Fine coaches on our 10:34 train to Bremen. – Ate at Bremerhofen; Took III klasse train to Hamburg. (Nau's niece at pier.) Frl. Dackauer calls at our compartment; talks about Amer. Germ. attitude in war (**“Letzte**

Grund & Art des christentums, dem Nächsten helfen.”)⁶⁰

Small drainage ditches, Concrete snow fences. Evergreen woods. – Birdhouses in woods. **“Tankstelle** = oilstation also **Oilhag**

Kraftwagenhalle = auto shed.” Buick taxi in Hamburg. Secured our transportation at Woerman⁶¹ depot - At Berlinhof hotel (4.60) Willkomm & M. Naumann.⁶²

No soap in rooms (Loewen Brau Restaurant) featherbed.

⁵⁸ Hitler was now in power in Germany, and his National Socialist party made its presence felt everywhere.

⁵⁹ Saar People of Jan 7th.

⁶⁰ The ultimate ground & basis of Christianity is to help one's neighbor.

⁶¹ German Ship Line through which the team booked passage to Nigeria.

⁶² Seminary Prof. M.D.P Willkomm and Pastor M.J. Naumann of Free Church of Saxony and Other States. A sister church body of the Synodical Conference.

Jan 12th

Hamburg. Hotel Berlinhof

Weather dreary; snow first of the winter, chilly.

Restaurant no American Breakfast foods.

Letter to Krefft's.⁶³ – walked to Woermann

office with Boecler to arrange money

matters: must leave all German money

except 10 R.M.⁶⁴ receive certificate

on which one can get ship money on

Board. We made mistake of taking

too many Registrierte Marks. By mis-

take I kept 20 R.M. in one pocket. Had to

get rid of it before sailing. Nau took 5 M

Pd. 5 M postage on parcel, overcoat,

underwear, sent home. Bought shirt

7.90 (= ca 3.10) pd. taxi expenses.

Looked at St. Peter's Kirche many pictures,

many memorial honor rolls, Janitor

tells us church is crowded on holy days;

200-300 on Sundays, smaller churches in

suburbs are crowded.

Boecler and I took walk; attended wedding

in Jakobi Kirche. Relatives all seated in

sanctuary; no brides maids etc.; 2 girls (12-14 yrs.)

attend bride.

note on side: music fine: **Lobe den Herren⁶⁵, So nimm denn meine Hande.⁶⁶**

We crossed street vs light; officer (while

everybody watches us): **(Mark, meine Herren,**

sind sie Hamburger ?)⁶⁷ - let us Americans

pass, - Show windows as fine as US

monstrous beds in windows!

Taxi to Petersen⁶⁸ Kar 28a Driver speaks Eng.;

overcharges for baggage. Board Usaramo⁶⁹

6 PM leave about 8 (more ado than in N.Y.),

band: **"Muss I (ch) Denn":⁷⁰** - Small cabin for us 3.

First class does not come up to III class on

Europa; Snow & Fog at night. Horn; Bell, called

Steward.

⁶³ Ted & Addie cf. # 12

⁶⁴ Registered Marks (ship money).

⁶⁵ "Praise to the Lord." (Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation)

⁶⁶ "Thus take now my hand."

⁶⁷ "Marks my gentlemen, are you Hamburgers?" (The man was begging for money)

⁶⁸ President Peterson of the German Free Church of Saxony and other States.

⁶⁹ Woermann Ocean Liner on which the 3 traveled From Germany to Nigeria.

⁷⁰ "Do I have to?"

Jan 13

On Usaramo. Weather cold, dreary;
some wind, not bad. No sickness yet.
No services on board ship.
Fine personal Devotion with "Day by Day"⁷¹
Doors of cabins need not be locked.
Interesting talks with General Director
Kemner; for 30 yrs. in Cameroons: at head
of great plantation complex: cocoa,
palm oil, bananas; talked industry,
politics, mission (see notes)⁷²; is eager
to announce and receive us when
going into Camaroons, he goes to Duala.⁷³
Spoke to Catholic sister; her first
Ocean trip; going to Dunbar.⁷⁴
On deck saw signs of sea sickness.
Saw beacon lights off Ost Friesland.⁷⁵
First Class Reading Room next
to our cabin; We have used it
almost exclusively to ourselves all
afternoon; cabin too small,

Read in Jan 3rd **Africa Nachrichten**⁷⁶

(See note): "Kolonial politics"

"Schuljahre der Buschneger"⁷⁷; weddings,
deaths, (rice and chicken on dead body.)
Band early morning played

Lobe der Herren, den maechtigen Koenig.⁷⁸

Stewardess tells me her husband's folks are
in Duluth, MN "near Chicago" 10 hours by train;
making her 31st trip around Africa each
trip takes 13 weeks; only few days make mission.-
Cards to Frieda, Norma, Lorna, Edna, Holland
Postage...
Talk with Herr Wink.

⁷¹ The common diary to which all three men contributed. Portions of this document can be found in the 1935-38 editions of the Northwestern Lutheran, and the Lutheran Witness magazines.

⁷² Im's personal notes, and addendas have been lost.

⁷³ Now Douala, a city in Camaroon 11.07 N. 14.10 E.

⁷⁴ City in Queensland Australia -16.00S. 142.24 E.

⁷⁵ German Island chain S. & E. of Hamburg.

⁷⁶ "Africa News"

⁷⁷ "Schoolyear of the black man from the bush."

⁷⁸ "Praise to the Lord the Almighty."

Jan 14th

Landed at Rotterdam, Holland about 2 AM. Spent all day in Rotterdam; no sign of seasickness. Weather until 4 PM dreary, rainy; milder.-

Watch set back 40 minutes; further west.

Unloading - Mohogany logs from South America

Loaded - cement from Germany; goods for Japan; "Swifts"⁷⁹ goods from Germany.

To Baggage room first time to unpack.

Boecler and Nau trunk found in III Kl. No.

Charged 6 M for 3 Guilder 18 cts Hol-
Land money⁸⁰. (1/2 ct. 5 ct. square.)

Met Mr & Mrs. Arnold; both passed though
New Ulm & Fairfax a few month ago.

Mr. A's Father, one of the early settlers of New Ulm.

Mr. A's experience with taxi driver to Hague:⁸¹

demanding tip also for wife & children at
home.

Met Mr. Selivyn the talkative jolly
Englishman (?). praising the Germans for
their hospitality & accomodations to tra-
velers. - Joke: "Starting the cemetery"
Boeclers joke : value of memory: "giving
Cannibal a sample of human flesh from
Cork leg."

Three of us had 3 hour walk to Rotterdam business
part – Highest build. in Europe 15 story Electric
Bldg. – Green grass, wooden shoes. Everybody
on bicycles, carts, narrow streets and walks
bicycle trails – wheel⁸² sheds at P.O. – Paid 2.15

To see **Grote Kerken;**⁸³ plates in floor covering
goes back to 1617 or earlier.

Hague about 4 hrs ride distant;

Frl. Gabriele Pfivomann Worked 2 yrs. In Catholic

Hospital not far from Lagos. Colored helpers. : English language
loading automobile left Rotterdam 10 PM.

⁷⁹ Allegedly a type of German curio.

⁸⁰ Holland currency, 100 centicies = 1 Guilder.

⁸¹ Seat of the international tribunal.

⁸² "Wheels" = bicycle.

⁸³ "Great Church" a famous cathedral in Rotterdam.

Jan 15th

Watch set back 20 min. Antwerp Belgium.
Weather clear AM. Cloudy later. Mild
Landed Antwerp Belgium 8 AM-
Radio report on Saar election⁸⁴ great! 90% Germ.
Changed 2.47 guilder Holland Money to
13 Franc Belgian and 3 R.M. German:-
(card to Mrs. Wellner.)⁸⁵ Ticket for sightseeing
3.10 RM or 27.40 Francs. - Walk with B. 10-12:30
took pictures; soldiers landing. Lady from
Switzerland lost her way; tells us that Germans
in Paris & Switzerland so misinformed that
they doubted result Saar election.-
Beautiful horses- but tails cut very short.
Sightseeing tours (delayed) 2+ -4:00.
Notre Dame Cathedral on Tour, bldg. started
1356 (1422 *crossed out*) Pictures by Rubens: ⁸⁶

**Christus an
Kreutz 1610, Kreutzaberohne
1614,⁸⁷ persons in**

⁸⁴ After World War I the Saar coal mines were awarded to France, and the Saarland was placed under the administration of the League of Nations for 15 years, at the end of which time a plebiscite would permit the inhabitants to choose between being part of France or Germany. In the actual plebiscite held on Jan. 13, 1935, more than 90 percent of the inhabitants of the Saar voted for its return to Germany, which was duly accomplished.

In 1945, following World War II, French military forces occupied the Saar, and two years later the first Saar state Parliament adopted a constitution that called for an autonomous Saar in an economic union with France. By 1954, however, West Germany's renewed prosperity was attracting the sympathies of most Saarlanders, and in that year France and the Federal Republic of Germany agreed to a statute that provided for the Saar's autonomy under a European commissioner. The new status was to be approved by a referendum, however, and in the event (Oct. 23, 1955) 68 percent of the Saar's voters rejected the statute and, by implication, the separation of the Saar from Germany. The French subsequently agreed (1956) to the return of the Saar to West Germany, and on Jan. 1, 1957, the Saarland finally achieved its present status as a federal *Land* of Germany.

⁸⁵ A member of church at Fairfax.

⁸⁶ Flemish painter of Baroque era. perhaps best known for his religious and mythological compositions.

⁸⁷ Rubens' two great Antwerp triptychs, "The Raising of the Cross" (1610-11); "The Descent from the Cross" (1611-14),

pictures all members of artists family, -
Picture Mary's ascension high up ceiling,
painted there 1617 by Cornelius Schuett
Scholar of Rubens. - Head of Christ by
Leonardo de Vinci on marble, 1640. - beautiful!
Windows modern except 2, 1640. Great.
Carvings, modern O + NT, masterful;
2 brothers worked 45 yrs.
Organ 1654! 6700 pipes!
Pulpit, oak carvings on 4 sides 4 continents.
In size the 5th Cathedral
The **Ratshaus**⁸⁸ 1540; Statue of man throwing
a cut off hand = **Handwerfen**⁸⁹ = Antwerpen!
Well top cut of one piece of ivory by Schmied
Metsius, who later became painter.
Vases - Napoleon's gift to Antwerp. Court
hall used every two weeks by city council.
List of **Buergermeistern**⁹⁰ since 1400. Ceiling
pictures 400 yrs old. **Braut saal**⁹¹ where
papers are signed (dance hall). Marriage
hall, - all weddings here twice a week. This
morning 50. - Wedding pictures on wall;
Druidian, Roman, Christian. - Royal Receptionroom,
architecture grand. Sundays: Dog & Pigeon
market: - **Diamond Boerse!**⁹² of 18 firms only
2 at
work .
side note says: Black Marble, only 7 nave cathedral

⁸⁸ "Statehouse" or "City Hall."

⁸⁹ German "Hand throwing."

⁹⁰ "Mayors"

⁹¹ "Bridal hall."

⁹² "Daimond exchange."

Jan 16th

Second day in Antwerp until
7:00 PM weather dreary – milder
Boecler, I took walk; visited the pool.
Steen – Forenoon; is old fortress
from 12 and 16 century; now a museum
of antiquities. Pd 2 Francs 25 centimes
each guide for a room on tour expected a tip;
we paid first room only, others simply did
not serve us after we failed to tip second one;
glad of it."

Saw the prison and dungeon cells!!
Prisoners in Spanish Inquisition executed
here. (Lantern.) Courtroom; right hand
cut off for murdering father, instru-
ments of torture, red dress for con-
demned; head of last victim in
cast; - nun's rooms; priest's dressing
room; chapel for last service. Anti German
Propaganda Postal cards.

Walk in afternoon (B & I) to Central Station;
very large; Lack of light all over; five
Buick salesmen. Many American cars.
Mourning women wearing veils.
(men's stands!) mirrors even in
upper stories showing who is at door! -
Lamplighters! Horses, even teams driven
with a single line – by throwing it back and
forth – throwing to left pulls at right of mouth.
Our cabin steward, Dahlhof, ill, goes home.
Mr & Mrs. Oscar Chirm, S. Africa, our table
partners; she is a doctor, Engl. Govt. had a
case for him vs. Belgium Gov. before Hague!
He lost (- Spits !)

Jan 17th

Weather clear, cool – no seasickness.
On sea; Boulogne. – Southampton.
Bastogne, France 9 AM for AM hrs; passengers
& mail by tender.. Saw the dark whiskered
French pilot leave our boat by pilot ladder
into pilot boat. – At last access to trunk. –
Passed Bremen 3 PM.; passed the New
York, 6 PM. – all lit up; the ship that had
rescued the Sisto.⁹³ Then at Southampton
9-10:30 PM. ; Newsboys, booksellers, etc.
Mr. Chirm tells us about conditions in Belgian
Congo. – Belgians cohabiting with native women!
Natives treated like slaves; most unjustly.
when natives revolt, on account of excessive tax
often, they are slain by the ten thousands
but only a few thousand are officially
reported as killed.

Mr. Wenk (Duala), Miss Pfivomann (Abe-
okuta)⁹⁴ advise us about taking quinine;
never take it in large doses; Wenk: twice a
week 7 X 2 grams; Miss Pf. 5 grams every day.
Neither of the two ever had Malaria.
The boisterous German movie actor
"Kunstler" using strong, very fluent language,

**Affen in Afrika wohl auch
organisiert Loewen in ander Tiere
gebrand-
markt auf Arsch no so w. so. N.
Busch so w. so!
"Damen in Engl. fuer vorstellung
beim
Koenig mistruiert mit linken Fuss
vor der.
Rechten zu tun beim Knie, dass sie
nicht einen
Furz fahren lassen."⁹⁵**

The steward, who played bass horn, tells
us he was in war from first to last day, gassed,
losing his teeth; at next war **"gehe ich ins**

⁹³ A large passenger liner that has almost sunk.

⁹⁴ Nigerian City, Lat 7° 9' , Long 3° 21' 0E.

⁹⁵ "Apes in Africa have been organized, and the lions
branded with numbers. Also, women in England when in
the audience of the king, cross their legs at the knee so that
they will not let out a fart.

Zuchthaus."⁹⁶ His mother an American.
He speaks English very well.
Figured out money account; detected,
B& N's error in figuring 33 for Marks, we must
figure 37. Some Engl. women believe the freight
loft or hole is swimming pool.

⁹⁶ "I will go to jail" (implies he would rather go to prison
than go to war again).

Jan 18th

Devotion by me 2 Cor 4. Clock back 20 min.
Rainy AM: Clouds and Sunshine 46 *degrees* - 50
On sea; more billowy; some are seasick, none
of us so far. – Bath towels fully 2 yards long!
Saw through windows that at Catholic mass
there were 3 priests and 2 nuns, none else,
one priest officiating in grey suit. – white caps on sea.
Nau read our official diary report to date.
Reading and studying "Nigeria" by Maxwell:⁹⁷ Land, products.
Exchanged papers with general director Kemner, very interes-
article on Dr. A. Schwietzer,⁹⁸ philosopher, theologian,
Musician, Doctor: **"Das Grosse Beispiel."**⁹⁹
Looked at Mr. Wenk's beautiful photos, one
of special interest; the historic day Jan 21st 34
showing first autos on his plantation, 2 Fords.
Interesting information from Mr. Chirm.
Showed us the finished painted judgement (Dec. 12, 34)
of Hague Tribunal's Permanent Court of In-
ternational justice: "first case of this court
in behalf of a private citizen: by England vs.
Belgium. He lost by vote of 6-5; after a dead-
lock 6-6 for 6 weeks; one judge taking ill.
cost Mr. Chirm (English man) 170 pounds =
\$800,000. Had Belgium lost it would have
cost Belgium about 15 million dollars.
Protestant Missions had been following
case with special interest. (Belgium is
Catholic.) Chirm was acting major in
English army; altho being declared entitled to
a special pension, he turned his pension over
to an institute for blind; says our boys
came over lavishly supplied as for a pic-
nic; his rations and allowance as major no
more than American sub. officers.¹⁰⁰
Sighted Brest off coast of France 3 PM.
Dark or dress suit for dinner!
Steward offers to lay it out and brush it.

⁹⁷ Nigeria, the land, the people and Christian progress, by J. Lowery Maxwell, World Dominion Press, 1927.

⁹⁸ Albert Schweitzer 1875-1965, Liberal Theologian, talented musician, medical doctor, missionary, & writer, He tended more and more towards an apocalyptic and emotion based theology. He did not believe in the deity of Christ. Very popular in his day.

⁹⁹ "The great example"

¹⁰⁰ Comparing the rations of English soldiers to Americans in WWI.

Jan. 19th

Devotion B. 2 Cor 5. Time 28 min back
W. cloudy; sea billowy. temp. 48-52
In bay is Biscay, held to be quite rough.
More seasickness; none of us had a
touch so far.

Brought out typewriter and books.
change deposit certificate into
20 M ship money 10 M cash. leaving
35 M on deposit. - Deposited 5 M in
library; took out book: Schweitzer:

“Zwischen Wasser und Urwald”¹⁰¹ Read in it.

Laundry returned. Nau missed supper,
not on acct. of illness; but feels “too full
yet.” Mr. Arnold invites us for a
“highball”¹⁰² – not accepted (yet). For to-
night, dance ado in I Klass halle. Most
appear in full evening dress at dinner.
(Feels uncomfortable).

Herr Kemner brings another **“Berliner
Nachrichten”**¹⁰³ article on Amer.

Politics, radicalism, quite sane.
Wenk tells us about his walk afoot
to lake Chad 30 years ago, - walking 3
months. often up to shoulders in
cold water. Now he drives it by car
in six days (ca 1800-2,000 miles.) Auto-
bus road through Sahara to Chad.
Money matters today sometimes
make it necessary that some article
shipped from our country to another,
actually be paid twice: in money of
country where bought, and in money of country
where delivered, leaving the first payments as
a deposit or credit in first country.

Mr. Chirm in Free Masons.

Mr. Chirm still owns 2,000 acres (800 hectare)
of palm trees in Belgian Congo.

Are through bay of Biscay off coast of Cape Finistere, Spain
between 11 and 12. Made 297 sea miles (12 Mph).

¹⁰¹ “Between Water and Primeval Forest.”

¹⁰² A type of mixed drink.

¹⁰³ “Berlin News”

Jan 20th

Time 28 min. back.. Off coast of Spain.
Weather, bright, clear, very fine, temp. 52-64
Catholic mass at 6; service 9 –
Luth. Services: 10 AM German Dr. Nau

on Is. 40 (**aller fleisch wie grass etc.**)¹⁰⁴

Lieder : Lobe Den Herren ; Und Wie schoen leuchtet.¹⁰⁵

English at 11. Boecler sermon same as
on Europa on Jan. 6th. 14 People attended
German; 9 the Engl. In Germ Frl.
Stern, D. Phil, was present; in Enl.
Mr & Mrs. Selwyn , & Mr Chirm.
Met a "Schwabische"¹⁰⁶ after Ger-
man service; are from So. Africa, met
Dr. Studebaker after Eng. Service; a
young doctor from Los Angeles, going to
Nigeria as medical missionary for
The Brethren Mission.¹⁰⁷

First Officer Schulde: **Muessen gute**

Menschen an Bord sein, so schoenes

Wetter;¹⁰⁸ **"wenn Engel reisen lacht der
Himmel"**¹⁰⁹

Very interesting talk with Herr
Kemner about Germany not thinking of
war in July 1914. He is a German officer,
well acquainted in highest circles.-
His activities in League of Nations
conference on Labor international!
His experience in England: "not
believe things said during war." –
Reading "Nigeria," see notes.
Nau typing Walther League Messenger
Article.

(Homesick!! Started letter to
all to be mailed at Las Palmas.)

¹⁰⁴ "All flesh is as the grass."

¹⁰⁵ "Songs: Praise to the Lord..., How Lovely Shines.."

¹⁰⁶ Swabia is a geographic region in Southern Germany

¹⁰⁷ The Brethren Church. Denomination that combined with the Episcopal Methodists and other church bodies in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church.

¹⁰⁸ "When there are good men on board, then there is good weather."

¹⁰⁹ "When Angels travel, Heaven smiles."

Jan 21st.

No Change in time. - Weather Sunshine.

Temp 56-64.

Made 299 sea miles.

Off coast of Isabella &

N. W. Africa. Saw fish leaping

high though air. Many deck

games today.

Wrote letter: Home, Joint

letter to all – Lorna P.O.

Bought Las Palmas cards; &

One of Usaramo, to mark places.

Writing letter most of the day.

Mr. Chirm on dance &

Roman Catholic Church.

Mission in business, see

notes.

Pillow of I Koch with in

Scripton : **O waer ich**

lieber reich als schoen¹¹⁰

¹¹⁰ “Oh that I were rich rather than beautiful.”

Jan 22

No change in time. Weather fine.
Temp. 58-68. Made 290 sea miles.
Band gave fine concert.
Went to the bridge of captain
and to the highest point
On ship; comparatively very
young man at the wheel.
Hear the chiming hummed
and sung by various nations'
men.

Mr. Gilbert told us about
good service of Ford cars in
Africa; twice as cheap and
twice the power of European
cars. (cost to him \$1,000.)
Boecler learned about hel-
mets for sale in ship;
bought ours at 3M 50. (less
than a dollar) ; judged to be good
by others. Many follow our ex-
ample.

Wrote letter and article for
Standard.¹¹¹

Mr. Arnold invited us to
their cabin; treated us to
a fine drink – Nau told
part of his experience in
war.

Cashed balance
of deposit 35 M.

¹¹¹ "The Standard" Fairfax, MN daily newspaper.

Jan 23

no change in time. Weather clear and fair. Temp 62-73

Landed Puerta de Luz, Canary Islands 7-8 AM

left 4 p.m.

Saw 3 or 4 big ships in harbor;

We stop here mostly for coaling,

which is unloaded by sacks; all

decks full of coal dust very soon

after coaling is finished, sailors have

decks quite clean again.

all kinds of vendors crowd the

decks.

Arnolds and we take trip. good guide

who had been in America 8 yrs- trip, at

3.00 a person covers 50-60 miles : very

interesting & worthwhile: ethnic Las

Palmas in country, villas of the rich,

winery, (drinks) ; caves, beautiful

fields; volcano crater (eruption 2

yrs. Ago killed 150 people), : road work

by hand, baskets; goats, goats goats !

crops: potatoes (for W Africa) tomatoes,

bananas, orange, tangerine; saw

first coffee tree! beautiful palms

& flowers. (guide ordered bouquet for

Mrs. A .) cactus;

note on side reads: Begging smoking children.

lava mixed with cement used

for building houses;

wages good, \$3.50 paid labor, rent

cheap, our guide paid 7.00 mnth;

More Fords than all other cars; next is

Buick (our car old Buick, steering wheel right side,

Failed to find white suits!

(Market !) Nau talking Tamal¹¹²

traders – (Chirm's experience in

buying canary.)

Name canary not from birds, but from dog, carries

Greeting¹¹³ by hand. *On side:* See notes

(see also next day)

¹¹² Spicy meat

¹¹³ Unsure of this transcription, this is simply a best guess.

Jan 24th

) Time 18 min. back. South of Canary Islands made 240 nautical miles from 4:30 –12:00.

Weather: sunshine, Temp. 62-71

Saw Dr. Ferber about inoculation vs. typhoid; he does not think it necessary.

Agreed that I preach German next Sun.

Met Dr. & Mrs. Studebaker on rear deck: came to our cabin to see our helmets; interesting talk about medical missions, the Brethren Mission paid his expenses for special course on tropical diseases; Seventh Day Adventists require this; he is not an Adventist.

Brought Mr. Chirm & Mr. Kemner Together; interpreted for them when necessary; talk on value of colonies to mother country. K. is sure of their paying value; Kermer had heard differently.

) Finished statistical report for synod;¹¹⁴

Wrote to A.W. Koehler.¹¹⁵

From our Greek table mate we learn that 3 lb per month is high wage for good cook in Lagos; boy for 1 lb + - discussion on Greek + βαπτίζω.¹¹⁶ with him.

In Las Palmas, many children in or on street during school hrs., no compulsory school attendance; many illiterate.

Canary Islands also called "**Glueckliche**

Inseln",¹¹⁷ Free Port: no customs.

Steward told us of wine bath cure for rheumatism.

On side Read White Monk of Timbucktoo by W. Seabrook!¹¹⁸

¹¹⁴ Im was responsible to submit a statistical report of his congregation at Fairfax to the Synod.

¹¹⁵ A.W. Koehler, pastor in St. Paul MN, WELS of Jan 2.

¹¹⁶ the Greek word meaning "to Baptize." This word would be of interest to Luth. Pastors since many Baptists insist that must mean immerse.

¹¹⁷ The "Happy Islands."

¹¹⁸ The White Monk of Timbucktoo by William Seabrook, London . Herrap, 1934.

Jan 25th

No change in time 297 nm. Near Cape Verde Is.

Weather fair; hazy sea; little more rough

Temp 60 F (16 C.) Devotion I Cor. 7.

Captain says this is one of smoothest trips they made so far. Prepared Sermon.

Mr. Kemner shows us copies of company's last 3 annual reports; holding their own; in spite of combined law practices.

Haircut 1. M. Started taking quinine.

Art exhibition by Mr. Langton in forenoon; photographer, dealing in art pictures, ship models etc.; taking 2 ½ year trip; has used Chrysler car for 6 years! for work though Africa. I bought

hand printed butterfly from him 1. M.

Children's day on ship; costume parade; games; took picture; also one of Dr. Sivdalaker family. At dinner, children, their parents with music parade though dining halls in lantern parade.

Frl. Sturm Tells us of waves shooting water though porthole into her cabin during night. –

Note rice in salt cellars to

Keep salt dry & prevent clogging.

Jan 26th

No change in time; 276 miles.
weather sunshine; hazy, billowy sea.
Temp. F. 65.5-73
C. 18-23

Devotion by B. 2 Cor. 8

Studied sermon. read Schweitzer;
wrote letter (family) home.

Saw first dophin, monstrous
size (12-15 ft) (Fin, tail, & head.)

About 2 PM we saw dim
outline of Cape Verde, first African
land, we see.

Herr Kemner tells us much about health
measures for life in Africa; he
does not even drink water on ship,
for fear of getting impure water; be
sure that quinine capsule (or tablet)
really dissolves! do never walk bare-
foot on account of **“Sandflohen”** jiggers;¹¹⁹
at night place shoes on chair--

“Interesting remark” **Reichsbischof**
in Deutschland ist fertig, - Den wollt
Ja Christus durch Wodan Ersetzen”.¹²⁰

Mr. Chirm on “Driver Ants” as a
perfectly organized army!

Life Boat maneuvers; crew for
every boat with an officer lowering boat.
Lengthy talk with with Captain Burfereid, on
conditions in Germany; Jews etc. is well
pleased with Hitler method & success. sees
favorable change e.g. wool from S. Africa in
exchange for German RR Material.

Mrs. Chirm ill. – Beer fest, caps costumes,
song, dance (Eng. Song “On a Bicycle built for 2”
(see also next page))

note on side reads: Chirm saw a fish leap from stream on land for food, stream almost dry.

¹¹⁹ Little bugs that burrow under one’s skin and cause itching, much like fleas.

¹²⁰ “The Imperial bishop is demented, he wants to replace Christ with Wodan” (Northern European God of poetic inspiration, character in the Niebelungen.)

Jan 27th

No Change in time. 289 miles.
weather clear; quite calm temps F. 72-83 ½
C. 21-28 ½

Band played early: **Harre Meine Seele.**¹²¹

Herr Kemner although a Catholic, says

he wants to attend our services: **“Bei**

uns wird ja nicht gepredigt”¹²²

Preached on our years motto: Neh.

8, 10b **“Die Freude am Herrn ist eure**

Starke” Sang: Eins ist Not! Sagt

mir nichts von Gold und Schaetzen.¹²³

Good attendance in this German service,
ca 30. Mr. Kemner has tears in his eyes
after reading of scripture lesson, and during
sermon; - now preached Eng.

Is 40 – ca 15 present.

Met Miss Jotta Schultz from

Ost Preussen¹²⁴, rejoices to find us

Americans talk German.-

Finished letter home; cards to

Lorna & Krefts.-

Last night, after donning our “ full
dress” (!) Kemner tipped us off that on

Bierfest tag¹²⁵ that is not customary;

We changed again; our friend,
the Greek appears in full dress!!-

Cabin steward warns us
against taking evening walks in
W Africa.

Chirm's camel taking him into
desert in stead of home; almost dead,
scorched raw he arrives in tears
after 4 days.

¹²¹ “Wait my Soul.”

¹²² “In our circles there is no preaching.”

¹²³ “The joy of the Lord is our strength, Song: One Thing’s Needful, Lord this Treasure.”

¹²⁴ “East Prussia”- Northeast region of Pre WWII Germany, now part of Poland & Lithuania.

¹²⁵ “Beer festival day”

Jan. 28th

At Freetown Sierra Leone W. Africa 9 AM -4:45

Weather clear; temp 80-86 (C. 27-30)

Time 15 min ahead. Nau

wore Boecler's grey summer suit.

Nearing Freetown we saw wrecks of 2

stranded ships, one stranded during
war; the other October "34

natives in their light cannoes or duggouts

coming to our ship either to do diving

stunts, (a happy singing bunch) or to

sell goods, woven baskets,

mats etc.; ship is watering here too.

brought films to photographer for printing.

We went to Freetown, launch Big Tan,

2 shillings; - we failed to get some of

our German or American money

exchanged for Engl. money.

Freetown, old place, not so modern not so

clean; hear mostly Eng. & **"Landsmein."**¹²⁶

Saw mohamedans; chimpanzees;

visited a school, near park; buildg. of

galvanized iron, wooden roof; 40 plus children

long benches, seats, fat lady teaching public

school, using Engl.; teaching also Mendi.¹²⁷

children very polite; nice "good morning, sir,"

remaining standing; - "thank you, sir."

See girls, all dressed alike coming

from mission school. Took our pictures on

first African soil for us.

About 60 natives taken on board here

for ship work in tropics, until Duala.

We are beginning to realize water problem.

not using water of ship so much; even for

mouth wash etc. At dinner white

evening dress jackets.

Had first bad headache; to bed early.

Mr. Gilbert beautifully playing **Volkslieder**¹²⁸

Makes good music on harmonica; some

sing.

¹²⁶ "Native Language"

¹²⁷ One of Seira Leone's native tongues.

¹²⁸ "Folksongs."

Jan. 29th

Going east. Made 227 mi Temp 80-78
Weather, first sultry; thunder, lightning
rain almost all day.

Finished reading Schweitzer:

“Zwischen Wasser und Urwald.”¹²⁹

Read: correspondence Boecler
board etc.¹³⁰

Read part of Pastor Wilson's notes
taken on his visit to London
& Belfast.

Kenner on **Amtsketten der Kath.
Kirche: “ sie helfen niemand,
nur der Kirche, um Geld zu
machen.”¹³¹**

One of the catholic priests on
deck all in khaki.

Kemner & Fr. Stamm
discussing Schweitzer's

remarks on **“Kultur & Koloni-
sation”¹³²** do not agree with

Schweitzer. Fr. Stamm is one
of Dr. Schweitzer's financial
supporters.

Initiation group having
quite a time initiating a
number of men, some of whom
evidently did not enjoy it.

¹²⁹ “Between Water and the Primeval Forest.”

¹³⁰ Synodical Conference Board for Missions.

¹³¹ “The church heirarchy of the Catholic Church ‘They never help anyone, only the Church, in order to make money.’”

¹³² “Culture and colonization.”

Jan. 30th

Time 30 ahead made 296 miles

Weather clear, temp 76 F

24 C

Band plays 7:30 AM 2nd anniversary
of Nazi Hitler administration.

Captain's address to sailors.

Returned library book.

Read and studied the official cor-
respondence; realize the im-
portance, difficulty and responsibility
of our task even more

Saw "quallen", Jelly fish, they
glow as electric bodies;

Many German noble

men **Adelige**¹³³ on board in-
terested in African business.

Movie in the evening;

"Tonight, or Never," featuring the
great singer Ferari. – good--

Lady with daughter going
from Kiel Schleswig

Holstein¹³⁴ to Kopstadt in

Johannesburg¹³⁵, where husband has
been for more than a year; she
leaves 13 yrs old son in Kiel.

¹³³ "Nobelmen"

¹³⁴ Schleswig Holstein = Northernmost region of Germany

¹³⁵ Johannesburg = major city in South Africa

Jan. 31

Time 30 min ahead

Weather clear at first then hazy..

Sea smooth. Temp 76-84 F 24-29 C

At Port Bouet (Grand Bassion
Ivory Coast.) from daybreak until 10:30 AM

Taking and leaving passengers by
"mammy chairs"¹³⁶

In tropic region via boat 10 am
ice cream instead of broth.

Paid 1 M to Mr. Chirm of the "Kaipo"

Club for sea men's fund, Nau &
Boecler each paid a shilling;

Club greatly appreciated it, and we
set an example of giving freely,
without nonsensical hocus-
pocus and "fun" "by initiation."..

Mr. Chirm showed me on the map
where he made the 11 weeks trip
on camel's back, accompanied &
served by 8 Arabs; 9 riding
camels, 12 pack camels, from
Khartoum S.E.¹³⁷; he was reduced
almost to a skeleton; could
not eat the food; also told me
about L.Tanganyika, very
large lake; getting lower
steadily; cause lake bottom
sinking lower, - and water
getting into subterranean
streams.

Saw Mrs. Foy on deck with
painted toenails. – Dance tonight.

Coast of Takoradi and Secundi a beautiful sight
aglow with sparkling electric lights; Long
talk with the Dane & his daughter, spiritism; says
his dead sister had been made to appear to him
Fri. Stamm wants our reports; invites us to Basil.

Note at side Drank fine lemon squash; lemonade unsweeted soda water!

¹³⁶ A kind of a cradle on a hoist, used to lower people from the ship into a small boat below.

¹³⁷ Province and city in modern day Sudan.

Feb 1

No change in time; at Takoiadi
Gold Coast: arrived night before; remained
outside harbor. - left 5 P.M.
Weather cloudy. Temp 76 (25) ---
Wonderful clean modern harbor
finished 1928; for 7 yrs 5-9,000 men at work.
Cost \$17,500,000; 3 million tons of stone by rail.
Wearing my grey army shirt for first
time; Mr. Gilbert: **"sehr schoenes Hemd."**¹³⁸
American – W. Africa liner in harbor; saw
US flag first time since N.Y.
Figured out our tips = \$15.17. Nau to settle
for them. Table steward 15 M. Cabin 15. Music 4.
reading room 2; baggage 3, drinks 2.) = 41 M.
Nau visited Am. Ship; finds our cars
leave Lagos, Thur. the 7, via the St. George;
At Port Harcourt Feb. 10
Took a 2 Hrs walk; took picture of
Manganese pile; Mahogany logs with an
African agent & official; wants a picture;
Marine police officers object to taking
of pictures of Marine police; they are in
full uniform, leggings, but barefoot!
Was at Barclay Bank, being assured that
our Am. Ex. traveler checks will be honored.
Take picture of two police men; give
me address to send one; a Catholic & a Scotch
mission man they are; one asks for my
address wants to write to me. Take
picture of 4 passengers under palm tree;
Want a picture.
All autos in tropics have steering
wheel on right side (new Ford, Buick,
Austin, Whippel, I saw today:) "Buick
climbs the hills," said a police officer.
Letter for Accra Mail to Lorna, cards to
Freda, Norma, Krefts

¹³⁸ "very beautiful shirt"

Feb. 2

At Accra No change in time

Weather clear. Temps. 76 (24)-84 (29)

Arrived during night. Stay out in bay quite far out; to stay until tomorrow noon.-

Kemner admits, "**habe mich letzte**

Nacht sehr versuendigt; gesoffen,; was ist den Mensch doch fuer ein Tier" ¹³⁹

Finished studying "Nigeria" by Maxwell.

(World dominion Press book)

We relish the cold fruit soups very much.

Unloaded cargo is hauled away by natives in boats, each boat manned by one pilot and 10 paddle (oars) men; paddles have 3 prongs; are used as fish spears and weapons; at times 20 or more boats swarming about our boat; over 200 men; they eagerly dive for tin cans thrown overboard.

Took 50 or more Mohammedans on board as passengers, whole families; quartered on deck under canvas; most of them have upper front teeth out; some say that they hold that this distinguishes them from animals; some of them faithfully observed their prayers, on their prayer mats, in spite of crowds watching them.

We learn that Methodists have 10 anniversary of their mission, 5 day celebration at Accra beginning today. We missed it, because we did not wish to spend 7s 6c to get to shore; too bad - Dance tonight again.

¹³⁹ "I really sinned last night, got drunk, what still is man but an animal."

Feb 3

No change in time. At Accra until 4:50 pm.

Weather clear. Temp 76-84, (24-29)

No services on account of **Heidenlaerm**¹⁴⁰ Un-

loading etc.- Catholics had a short service, naturally because they need not hear!

Began packing; - dried slippers; that had become moist on deck and in bathroom (shower bath).

Took pictures of mohammedans, their faces are masked).

Canoe of one native bears inscription:

"God never sleeps". - One of mohammedans whistled: Nearer my God to thee.

Mr. Chirm, active in British army as major in Africa: tells us of the wonderful, humane act of the German General Von Letto Vorbeck, who offered under white flag; the Germ. Army Doctor, to the British army, because they knew by good scouting that the British were without medical aid; tells us that in Africa the whites fought a Gentlemen's war! Avoiding destruction! Until Gen.

Hoffman "needlessly" ambushed & killed 170 British (he had 3,000 men); had to pay heavily for it soon afterward.-

Took picture of "Marine police" E.B. Akai; wants picture; asks my name; mark on face, cuts on cheeks are tribal marks; belongs to Presbyterian mission; calls Methodists a "mixed"¹⁴¹ mission. Speaks highly of Gov. Guggisberg For 60 pf. I received 12d=1sh. - Nau overheard Kaipō¹⁴² initiation:

The following section is a best guess; it is almost impossible to make out

3 questions as to what candidate would be: one:

benefactor of human race, ancient or modern: yes, number b. =

then just one : modern sh__ house! sit down = (farting!)

¹⁴⁰ "Dreadful noise"

¹⁴¹ A mix of many denominations, a practice common to many mission endeavors at that time.

¹⁴² Men's fraternity

Feb 4th

No change in time. Weather clear. Temp 76-86
(24-30)

arrived at Catouri harbor 7:45 AM. leave 9 AM.
Few passengers, mail taken by mammy chair.
Between 2-3 see Lagos coast; enter harbor
very slowly: being turned completely around
by tug boat.

Immigration officer permits us to go ashore,
but asks us to report to his office 10 AM. next day.
since he does not want to decide our case as
missionary representatives.¹⁴³

We leave boat at 4:30, although Mr. Wenk & others
advise us to remain on boat the next day or
until boat leaves.

No trouble at customs house, beyond
keeping natives off our hands, who all wish
to carry or serve somehow. We permit
one man to take charge of baggage & ourselves,
good man. – Walk to Bristol Hotel which the
Greek had recommended; no rooms. good thing, be-
cause no good impression; dirty table cloth;
only natives around. Take taxi to Grand Hotel:
Nau does all the dickering & bargaining;
We stay for 11sh 3d Pr. Day including all service
(About 2.85)

Lagos coast looked very favorable; on closer
view somewhat disappointing.

We each have a room to himself; no extra cost;
Really only hotel for Europeans in Lagos; can-
not be compared to our first class hotels; although
service is not bad; everything is slow, slow,
slow.

Had a bad headache second one since home;
did not eat supper; saw some wear evening
dress. First opportunity of sleeping under
mosquito net canopy; no mosquitos around.

¹⁴³ The government would decide whether or not an individual was a legitimate missionary.

Feb 5th

At Lagos, clear & warm. No record of thermometer.
Slept quite well; very much refreshed; headache
Gone; -thank God; coffee is brought to door!
current turned off at 7:30 AM - Nau is very active
& lively; Boecler and I -?- **Essen wird nicht schmecken**¹⁴⁴ not at noon either; evening better, Evening meal
at 8 o'clock; a banquet near my room (8), see
white & colored men in attendance. I used soda
water for mouthwash & cleaning teeth (some had been
left from night before, used for quinine). Went to
central police dept. to meet Immigration officer; we
are given entrance admission for 6 months, conditional
upon depositing our return tickets in com-
missioner's office. (Lagos – Hamburg). We are
advised to make application to chief secretary of
the Governor if we want mission recognized by
Gov.. Even white official slow & talking with
a drawl. At office of shipline we learn that we
must apply Thurs. morning to leave Thurs. afternoon.
Buy our white suits (2) at Kingsway Stores.
At 12 Sh. 6pf per suit = \$3.12. Dr. Nau's case
stolen, Police notified; are on the trail.
Exchange \$300 Trav. Checks at W. Afr. Bank, get rate
Of \$4.95 pr. Lb. = Lb 60/12; changes 14 sh. converts. \$3.50
Boecler forgets 7 sh. on counter in store.
Take film to Lagos chemists- Kingsway
server asks LB 5= \$25 for cot & mosquito net.
We see sign "Ora et Labora"¹⁴⁵ over Goldsmith shop.
Quite a few Ibesikpo¹⁴⁶ boys call on us; make
good impression. We must talk German
in dining room. – Postmaster Gary Dede of
Ebute Metta¹⁴⁷ calls; says Lagos Daily Telegraph¹⁴⁸ has
item about our presence.
Went back to Usaramo, Selwyn gives me 5Lbs. 7 sh.
For 100 M.

¹⁴⁴ "The food will not taste good."

¹⁴⁵ Latin for "Pray and work"

¹⁴⁶ Clan of people in S. Central Nigeria.

¹⁴⁷ Nigerian city Latitude 6.4897 Longitude 3.384

¹⁴⁸ Lagos Newspaper

Feb 6

At Lagos clear & warm 88+
Not feeling any too well; – homesick too.
Rooms in hotel have no windows or screens in
openings; only shutters. Postmaster Gary Dede and editor
of Lagos Daily Telegraph call; left 3 copies of Jan. 25th with
notice of our coming. Boys who did not enter school
when child have no opportunity to receive education
in gov. or mission schools. (age limit).
Visited Amer. Consul: has been here three yrs., glad for
his transfer to Riga¹⁴⁹; a very tired man.
hardly 3 or 4 Americans per year come here.
Does not speak favorably of country where we are
going. Hoover's picture on wall.¹⁵⁰
Mr. & Mrs. Selwyn called at hotel to visit us.
More Ibesikpo boys call on us;
We are taken to one of their number,
employed in Produce, Co. ; Nau & Boecler
being there, ahead of me, are treated to
beer, which is unpleasantly warm;
they wish to present to us 2 doz. eggs;
we can not accept them; we do accept
a monster pineapple. These men's
attentions, their friendliness is so
sincere, quite touching.
We learn about brass hooks as
money in their country, for 1 sh. 13 hooks.
(have a touch of diarrhea)
Letter home; card to Lorna and E.G. Fritz¹⁵¹
colored help during day at hotel are
sleeping on stairway. Used soda water
for teeth & mouthwash.

¹⁴⁹ City in Latvia.

¹⁵⁰ Roosevelt was the president.

¹⁵¹ Pastor in rural Fairfax, MN, WELS.

Feb 7th

At Lagos & on Sir George. Rain. Temp 86.

Hien Fong¹⁵² is good ; hepled me fine.

Bought camp cots, bush shirts,

fly tax¹⁵³; clinic thermometer.-

We hear that Iowa Synod ¹⁵⁴ has been reported to Lagos police commissioner as being registered (recognized) for doing mission work in Nigeria.

We went aboard Sir George about 3:20

P.M. - One colored boy carried on his

head my steamer trunk with Boecler's

suit case on top of it down

stairs & almost 2 blocks to the boat.-

Saw Islam woman do her

prayers right out in street.

Udo,- Ekong's brother, brought almost

half a flower sack of oranges & some bana-

nas to boat as a present for us.-

Quite a few natives on boat

again, but they seem clean.

Nau tells us that in India 20 cocoanut

trees support a family of six for a year!

On boat Nau & I have cabin together. Boec-

ler has another cabin mate.

Young Swiss French at our table; going to

Port Harcourt¹⁵⁵ French store.

Boecler has argument with captain;

captain denounces mission & education of

natives; claims to be an Episcopalian, but

does not believe Christ son of God, says he was

the son of Mary by Ceasarean operation! and so Mary

still a Virgin.

¹⁵² A type of tonic that was supposed to be good for indigestion, diarrhea etc.

¹⁵³ Bug repellent

¹⁵⁴ Lutheran Synod Based in Iowa, now part of the ELCA.

¹⁵⁵ Nigerian port city.

Feb 8th

On Sir George, weather clear. Warm. 14 passengers on board. 4 ladies; 2 (a nurse in training) left for Forcados Stopped at Forcados 11-12; that is a Niger delta port; went up the Niger; saw at least 4 arms on mouth of the Niger! Boat rocks much; is quite dilapidated; door to closet no lock, knob on hinge; curtain rod at bed falls down; cot cover; floor wash basin not clean; captain almost offensive to decent people; watch fell or rolled out of bed. service by natives not bad; get my hot water at meals, tea fine (had a cup of tea in bed.) Feel better on sea than in Lagos! Saw dense mangrove forests lining the coast up the Niger as well as along ocean. Forcados looked beautifully green. Saw an Am - W. Afr. freight boat near Forcados - surprized at Nau's eating for breakfst - oatmeal; bacon & eggs, sausage, potatoes, bread, coffee. - Native servants cannot read, hardly understand Engl. or speak it. Among native passengers on boat I saw "Pillsbury" Mnpls. flour bag; saw one native read book even loud to his wife who was sewing on hand sewing machine; later a daughter & the man also sewed on machine: saw woman give child bath of the same family which read and sewed! a man shaving simply with knife, no lather meal prepared & eaten out of wash basin; some have pillows, white slips.
Note on side reads: (Native passengers)

Feb 9th

On Sir George – Port Harcourt to Abba¹⁵⁶; Weather clear & warm

Entered Bouri R. about 9 AM watched shoreline
most of forenoon: native huts & villages; queerly shaped
mangrove, brush, swamp; many arms on mouth
of Niger. Bouri R. fairly narrow some places.

Boecler's cabin mate, the Greek T.O. Logios, a trader
& storekeeper in Abba (with a barrel store in Port Harcourt)
offers to take us to Abba, if possible, & past Abba
to our destination by one of his Lorries (Ford, covered
trucks). We leave with Logios in lorry rented
by him (because his larger truck is not allowed to
cross the R. bridge.) loaded beyond
capacity (of 4 men or equivalent); but native po-
lice hesitate to stop white men. We stop first at
Logios store in P.H.¹⁵⁷ – then at P.O., mail, & give direction
to Postmaster although official office was closed.

Can do no buying in P.H. - P.H.- Abba, 43 mile
Drive; driver, Logios & I on seat, B & N in back on
trunks! Road very good, partly paved; wonder
ful vegetation; rows of planted palms for miles.
road is marked as in US; many people afoot along road;
and on wheels, both balancing remarkable loads.
some, especially young boys all naked. See a number
of Qua Ibo & Catholic mission stations. Always keep to
the left; steering wheel on right side.

Arrive Abba about 3. (time when train leaves P.H. even
sooner.) Stop at Logio's store; take us to his home, fine bachelor
quarter; has quite a number of servants & his driver &
note on side reads: a watch man,
being so late, that we decide to stay: Logios a Godsend to
us; serves meal to us almost 6, had not eaten since
8:30 We sleep on our camp beds!

Parrot & cat at L's place. his bath room, bed room
porch & dining: extra storage, pantry has kerosene ice refri-
gerator: he leaves to meet friends; have one of his sodas-
he offers anything we care to ask for in his absence.

Orders his driver for us for 6:30 A.M.

We are to pay secondary RR fare for trip to Abba.

11 sh. For ride to Abba.

pay Logios 16/6 for trip to Abba. *Note on side reads:* Nau had forgotten his coat at L's store!

¹⁵⁶ Im usually misspells the city of Aba as *Abba*.

¹⁵⁷ Port Harcourt

Feb 10th

At Abba, on way to Afaha; Uyo, arrive at Nung Udoe¹⁵⁸
Foggy in AM Breakfast (after coffe, hot water) eggs & liver.
Leave at 9:40 instead of 6:30. Driver get Engine oil! Pretense
1) along the Road we have a fine Ford Lorry, capacity 20
persons; I have comfortable seat, rattan chair¹⁵⁹ & pillows
(I had paid L's boy dash¹⁶⁰; he was good to me.) with us are
driver's assistant; L's clerk & one more. – men in
bathing pool, naked. – Bicycle being used quite a little;
even by children attending S.S. white marble slabs, tomb
stones See a fine Gov. center; District Officer's place
Ikot Ekpene; up to here we drove east; then S.E. –
See many many missions; ! ? native teachers not
well trained! - See so very many children -(naked)-
their bodily nakedness to me a picture of the native's
spiritual nakedness; saw children's navels are
size of half fair sized lemon! - At Uyo 11:30
At our destination. Nung Udoe 12:30 what a wel-
come! We surprised them because Udo¹⁶¹ from Lagos
had wired that we would arrive Mon 11 A.M. ; Made
all preparations for mon. . whole community hundreds
of people, with masses of parading children
crowd around us and the place. We are surprised at
fine quarters; manager Udo puts his place at our
disposal; Trying to get a shady place, 200 are
around me in a little while.- All very friendly. On
walls of rooms we find W.L. Messenger picture; etc. Some
say they had to come to see whether it was true!
Actually driving and keeping crowds away with
Whip. – quite a few speak engl. - But oh, how
slow everything! Sang "**What a friend**"¹⁶²
"**Just as I am**"¹⁶³ some good voices. Eggs ordered at
1:30 served at 4:30. quite heavy rain Evening.
Native Gov. court messenger calls. A fat
heathen chief calls & salutes; – On plates the
words: God be with you; or Remember me.-
Did not see host's wife yet. - what a toilet!!
Like a cushion cover with hole in it; palm
leaf low hut around it, no door;
We are very thankful for people's wonderful hospitality.
Note on side reads: a few send us 3 bottles (large) gingerale.
Fully 1,000 people, gathered hurriedly.

¹⁵⁸ Also spelled Nyung Udoe, Nung Odo, or Nyung Odo.

¹⁵⁹ Chair made from palm stems, much like wicker.

¹⁶⁰ Bribe

¹⁶¹ Jonathan Ekong's Brother.

¹⁶² "What a Friend we Have in Jesus"

¹⁶³ " Just as I am Without One Plea"

Feb 11

At Nung Udoe. - Weather changing, cloudy, clear, warm.
Boecler has one room; Nau & I the other, N's terrible
Snoring; woke him at last with flashlight in his eyes.
Laundry to washerman, Devotion! Letter to all &
Birthday card to Frieda- what a Gala Day for the na-
tives. Gun salutes for us! At 9:25 leave for School,
Welcome program; drive in little Austin; battery
In big box in front where passengers feet are to be;
4 white pillows! See hog carried on rear of bicycle.
Long lines of children (480 +) lined up, standing in
perfect salute form; later march up in fine
orderly parade. Band playing. Solemn & well
presented program: see copy of it. The welcome
address, made & prepared by Nyung Etin Udo, our host, &
delivered or read by headmaster- was surprisingly good &
proper (see copy.)¹⁶⁴ Nau reads his Efik¹⁶⁵ address, applauded.
Boecler & I make remarks, interpreted by headmaster
of school. Singing of choir not bad. ¹⁶⁶ Impress upon them
that we are here for those who called us; not to
proselyte. - We had sent letter to Dist. Officer early
AM : - Fine answer by afternoon; to which we re-
ply ready to meet Thursday. Took pictures.
Nau & I drive to Uyo in Austin; get there just in time.
Make purchase of supplies. But Oh how crowded
for return trip!
In afternoon, a crowd of fully 3,000
gather about our place; staring; moved back
beyond fence; a continuous hum hum, noise,
drum; plays, games, dances, wrestling, shooting
B. takes pictures.
Members of a Roman Catholic mission call
say they want to join us, because too much
cheating in their church; we refuse to encourage
them. M.E.¹⁶⁷ Mission members call.
chiefs again, all kinds of them; men with crowns.
Ekong's mother called in AM; kissed and hugged her
son's picture on wall.¹⁶⁸ Host's brother- in-law, Qua Ibo
teacher calls; host has his family repeat Nau's
Catechism. Real judgement in case! History!
Note on side reads: Our combination camp & stove, arrives! "good"
meeting over at 11, very good attendance.

¹⁶⁴ Copy has been lost.

¹⁶⁵ Efik =Local native language

¹⁶⁶ A copy of the program can be found in the magazine, "The Lutheran Witness" V.LIV No.12, pg. 203.

¹⁶⁷ Methodist Episcopal.

¹⁶⁸ The arrival of the team meant that Jonathan Ekong was successful.

Feb. 12

Nung Udo school. Weather fairly clear; moderate.
9 a.m. left for Nung Udo school; 12-15 mi. walk
Nice clean grounds; Teacher Jsu Udo Akpabu, also
preaches, Infant school 2 standards 5-12 yrs. old 28 boys
2 girls; Nau speaks; F. Mudo, clerk of host ,interprets;
(Nau can check on interpreter) ask direct question,
answer by raising hands; (449 present, actual
count of all) about 295 adults; 185+ in church
last Sun.; almost all consider themselves be-
longing to this church; only few at central school
yesterday. 60 men can read; 8 women can read;
40 not baptized; same number desire baptism.
85 have communed C. ware from Am.; common bread,
evidently not a "special" visitor?¹⁶⁹ crowd demon-
stration, as we had feared. Singing compares well
with average Amer. congregation. - B. takes picture.
Given present of eggs, yams, a ram! - About 60
steps from church the nearest neighbor, a pagan,
has his place of worship; skull of goat; took picture of the
man, (his nose is eaten away) ; asks a dash!
Ju-ju dancers from 5 miles away at our house when
we return! Picture; leave willingly upon re-
quest. - We note the fine accounting of host's
clerks for town and school; Tell us about 3 celebra-
tion: 1 for opening of school Nov. 7th, As their own:
each family gives one manilla¹⁷⁰; 23 Dec. an-
niversary of winning their case brought by Iver
Ibo,¹⁷¹ give a free will offering; 24 have a
service & offering. Their school is not supported by govt.
Saw the water source; 2 swimming holes.
Frame work of new building intended for us
First mail from home at 3:20, had
arrived in Pt. H. with our boat -Thank God:
Freda, Lorna, Addie, Zarling.)-
Ekong's full brother came distance of 38
miles; very intelligent, & well educated, friendly,
learn "much from him" Distance from
home. 9905 miles = 1715 RR. 8093 sea.
97 car. Letter home & Lorna.

¹⁶⁹ Evidently, there was still some hostility toward this group of mission churches by others in the area.

¹⁷⁰ Nigerian currency

¹⁷¹ When the 16 congregations that became the Lutheran Church of Nigeria seceded from the Qua Ibo mission (their parent body), The Qua Ibo first of all tried to close their schools. When this did not work, they tried to confiscate the buildings and land. The congregations filed suit in Nigerian court and won. For more information, see A Short History of the Nigerian Lutheran Church, pg. 6 The Lutheran Press, Obot Idim, P.A. - Uyo.

Feb. 13

(Afaha) clear and hot.

Night was disturbed by pagans at some distance singing and tom-toming over a dead person. Were to leave for Afaha by bicycles at 8; bicycles did not arrive until after 9. B. & N. ride wheels.

I tried a wheel; having not been on a wheel for 35 yrs., and never on a coaster, it was not so easy; another man who wished to go- A. U. Akpari, took me on the wheel. We arrived (6 miles) at 10:15 – Few people there when we arrived. Ringing of bell soon brings quite a crowd. Short program; a hired band. Address of welcome not much. – Jon U. Ekong's home place, church-reports incomplete. Teacher had left with out knowledge of manager; "something happened"

Interpreter was Daniel Udo Ekong, Scottish mission minister without a charge. Called at Ekong's house, meet mother, sister, brother; drinks cocoa water; Eat soft coconut. Daniel Ekong shows us his place; neat young wife; he gives us a pineapple.

New church not completed. Program closed 12:05. Pictures taken. Returned 1:05

Ahafa people bring presents: 5 yams, 50 eggs, 5 shillings. We had sent messenger with letter to Westgarth;¹⁷² receive a very friendly answer arranging for meeting. Postmaster's answer about time of closing of mail unsatisfactory; wants 6 sh to inform us.- "Funeral passes; dead body of woman carried in box or basket on head of 2 natives B. & Nau feel they have enough of riding wheels in heat of day.

Start letter to Krefts.

¹⁷² James W. Westgarth, Qua Ibo missionary- started work in the Uyo area, was leader who attempted to confiscate schools from the 16 seceding congregations.

Feb. 14th

Nung Udo. Dist. Officer Warm.

Our host has great delight in translation of Luther's Catechism, Studies it every night with his family.. Much singing by him & others here..

Cook asks & gets advance money to purchase supplies; keeps & reports expenses acct. -

Heathen whose picture I took comes with a daughter, brings a chicken & yams; He is a member of a secret society shown by head rings; is an Epuk¹⁷³ head:

At 3 o'clock we call at Dist. Officer's Rest House;. he has court at Nung Udoe today & tomorrow. Mr. Marshall, the D.O. is a

comparatively young man. Very kind to us offers to make an attempt to

secure car or lorry for us. Will report our presence to Resident at Calabar¹⁷⁴;

Meet a Mr. Lomas, a trader at D.O's Give us valuable information about Ozala¹⁷⁵; somewhat discouraging.

This house is ca. 44X22; large hall inside 18X20; 4 rooms 10X12; 4 small rooms off Verandas 6X9; (ceiling in large room 12 ft.;) house 3 ft from ground:- extra stove bldg. Very good cement works, cost about \$1,500.

¹⁷³ Special society

¹⁷⁴ Port City in Southern Nigeria

¹⁷⁵ Nigerian City

Feb 15th

At IKOT OBIO ODONO.- + IKOT OKUERE; warm clear
Laundry returned; well done - we are to pay
3 sh per mo. for each of us. (=735) at 8 am we left
for Ikot Obio Odonon and Ikot Okuere; being
carried as passengers on wheels! First place
School & church a very good impression all a-
round. Fine writing, rather printing & figures
by pupils. - Ikot Odonon former Rmn.
Catholic, & few women read! At Odonon
actual meeting 9-9:40 - Okuere about a mile
east, meeting at 10-10:35 - Peculiar Bell = a
raised log of wood, pounded with a club.
Present at Okure: rooster, eggs, yams.
Returned at 11. Looked at Dispensary - not
very clean; Taking our weights indicates
loss of 20 lbs, if correct.
Big market day today, at Nung Udo
Market. - (every eighth day; next one: a week
from tomorrow.
About a dozen heathen chiefs announce
their coming: they pay their respects, some all
dressed up; one a fine shining brass hel-
met; present a young billy goat, 10 yams &
eggs; will come again to talk to us in house.
pictures of them are taken.
Market crowd 3-4,000; continues hum drum.
almost storm this place; near fight between a native
& Mr. Etim, our host. Letter from Port Harcourt Bank 9/9
credit on Lagos Exchange. "A Prophet and a Healer"
talk with us; one says his brother belongs to
Aimee Semple McPherson¹⁷⁶ temple in California;
250 serenade us, had asked permission for
2 hrs We granted 30 min.

¹⁷⁶ Charismatic Preacher from California with a large following, led a tabloid life, faked her own kidnapping.

Feb. 16th

At IKOT OBIO OFONG; Hot. Hamattan¹⁷⁷

We received a very fine letter from Ekong Udo Ekong. – Left for Ikot Obio Ofong, 8:25 carried on bicycles. Arrived 8:40.

Meeting with 24-27 teachers who had been dismissed by Q. I. because of secession: (see Nau report.)-

Teachers had given holiday on Tue.

Feb. 12, because of Lincoln's birthday.

Teachers give a few cocks, eggs, yams a present. - church meeting. - children drill for us.

Received letter from D.O. about

Ford, 4 passenger car to be rented @

2 Lbs per week, including driver; we

to furnish gas & oil. Hamattan

is apparent.

¹⁷⁷ Nigerian village

Feb. 17th

At Nung Ukana Weather not so Hot.
Left for Nung Ukana carried on wheels, ca
2 miles(1 mile N 1 mile W.) 8:40 Stopped at Elder
William, the man taking over from Q.I.- who gives
Com. ; we examined him, somewhat (see cus
toms #6)¹⁷⁸ Learn the difference between
3 kinds of palms: cocoanut palm, oil
palm; wine palm. - Beautiful striking
chime clock in church given by women.
Saw light or red haired negro.
Meeting was fine. 737 present. choir
sang fine. "My faith looks up" sung with
great effect, fine impression: first stanza
by choir alone first, then all, last stanza first
part soft, last 2 lines loud. ! Another song: "when
you go back remember us," -(see records in
Nau Rept.)¹⁷⁹ Went to school for records.
Arrived home 12:30 - cocoanut water at Elder
Williams. . Our host did not think of building
house like this a year ago. Secretly he made
sun baked blocks in bush; did not ever
let father & Mother know. - He became quite
sick, thought by some, his time had come.
His heart told him he would live. -
Etinan Q.I. hospital will not serve any
Ibesikpo people! - started letter home.
Phonograph scratching away this eve
ning ! We replace the music by singing
Eng. and German hymns; **"Nun Ruhen alle
Waelder"**¹⁸⁰ most fitting. last stanza: **"Auch
euch, ihr meine Lieben"** ¹⁸¹
Mr. Elder tells us about "Prophets &
Faith healers" in their churches-

¹⁷⁸ Apparently a section of Im's notes which have been lost.

¹⁷⁹ This document is available at the archives of Concordia Historical Institute or Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

¹⁸⁰ "Now Rest all the Forests..."

¹⁸¹ "Also, you my dear ones..."

Feb. 18th

At Ikot Udo Quite Hot.

People of Ukana¹⁸² bring their presents:

Billy goat, yams, very many eggs. Man
from Eket 28 miles away, a Qua Ibo man,
came, sent by some people to see whether
the talk that we have come is really true;

He says there are many who belong to no
mission who want to come & see us.

We left for Ikot Udo at 9:07, walked
36 minutes going to - and 30 min.

coming back. visited the school;
poorly equipped - church being re-built;

"Log bell." - Head chief says:

"there is no one to teach order here, I

ask you in the name of my people,

to come here and teach order."

Returned at 11:50

Present 2 cocks, 5 yams, 30 eggs.

Work on my accounts.

Mr. Copham came from Uyo

to fix our lamp; good light. -

Had goat meat this noon;

and goat omelette this evening.

Is not bad. -

¹⁸² Nung Ukana

Feb. 19th

At Ikot Udo Eyop. - Quite warm.

Note on side reads: about 5 miles

Left for Ikot Udo Eyop, carried on bicycle, at 8:20 arrived at school 8:50. Bell is cracked, not in use; on broken bell the words, in German:

“Gott ist unsere Hoffnung.”¹⁸³- Use log bell

took picture; nice school garden.

At church 9:10- 10:15 Quite a large gathering

370-400; I speak. (Job 8, 31-32) more men able to read than at other places; only 1 or 2 women can read. . Claim that a detective was present at the meeting.

Dropped in at Ukana School (2 teachers)

many children absent; at work in school garden; digging deep trenches for fertilizer (leaves). 10 :40

At Ikot Obio Ofong school at 10:55.

Govt. schedule gives 55 minute recess; most children go home for that. Friendly chaps shaking hands with us.. (always use both hands).. children well behaved.

We are treated to cocoanut water.

Arrive home 11:40

We had chicken, rice with good sweet sauce.

Howlers¹⁸⁴ had disturbed B. & N.s sleep last night until 2:30 AM. I slept.

They do this playing much in moon light nights. Add to letter home.

I closed my remarks before the congregation with: “ Abasi odion fi”- God bless you. (for plural should be: Jak Abasi odion Mbufu.”-

Messenger comes to report that our letter making arrangements for car had not been delivered!

¹⁸³ “God is our Hope.”

¹⁸⁴ People up singing and dancing into the night, often as part of pagan rituals.

Feb. 20th

Quite warm.

The shouting we hear this morning,
indicates the death of a big man,
& is to drive away evil spirits.-

Our plan of going to central school failed
for lack of wheels in time. - Find that
Mr. Etim deals at too low a profit in his
trading. -

We watch women boiling & refining
oil - very crude method; no press; palm
frond is placed downward on clear spot on
1. surface of boiled oil; what sticks to frond is
stripped off into tin for sale.

Bring letter record up to date.

Start letter to Standard.

Infant school teacher's meeting
from 3-5:15 pm- and only two teachers
missing. Read 3 chapters of
Sommer: "The Truth that makes us
free"¹⁸⁵ Read with greatly varying
ability. Admit that they do not
understand what they read.

Great, crying need for com-
petent leaders painfully manifest
and openly admitted and deplored.

Ready to prepare translations
of first lessons of Drew's Catechism
for next Wed. ; - (or more than one Ch.)

We make a record of teachers and their
standing. Three of us took a walk.

Good chicken pie for supper.

¹⁸⁵ Martin Samuel Sommer, Coeditor of "The Lutheran Witness," (LCMS's monthly publication).
"The Truth that Makes us Free" is a basic doctrines book.

Feb. 21

Uyo & Etinan Quite warm

Car, 4 door, 4# cylinder Ford Sedan came at 9:05 N. & I left for Uyo 9:23 Store; for supplies, petrol & oil (petrol 8gal for 18 sh. 1 gal. oil 3 sh.) ; cook drove with us going happily for some time. Went to Uyo P.O. Learn that we may get our mail Sunday noon.

Return 10:43 - left for Etinan for meeting with Q.I. 11 O Clock. - Mr. N. G. Udo asks to accompany us just for the honor. -

Arrive at Etinan boy's school 11:25

Meet Mr. Taylor & wife. Children, Mr. Nelson, & wife & child. Fine Buildings & grounds 287 boys.

Taylor is principle. Electric light plant donated by Mr. Weeks.- Mr Westgarth arrives; also Mr. Gamble. Drive to Leper camp; meet manager Mr. Currie and wife, he an engineer, she a nurse fine people; fine home; a very worthy undertaking, 300 patients; no help from Gov. 46 acres; - At hospital, also a beautiful lo-

cation! Meet Dr. Ross & Wife, Meet Mr. Mc Ewan, patient in bed. Fine luncheon for 12 (Dr. & Mrs. Ross, Mr. Westgarth, Taylor, Hutton Gamble, Nelson, Bill, McEwan & We 3.-

Meeting 2- 4:05: Westgarth, Gumble, McEwan, Nelson, Bill, & we 3. Fine gentlemen. For particulars see Nau report. Mr. N. G. Udo tells us that his sister's sick boy died today.

Feb. 22

Abak Ibiaku Uruan; Ikot Offiong.¹⁸⁶ Hot, Hotter
Gone by car from 8:15 AM – 6:30 PM
Arrived Uruana 9:20 Meeting 9:00 – 10:30
Scot. Miss. Territory beyond Ibesikpo
Present chief goat, yams, church & woman:
10 yams; eggs; lamb; oranges; bananas.-
Saw large Scott Church Tower clock; the
teacher at Independent school
says many left on acct. of polygamy. -
Back to Uyo for 12 at P.O. received
standard of Jan 3; which had arrived in Port. H. with us Feb. 9th. -
At Ikot Ofiong 2:15 on Cross River
beautiful scenery. Dr. Kruickshank; -
Old Scott minister; here for 5 years; not
very communicative. (left 2:45)
Arrived at Itu Mission hill 3:20
Met Dr. & Mrs. Howel in charge
of hospital of Sc. Mission met Dr. Mc
Donald, in charge of Sc. M. leper colony.
Saw hospital & Leper colony, 1,600 patients!
1,100 acres (1 ½ square miles); very extensive &
well conducted: babies, mothers, couples, men
women; fine large chapel! band, court school also
for adults in evening to teach reading; those who
can read receive Bible! moving picture show
industry, farm; - tea at Dr. Howel, meet
missionary & school supervisor McDonald.

¹⁸⁶ These cities are South and East of the cluster of villages that make up the Nigerian Lutheran Church.

Feb 23

Nung Oku.. & Ikot Oduot. Quite warm.
Left for Nung Oku by car at 8:30.
Driver killed a lamb; the owner, a heathen,
to whom we offered payment by cash or
other lamb or goat. - would not accept it;
Not blaming us, & would not deal so to strangers!
Remarkable trait! meeting at Oku a
small, new place, near catholic church;
At Oku 8:50-9:40.
At Ikot Oduot 9:48-10:53 good meeting
A chief makes long talk of welcome;
Asking us to come, offering all children
to us. - Present billygoat, eggs, yam.
Meeting with Efyong Ekong; fine
confidential talk; his letter¹⁸⁷ may be
used in America. Nau accompanied
him to Ekot with our car; visit the
Girls' school.
Mr. Gamble brings filter, borrowed
from school supervisor Moffet, who
goes to Belfast with McEwan
Man came all the way from Cala-
bar to see us.
Learn during evening devotion
that Q.I., Scott M. do not teach or
memorize Apostles Creed.
Finished article to Standard; Oron R.
Conference¹⁸⁸; K. Plocher¹⁸⁹, A Haase¹⁹⁰.

¹⁸⁷ A copy of his letter pleading the sincerity of the Nigerians' request for missionaries can be found in the Northwestern Lutheran Volume 22 # 21 (October 27, 1935) on page 342.

¹⁸⁸ Group of churches farther south in Nigeria.

¹⁸⁹ Pastor Plocher from Lichtfield, MN. (WELS)

¹⁹⁰ Pastor A.C. Haase of Monticello, MN (WELS)

Feb. 24

Nung Udo Communion: Mail rcvd.
Left for Nung Udo 9:35 rain last night
B & N left for Afaha services 8:40
and from there went to Uyo for
our mail returning 1:55 bringing
9 letters & 2 Standards for me.
I returned from Nung Udo 1 PM
saw commu. service, - 3 men
pass bread to 276 in 6 min. cup
- 9 min. Then the 3 take it from
elder, then he gives it to himself.
ceremony of blessing the Baby.
prayer L.P. prayer by a member, taking
baby and raising it - by elders -
Letters from Frieda, Norma 2, Edna.
Dorothy Matthews¹⁹¹, Wehausen,¹⁹² Waldo
Borth¹⁹³ (Schwartz)¹⁹⁴. - 2 Standards
Jan 10th & 24th- *note on side* B & N took parcel for Frieda's birthday along
Wrote letters & cards (see record.
Mentioned to B & N. plan for
happiest solution of problem,
by making attempt to have
Q. I. become Lutheran - or join
with us on basis of true unity & faith & practice.
First time that I went to
bed after 12 o'clock.
Saw people especially women bring seat or even
benches to church on head; child on hip or back.
Wise foresight.

¹⁹¹ Unknown

¹⁹² Pastor M.R. Wehausen of Johnson, MN, (WELS)

¹⁹³ Brother of Gordon Borth.

¹⁹⁴ Member at Fairfax, MN

Feb. 25,

Central School - Uyo Post Office Mailing day

Not very hot - Nice rain.--

"Small" market day

Left for central school 7:40

Arrived 8 – inspected gardens; -

saw drills, attended classes-

conference with headmaster

Eka on ownership etc. of school.

Hear of 200 Lb special grant by

Native council, sanctioned by

Gov...

Left for Uyo P.O. Store 10:25

Mailed letters etc. Postmaster

wants his picture taken:

Joined church counsel here;

we arrive at 12

Africa delegation here re-

questing us to come to Etinan

to Imar's class; Afaha Abia.

Made settlement with cook and

Boy; cook Efana, Boy Bassey.

cook get Lb 1/10 end of month, pd.

cooks 18 sh at end of Feb.-

boys Bassey + brother 10 sh.

Discussion with B & N on Church & State

they stood for asking state tax for

church shools.

Feb. 26

Ikot Akpan Abia + Ikot Oko Hot
Left 8:30 - for Ikot Akpan Abia-
and returned 12:47

Visited the 2 quite large congregations
at Abia: young women society
had a special meeting with us.
made a very fine impression, especially
by the words of the address read to us.
B & N drove to Nwaniba;¹⁹⁵ in their
absence I read my correspondence
and last mail again; wrote to manager
of Bank of W. Af. again.

Pineapple from Usugan Ekong.
with a strange sounding letter-
"Big Woman" dead, carried passed¹⁹⁶
here.

Read "Problem of Polygamy."

¹⁹⁵ Nigerian Village East of area covered on accompanying map. 390 Lat 5° 1' 60N Long 8° 4' 0E

¹⁹⁶ spelling is as is in the diary

Feb 27th

Mbierebe Uyo Hot

The night was disturbed; goat gave birth to one kidlet - more so by the weight of responsibility & relation to B & N. Joy in the Lord gave the victory! - Left for Mbiere 8:30 arrived 9:03

Went to Uyo P.O. - & D. O. to change money. Remarkable how children and grown people run after car!

Visit clan people from near Etinan call to pay visit and ask us to come to Chief's home & into their churches; delegation included: Africa, Qua Ibo, & Salvation Army members.

B& N find their good suits terribly moldy; luckily came off again.

Driver has me take bust picture; Thought he could have it right away.

Teacher's meeting: Miss Eka was present: high standing; but barefoot; - Wearing necklace, bracelet, green silk dress, fancy vary colored tuban under a black lace turban.

Interesting works of teachers translating Drew's Catechism; remarkable work of Nau. ("Religion" & "Reference")

Feb 28th

Aba Hot

B was greatly disturbed again, from 2-5 AM by people coming passed singing, etc. in honor of death of a Big Woman; "played" (African church) I did not hear it.

Left for Aba 8:10 taking our lunch.

Stopped at Uyo for Petrol; Arrived at Summers & Dennis, Aba. 10:30 pd.

for 1 Wk of car. (2 Lb); Mr Summers, very kindly man, gives much information about getting to Lagos. - We all had our hair cut at Native barber Mr. Patience - good man who is barber to the white people all around. (for all the D. O. for 10 yrs.)

Were at Logio's store. Nau bought cloth for suit. - Had our lunch in shade along road. (Banana, eggs crackers, soda water.). Arrived at Bishop's

Court 11:30 (looked church); were met by Westgarth, Bishop on the Niger, Larsby, Mr. Dodds, Dr. Dean, at 2 P.M.

attended the meeting of "Eastern Regional Com. of Christian council of Nigeria. Bishop Larsby, of C.

M.S. chairman, (Mr. Dodds opened the meeting (see Nau's report) went to Q. I. Station; met Mr. & Mrs. Wheatley (In temporary change) met Mr. McEwan again. Had tea. Left films at Allwell Brown; bought some at Lindly.

March 1

At Mbikpong. Hot

Left for Mbikpong 8:20 arrived 8:40.

Whole program for today had to be
Changed on acct. of death & Burial,
(yesterday) of an old chief in the vicinity
of churches to be visited for.. for 2-3 weeks the
man so honored.. some on that account not
ready to go to a "church meeting."

Surprised, impressed by the ability,
readiness of lay men to pray publicly. -

Teacher had no school because he "had
to prepare place & program for visitors!"

Saw a leprous woman at meeting;

Nose eaten away.. very bad knee!

Returned at 10:24.

Teachers meet at Mr. Nung's the man -
nager for monthly acct. (one reason
also why teacher at Mbikpong had no
school but he did not mention this.

Nau copies some of the proceedings
in record in Mbikpong church book. -

Man from African church came, asked
that we take them under our control
because they expect that we would allow
polygamy. (was told that only a dirty church
will allow polygamy-

Mt. Etim's 6 ½ yr old son, Frank Nung Etim

Walked home 6 mi. from Central School! -

March 2nd

At Itoko, Uyo Hot.

Left for Itoko 8:25 arrived 9:20.

B. stayed home, write to Fuerbringer.¹⁹⁷ - many narrow places on side road, - better for small Austin.

Nung Ukana has special prayer houses in districts of congregation for Fri. nights -

At the meeting many mothers raised the hands of their infants and other small children as desiring baptism;

other small children raised their hands;

No baptized children in entire church,

116 present at meeting. -

At Uyo P.O. received 9/5 from Bank of B.W.A¹⁹⁸ in adjustment of exchange of \$30.00

Returned 12:25 (Dinner killed goat)..

Bought basket with cover for 1 d (½); a water

pot ½ d. Letter from teachers requesting to be taught order of morning, evening service. -

-Chiefs wearing stocking caps top

going through crown; even fur

caps! - Smoking almost entirely by

women; (heathen women).

Waited for Mr. Eka, head master

all p.m.; he came at 5:30 discussed

Central school matter.

¹⁹⁷ A.O.Fuerbringer, Professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Lois, MO.

¹⁹⁸ British West Africa

March 3rd

I at Ikot Oduot. Quite Hot.

Each of us went to a different church.

Left 9:15 Mr. Etim also takes a clean towel to put on seat! - Car trouble for 20 minutes.

Arrive at Oduot 9:55; S.S. had met at 8, 46 present. New teacher starting today. -- Ready to open service at 9:55 -about 20-25 came later.

Near a R.C. mission I heard the congregation sing loud & well.

At Idono, where Boecler was, all fine order, but I saw lights were placed only on mens side.

Returned 11:30

Some more African mission men call on us; - given straight talk on polygamy.

Nau: after B. had prayed before meal at supper Table, - and I had arisen to get quinine

“Nun lasst uns mal ein Biercher beten.”¹⁹⁹

Read Livingston; “Dr. Hitchcock of Uburu” he states: Africa the land of interruptions Nau tells us about Simpson, old christian Hindu using as special gown for communion the night gown given him as remembrance of late Missionary Matthew.

Headmaster Eka in Central School Log book refers to holiday in P. School on account of Mass meeting for reception of America delegates: “mass meeting indeed, all 41 villages of Ibesipkpo, and many of other clans.

¹⁹⁹ Nau misspeaks, and instead of saying, “lets have a little prayer,” says “let’s pray a little beer.”

March 4

Ikot Okuba; Nung Uko Akpasima / Uyo Central school. Hot.

Left 8:25 arrived Okuba 8:42 Returned 11:22

visited 2 churches & schools. – Invitation
to meeting of Girl's club Nung Udoe for Tues.

Delegation of Apostlic Mission²⁰⁰ "coming
to us as "traders"!

Qua Ibo teacher comes representing one
village (African Salvation Army, Qua Ibo).

asking us to teach God's word better.-

African delegation stating they
think it not fair that their preacher
permits some to have many wives etc.

these representatives were vs. po-
lygamy; will tell their preacher & tell
him they would leave if things don't
change --- Salvation army man

of his own accord, asking about
completeness of Efik Bible. -

Went to Central School. (B & I
to Uyo first.) conference with Mr.
Eka at Central School - ate sugar
cane.

Reading: "The Negro" (Margnov)

Letter to Dorothy Matthiesen. –

M. Udo called to settle trouble

At the tailor, a neighbor. –

Stories about our coming: Natives
say Gov. is now quickly putting
stakes in land (surveying) because
Gov. fears America is coming to
help natives keep land!!

"They want us, because we are more
ignorant, - don't know what to do
with goats! –

note on side reads: told us at Westgarth's on Tues Mar. 5th

²⁰⁰ Revivalist, holiness movement church based in USA.

March 5th

At Afaha Ikot Osom: Uyo. & Westgarth: Hot Rain early morning & again at noon. (1-1.25)

Left for Afaha Ikot Osom 8:30 passing through very narrow passages again; B. to Uyo, sends telegram to Woerman²⁰¹, Lagos about leaving on Wadaj²⁰²; – B. invited to Postmaster's home for lunch. -

Teacher's church record shows a membership of over 500 - but we find the remarkable counting of going from 109-200; 209-300 etc.

Left for Mr. Westgarth's at Itam 1:52. At Uyo find letter from Woermein line, quite unsatisfactory! Westgarth's Mr. & Mrs. & son. – receive us very cordially; Serve tea & fish, Hear of Twins still being killed; fattening of bride;²⁰³ - Mrs. W. had kept twins 4-5 months & still the father killed them on returning them to homes (starvation.) Improvement! Twins feast.

Two chiefs from Etinan here
This noon; dissappointed that we had never called on them; left satisfied, even offereing land to us for missionaries. -

Another Afr. delegation here. -

²⁰¹ Ship line through which Boecler & Im would book passage back to Germany.

²⁰² Ship that took them back to Hamburg.

²⁰³ Two native customs- 1. Twins were a sign of bad luck and therefore killed. 2. Before a woman was given in marriage, she was sent to a "fattening house" where she gorged herself to become fat for her husband.

Mar. 6th

Home.²⁰⁴ Teacher's meeting - Hot.
Boecler went to Uyo to send letter
to Woermann's about securing early trans-
portation even on an English ship-
Nau has teachers in meeting for
translation of Drews-

I wrote letters; Ladies aid, Y.P. clan²⁰⁵ ; Edna
Loma.

Planned about my going to
Calabar. Discussed entire problem
at length.

Ps. 86, Lord teach me the
Way: I will walk in Thy truth.

Unite my heart to fear Thy name.

Mr. Udo's relative (half sisiter) was
deserted by her husband the day
she gave birth to twins.. one
twin was killed, possibly.

Mr. Gamble was sorely afflicted
for 7 yrs by skin disease or blood
disease caused by worms received
through unboiled drinking
water.

²⁰⁴ Nung Udoe

²⁰⁵ Young People's organization.

March 7th

Ikot Ubo. (Gambles) Hot.

Had arranged to leave for Nung Udo meeting of Girl's Society. Found it is tomorrow. wrote letter Frieda & Norma (or all). Took pictures. Find hair (lamb's) hair in soup & meat; – quit eating; let boys have it all; Nau finds meat outdoors covered with ants & flies! Enough of it! Sell the goats! Boecler's 19 year old daughter died of consumption in Chicago 10 yrs. Ago. (Hospital.)

Left for Mr. Gamble's at Ikot Ubo (17 miles) 2:30 arrived 3:15 Mr. G. is in Bible class with 60 teachers. Mr. & Mrs. G. splendid people; hospitable, friendly, she is very active; been here 22 yrs.; 17 or 18 yr. old boy at school in England. Find beautiful matts on wall: Thank God for yesterday. Praise him for today. Trust him for tomorrow. - Have tea even before Mr. G. returns, because with fine tact she did not disturb him in his important clan work.

He calls her a Jewel – A number of churches invested in cement block plant; making our blocks for fine church bldg. G. has 72 stations to supervise (he does not consider himself as such. - Fine central school, bld. blown down; erecting new one of blocks. Poisoning by Calabar bean – G.'s raised Jimmy the twin now 11 yrs. Old. - At one of G's stations 1,000 people meet every Sun. 30 yrs. ago only enmity vs. white man. - Iron for church from Hamburg.

Mrs. G. gives us jar of home made pine apple jam. Rubber trees along road (numbered in the hundreds)

March 8th

Uyo & Q. I. Schools. Hot.

Light rain last night.

B. attends meeting of Girl's
association at Nung Udoe. (59 present)
Favorably impressed.

N. & I left for Q.I. schools at 8:20 We visited
4 Inf. schools²⁰⁶ and 1 Central school. At the
first school Nung Ikot Itan; the children
sang very well for us: (85): one song es-
pecially for us Lutheran visitors: Here the
teacher is giving tune & song & whistled
the opening strain, - & then children started...
The Nsit Dist. Central school seems to
be very efficient.

Meet a delegation of chiefs & interpreter,
who had been at Nung Udoe to see us: have
a number of villages without church or
school. - At Uyo we learn that
mail is a day late, next Tues. instead
of Mon. - (too bad.)

Read "The Negro"

Went to M.E. Young Women Training
School²⁰⁷ & Hospital at Itung Mbang.

Two ladies in charge; a nurse & an
evangelist. (the one very fat, - the other very
tired. Training school not in session.
c. 4 sessions of 2 mo. - with one mo. vacation
between. Training for Home. No doctor
there now.

Friedeburts deathday!²⁰⁸

²⁰⁶ Infant schools: Comparable to African Day-care.

²⁰⁷ M.E. = Methodist Episcopal

²⁰⁸ Date on which Im's son passed away in 1924.

March 9th

Home Rain

Disturbance during the night when Mr. U's clerk at 12:30 brought one of Mr. U's dogs from the home place, badly cut. – This morning heavy wind & rain (tornado!).

B & N went to Uyo. I stayed home had headache; wrote letters; Balanced account; also the advance acct. as much as possible.

Heathen women (6) came in; some who had been cooking oil in Mr. U's shed.

First it appears they meant to see Mr. U. - ; leave; came again; patting their abdomen; hungry.. tell them I have no bread, but the bread of life God's word; say they are willing to hear sit down; ask them, whether they know way to heaven: then they leave at once. B & N bring information from D.O. about Gov. not opposing our coming in; also about what to do to lease land here. Agree that Nau should go along to Calabar.

Nau writing W.L. article²⁰⁹.

One man from near Calabar came to us as traders saying his mother owned land having gold, mineral, - & offering it to us to handle.

²⁰⁹ W.L. = Walther League

March 11

Uyo & Annua Catholic Miss. Hot.

Ma's birthday: - (Market day.)

In forenoon, we completed our mail for tomorrow.

Three delegations came to see & invite us; bought a dagger as souvenir. -

B & I went to Uyo; sending & telegram to Woerman asking answer by wire to our inquiry for earlier passage home. -

Postmaster asks me to take a letter to America for order of "protection rings"²¹³ vs. evil men & dangers.

B & I had a very pleasureable visit at the Catholic center at

Annua: The finest building we have seen so far for any school; built 20 yrs. ago. brick still looks like new. We were given choice of beer, even whiskey & tea; Father Duffy, Father Kirkpatrick on a visit. - was evidently pleased & honored by our visit. After beer, they also serve us tea. Father Duffy says God bless the men who invented the Cigarette & the bed: Kirkpatrick holds that gov. through natives especially is all bribery.

Nau has a very fine meeting with a number of the more gifted teachers for work on the Efik catechism.

At Uyo we almost lose patience with our driver for making us wait.

Father Duffy tells us that they have hardly any mosquitos at any time.

Showed pictures to Udo & others.

²¹³ Special ring believed to scare away evil spirits.

March 12,

Mail Day

Ikot Abia Ofong: Meeting of church Leaders. Hot. *little sun in top corner*
Saw man climb up & down a very high tree with ease by using strings of rope around body & limbs, similar to method of our telephone line men.

Left for meeting with church leaders.
See Nau detailed report for March 12th.)

Noticed: According to present methods here only one tapping of a palm wine tree is made; because this first tapping kills & is expected to kill the tree.

Plantain Looks much like green banana, tree much like it also, - but really is a vegetable rather than a fruit; - not sweet. - is fried for food.

Cassava same as Tapioca, is great root for food, (fu fu) especially for women, - is poisonous if not prepared right; must be soaked for 3 days to soften before attempting to prepare for food. -

Received our 3 mail: letter from Frieda, Lorna, Kreft; Leora Dridahl, Myolte Hagstad,²¹⁴ Standard Jan. 31.

Afternoon: conference with Mr. Eka & Mr. Udo on marriage problem especially forcing marriage of child engagement victims; also concerning leasing of land and

Gov. --

Enabled to make plans for trip home because we received word by telegram that we can leave on Wadai Apr. 11 Lagos.

²¹⁴ Members at Fairfax.

March 13th

Nung Udo, meeting with chiefs; – Uyo Nwaniba. Hot!

Nau & I began tabulating statistics. - Delegation from Annua (Cath center is there) came to greet us, and wanted to attend meeting of us & chiefs, latter did not want them.

It appears, they wanted help vs. gov. which sent notice of expenses to be pd. by taxes due to police protection for topographical survey.

Meeting with chiefs 10:15-12:00 A splendid meeting: chief Edano, the head chief, a remarkably able, wise & intelligent man.

See Nau report & my complete notes. – as in days of Israel's Exile God used Cyrus, Artaxerxes, and in fullness of time Caesar Augustus, - so it seems He would use some of these men. (Udo & chief Edano.) to be of service to his kingdom here.

(6 questions especially: 1. US Gov. same as Eng. G.

2. our teaching same as other mission, 3 are Afr. products sent only to Europe or also to Am.

4. Forefather all took palm tree as it grew; all of a sudden we are told to plant & cultivate it, is that good?

5. Do you ever have topographical surveys²¹⁵ in Am.?

6. is U.S. united with other governments to get together in big meetings or not. ! More than 60 present. –

Some chiefs carrying what is called & used as a broom here, no handle to it; Went to Uyo – Summer, Dennis sent us a diff. driver because it had been reported that we were not satisfied; had kept us waiting etc., we sent word to S & D to excuse him & not be too hard with him.

Talk with Postmaster, who evidently is very superstitious; wants to send print of his palm for palm of hand study to America. Fears harm is exercised vs. himself, wife since he is in P.O. dept.

Letter to Aba about pictures. went to Nwaniba & spoke to Mr. Nicholas about Calabar accommodations. - Nau has meeting with teachers.

B. wrote letters.

chiefs ready to cooperate with gov. in Survey. -

²¹⁵ Interestingly enough, these surveys, already controversial at that time, were a contributing cause of the bloody Biafra conflict in 1968. This conflict devastated the region.

March 14th

Adadia²¹⁶ M.E.²¹⁷ mission Pastor Green. Very hot
Use of helmet urged when out in moonlight.
Another Big man died: usual shooting & playing
Mr. Udo holds it is good for heathen to follow
old funeral rites, widow must remain indoors
unwashed unkempt until funeral rites are
over, may be up to 3 years;. eating of big man's
food part of rites. - Murdering of Big man
in order to get in on feast.²¹⁸ – Nau went to
Nwaniba, & Itam: I finished tabula-
tion of statistics, & reading of " The Negro". -
Afternoon, Nau had 5 teachers here for
checking up on translation of catechism. --
We discussed how to present our con-
clusion or intentions to Q.I. meeting
tomorrow. At 3:00 PM. B & I went
to Adadia, M. Mission center. Met
Rev. Green, here since Sept; volunteer;
Took medical short course, especialy to
enable him to diagnose cases. Head-
master at his central school is there since
1922. Tells us about their center at
Uzuakoli²¹⁹ leper hospital. Teacher training.
One predecessor here over 20 yrs.; bitten
seriously ill for 18 months. Adadia well
in the bush; leopards had troubled prede-
cesors; iron bars in window openings; -
characteristic Burial for a chief , a no-
minal Chistian through liberal contri-
butions, Policy vs. polygamy & adultery:
1 year suspension for adultery; 5 yrs for
taking girl to fattening house. Saw
smoke pipe & tobacco.. Uyo fly carrier of
yellow fever.. asking girl to get food from
market considered first step to adultery
Rev. Green welcomes our church &
says plenty of room for us.
Note on side reads: Rev. Green has 41 congregations.

²¹⁶ Lat 4° 58' 60N Long 8° 4' 0E East of the area on accompanying map

²¹⁷ M.E. = Methodist Episcopal

²¹⁸ People would kill important tribal leaders so that they could eat at the big feast which was always thrown when a "big man" died.

²¹⁹ Lat 5° 37' 60N Long 7° 34' 0E (North of Area on accompanying map.)

March 15

Itam & Uyo Cooler A.M. Warm
Some things are getting on
my (our) nerves; rooms here never
been really cleaned, scrubbed or
washed; chickens & goats entering
& passing through room: go into bedroom.
(sometimes Nau's actions)

Left for Itam, to meet Q. I. Men.

Mr. Udo & clerk along to go to a new field
to investigate. At Uyo P.O. told that
Aba photographer had sent out my
pictures long ago; Try to telephone
but failed to get Allwell Brown the
photographs.

At Itam; Westgarth, Wheatley
& Nelson meet 9-12 - (see Nau's
notes.) Westgarth disappointed-
missed Mr. Udo, clerk at corner.

Drive back later to get them and find
they did not have their meeting until
after 2 pm.

Pineapples bought at American penny a piece
not very large; size of those at house.

March 16th

Uyo, D. O. Very hot

Had headache slightly yesterday,
worse during night, not bad in mor-
ning; stopped during forenoon. -

Boecler stayed home; I had intended to
stay for & do business in Uyo in PM – left
for Uyo 9:40. (Nau went as far as lady's
meeting at Ikot Obio Offong); I had to
wait for Aba mail until 12:30 – was
at D.O.'s office and dwelling place; fine
scenery, took pictures: cashed a 5 Lb
note at D.O.'s. Telephoned to Aba –
Allwell Brown, tells me that he
mailed 23 prints on march

3. (of 24 films 23 very good.) -

Reason for having to go to Uyo in AM
is that on Sat. afternoons stores etc.
even P.O. is closed.

Mr. Udo's Feb. No. of Walther League Messenger

Came, - acts as a real (American tonic
& stimulant - read W.L. Messenger
& Missionary Report Calabar 1911.

Baskets made of bamboo fibre,
top part piassava²²⁰, from oil palm,
coloring by dye cooked by natives from
tree bark etc.

²²⁰ Stiff coarse fibers obtained from palms and used especially in rope or brushes.

March 17th

Ikot Udo service Hot, sultry – rainy.

Nau went to Uyo, Nung Oku Akfa served communion service, & to Uyo for Petrol, mail, to Itam to deliver our statement to Mr. Westgarth.

Boecler attends Nung Udo.

I left for Ikot Udo 8:31 arrived 9:10

accompanied by clerks F. M. Udo & Rumme Asuqua Anyang.

New teacher Solomon Udo Akpan.

When services opened at 9:50 25 people were present 11m., 9 w., 5ch. - when sermon started at 10:10 – 65 present

(22 m. 17 w. 26 ch.) at close of service 112 present (37 m. 35w. 40 ch.) Speaker spoke on I Sam. 28:1-16 Saul's disobedience. - I spoke on "Whosoever despiseth the word shall be destroyed." Saul's example and on regular contributions. -

The preacher no tidy appearance: no cloth - overhanging dirty shirt, barefoot.

Walk in afternoon; talked to teacher of African school near Nung Udo.

Quite a surprise to learn that everybody had expected us to be black people; since they thought all Americans were of one blood & color with them, as descendants of slaves from Nigeria sold to America; hoping also that America would join them in war vs. Eng. Gov.

Strange hair cuts & trimming for young men most of the head shaved, except a small patch near front of head, & some fringe or trimming over & around ear, Letter to Adolf K.

Started letter home.

Sketch of "haircut" in the margin

March 18th

Off to Oron & Calabar. Rain: cool.
Packed cots & goods for Calabar. B met young men at Nung Udo. Left for Oron 11:50 arrived 1:05; with us Clerk Udo – and up to Oron another one of Udo's men. Seems mister Udo had arranged without consulting us that 2 men should be with us. U. has sent word by canoe to C. about our coming; especially to a Mister Walter. Launch Ikpa of Elder Desupalier Line has two state rooms, without furniture; a bathroom & toilet: passengers sit on deck. (First time that I wear my grey suit & raincoat in Africa; - Saw banana leaves used in place of umbrellas. -)
Met a pleasant Jamaican a Calabar lawyer; gave us Eng. paper to read: Macau disaster.²²¹ Hauptman conviction²²²; Supreme court gold clause decision²²³: European German affairs. Met also the P.Z. District manager, his wife, & sister-in-law. Arrived 5:30. D. O. sent a messenger with notice that we could have Rest Room, & asking to notify him of our arrival. The Greeks even gave us chocolate on board ship. Mr. Walter had rented a room & brought carriers to wharf.; our man Udo, clerk moved out on this; & engaged other carriers- We prefer to go to Rest House – more quiet etc. Mr. & Mrs. Zoyopulo, the Greeks, kindly offer to take us to Rest House in their Car (Ford) gladly accept it --- Pastor of St. John's church & delegate not connected with any church, urge us to take their church. -
Nau went to buy some supplies.
Took my briefcase with passport money etc. into bed; also toilet case.! Next morning put my raincoat into bed under the bedsheet.
light for us at Rest House
common lantern
dark dirty chimney.

²²¹ Mao retakes control in Synyi, China.

²²² Controversial conviction of Bruno R. Hauptman for the kidnapping of Charles A. Lindbergh's baby son, he was later executed.

²²³ Battle of constitutionality of a bill mandating the comendiering all gold from individuals by the U.S. govt. and replacing it with certificates. This was a move on Roosevelt's part to try and stimulate the plummeting economy.

March 19th

Calabar Hot & Clear.

Rest House quite comfortable; cool breeze even at noon.

Breakfast sardines, hard boiled eggs, soda water.

Walked to B. Bank of W. A. - to cash 50.00 for fund 10 for myself; cashier invites us for dinner; can not accept. Stop at

Kingsway store; meet Mr. Walter; go to Duk Town school;

receive impression of very busy & active school. Head-

master, a Jamaican, Mr. S. Hart - here for 31 yrs.

1,300 enrolled, one out of three a girl! Govt. grant 2000 Lb.

fees 800 Lb; Grant from Scotland besides this.

55 teachers; 43 certificated; also lady civilian.

Visit European cemetery, where Mary Slessor²²⁴ is

buried; cemetery locked; took picture as good as

possible. Quite a walk to Woermann line

office D(eutsch) W(est Africa) **Handelgeschaeft**.²²⁵ -

Find that we may very profitably board

Wadai at Calabar- go via Duala to the Lagos!

Make purchases at Kingsway store; the manager

treats us to an ice cooled soda, first cool drink

in Africa since Feb. 4th . - for lunch we had

"string" macaroni tongue, crackers, ginger snaps

soda water. - D.O. who received our note

this morning, informs us that he will try to

call on us this evening. -

Fine cool rest at window opening during
noon hour.

Went to Hope Waddell school; bought

books; viewed the entire campus &

buildings. Mr. Re. James, white man,

acting principal, our genial guide.

The Bible in church the "most precious
thing in Calabar" - a treasured heirloom,

given to Hope Waddell by his

Uncle Hope in 1855. - Tea at the

James house. Very very welcome & so rest-

ful; fine scenery. (178 ft. above river below)

Saw also European clubhouse; -

Bought 1 Lb 6 d. worth of souvenirs from

Hausa.²²⁶

Note at side reads: Nau went to acc. Mr. Walter 1 mile.

²²⁴ Methodist teacher & pioneer in the Nigerian mission fields, she worked at starting a town school at Duke Town, and helped build the Hope Waddell Training Institution in 1895.

²²⁵ "Company"

²²⁶ Kiosk

March 20th

Calabar; launch, Udoe Hot!
Last night St. John's church delegate
came again, with letter pleading that
we take them over! Left resthouse 8:10 A.
for Bank cashed \$5.00 for fund, \$10 for myself
Lb 101- 7d; 1 LB rate of 4.95 providing
For adjustment at Hamburg; banker told
us that from Mar.1 – Mar.6 rate had gone from
4.82 – 4.72 – went to European cemetery again
no key at mansion because "master gone" -
Entered cemetery from rear; took pictures of
Mary Slessor's grave. Launch left 10. Catholic
father tells us about Affam's²²⁷ last
stormy voyage in Bay of Biscay; 2 men
of crew washed overboard, one drowned; other
washed back on board; - two lifeboats
smashed; Zion M.E. Gold coast
native missionary, Nau at Oron, insists
on talking to us. Hausa dealers
molest us. -

Quite a few natives on launch.

fare 1 sh for them 7 sh 60 for white.

Only N., I, catholic father white passengers.

Actually have been suffering
from thirst for hours; water on
launch filtered but not boiled. Catholic
father had been seriously ill with
dysentery; malaria from water not suf-
ficiently boiled.

B. bought 2 doz. very fine red bananas
for 1 ½ d. (3 cents)

Wrote the "Surveyor, Port, Telegraph" about
having or investigating loss of parcel with films.
B took films to Aba on Tues – can not have
because not registered."

²²⁷ Shipwreck of S.S. Affam, WWI.

March 21

Nung Udo. Sultry warm.

B. went to Nwaniba & Uyo in connection with our new plans of leaving on the Wadai from Calabar; & going to Calabar Sat. March 30.

Send my letter to the Surveyor registered, in connection with investigation of loss of parcel with films & pictures. Worked on statistics greater part of the morning.

Letter home, to Lorna.

Have queer headache probably sun headache from heat and exertion in Calabar strenuous walks.

Nau had 3 teachers in work on his translation of Luther's Catechism.

Lady from Calabar came to pay us a visit; is not afraid of native canoe turning over & drowning her because "God would not let that come; I prayed to him about return home by water."

Two natives had a quarrel about the possession of some palm fruit. As a result neither one is taking it; but permit it to lie in street.

Woermann telegram that W. agrees to our embarking at Calabar.

March 22

Nung Udo. - (Fever.) Very hot

Stayed in bed forenoon, temperature 99 0/5 - 100 2/5
headache gone; pulse 77-80.

Twins born during night in Ikot Ikot con-
gregation (Udo's home town) the father's
brother present reports to Udo at once. Mother &
twins taken to uncle's home. Nau goes there
in afternoon, B. sends money (I did not know
it.) Mother is in great danger for life of twins
no twins have grown up in Ibesikpo so far.
Poisoning people still in vogue here; even
clerk Udo is afraid after certain council
meetings to eat, drink at the feast.

Nau's expression, **“nicht nach Dippel Dappel**

Dur” = Schablone²²⁸.

Nau tells us about death of missionary
Mather in India; noticed in morning that he
had “pest”; goes to dispensary to assure himself,
comes home, tells his people, bids goodbye;
goes into his room, closes accounts & report;
washes, dresses, white shirt, black tie, lies
down, & dies before evening. - In 11 yrs.
work had seen only one convert by his
work, – old Sinner! 4 yrs. later came
fine fruit from his labors.

Missionary Mather in India; crowd does
not want to listen to him, buys a
big pot, comes back; stands in front of
crowd, holds & dashes to pieces the pot.
Crowd watches and he says: “so God will
dash you to pieces” etc. – he has their
attention.

When N came to India there had
been 7 yrs. without rain!

²²⁸ “not according to dibble dabble template” = (not according to) Pattern”

March 23rd

Nung Udo. (fever) Quite hot.
Fever about 1 degree less than yesterday- (thank God); 98 4/5 – 99 4/5. B & N went to meeting with "Prophets" faith healers, who are quite numerous here.-
See Nau daily report – I stayed home – rested.. took a shampoo-
Took Hien Fong²²⁹ : wrote letter: card- (Plagge²³⁰– J. Albrechts²³¹, J. Bart; Ohrundt.²³²)
Mr. Udo's own brother was sent to prison by D.O. for taking part in unseemly practices of prophets-women in bush.-
Things getting on our nerves: table boy's dirty stinking shirt; we gave him money to buy new one:
The open court between this & old house - with goat barn; goats through house; Smoke into windows..
Efyong Ekong calling on us; the burglary at Eket school girl was committed by prison warden.
Mr. Udo cleans our helmets.

²²⁹ Tonic, much like Pepto Bysmo

²³⁰ Members at Fairfax Church

²³¹ Possibly James, Im's cousin Bill's son cf. Jan 1.

²³² J. Bart & Ohrundt's identity are unknown

March 24th

Nung Odoe - fever.. Hot.

Fever somewhat higher than Sat. Dr.

Nau drives to Dr. Ross. B. attends church where I was last Sun. Leader preaches on David's fall & repentance but reads a S.S. lesson Luke 2:28-29 - Mr. Udo not to church because he had figured to go to home town with N. - has services with preaching at home. 10-12 present; family & few others.

Dr. Ross & N. arrive between 10 & 11.

Says: nothing to worry; eruption, rash more or less common for Europeans; most likely due to infection from canned goods. Should pass in few days; offers me to come to their place for few days; should wash with boiled water. Nau takes him home via Uyo for mail - is invited for lunch at Ross. -

4th mail arrives; 3 Letters from home

(Lorna, Addie, Zarling, Feb. 10-19) 3 Standards are with my first letter. (mistake 24,000 passengers On Europa.)

B. has word that on Feb. 24th St.

Louis Luth. Hour²³³ broadcast safe arrival of Usaramo in Lagos.

Wrote letters.

Dr. Ross leaves a preparation for moisturizing the blotches to prevent from breaking open.

March 25th

Nung Udo & Etinan. Hot.

Fever higher up to 101. -

Writing letters -- notice that fever rises invariably within 2 hrs. of even very light meal.

B. reads Mary Slessor. N to Uyo.

4Lb 5 sent to Allwell Brown for films & prints. -

Dr. Ross & Mrs. arrive about 6 O'clock; is well enough as far as it goes; but offers advices that I come with them, so he may observe me better & help matters along, so there may be no difficulty in boarding Wadai: - Feel very thankful & happy for the opportunity. God bless & reward these kind friends is the refrain in my heart - ! Arrive at Etinan about 7 in spite of work on remodeling the house these people are eager "with joy" to take me in! Have a good meal!! feel fine. -

Mrs. Taylor & Mrs. Brown came in the evening; pleasant visit; all but the Ross's, from Etinan leave for a conference tomorrow.

Boy reports man brought to hospital who received bad cuts over nose by bush knife in a fight. -

Retire at 11 O'clock, after a fine bath in bath tub!

Cool drink here because R. has an Electrolux.²³⁴

²³⁴ Kerosene refridgerator.

March 26th

Etinan at Dr. Ross. Hot.

Fever lower. - Ross well pleased.

Slept quite well for about 6 hrs. Taking but little food; For part of day slight migrane pain. Stay in bed greater part of day; Dr. R. & Mrs. themselves serving me.

Busy day for Ross; Tuesday "external day" = rounds etc. R. himself says he feels not so fit; easily fatigued: too busy without relaxation for months: 50-100 cases on day of "externals": an operation or 2 today and about half dozen abscesses to open. -

Europeans & Qua Ibo mostly drive their cars themselves.

Tell me that we came into an exceptionally hot spell in Africa.

R. can do his own building repair work.

Went out "for a blow": take a car ride to cool off.. took medicine to various people. Went to leper colony; Mr. Currie has a surprise for all by his cool drinks, - for yesterday they received their Electrolux; had kept the order a precious secret.. Have a colored lad 4-5 yrs. old as theirs; Mrs. took him when he Kenneth was one day old. Mr. Curie & Kenneth came along for late dinner.

March 27th

Etinan at Dr. Ross. – Hot.

Yesterday temp rose to 101. Had a very blessed conversation with Dr. & Mrs. Ross on mission Ibesikpo & religious questions. R. strict fundamentalist presbyterian. Father Presbyterian pastor, intimate friend of Dr. Macher; he is possibly the only outstanding fundamentalist in & near his part of Ireland. (Belfast) Mr. & Mrs. R. say if Q. I. enters into union with other missions now here - they could not follow but would leave the mission. Say they are not afraid of our coming in, for God has been with them - will permit no harm to come to his work. God has most signally heard & blessed their prayer & trust – so they never closed a year (46 yrs.) with a deficit. When Gov. offered help to enlarge the hospital, they did not accept the offer; but God in a remarkable way through one man gave enough to build the women's ward. Mrs. R. says if only 73 women reported to us as able to read, they lied because every inquirer learns to read before accepted to come. - !

B & N. come over for a visit. B would rather have me not go to Calabar, but take train later for Lagos by the 10th

N. & Dr. R. hold it is best to go to Calabar. Fever like mine is quite serious for Europeans, - sometimes for months. Mrs. Ross gets it toward end of every season here. Dr. R. will take me to Udo on Friday.

March 10

At Mbik Pong²¹⁰ church. Hot.
Left for Mbik Pong 9:20 B. & N.
went further to 2 other churches. Teacher
opened punctually; (he is not actually a
teacher. The man assigned to the place
was not accepted by the people. In S.S. ²¹¹ only the
men were given attention by teachers, women &
children entirely ignored. Sermon on Heb. 12,
seems stress Christ Jesus effectively. Ushers
active very ostensibly, making parents
place children on floor to sleep; takes
children unnecessarily to a place in rear
of church to be watched; bringing green
leaf for a mother to wipe face & arm of
a child that had vomited. I spoke on
2 Cor. 6:1 (work together with God; -
God's three tools – means of grace – for
whom; not receive in vain.).. -
Singing in parts. (3& 4); more accom-
paniment their tune.
Worked long to finish report
to Treasurer Eckhart²¹²...
An African M.E. member or
worker wants us to come & see
his people & pastor Henshaw. – agree to
see him & pastor on our way to Oron
Mon. Mar. 18.
Four weeks ago we came to
Nung Udoe; we have learned by
seeing & hearing African conditions!

²¹⁰ (also spelled Mbikpong)

²¹¹ Sunday School.

²¹² Mr. Theo. Eckhart, treasurer of the Synodical Conference.

March 28th

Etinan. Dr. Ross. Rain. Cool.

My fever up to 100 2/5

Ate quite well. Poached, toast & ovaltine for luncheon. -

Dr. & Mrs. Ross went to conference taking Mr. Donald Curie along. came into heavy rainstorm; off their road on way home; Dr. smashed his new & valuable tail light; returned about 9:30; Mr. Currie payed me very pleasant visit. Had boiled egg, toast, ovaltine, jello for dinner. (ovaltine & crackers also in afternoon) Mrs. Ross says she gives me first good mark for eating. Had retired (after my bath) before they returned.

Written sideways at bottom

Time: Friday March 29th

Mr. Bill hanging chimes (few tones) and tower clock 100 ft. up is installed by him at his church!! Great as machinest! Gamble's experience with chief witch doctor has a boy read part of Gospel of John every day to his improving; he getting worse confesses about having kept certain idols secretly; G. tells him God knows - one day comes with bundle of skulls knives etc. says how he had killed those men - ready to give up leaves all. becomes a good Christian-

Mr. G. assures me of his prayer & his confidence as to recovery.

Friday 29th Cont.

Etinan. Dr. Ross Hot.

My temp morning 99 2/5 – Had a good night.

Mr. Westgarth, & an Am. Baptist Missionary from northern Nigeria call to have Dr. Ross show them the leper colony. (W. does not call on me.) Mrs.

R. prepares luncheon for quite a few members returning from conference. - Mr. Gamble visits me – unexpected & blessed visit. G. is here in prayer: 1914 he enters missions: father & brother

much opposed; must sign off all claim to inheritance. does so: Doctor says "You will not live 24 hrs. in Africa; - that Dr. dies suddenly within 24 hrs. – Tailor refuses to make tropical suit for him. Another tailor gives an unheard of bargain.

Some of his experiences of answered prayers:

1. When gov. 1916 tried to make him enter war rather than permit him to return to Africa.

2. In the midst of torpedo & submarine

net! Storm saves them. - 3. Actually

having a special prayer for rain answered

most remarkably! - 4. When the anchor of

their launch became fastened & could not

budge it. - he & boy go into prayer; voice tells him

what to do - succeeds & pulls out another an-

chor & chain, that Mr. Bill had given up!!

Was under Mr. Bill 2 ½ yrs. Bill operates

on a woman after reading up a case, ordering

instruments – successful – after 18 mo. woman

gives birth to healthy child. -

Left Etinan 6, arrived Udoe 7. Dr. & Mrs. Ross & W. Westgarth; Mrs.

R. gave me a fresh egg - would not permit any payment

for all their work & expenses! Models of Christian hospitality!

Left 2 Lbs for them under clocks in their bedroom—

Settled money matters at N. Udoe, left 60 Lb.

to Dr. Nau.

March 30

Udoe. – Oron - Calabar. Quite hot.
Did not measure temperature all day.
Packed with very able & willing assistance
of Dr. Nau.. Left for Oron & Calabar about 1 P.M.
Truck not very comfortable. Thank God that
I stood trip well.. – Left by launch 3:30 B. &
I the only white passengers. Arrived Calabar
5:30 Launch Captain (black man) ready to
secure lorry for us; but Mr. Linke, Woermann
line Repr. - sent lorry with 3 men to take
care of us & baggage. - Taken to D. W. H; leave
trunks & box. – and are taken by auto to Rest
House. God's wonderful care again!!
Boys troubling us about working
for us.
Quite comfortable at Rest House. We
are the only occupants. -
Transoms²³⁵ have mosquito screening,
but door & window openings have not!
At Woermein Line Storage we meet
a sturdy pleasant looking native speaking
a fine German; is from Togoland.²³⁶
Nothing but soda water to drink
while here. -
Learn that Wadai comes in
April 2nd. Tues. A.M. most likely; leaveing in
afternoon.

²³⁵ Cross piece separating a door or window from a window above it.

²³⁶ German colony in Africa.

March 31

Resthouse. Calabar Mild & rainy.

Slept well; thank God! -

B. read sermon on "Heaven & Earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away!" The word of G. in the ravages of time: has stood - is standing - will stand." What a privilege, what a blessing to be a messenger & servant of the eternal Word!

A remarkable evidence of God's special care for us once more: Food problem for me today! B. takes walk this Sunday morning: - sees ovaltine sign; recalls - that Dr. Ross gave me ovaltine regularly; finds Kingsway Store manager is taking stock; in spite of notice that not open for business, - he enters and the manager is happy to serve him with - ovaltine, milk; was I happy & thankful when B. brought this. We have no time piece here; it seems impossible to understand the bell in its tolling of the hrs.; according to B.s explanation we thought we had solved it; & taking the ringing of the bell under that explanation, - we figured it to be 6 P.M. when lo, behold it was only 3:15 Sun. afternoon. Slow day.

Read Mary Slessor

Lived in my pajamas while at the Rest house -

Temp was 100 in afternoon.

April 1

Rest House Calabar. – Clear & very hot!

Slept well again. - Thank God! -

A Blessed hour or more of prayer & meditation.

B. had gone to town. -

Temp. shows normal for first time

10 or more days! - God is unspeakably good & merciful to me. - May he keep & strengthen me to serve Him with joy & power more than ever! I thank Him for the knowledge of the wonderful answer to prayer of some of the men I've met;

(Gamble, Bill) -

Prisoners & others "cutting lawn" – with bush knives – some using stick to lean on. -

Ovaltine is regular food for me! Hien

Fong appears to have been specially blessed by God for my use. –

Wrote letter to Dr. & Mrs. Ross,

Dr. Nau , Postmaster Uyo -

Entered "special blessings - note books.

Learned to tell time by Calabar

Bells; full hr. by even numbers of

bells: 2b -1, 5, 9

4. 2 6 10

6. 3 7 11

8. 4 8 12

The odd number gives the half hr.

Between.- 1= 12:30 etc.

3 1:30

B. brings the information that Woermann

lorry will take us to Wadai 10 A.M. Sun.

Thank & Praise & Trust God.

April 2

Calabar & Wadai Rain & hot --

My temp 99 1/5 in P.M.

Between 8 & 9 we saw Wadai anchor quite near Rest House.

Shortly before 10 Woermann lorry came for us; short on petrol; delay also by taking us to custom house by mistake, caused by B.s phone call;

Caught in rain, we are delivered at wharf; meet German going on Wadai

just for visit & meal. Board the Wadai about 11; return ticket

all ready for us; taken to our cabin # 8 . Spotlessly clean.

Fine luncheon; - weigh myself

67 ½ kilograms = 148 Lbs lost 20 Lbs + since left home.

B. gives me chance at lower berth.. -

Splendid music by trio., 3 table

stewards, who are also bath stewards,

librarian. Meet Basel missionary

& wife from Cameroons, Tischauser,

returning to work; also a Miss Yeatman

C.M.S. missionary²³⁷ from Onitscha²³⁸, on way for furlough in Southampton.

Dr. Schad, Ship doctor, our table mate.

agree to make trip to Buea with him.

Haircut!

Ate very hearty dinner!

²³⁷ C.M.S. = Church Mission Society, a conglomerate Protestant church body that began work in Nigeria in 1844.

²³⁸ Nigerian City

April 3

Wadai, Victoria, Buea; & Santi Isabella Rain
My temperature normal late afternoon! How
Blessed of God!
Early leave for Victoria & Buea delayed by
rain; then given up because of "no car"
9:30 Dr. Schod, radio master Piltz, miss
Yeatman, mission worker (C.M.S.) from O-
nischa, I are taken to Victoria by boat
Launch; make arrangements to get car
for Buea; - Dr. buys fine "chair" 6 Lb.
pays few pence for few "bananas" is
given good portion of a whole bunch!
Giving up car, we go to Basel²³⁹ mission;
Meet General Praise²⁴⁰ Wildi (here since 1924)
Herr Lieb, Herr Liekau - Basel mission
has 18 white missionaries (with 3 on furlough)
with wives & children (18 children.); 17,000 people. -
700 preparing for baptism; field covered; -
must fear catholics; -
We drive to Buea (4 sh per pass.)
Wonderful layout! Bismark plaque;
Flowers! Wonderful air! Unfortunate
to have mist of clouds; Returning
we are caught in heavy rain; car off
road! Dr. Schod & Herr Piltz in rumble
seat! Enjoy tea; had only
bananas for luncheon. Long talks
with Miss Yeatman on Religion! -
B. has secured deck seats for us -
Cameroon Mtns. gorgeous! 4,400 meters
high the highest one!
Anchored near Santi Isabella, Fernando P.O.
loaded until late night; many evening visitors on board.

²³⁹ Mission in Western Nigeria

²⁴⁰ Praise = "President"

April 4th

(Kobi). Wadai Clear & warm
Very good night; normal; God be praised!
Before returning last night, had a brief,
talk with Captain Schmidt, who rejoices and
appreciates our German talking. Even so also the
I Engineer, Grotman, who could hardly be-
lieve that I was not born in Germany.
Fine talk with Tischhauser, on Basil
Mission & General Mission Principles. He is
very wise counselor! Feels the folly of "union"
Read Basil Mission **Bericht**²⁴¹ 1934 ; im-
pressed with **"Wer mich bekennt etc."**²⁴²
Worth while rain-coat, one like Dr.
Schad has; **"Kloppen Rock" von Rosenbam,**
Baiern.²⁴³
In Kobi **von**²⁴⁴ 10-5.
Read "Basis for Union" for
church in S. O. Nigeria; aim to be
fundamentalist apparently.
Bought books of ship money for 1 Lb.
Number of missionaries, wives &
Children, including medical (2) on
board ship.

²⁴¹ "Report"

²⁴² "Whoever confesses me etc..." (The words of Jesus, "Who confesses me before men...I will confess him before my Father who is in heaven.")

²⁴³ "A trench coat from Rosenbaum, Bavaria."

²⁴⁴ "from"

April 5th

Wadai (Duala. Rainy - clear, medium.
Night quite warm especially for B.
Anchor near Duala; to stay until
Sunday morning..
Tischhausers leave boat; we met
the Pres. Of Pavisier Mission (Rousseau)
Met Rev. Ekruth, Swedish baptist mission
(has family with him.)
Meet Dr. McCracken of Am. Presbyterian
Mission in Cameroons, at Elat; wife &
little boy with him. (Mrs. Did not leave
cabin today, fever possibly Malaria.) ; tells
us no young unmarried man should
be permitted to enter African mission; -
His brother in Pavisier Mission unmarried
for five years - must return, is broken man. -
Second Officer, who was bitten by a Native
on former trip again badly laid up with
infection on toes; Dr. Schad worried about
him today; has a fever now; very pleasant
man. - Fine talk again on Germany
with Radio man Pilz. -
B. & I go to Duala; fine impression;
notice many Europeans; colored men
talking German. - B. succeeds to buy
white shoes. -
Read Mary Slessor. -
Dance on upper deck: not much
interest in it by anybody.
Seeing loading of bananas for first time;
ladder & men briggade, from matressed
platform to platform - "men to men"
slapping, kicking, switching of crew boys!
1 trader has 30 % bananas rejected as too ripe.

April 6th

Wadai, Duala Clear, Hot.
Quiet & warm night. Quite
good rest for myself again-
Read Mary Slessor; Quite a
talk with Mrs. McCracken on
home & family. Tells us how
well equipped the Am. Presbyterian
Medical Mission is. Dr. McCracken
has charge of music at their Elat
church. Complains about piano
not standing up in tropic climate.
Ship pianos kept in repair by piano
player; have tropic proof piano,
in a measure.

Went to Duala in PM. Fail to
get white shoes; had bought a
watch for 7 Sh. (Swiss made)
but clerk gave me 14 francs
short in change so I returned
watch.

Seems inopportune to arrange
for services for tomorrow on
account of uncertainty of hour
of departure.. Mrs. Yeatman
complains about change of cabin!
Dance by quite a number
of visitors from Duala.

April 7th

Wadai – Tiko. Left Duala 8 AM Fair.
Very good night for unbroken
restful sleep; turned very cool.
Night steward came, thinking that
one of us rang, mistake. -
Read pericopes for the Sunday; also
enjoyed repeating some of Rev.
Bleick's meditations, found on loose
slips in my N. T. – spent most
of the day in deck chair reading
with joy & blessing Dr. McCracken's
copy of Albert Payson Terhune's
"The Son of God;" - High point:
Christ's word: My God etc. not the
word of a weakling in lament, but
a word of victory quoting the 22nd
Ps. and saying "that is finished."
Last chapter. "Protectors of Service," is
very good - see notes! Judas a
malicious fool! Most beauti-
ful view of Cameroon Mountains.
Navigating very carefully up a
narrow stream to Tiko after
waiting for hours for high
water, - & fathoming carefully. -
Read also article taken
from Readers Digest on tipping. -
Dr. McCracken took life subscription
for Reader's Digest at 25- watched
custom officer (native) going through
native's bundles. - At Tiko about 6 PM.
Side note reads: NB. Sent Radio Air Mail birthday letter to Frieda 10 sh 7d
met Dr. Skulburg Of Norw. Luth. Mission.

April 8

Wadai, - left Tiko. cloudy, windy, cooler.
Left Tiko about 6 AM- another
good night: - although first time that I had to
get up (W. K.) during night.

Martha's birthday

Mr. Penning asks to eat at our
table, because at his table they speak
only German: Dr. Schad, ship Dr.
at our table, strangely enough, does
not talk a word of Engl.

Read Mary Slessor.

Entered notes on

Terhune's "Son of God" in my
Notebook. -

Martha's²⁴⁵ birthday-

²⁴⁵ Martha - cf Jan 1.

April 9th

Wadai on Sea. cool rainy Temp 84 at 3 P.M.
Remembering Frieda's birthday in
prayer especially.

Read Mary Slessor most of the day
in deck chair.

Discussion with Mr. Skulberg of Norw.

Luth. Mission in French Cameroon, Mohau-
meda county; 10 yr. old mission; 5 Europeans
(4 ordained pastors, 1 med. Man) not allowed
to have churches in Town; 10 baptized mem-
bers. 3 stations: (Joko, Tibiata, Ngaundere)²⁴⁶. -

Herr Bamberg the Swiss agent with
(King Kingsway etc.²⁴⁷) fears that America's
experimenting is disturbing world's
business! Hopes for early settlement of
money problems. -

Watched a boat drill; crew sent
out in lifeboat after a belt or bouy that
had been thrown overboard; the bottle
attached to it produces a light by
chemical action to guide at night;
burning for hours: belt was returned
light of course remained in sea. -

Witnessed strange phenomenon of

"Wasserhose"²⁴⁸ seemed like snake out

on sea-but above this was spout or
whirl drawing up water; dangerous
for small boats. (God protect & teach us)!

Expecting to reach Lagos tonight.

Freda's Birthday, - hope she received radio
letter! -

Mr. Pilz, radio man, informs me that
letter arrived N.Y. Sun. the 7th 3 P.M. (N.Y. time)

²⁴⁶ Cities in Eastern Cameroon

²⁴⁷ Subsidiaries of "Kingsway" trade co.

²⁴⁸ "Waterspout"

April 10th

Iddo & Lagos Hot Temp 84 F 28C. 7 AM.
Good night, again. - Thanks to God --
Anchored at Iddo early morning.
Immigration officer informed us
that much of the stolen matter of
Dr. Nau's briefcase had been found;
suspect arrested, but not sufficient
evidence to convict.
At 10 B. and I took launch to Lagos;
thanked Woermann agent for their
kind consideration in assuring us
passage on Wadai..
At Immigration office we find
documents, correspondence, copy
of Daily Official diary were found,
but not the R.M. and Return passage.
Bought cards, watch (6sh 6/) white
shoes (5 sh);
Went to Lagos again in Afternoon.
Got manillas²⁴⁹ (2 each of us) from
relatives of J.Ekong; - bought
Ivory curios at Indian store.
Find our deck chairs transferred
to other side of deck, on account of
deck party for tonight.
Long walk tired both of us.
Letter to Dr. Ross & Dr. Nau.
Made arrangements to have mail from
Port Harcourt expected on morning train,
either, if possible, delivered to us before
sailing or forwarded to Hamburg.

²⁴⁹ Nigerian currency

April 11

Wadai off Lagos, Cloudy. 77-84 5 PM.

Boecler not feeling so good.. I am steadily gaining; thanks to God for health.

Maridilas, the Greek table mate on the Usaromo, was on board last night at Lagos- and remarked that I looked "weak & not so fit" ! Fever & sickness must have told on me, more than I realized. The more praise and thanks due my Lord for present condition Psalm 103: 1-5..

Read & finished "White Monk of Timbuctoo" by Seabrook. Time reading that book is poorly spent; loathesome character handled in loathesome manner by author; vulgar & dirty. -

Dr. McCracken wishes to read it.

Mr. Penning is reading my copy of Mary Slessor.

Joined in a game of deck golf, very poorly at first; later I was the only one of our side of 3 to make the 10, the other two went for 7 & 9. We lost.

Dr. Schad & others try eating Mango at luncheon table; - finds it not worth trying. Invites me to visit him in Stuttgart!

Left Iddo - Lagos at 10 A.M.

One of chief engineers men (Aspi-sant) ill & in great pain with Guertel Rose.²⁵⁰

²⁵⁰ Type of severe rash.

April 12

25-27

Wadai – Accra. clear Temp 78-84
Time set back 1 hour. More
thanks due my God for health & good
rest. B. runs temperature of 100-100 1/2
Dr. Schad declares nothing serious;
Celsius normal temperature up to 37.
(100F = 38C;).

Arrived Accra during night; hardly
anyone going ashore - difficult loa-
ding, carried and leave ship in
mammy chair. Achimita College
(Prince of Wales University) 8 miles past
Accra.

Time signals as we heard when
in Calabar & noted on Apr. 1. (diary.) is
universal ship signal.

Read Standard of Feb. 21-
and Dr. McCracken's Reader's
Digest Dec. 1934 & "daily sketch" Feb 14-20
Decide to have Eng. Service next
Sunday.

Trader tells me of sending cow
hides for Gold Coast, Korm, N.
Nigeria to Poland.

Meet Mr. Wiegel of Batu Lho Co²⁵¹; Lagos,
the gentleman whom we met at
Grand Hotel, Lagos in Feb.

Met Rev. & Mrs. Villesen of Danish Luth.
Mission, Northern Nigeria – Yola; long talk
until after 11 P.M. mostly on Union in
Mission, - & communing with
heterodox. – have 9 stations in N. Nigeria.

²⁵¹ Trade company.

April 13

28-82

Wadai – Takoradi. Clear- then cloudy 29-85
At Takoradi at daybreak - ; left 5 P.M.

More reason for thanks to God for blessing
of rest, health. B. improving.

American – W. Africa Freighter. West Hunshaw
in port; Dr. McCracken & I pay visit;

Mate bids us hearty welcome as
Americans; He hails from Blair NE.²⁵²

Cargo: much Mpls. Pilbury flour:

Gasoline, Tobacco & canned fish (sardines)
vacuum canned from California. -

Not really equipped for passenger ser-
vice; give officers' cabins over to accom-
modate passengers, mostly missionaries;

Dr. Weber of Amer. Presbyterian Mission always
travels on Am. W. Af. Freight steamer; -

Dr. McCracken gives me the late printed
illustrated report of their Central Hos-
pital.

Find no services possible tomorrow
on account of being in Port Bouet-
forenoon.

Read Central Hospital Report -.
and Dec. 1934 Reader's Digest - .
Studied John Chapt. 2.

²⁵² Nebraska city, north of Omaha.

April 14

Temp. 25-78

Wadai - Port Bouet clear 29-84

Psalm 103:1-7. Anchored out of Port Bouet

6:30 AM. Use of Mammy chairs for

leaving and boarding the ship. -

No services -- leaving Port Bouet 10:20

Dr. McCracken shows a double
volume (1933-34) of the Elat Mission²⁵³

Quarterly: 'The Drum Call' publication
which in every way would be a credit
to high class Publishers in U.S.

Dr. McC. also shows that odor
of white man's body is as distinctive
to native as vice versa. e.g. a native
convert was asked a decade after he
had met Dr. Good, what he remembered
best about the first meeting with

Dr. Good: he said: the smell of his
body. -

Read Reader's Digest, Dec. 1934 espeacially

article on Arnold Bennet's Book: How

to live on 24 hrs. a day! see notes -

B.'s temperarture 101 2/5; The highest he

and I had; evidently he has same ail-

ment that I had, possibly same germ,
getting active later.

²⁵³ Presbyterian Mission in Nigeria.

April 15th

25-78

Wadai Hazy, sultry. 29-84

Well & happy- thank God anew; may I never forget His benefits!

B.s Temperature ran above 102; he stayed In bed today. Dr. Schad certain now that it is also result of some food not agreeing with B. (fish, cheese, berries)

Soliciting participation in gambling venture "Monrovia Sweep" - guessing time of landing in Monrovia.

Completed Ibesikpo statistics.

Copied paragraph of Dr. McCracken's Article "Shingle in the Bush"²⁵⁴ on Medical Mission.

Took care of B. -

Read "drum call" articles: and Reader's Digest 1934 Dec.

Filled out blank on person, trip, baggage.-

Passed Cape Palmas about noon. *4degrees 44" N. 8degrees 43" W.* 282 miles.

Heavy Rain. -

Mrs. McCracken tells me that every Monday afternoon the medical help at the hospital goes out in groups to do personal mission work in nearby towns.

²⁵⁴ A doctor "hangs his shingle" that is, he puts out his sign showing he is open for business, thus the title, "Shingle in the Bush".

April 16

Temps 27 - 81

28 + 83

Wadai - Monrovia. clear. cool breeze.

Anchored near Monrovia, Liberia 3:30 AM.

Left again 9:30; colored crew boys left ship here.

Slept in upper berth; slept well; feel doubly thankful to God for health & rest, when thinking now of B.s case; 100 1/5 this morning. - 102 3/5 + in PM.

Captain Schmidt tells me that Dr. & Mrs. Kaller

came to ship with very first boat from shore;

have a cabin (Ill officers) on deck; with rather

poor provisions for second berth. Also tells

me how strict Govt. is concerning ship with

passengers; if one life belt is missing when

leaving port, Captain liable for heavy fine;

for some ships, long penitentiary penalty. -

Take library books ("Hitler" Deutche Bewegung²⁵⁵.

(deposit 5 Sh)

Met Kaller & wife; their deck chairs next

to ours; had long talk with Dr. K. in afternoon.

Their mission in Liberia started 75 yrs. Ago;

Slow work; Mohammedan country; have a

Mission house at Monrovia for convenience

of traveling & "shipping" missionaries, because

there is no decent accomedation - Monrovia

otherwise. Main station Muhlenberg²⁵⁶ on St. Paul R.

8 European workers here; - total of 35. 2 hospitals,

29 schools; no ordained natives; do not believe in

counting heads, - but work; 2 other stations

at Zor Zor & at Muhlenberg school for

girls & for boys; - Kaller Gen. Secretery for 6 yrs.

for all missions of U.P.C.²⁵⁷ India; S. America; - his first

visit to Liberia; transportation very poor; carried in

hammocks. U.P.C. had mission debt of 250,000 6 yrs.

ago; reduced to 35 ,000 - made budget every year.

Read up on Liberia; - Hitler; Finished "Drum Call"

²⁵⁵ "German Movement"

²⁵⁶ Henry Melchior Muehlenberg - An American Luth. Church father.

²⁵⁷ United Presbyterian Church

April 17

Time 16 minutes back Temps: 26 79

Wadai - FreeTown clear, cool breeze 28 82

Lord's goodness & mercy continues, unworthy though

I be .. Lord help, strengthen & preserve my faith &

"Joy in the Lord" that in home, congregation, Synod, and

Missions I serve him anew & better. -

Anchored near Freetown early morning, delay

in departure 10:45 instead of 9:30 provokes captain

and many others; caused by some passengers

returning late from shore (including the

young widow) and failure of some cargo

to arrive earlier. -

B. temperature slightly higher than yesterday

in morning - but lower in afternoon. -

Watched "Charlie" or "John" - the diver in silk hat,

the "most photographed man in Africa," - dive

through under Wadai; speaks German. -

Enter deck golf tournament players: -

Ship filled beyond its passenger capacity;

quite a number of officer's cabins turned

over to passengers.

Zahlmeister²⁵⁸ inquires concerning

our attitude toward "**Kastum Fest**"²⁵⁹

this week (Sat.), in Holy Week; discourage

the plan.

Bought two bush cow horns circled with

antelope fur..

Mr. Boon buys a small gorilla.

Met Mr. Buck, friend of the Mc

Crackens; an American collector

& trader in African wild animals, sells

to Amer. zoos etc.; has 125 cages ready to

take to Am.

In Liberia U.L.C. Mission²⁶⁰ People offer

iron bars (their money) rice, grapefruit

pumpkins in church offering. -

First experience in eating Mango. -

Note at side reads:

Finished reading "Hitler" Deutsche Bewegung.

²⁵⁸ "Purser"

²⁵⁹ "Costume party"

²⁶⁰ U.L.C. =United Lutheran Church, a conglomeration of Lutheran Synods in U.S.A. founded in 1918, most of its components are now part of the ELCA.

April 18th

221/2 - 721/2

Wadai - watch 8 min. back; cool. AM

Maundy Thursday - but no
consideration given to this on Board

Wadai, - even the **Baverische Bier**

Fest²⁶¹ was held this evening: "caps" &
some costumes worn at dinner table.

More reason for praise to God for
knowledge of his will, - and his grace
experienced.

B. temperature higher.. 38.8 – 103 AM.

Captain Schmidt requests me to
hold Good Fri. services - especially
also in Engl. – agree to give G. & Eng.
sermon 10 & 10:45

Spent most of the day & evening
in preparing sermons on John 19:5.

Dr. Kaller always appears in
evening dress for dinner.

Looking for secluded spot of
privacy to prepare & study sermon. -
and about giving up hope - the
baggage master offers to take our
deck chairs to a warmer & sheltered
place on upper deck (room for 5 or 6);
shows me the place where to find
chair next day; just the spot I
needed for thought; the Lord had
again provided!

²⁶¹ "Bavarian Beer Fest"

April 19

Good Friday! 21 1/2- 70 1/2

Wadai. cooler! 22 - 72

Blessed night & morning. Trumpeter

played: **Oh Haupt voll Blut und Wunden.**²⁶²

B. temperature same in AM; slightly down -

PM – had no quinine last night on suggestion by Dr. who risks malaria with hope on using anti-toxin if necessary vs malaria..

Seems services on this Ship must be held very seldom; librarian & Zahlmeister did not know whether there is a German Bible at hand: after all they found one in Captain's room.

Had G. & E. services in salon. 10 & 10:45.

Ca. 25 attended each. Text John 19:5 Behold the Man; (not merely as a word of Pilate, - but was

a call of God Himself - Hymns **“O Haupt Voll – “O Weld**

sieh hier. - Engl. O Bleeding Head.” (Hymnbook has only 3 stanzas) & Just as I am -- comment:

Mrs. Hoeschler of Hamburg surprised that an

American **“kann so fabelhaft deutsch**

reden”²⁶³. - Dr. Kaller, Past. Ekrall, - Villere; Vogt a Greek – Mrs. Yeatman.

Mrs. Yeatman notes how much more forceful & emphatic the German translation is than the Engl.

Mr. Maruzz, a Swiss, with U.T.C.

(Swiss Trading Co.) tells me that U.T.C. has no connection to organization with Basil Mission; are friendly to extent of granting missionaries free quarters - and in especially prosperous years giving certain percent of extra good revenue to the missions; U.T.C. has 65 men in W. Africa, only one death since 1923, - taking quinine 1-2 alternating by days.

McCracken appreciates very much that

I was instrumental in having their chair the upper deck also.

²⁶² “O head full of blood and wounds”

²⁶³ “Can so fabulously speak German”

April 20

Time 1 min ahead 20 ½ -69
Wadai. Clear. 22 - 71 ½

Slept more soundly, longer than ever on Wadai; so soundly that B. could not arouse me during night; called night steward to close port hole.

Am joyful more & more over the answer to prayer for new strength & new spirit: = Was ready to prepare for Easter Service if desired.

Meditated with blessing on last year's Easter Text. 2nd Timothy 1:10. Christ has abolished death etc. -

Dr. Kaller ready & willing to preach but wants me or someone to take over liturgical part; - accepts my reasons for refusing. Rev. Villesen also refuses. - Kaller requests me to make arrangements for service because I can speak German to officers.. -

Dr. Schad asks me to arrange consultation with Dr. McCracken in B. case & act as interpreter. B. temperature unchanged; agree not due to quinine, & decide to increase quinine dose. Bihydrochloride of quinine is last word in quinine says D. McC. At 5 P.M. B.s temperature lower for first time by about 1 degree.

At 5 P.M. boat drill for all including passengers; shown where to assemble for life boat, how to use belt etc..

Dr. Schad tells me about the man, a machinist of crew, who on this trip at 2 AM near Calabar had leaped over board, chief cook heard splash; man swam, was seen & rescued.

Upper deck too hot. - Read last copies of Drews Cat., Hitler "Mien Kampf"²⁶⁴ Hitler's birthday observed; - could not attend because B. requested me not to leave him alone.

²⁶⁴ "My struggle" - Adolf Hitler's infamous book outlining his plan for German world supremacy.

April 21

Time? Temp. 19-66
Wadai. Clear. Windy; sea rough. 21-70+

Arose with joy of heart for rest, health & joy
in the Lord, the living Savior.

Trumpeter at 7:30: **"Jesus meine Zuversicht"**²⁶⁵

Mrs. Krueger, Stewardess, standing with
folded hands at front of chair & singing the
Hymn sweetly. - solemn, early Easter morn.

B. temperature lower: 38 (102) 37.7 (102).

but Oh how restless & nervous; bemoaning
& pitying himself. "pitiful creature,

in this condition - what should I do with my-
self" in & out of bed - & clothes every few minutes! -

Meditation & devotion with B. on 2nd Timothy 1:10 &

Germ. hymn **"Auf, auf, mein Herz mit Frueden."**²⁶⁶

Enjoyed from stern of the vessel the
play of the waves - for 20 minutes.

Dr. Paul Kaller conducts English ser-
vices at 10:30 about 18 present; singing very
very poor. - Speaks on Luke 24:5-6

meditation (no message) on "The Living
Christ - 4 lessons: 1. Power of the spiritual
over the material. 2. Satisfying the conscience
with pardon for sin. 3. ennobeling life in right
service. 4 Power & hope vs. death."

Stayed with B. all afternoon. -

Dr. Schad asks what "Rev." stands for.

Wicker chair with back in our
room for B.

²⁶⁵ "Jesus my Confidence."

²⁶⁶ "Up, Up, my Heart with Joy."

April 22

Time 4 ahead

Temp. 18-65

Wadai. Las Palmas. Clear-smoother.

21-70

Wonderful view of Grand Canary²⁶⁷ at 6:30 until

we anchor at 10:30 – left LasPalmas 4:45

specially grateful to God for hearing prayer for sleep to

B. – tablet effective, he slept quite well last

night, most of the time today. - Fever showed

higher than ever this morning at first. Dr. Sch. Alarmed,

suggests to leave B. at hospital in Las Palmas! B.

vs. it; blood test taken which shows nothing sus-

picious. Barber gives B. shave in our cabin.

Consider it a special blessing in various

ways to have been ill with symptoms very much

like B. ; - & to be able to be of service to him (B.)

B. speaks to me about his money account

etc. quotes "in case anything should happen." -

1,500 cases or crates loaded on Wadai from Las

Palmas to Hamburg; absolutely at shippers risk,

because they had to be left in the open, exposed

to weather and thrown over in rough sea.

A dirty scoundrel trying to sell

obscene & nasty photo postals to passengers. I

scared him, by threatening to report him to

captain.

The Greek wishes to put "deeper questions"

to me on religious matters: relation of

blood of Christ to blood of mankind

²⁶⁷ Grand Canary Island

April 23rd

Wadai Clear; not so smooth. Temp 17 ½ - 63+
Remarkable how long & how soundly I sleep! 18 - 64

Thanks to the Lord! May I ever appreciate better than formerly sound, sufficient sleep & rest!
Although sleeping yesterday afternoon (!) I retired at 9:30 – fell asleep at once & slept for fully 8 hrs. surprised that I could sleep this afternoon too.
Well, - I had taken a specially good & full luncheon, expecting to pass over dinner tonight - since this is to be "Costume" night. Rather foolish when going to extremes as the majority here is prone to do.

B's case satisfactory; temp 38 – 38.7 (100-101.4) sleeps soundly & much; ate well.

Only comfortable place on deck is where our deck chairs are.

Reading Hitler M.K. especially on

"Parlamentarianismus"²⁶⁸ – appears to be extreme vs. **"majoritie"**²⁶⁹ in parliament

"immer nur dumm und feige"!²⁷⁰ -

Had Las Palmas water melon and fresh fish and marinades today.

Serving water melon with sugar.

Striking way of serving fresh pine-apple.

(cutting out about an inch down the one side, enabling insertions of knife to cut around the inside, remove entire inside

thru top (cut off.) slice in thin

slices; replace into "shell" serve from this instead of from plate.

Costume fest tonight. -

²⁶⁸ "Parliamentarianism"

²⁶⁹ "majority"

²⁷⁰ "Always only silent and cowardly."

April 24

Temp. c. f.

Time 5 min. ahead 15-59

Wadai. First cloudy, then clear. – Smoother. 17-63

First of all we feel most grateful to our God to have heard our prayer, - in breaking B's temperature on the hoped for 12th day (like mine) 37.5 99.4 (p.m. 37.7-99.4) B. took first short walks of 10 min. in sunshine & shelter. -

I did not sleep quite so well; B. disturbed Somewhat. – he had taken purgative – with results-(!) (New pajamas necessary) ha. ha.- Foolishly brushed helmet at open bull's eye in hall - not noticing how wind carried white dust inward until Room steward Rieken reminded me.. cleaned helmet. Just special suit in trunk; B. fortunately has warmer underwear.

Read article on **“Religion, Kirche”**²⁷¹ in Gehl's book on new German regime. It appears that churches in Germany have nothing to fear

from Hitler's policies quote **“Dem Politiker Haben die religioesen Lehren und Einrichtungen seines Volkes unantastbar zu sein. Sonst darf auch nicht Politiker sein, sondern soll Reformation werden, wenn er das Zug hierzu hat. Andere Haltung wuerde zumal in Deutschland zur Katastrophe fuehren.”**²⁷²

Continued Hitler's M.K.

Found a fine place for my physed exercises in evening. viz extreme stern of ship on same deck as dining room. B. took first meal in dining room again this evening.

²⁷¹ “Religion and Church”

²⁷² “For the Politicians, the religious doctrines and institutions of its people have to be inviolable. Otherwise there would be no politicians, but there should be reformation if he has the discipline for it. Another opinion would certainly lead to catastrophe in Germany.

April 25th

Horse race! Time few min. ahead
Wadai Clear – Smooth.

C. F.
15 - 59
16+ 61 ½

Slept very well. - a blessed morning again-
Not worthy of the goodness of God. Lord make & keep
me thankful & joyful in Thee. –

B.'s temperature drifts higher than yester-
day in morning 37.7 – 100 2/5 – lower P.M. 37.6 - 99.3.

Gave B's shoes & my Sunday shoes,-
as B. says: "what a shine, a 15 shine."

B. stayed in cabin mostly all day again;
all meals in cabin again.

Read Hitler M.K.: surprised to find
his statement that Am. & Engl. war pro-
paganda were psychologically correct;
propaganda is for unthinking mass;
arouse to action not so much upon
understanding by reason but on senti-
ment. Scientific instruction is for
intelligencia.

"Pfendereman.." Wadai Derby.

Ladies were horses men were jockeys
or drivers - horse & jockey same color
paper cups; 3 races with four entries
each, and the last (4) final between
the 3 winners of former races. -

"race" consists in cutting 6 ft
narrow ribbon (3/4 inch) lengthwise
under certain rules: ribbon fastened
at one end; at signal "horses" pick
up other end & small scissor &
run the race! Mrs. McCrackin
under Dr. Mrs. won first race; was
second in last race. (Fancy

Names given to horses -- (police
busy arresting & asking fines.

April 26th

Time 8 min ahead.

Temp C. F.

Wadai, - Bay of Biscay; Clear; quite smooth.

16 – 61

Since 4 AM. In Bay of Biscay, beyond

14 – 57+

African coast now; - Again reason for

special thanks, because the Bay, dreaded

by most, - especially poor "sailors" for its extreme

roughness at times, - is quite smooth, - and

the barometer indicates **"Schoenes Wetter."**²⁷³

B. had best night since almost 2 wks;

temp. 37 – 98.8; 37.4 - 99.2 – Sat in deck

chair this afternoon almost 1 hr.

Our deck chairs are regularly being

used by other, especially Mrs. Fierz

(Swiss woman) & Mrs. Hoelscher. –

Finished I **Bd.**²⁷⁴ of Hitler's M.K. started

Bd. II. H. takes definite & determined

stand vs. unionism in church; stands

for **"Dogmen in Bekenntniss."**²⁷⁵ as the

sine qua non for existence of a religion

and basis of worthwhile faith; Also

opposes Free masonry..

Farewell dinner tonight;

Took from 7 until after 9. No speeches; very infor

mal. Service at table different, not a la carte but

really "table d'hohe", everything on menu brought to

any one not in individual dishes; the illuminated

bowls very pleasing & effective: after a plate with

cakes, cookies & tall imaginary candle (baked) in

center, was brought in.. lights were turned off, & all

stewards marched in carrying fancy japanese lanterns

hanging from bent rods & bringing ice cream on trays

upon which was also a burning candle in a green

ice block! – Frolic followed: confetti etc.

²⁷³ "Beautiful weather."

²⁷⁴ "Volume"

²⁷⁵ "Dogma in confession."

April 27th

Temp C. F.

Time 13 min ahead.

13-55

Wadai Partly clear partly cloudy; quite smooth 11-52

Slept very well - so did B. With health and a smooth ride though Bay of Biscay again another day breaks for praise, honor to the Giver of all good.

Hope I may be able - like Mary Slessor, to continue my early morning devotion & reading of Bible & prayer memorizing special portions of S.L.²⁷⁶ or hymns, - or repeating memorized matter.. Devoting

some time on first sermon at home,

Rogate²⁷⁷. "Ask & ye shall take, that your joy may be full."-

B's temperature 37! - 98.5. Continues

to complain about poor sight, - can not read; is also hard of hearing. B. prepared a radio letter to his wife about improving from serious illness and asking the continued help of his substitute upon his return. I induced him not to send it.

For B. and others, who have been accustomed to tropic heat, it is too cold; so steam was turned on to heat cabins; pipes for heating lead along ceiling & only in halls or corridors.

Had a slight headache & signs of a cold; took 1 Bromo Quinine, 2 anacyns²⁷⁸; better in p.m.

Finished Hitler M.K.; passing over some parts very hurriedly by paragraphs or headlines on pages, - to give Mr. Vogt opportunity to read the book.

Aim of education (Hitler), especially by State, not purely knowledge, science, but character & health; purpose, will, responsibility; health first, then character, 1. body 2. soul, 3. mind."

Purity of race & blood highest duty & consideration of State & Gov. - Aims at alliance with England and Italy. Secure land from Russia.

²⁷⁶ Possibly sermon lectionary - the series of appointed readings for the church year.

²⁷⁷ "Prayer" (One of the designated Sundays in the church year.)

²⁷⁸ Anacins is misspelled (a pain reliever)

April 28th

Time 20 Min ahead

Temp C. F.

Wadai Le Havre. France; Cloudy, clear, smooth.

8 47

Very good night for B. & myself. Heart rejoicing
over spiritual light & strength in Jesus the

10+ 51

Loving Savior. - Noting that text for Rogate, first
Sun. at home is taken from Lord's last
words to disciples.

No services today due to arriving Le Havre

Forenoon; arriving & landing 10:30 - 12:00

B's temperature practically normal.

37.1 - 98.3 - ; he spent greater

part of forenoon in salon, - ate luncheon

in dining for first time in ca. 2 wks..

Dr. Kaller needs me as interpreter

for medical examination. (the

man, who seemingly despises German

& all things German!)

Had long discussion with the

Greek, Mr Constantin Papasoglow.

He is quite a philosopher, pantheist,

Mason; seeking truth: is drawn to our

religion; I made strong appeal to accept

Word of God as only vehicle by which spiritual

health & life is brought to sinner; dwelling

on sin & grace; faith. He is very thank-

ful, repeatedly expressing appreciation of

time given him, & message brought him.

He wants to correspond with me & send

postal photos from trip.

Took short walks to La Havre; from impression:

Colored man & white woman entering a dance

hall together...

24 passengers leave boat here; 10-12 tonight

among them the McCrackens, Mrs. Yeatman,

the Greek, Hear story about Dr. Schad asking 7LB

(31.00) for treating little injury on the Gamberg boy's head.

April 29th

Time 1 hr. ahead *Temp* C. F.
Le Havre. clear, - smooth. 10 50
Slept very well again, so did B. – The 11 ½ 53
mercy of the Lord is new every morning.
John 15 promises to be a favorite
chapter to me - B. temperature normal
or below slightly; B. walked on deck today.
Together with Mr. & Mrs. Vogt, & Mr. & Mrs. Bar-
ber I visited and viewed with a
guide the marvelous S.S. Il de France,
which possibly in some respects,
surpasses the Europa (?!)
Had conferences with Missionary
Villesen & Eknoth of Danish Luth.
(Sudan United Mission) & Swedish
Baptist Missions respectively, see
notes.)²⁷⁹
Many bananas unloaded
Here; ripe bunches sold at
auction; balance taken to Paris
in very fine, large refrigerated
auto trucks.
Harbor well equipped with
fine unloading cranes.
Some of French workmen here
are like African natives in answering
call of Nature. (#1.)
Read Reader's Digest Sept 1934.
(see notes.)
Left Le Havre 6:15 instead of 4 P.M.
delay caused partly again by
passengers not returning to boat
on time. Mr. Custer again one
of the guilty ones.
Saw Am. & French Boat pass
under American flag. -

²⁷⁹ Unfortunately, these notes have been lost.

April 30

	Temp	C.	F.
Time, no change.			
Wadai, Engl. Channel - clear, smooth. : fog.		8	48 1/2
Again a very good night, with sound		9 1/2	49

Sleep; I have learned to go to bed early; for every morning, & new life & light; we should never fail to give thanks to the good Lord; for, indeed we have deserved no good thing; . above all may we even better remember the grace of God that gives us spiritual life & light.-

Danger during night, early morning in heavy fog. - Even more dangerous for man to be without spiritual light for his path! Watch, even as the man at the bow had to be on "look out" .. did more of our packing this morning.

Exchanged Lb 12 W. Africa money for 144 D.M. (12 M for the Lb.) Here I received 2 fifty Mark notes - on Europa all German money was in hard coin. !

Also cashed 1 Reise check of 100 M. received 98.25 (1.95 exchange)

Paid our tips for each of us. - to Table Steward & noon steward each 15 M.

Music 5M (+6 sh for Sunday playing)

Baggage master 5 M. Bath 4. -

Salon steward 10 sh. 11 1/2 d. - librarian 3 sh.

Dr. Schad did not charge B.; I gave him 2 Lb.

(From May 1 to May 10 copied on Europa from note book)

May 1

Note on top reads: (From May 1st to May 10th copied on Europa from notebook.)

Wadai – Hamburg. Cold, clear.. Temp C. F.

Disturbed in my mind 4+ 39+

last night by the thought that I had thrown the ivory presents for Frieda, Norma, Lorna - out of the port hole by mistake; – after all the meditation on that was good for me; and the joy the greater when I found the articles today properly packed. - B. improving but still rather nervous at times. -

Saw Helgoland this afternoon.

Leave boat at 3:45, Heard Hitler May day address over radio.

Woermann line representative and Boat officers render us real service in the matter of money & baggage regulation compliance.

All our baggage, except the suitcases & brief cases, - are being taken on board Watussi, Woermann liner, – to be taken to Bremerhofen, & on board Europa, without charges, - to await us in our cabin on the 10th.

Took taxi to Customs house & Berlinierhof hotel. (B. forgot his derby on Wadai, returns to get it; B. Wears Dr. Schad's heavy overcoat over his own longer raincoat.)

At Custom house much delay because of shortage of help due to "May day." Man in charge can not speak Engl. – Dr. Kaller has to spend much time in counting out his money. – B. & mine takes very little time because I had written mine in German; did not even have to show or count our money. -

On account of delay our taxi bill was high: with baggage & tip. 13 M. 6 pf. = (5.00+) -

Saw first 3 wheeled auto. - Call up Naumann:

Oh joy. – He brings mail for me from Freda & Norma (written Apr. 16): Zarling, Kreft's brother. Gem. Bl + N.W.L. ²⁸⁰ -

Wrote to home, Lorna, Nau, stamps to Miss Asuem.

Took our dinner again at **Muenchenhausen**²⁸¹ Loewenbrau with Nauman, B. insists on resting in Hamburg tomorrow.

²⁸⁰ Gemeinde Blat = German version of the Northwestern Lutheran, the WELS official monthly publication.

²⁸¹ "Munichhouse"

Thursday May 2nd 1935

Hamburg. Fine Weather.
Had a very good night. Ever more reason to thank our heavenly Father. May I never forget his goodness. Greater part of day spent in arranging business matters. Bank of British West Africa made acct. adjustment of exchange made at Calabar. Nordeutsche Lloyd the "Europa" matters were settled; learned also that Dr. Nau's transportation had been taken care of. At Hapag arranged for tour thru Germany; Hamburg - Berlin - Leipzig - Eisenach (Wartburg) Erfurt, Schmalkalden, Steinbach, Stuttgart, (Frankfurt. Mainz Bingen Koblenz) Koeln (last four by Rhine trip) - Bremen all for 51 M. 90.09 for second class & "**Zuschlag**"²⁸² for fast trains included. Were somewhat troubled by terms of Tour ticket, - and needlessly spent time in trying to have things changed; all due to the fact that the 60% reduction tickets for tourists required at least 7 days; last trip not to be taken before May 10 from Koeln, which would make me late for sailing of the Europa. -

For May 3. "**Der Triumph de Willem**"²⁸³ gave a surprisingly clear picture of the "**Bewegung**"²⁸⁴ of N.S.D.A.P. ²⁸⁵, popularity & power of Hitler."-
Until late at night groups of young men in uniform march up & down in goodly numbers, always singing.

²⁸² "surcharge"

²⁸³ "Triumph of William" -propaganda movie.

²⁸⁴ "Movement"

²⁸⁵ National Socialist German Workers Party [**National Socialistische Deutsche Arbeiter Partei**] (The Nazi party).

May 3rd 1935

Potsdam

Berlin – Zehlendorf. Fair Clear.

Left for Berlin 7:25 on an F.D. (Fern-Duvelzug)²⁸⁶ no stop until Berlin; 2 M. **zuschlag**²⁸⁷: Willkomm²⁸⁸ meets us at station. Director Schneider²⁸⁹, late on account of a flat tire. He at once takes us for a tour **Siegesallee**²⁹⁰ statues galore of

great men! View the church bldg.; neat, striking colors of blue & red; glass Mosaic altar- fine piece of art, scenes not quite proper! Pulpit moving, - of highly polished brown stone: Zehlendorf, - beautiful, quiet, - old seamen's house -

in Klein Machnau, originally a present from Europa & wife. 4 bldgs. Part of main bldg. rented to Kl. Machnau, used as Ratshaus, part of Willkomm's house used as **Kinderheim**²⁹¹ Classes in basement of main bldg, not bad

at all; 8 students in dormitory, 2 from town.

Met **Dr. Peters**²⁹² - fine home; inquires about "Protestant"

Case²⁹³; also about Horn, Schierenbeck, Birkholtz.²⁹⁴ In afternoon: Director Schneider, Willkomm, Peters & I – to Potsdam, visit **Praese** Petersen²⁹⁵; (tea served.) – See **Sans Souci** read up on it.) Fruit tree hot-houses;

²⁸⁶ "Long distance express train."

²⁸⁷ "2 Mark surcharge"

²⁸⁸ Seminary Prof. M.D.P Willkomm of a sister church body of the Synodical Conference.

²⁸⁹ Probably the housing Director of the Free Church Seminary.

²⁹⁰ "Victory Lane"

²⁹¹ "Orphanage."

²⁹² Professor, Dr. P.Peters of the Free Church Seminary- he went on to be a professor at Wisconsin Luth. Seminary in Mequon, WI.

²⁹³ In the early and mid 1920's, a group of Pastors & laymen already disgruntled with a lack of Christian living in the congregations in the WELS as they struggled through the switch from German to English, strained personal relations between faculty members at the Synods educational institutions were set off by a number of events, 1. the handling of a group of 27 students at Northwestern involved in planned and repeated stealing in Watertown, WI. The disciplinary action was perceived as light, 2. The handling of a Problem with Prof. Reudiger at the WI. Luth. Seminary, 3. The reaction to a document called the Beitz paper, a scathing condemnation of Church life in the Synod. As a result, a small group of men, most notably J.P. Koehler, a professor at W.L.S. , and a group of congregations left the Synod to form the "Prote'stant" church body.

²⁹⁴ All stateside pastors.

²⁹⁵ "President" P.H. Petersen, President of the Ev. Luth. Free Church of Saxony and Other States.

many statues; wonderful grouping of trees in park; burial place of Friedrich's²⁹⁶ 11 dogs - See the Imperial Palace (**Kaiserliche Schloss**)²⁹⁷; Mauseleum of Empress. - Numberless statues on and around palace. **Garrison Kirche**²⁹⁸ burial place of Fr. the Great; - Chimes play "**Lobe der Herrn**"²⁹⁹ while we were there (7 PM). Drive over **Reisebahn**³⁰⁰ "Avis." Dir. Schneider meant to take us up Radio tower (**Funk Turm**) 360 ft. high; -not open at the time (luckily!) – **Brandenburger Tor**³⁰¹ five passages show it, the center one, was for the exclusive use of Emperor; – **Unter den Linden**³⁰² Went to Airport, the largest in the world; quite a gathering place; had our evening meal here as guests of Director Schneider. – The latter is a remarkably fine & able man, splendid, active Christian, traveled a great deal; is director in a large "**Action gesellschaft**:"³⁰³ (air port = **Flughafen**.)

See the Movie: "Triumph der Willems," – a revelation concerning the magnitude of the "Bewegung" and Hitler's popularity & power. Spent few fine hrs. with the Willkomm. Zehlendorf custom of completing a circle by taking hold of hands after meal. (see May 2)

²⁹⁶ Fredrick Wilhelm II. (Frederick the Great) King (Kaiser) of Prussia in the 18th Century. From the Royal house of Hohenzollern.

²⁹⁷ Seat of Frederick's rule.

²⁹⁸ "Garrison Church"

²⁹⁹ "Praise to the Lord..."

³⁰⁰ "Tourist Train"

³⁰¹ "Brandenburg Gate"

³⁰² "Under the Lime trees" (a famous street in Berlin)

³⁰³ "action group or organization"

May 4

Train, Leipsig. Weather fine.
Left Zehlendorf with Willkom 7 AM. (Streetcar & taxi) Left Berlin for Leipzig: 7:45 AM - no advertising boards along on RR or roads in all Germany. Electric current for Berlin produced at Galpa 80-90 miles away. Cheaper on account of cheap "**Braune Kohle.**"³⁰⁵ Arrived at Leipzig and Schuetze about 10. Mrs. Gertrude and Tantschen are indeed splendid people of God. Have extended breakfast, fine conversation until after 12. Hear about sad condition of "**Bekentnis pfarrer**"³⁰⁶ many as prisoners in "concentration camps," doing prison labor; spies present in public services of church. Fr. Gertrude tells me about her remarkable work of some students; has a umber of **Thomaner schueler**³⁰⁷ = singers in **Thomas knabechor**³⁰⁸ (60 singers); Thomaskirche is church where J.S. Bach was organist; she is an enthusiastic Bach scholar. Her pupil, Kurth, 13 yr. old, a veritable genius prodigy; improvising very astonishingly. Gertrude has 3 grand pianos; gives Bach concerts at her "**Schuetzenheim**"³⁰⁹; once a month 40 Students; and has a missionary devotion at end of each concert; greatly appreciated; a very blessed work. Attended Bach motette concert in Thomas Kirche in afternoon; first; boys' sopranos are touchingly sweet, pure. (Kurth one of the best sopranos.) - **Thomanerchor**³¹⁰ going on a tour. Saw **Voelkerschlachtdenkmal.**³¹¹
Left for Wittenberg between 8, 9 PM.
Man in check room had been a tramp in US; having been in 28 states; mostly south, & coast states; was a German seaman. Arrived Wittenberg late at night. Went to Klosterhop Hotel.

³⁰⁵ Brown Coal- a cheap, but dirty burning, bad smelling coal.

³⁰⁶ "Confessional Pastors"

³⁰⁷ Thomas pupils. (Students at St. Thomas)

³⁰⁸ "St. Thomas Boy's Choir"

³⁰⁹ "Studio"

³¹⁰ "St. Thomas Choir"

³¹¹ "Monument in remembrance of defeat of Napoleon. (in Leipzig)

May 5

) One of, if not the, most interesting days of my trip; blessed & happy.

Wittenberg, train, & **Vogelnest**.³¹² Weather splendid!!!

Find myself directly in front of first Luther-

house on **Collegion Strasse**,³¹³ now main business

st. of W. entering the old U of W (now Ev. Prediger

Sem., - I find plan of Street showing location of all Luther's dwellings etc.: (my meal was the lunch which

Gertrude Schuetze had given me.) Next to Melangthon House is a modern Auto business.. From a distance

comes the sound of "**Ein Feste B..**"³¹⁴ sung most beauti-

fully by the "Concerte" Wittenburg Boys choir; singing

at Luther Statue in front of Ratshaus near **Stadtkirche**.

(Mariankirche).³¹⁵ Took pictures of choir & Leader:

They sing another song for me - ; ask to have a

picture sent to them. Hardly any free space in front of Marian Kirche. Lucas Cranach³¹⁶ house is now

Lucas Cranach apothike; - Cranach had been very

prominent in community. Entrance hall to

Stadtkirche now Memorial hall to World war

soldiers. Saw **Schlosshof Schlosskir-**

che³¹⁷ - church greatly damaged in 1760 rebuilt

1892; "**Thesen**"³¹⁸ door was shot to pieces;

new door with **Thesen** on it. Graves of Luther

& Melangthon front of pulpit. Wreath placed

by Kaiser & wife in 1892 still shown. Pulpit is

new. The second service in Stadtkirche opened at

9:30 this I attended as first real Sunday church

service since New Year. Attendance not bad,

ca. 500, but no children or young people.

Pastor Michel preaches on Eps. of the Sun. (1Peter)

"**Jesus gebt uns Hilfe auf dem harten**

Pfaden der

Wirklichkeit das alltag lebens. - durch

sein

Vorbild und Taetigkeit;³¹⁹ - Visited Luther halle,

the home of Luther in W., procession. see guide!

³¹² "Bird's nest."

³¹³ "College Street."

³¹⁴ The Hymn "A Mighty Fortress."

³¹⁵ State Church, St. Mary's - This was Luther's official church residence in Wittenberg.

³¹⁶ Artist of Luther's day, famous for his portraits of Luther and family, as well as his woodcuts depicting religious scenes.

³¹⁷ "Castle Courtyard & Castle Church."

³¹⁸ Theses (Luther's 95 Theses).

³¹⁹ "Jesus gives us help on the hard paths of the reality of everyday life, through his example and activity."

Luther eichen,³²⁰ Left W. 11:49 for Cassev, - **Vogel-**

Nest. Kinerheim³²¹ of Frieda Schuetze; passing thru rapturously beautiful scenery; meditate on parallel between beauty of the Lutheran country in nature & Spiritual beauty of truly Luth. Church. Very favorably impressed with blessed work in Vogelnest-children, happy, well; - enjoy Fr. Gertrude; playing; sing beautifully. Piano secured by Gertrude for nest.

Paul, came to home at age of 2 days, stayed until 15 yrs.: fine example of work of home; tender conscience!

Enchanting view of **Chemnitz tal**.³²² Fr. Frieda

Gertrude & Paul accompany me to station.

At. 9:38 Fr. Gertrude & I leave for Leipzig.

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³²¹ "The Birds nest, childhood home of..."

³²² "Chemnitz valley"

May 6th

Train.

Eisenach, Wartburg. Erfurt. Weather splendid. Arrived 2 AM; lodge at Kaiserhof; shortly after 8 I walk to Wartburg via Reuterweg, passing Fr. Reuter Haus³²³ & Museum. Buy cards & Wartburg **Fuehrung**³²⁴ at a stand conducted by woman whose brother is Ev. Pastor in Dakota. -Wonderful scenery all around Wartburg. Join group under guide through Wartburg (See book **Wartburg Fuehrein**)³²⁵

For hours I walk alone toward **Hohe Sonne**.³²⁶

Lunch at **Saugerwiese**³²⁷ & receive valuable information about continuing my walk most profitably; walking passed **Elfengrotte**³²⁸ one have various opportunities to see Wartburg same as from Hohe Sonne; - pass through greater part of **Draehn schlucht , Anatal**.³²⁹

Re-

turn to Eisenach by streetcar (capacity 16 to sit & 2 to stand) – See Luther **kunstwerk**³³⁰ in Marnov.

also Lutherstuben in Frau Cotta Hause. (Now

is **Gastwirtschaft**),³³¹ Woman guide in Catta,

Lutherstuben³³² very interesting & very talkative, Sincere Christian; follows from same list the Bible chapters Luther read on certain days, applies them to events on same day now.

(Hindenberg death e.g.) & recites the Psalms

chapter - One visitor: "**Ich bin ein deutscher**

Heide.³³³" - On way to station I saw **Galandus**

von

Eisenach³³⁴ "World prize dog, a large Deutch Dogge," won

World 1st prize at Frankfurt this year out of 3,000 entries.

Last year won European first prize; an American offers 25000 M. last year. - (Unpleasant experience with carrier who (at Hotel Dresden where tip is included in rate) was not satisfied when I gave him all small change I had, 15 pf. & threw it after me)

Five fat cows as draft animals; sometimes hitched up with horse or donkey.

Spent a few hrs in Erfurt, walk to University bldg. - no admission on acct. of repair work due to stroke of lightning or fire?)

At Eisenach same trouble with ticket.--

Arrive at Steinbach 8 pm.

³²³ 1810-1874, German writer and political activist best known

for his work, "**Ut Mine Stromtid** (My Years as a Farmer)"

,not to be confused with the Fritz Reuter who served as a Professor at Dr. Martin Luther College in the Early 1900's.

³²⁴ "Tour"

³²⁵ "Wartburg tourguide"

³²⁶ geographic locale

³²⁷ restaurant

³²⁸ "Elfen grottos"

³²⁹ Geographic region in Germany

³³⁰ "Work of art"

³³¹ "Inn"

³³² "Luther room"

³³³ "I am a German Pagan"

³³⁴ "Galandus from Eisenach"

May 7th

Train Stuttgart.

Steinbach, Schmalkalden. Weather splendid.

Arrived 8 last night. Driver of mail auto informs me where Umbachs³³⁵ live; take auto bus to Post Office.

U. only half a block away. Hearty welcome indeed.

Mr. & Mrs. U. very congenial people; feel at home at once.

Mr. U very skillful in making various novel instruments of his own invention, e.g. a hygrometer to gauge humidity, 10 hair, treated & twisted into one cord, sensitive to

change in humidity; a fine white polished felt pencil of horse bone; "stopper"; spiral circle; the majority of Steinbach schools' collection of instruments made by him; received recognition & bonus from

Govt. - Tells me about word "**Wuergen**"³³⁶ in old german

Lutheran Bible in Hosea 6:9 (**Wurf a Dorf**)³³⁷ Near Schmalkalden, whose inhabitants had treated L. slightly

when he passed thru & asked for shelter on account of great

pain. (**Wort Euch wird ich in die Bibel bringen.**)³³⁸

another instrument for testing of wool & silk! Stein-

bach church remarkable. 1654. Left Steinbach 11:15 for

Schmalkalden, Mrs. U. accompanying me. arrived

11:30. Saw Melancthon house **und Apothek und**

Buchhandlung

wo Luther wohnt 1537 waehrend Schmalkalden

Kourt

Kirche : 1500 Orgelban 1600 hier predigte

Luther, die Kreutze

noch da.³³⁹ Pictures which **Bilderstunisch**³⁴⁰ tried to destroy,

were found 1900 nailed under the pews. - The **Opferkanter**³⁴¹

double (Lutheran & Reformed) offerings counted once a

year - great feast; Baptismal font! church attendance

very good, mostly **Bekennnis leute**³⁴²; Very deep sanctu-

ary. Artistic bronze chandelier of 1500 - accoustics per-

fect., Luther said "**gleich einer Spitzmaus in**

jeder Ecke zu verstehen.- Lutherstube -³⁴³ where

Luther

worked during convention: Table, chair, firepot,

hand painted music notes: Smalkald Artikel,

original signatures! Pulpit sand clocks!

A 1505 original Tetzal **ablass Brief**³⁴⁴. - Luther's

work editing **Smalkalden Jena Ausgabe**;³⁴⁵ - Sermon preached by Luther in this church on Mrrach 4th

(Temptation of Christ) a Vulgata copy valued

at 6000 M. - Our guide, a lady, read Luther

a good deal; is a loyal enthusiastic Bekenntnis

Christian, bubbling over with joy of faith & con-

fession; pays to permit her 12 year old daughter

to join **Hitlerjugend**.³⁴⁶ Left for Stuttgart: Meiningen was

beautiful; **Likoer**³⁴⁷; Rum; **Weinberge!**³⁴⁸ Baggage show window.

Bahnhof.³⁴⁹ shops, the lady very talkative. Phoned D. Schad.³⁵⁰

³³⁵ Unsure of reference, possible relative or acquaintance.

³³⁶ "To strangle"

³³⁷ "Wurf" a "village"

³³⁸ "I will bring you as a word into the Bible."

³³⁹ "and pharmacy, and bookstore where Luther lived in 1537 during the Smalkald Court. 1500 Orgelban, 1600 here Luther preached, the cross is still there.

³⁴⁰ "Art Police"

³⁴¹ "Sacrificial offerings"

³⁴² "Confessional people."

³⁴³ "as if a weasel in each corner could understand." "Luther room."

³⁴⁴ "Indulgence letter."

³⁴⁵ "Jena Edition of Smalkald Articles"

³⁴⁶ "Hitler Youth"

³⁴⁷ "Licoure"

³⁴⁸ "Vinyards"

³⁴⁹ "R.R. Station"

³⁵⁰ Sr. Schad, on the Wadai, had asked Albrecht to visit him if possible.

May 8th

Stuttgart.

Goeppinge.

Boertlinge.

Tuebigen Escherau. Misty, Splendid weather.

Left Stuttgart 8 am. phoned Pro. Im. Schoppen; daughter says he is at school; no time any more to call him. Expecting to see him afternoon; - a Dr. accompanies me to station, carries my bag; talk on separation of church & state; he can not see it our way! - Take auto from Goeppingen to Boertlingen, - see Hohenstaufens!³⁵⁰ Enter Rathaus for Family register; meet old lady who remembers the

Frie Bergermeister³⁵¹; found that our auto stopped right in front of ma's old house!³⁵² corroborated by an old man. Unable to take picture of church; wife of Pfarrer Spieth gives me a picture : Spieth had been missionary in Togoland Africa.

wants to send Germ. "**Bote**."³⁵³ Fom Plochinger to Tuebinge, fine electric train; view of Schwabach Alb.- Food wagon lady takes charge of my bag: **Ge**

Meindehaus;³⁵⁴ No information.. found parsonage across the street; (see note or insert)³⁵⁵: **Pfarrer**³⁵⁶

Dekem Stohman, no good impression, refers me to **Apothike**³⁵⁷ Mayor as **Albrecht strass**³⁵⁸ # 4, after quite a walk, find place - girl there gives ride - finds instructions on house of Schoppen; looking & asking for place a woman (right in front of Schoppen) directs me to

a **Metzgerer**³⁵⁹ - where I find definite direction, come to Schoppen, - Pfarrer gone to help out a member at his first charge, - too late to have him come. - hearty welcome; fine talk with Mrs. Schoppen. (he rides bicycle.)

³⁵⁰ The place where this famous Kaiser Barbarossa was born, the birthplace of Barbarossa is the Hohenstaufen, a mountain in this region, called the Staufer-Kreis.

³⁵¹ "Free Mayor"

³⁵² Im's mother,

³⁵³ "Messenger."

³⁵⁴ "Parish Hall."

³⁵⁵ "In Teubigen looking for Prf. Schoppen house, having asked one man about directions. "Jo, it bin net vor hier, Ich komm von 6 km. Wescht von da." Anotheren: Ja, it bin great beken. Do you see da ueber der Balngeleis go da----fratet weiter." *A curious mix of English and German – roughly translated*, " Well, I'm not from here, I'm from 6 km. away, another – Yes, I know it well, do you see over the traintracks, go there and ask further directions.

³⁵⁶ "Pastor"

³⁵⁷ "Pharmacist"

³⁵⁸ "street"

³⁵⁹ "butcher"

"Hedwig" the girl, must carry my baggage! - Off to Heilbron, Werberg, Escheman. At Escheman About 1 hr. 7-8, beautiful surroundings, E. itself not it, town away from station. Find old lady I meet, Frau Riebenhein, gives all information, leads me to Albrecht hause! Wiedman hause – church; - no time to go to Gottlieb's children. Baggage at corner **Wirtschaft**³⁶⁰. - An officer on train tells me Hitler Jew policy extreme.- Conductor tells me about drinking of a group of 250 Am. women on his train in **Raedeskann**.

³⁶⁰ "Bar"

May 9th

) Maintz.

Train.

Boat.

Rhine trip, Koeln, Clear Weather, fine sunshine!

Trip from Heilbron via rail. **Bummelzug**³⁶²; changing cars 3 or 4 times; arrived at Maintz 2:38 AM. after waiting at station for some time expecting to wait for train to

Bingen, I decide to go to bed in hotel in lake boat in Maintz. Stopped at Terminus Hotel near station. Took st. car to landing place; buy worthwhile Rhine guide map; must pay extra partial fare for steamer ride, since 60 % reduction applies only to RR. – very fortunate to have clear weather; and to be early enough to secure good seat, in front, & sheltered!... At Bingen a lady's hat went overboard!

Trip on Rhine is marvelous, especially between Bingen & Koblenz, see colored guide.

Met a Philadelphia Doctor on board, and A lady Professor, elderly, from Cleveland.

) Arrived Bonne about 4:30 on walked to station

I was amazed at Anti-Jew posters: **“Der Jude ist der Feind.” “Wer beim Juden kauft ist ein Landes-**

verraeter.³⁶³ - Have a good lunch in a clean meat market. - Arrive Koeln between 6 & 7.

Find Dom³⁶⁴ immediately across street from Station, – Dom possibly most imposing bld. I have seen in Europe! Entering it, I find a special service just opening, prominent & very able man preaching, Text from Eccl.

“Lerne in deinem Leben deine Seele kennen, was

ihr schadet, das gieb ihr nicht.³⁶⁵ All seats taken,

many standing; tourists like myself there also; - offering is taken during the sermon!

Place of Sermon is to take care of soul! Hear

a woman leaving at close say, **“So nun last Uns gehn ein Glass Bier trinken.”**³⁶⁶ See special

notes about the prayer to Joseph & “Abean.”³⁶⁷

Fail to contact Dr. Schneller, at 8:30 the servant told me by phone, he had retired; gave her a message for him. Saw Herr Goering³⁶⁸ & newley wed wife at RR station; many uniformed soldiers present. -

(Saw Hollenzollern Rheinbucke)³⁶⁹

³⁶² “Slow or stopping train”

³⁶³ “The Jew is the enemy. Anyone who buys from a Jew is a traitor.”

³⁶⁴ Koeln (or Cologne) Dom- A famous gothic Cathedral in Koeln.

³⁶⁵ “Learn in your life to know your soul, what is harmful to it, don't give that to it.”

³⁶⁶ “ So now lets go and drink a glass of beer.”

³⁶⁷ Notes are missing, but he undoubtedly would have expressed displeasure at a prayer to the saints.

³⁶⁸ Hermann Goering, infamous German military leader during WWII - killed himself before Nuremburg trials were over.

³⁶⁹ “Hohenzollern's (royal family) Rhine estate.”

May 10, 1935

Train

Bremen-Bremmerhofen, Europa, Weather fine. Cool.

Having slept well in a department or section
all by myself most of the time from 11:45 pm.

last night until 5:10 this morning, I was
very thankful for having reached end of my
tour in Germany in safety & good health. It
was a most enjoyable trip. Time & again, even
today again, I was assured that my German
does not indicate or betray the foreigner. -

Had a shave at the "**Friseur**"³⁷⁰ in the station.

Meal in waiting room. Met B. early in
Lloyd Baggage Dept. of Lloyd Bldg. - at the
"Buegel Institute of Dietrick Schierenbeck

Bremen, I became interested in Magazine,

"**Der Aufbau**"³⁷¹; particularly in "**Kraft
durch Freude**"³⁷², a movement to encourage

regular physical exercise for health, joy &
strength! Applies in increased measure
to matters spiritual, - exercising, or practice-
ing one's faith! -

Left for Bremerhofen in Special train 11:03.

In our section a German Deakonissen,
happy as a little child, over the fact that her
brother, a pastor in Canada, enables her visit to
America, - is outspoken in her Christian spirit;
a Mrs. Krueger, Philadelphia - a practical
nurse, joins in the conversation dealing
with religious matters. -

Go aboard Europa room 576, - find all
my baggage taken care of perfectly. -

Write card to Ferdinand Kreft³⁷³; .. no-
tice considerable vibration. Begin copy-
ing notes into diary covering the days of
my trip from May 1-10.

Meet Mr. David Koenig, Twin Falls, Idaho, for-
merly German congregational minister, now a
professor, very intelligent, & informed person,
who with his wife is making a trip around
the world. Urges reading of "The Living Age." -

³⁷⁰ "Haircutter"

³⁷¹ "The Rebuilding."

³⁷² "Power through pleasure"

³⁷³ Relative of Ted & Addie Kreft from Fairfax of Jan 1.

May 11

Time back 25 min.

Europa, Southampton. Cherbourg. Weather fine, cool. First night on Europa again; and first night of undisturbed rest for full night. Thanks again to the good Lord.-

Continued copy notes for diary. Vibration of ship (in shallow water I am told) makes writing difficult.

List of names by ship clerks made purser think I, as Imm annuel Boecler (!) was B's wife !

Met Miss Dackauer, social Secretary of Capt. Scharf; she recalled our African Mission survey purpose of trip, - and tho in a hurry just before landing at Southampton; spoke to me about it, - when Mr. David Koenig (of Idaho) approached to introduce his wife to me; he asked whether Miss. Dackauer was my wife!

Landed at Southampton about noon with delay & difficulty, on account of shallow water. Was very, very happy to receive letters from Frieda, Norma, - the Krefts, and Gust. B. had no mail

Kino³⁷⁴ showed : **"Vor allem Sicherheit"**³⁷⁵

presenting vividly efforts made by Lloyd for safety of passengers, crew, construction of ship- schooling of crew. - "Hello Marie" the main feature was not very interesting. - Between 6 & 7 we anchored in port (not at pier) of Cherbourg, France. Fine harbor said to have been paid with German reparation money. Burnt wreck of the Atlantic, burnt about a year ago, is lying at pier, no body wants it, on account of expense to remove it; there is litigation on account of insurance amount. Overheard the remark that it may take 10 yrs. to settle the question if it should happen to go into American courts.

B. tells me about a divorce case being decided in favor the applicant in a German court, after other reasons availed nothing, by bringing the point vs. the wife that she had spoken despisingly about the Fuehrer. - B. also states that Willkomm³⁷⁶ greets his class with "Heil Hitler." -

³⁷⁴ "Movie Theater."

³⁷⁵ "Safety above all"

³⁷⁶ Professor at Free Church Seminary!

May 12

Bremen to NY 3189 nautical miles, made 454 nm.
Time back 1 hr every night until Thurs.
Europa. 454 mi. Out of Hambg. at noon; Finest Weather.
Feeling fine in body & soul. Praise to God.
Left Bremerhofen 2 p.m, although delayed by 2 stops
Southampton, Cherbourg, we made 454 sea
miles by noon. 2735 miles from N.Y.
Saw N.Y. times of Apr. 26th today; first Am. paper
since we left (except Standard.)
An Amer. Baptist minister, Clayton Pitts, con-
ducted service at 10. Engl: 50-60 present: no Christian
gospel preaching; moralizing on: what is the
Christian Spirit! Answer: (Growing - in Love.-
doing your duty, the will of God as you know it.)
Express our disapproval & disappointment to
Schreiner; who tells us that some Germans
(who had met us on train from Hamburg to
Bremen) had requested that we
conduct some service for them tonight; . -
Saw film. "Artisan" today showing Harry
Peters (Harry Piel) (his trained animals)-
Miss Dackauer calls on us at table this
noon & invites to a visit with Captain
Ahrens On bridge tomorrow. -
Reading "Religious freiheit." By G. Hermann.³⁷⁷

"Amtliche Dokumente, Worte fuehrender

Manner."³⁷⁸ - showing that German Gov. is
for separation of church & State. - The inspection
commission of Germ. Gov. has required Dr.
Koch, Berlin, to inform him regarding

Freikirche: -Geist !)³⁷⁹

Meeting in small hall of III kl., devotion
address by me on **"Die Freude am Herrn ist eure
Sicherheit" Durch Freude zu Kraft;**³⁸⁰ B. lecture
on Africa, about 20 present. Drakoussi
Martha Fuchs very active to bring about this
Meeting, to hear "Evangelism" - ; she almost
fainted when leaving the room; atmosphere
very close. - A Mr. Fischer, an old man was
eager to know whether meeting would take
very long - becaues he wanted to attend
dance.
Only 3 or 4 donned evening clothes for dinner.

³⁷⁷ "Religious Freedom"

³⁷⁸ "Official documents, the words of important men."

³⁷⁹ "The spirit of the Free Church."

³⁸⁰ "The joy of the Lord is our strength, through joy, to power."

May 13

Time 1 hr, back.

Europa: 2050 mi N.Y. ; 685 mi., total 1,139. Weather & sea very fine!

Continuing to appreciate God's unspeakable

Goodness; "what shall I render unto Him for all His benefits." Give me a faithful, joyful heart & mind in

Thy service, O Lord! –

Finished copying diary notes into diary.

Reading: Gedat's **Ein Christ erlebt die Probleme**

der Welt!³⁸¹ (America, Japan

Band plays splendidly on deck: A German-American (male) opera singer with beautiful voice singing in large hall (not for public).

"Did you see my father", says an unknown young lad, to me by mistake: meet his father & his son, there after: a new Yorker who went to Stuttgart to stay for 6 mo. - & stayed 6 yrs: owner of an auto spare part factory in Stuttgart (Germ & Engl.). -

Met a lady from Chicago, - who had been in Egypt; wants to hear more about Africa.-

Met a gentleman from Philadelphia, ; all of these are enthusiastic about Germany. -

Movie shows new SS. Schannhorst

in building, **Stoppel lauf**,³⁸² (tarcks are soaped.)

At. 4:30 about 20 are priviledged to visit bridge

some of us meet Capt. Ahrens (by curtesy of Mrs. Dackauer) ; Ahrens supplying for

Capt. Scharf who is on a trip furlough.-

2 kinds of compasses, electric – more accurate magnetic, when electricity is disturbed, - needs ad-

justment according to stars; steering is auto-

matically recorded showing every little twist

zig - zag in course; - automatic steering de-

vice; – 8-900 tons of oil consumed in 24 hrs; 1 %

Passes unused through smokestack speedo-

meter; smoke of a tobacco pipe gave alarm! -

Our table waiter a musical artist pia-

Nist, & director of Europa chorus; which has made concert tours. -

³⁸¹ "A Christian experiences the problems of the world."

³⁸² "Launch platform."

May 14

Time 1 hr back. Rainy, cool.

Europa. 1360 from N.Y.: made 690. Total 1829.

Had a good night. - good weather. - Lord, we are not worthy of all thy goodness. Ps. 103: Ps. 33,1.

Wrote Addenda to official diary³⁸³, covering reports, information received from

fellow passengers missionaries on Wadai.

Dr. Skulberg. Dr. & Mrs. McCracken, Rev.

Eknoth, Rev. Villesen.

Prepared a list of purchases and

filled out declaration of baggage --

Saw very interesting film: Ba-

Bona - presenting Airplane Africa

(E.) Trip of Martin & Osa Johnson;

remarkable Africa animal pictures.

Hear our Room steward,

Husmann tell us about

roughness of Europa trip, next after

ours: long waves, full length of ship;

suddenly part of ship is thrown to

side, pilot falls back, ship thrown

out of control, across the waves, most

dangerous thing that can happen,

Capt. Scharf personally jumps to wheel,

succeeds in righting ship. ; 18 windows

on deck broke into small pieces.

chair chained to stern & deck, and 76 yr. old

woman thrown 4 meters

Chair broken in fall down stairs, was

not hurt; lamps under ceiling on highest deck

broken by wave & ship on side as tho never

come back.

³⁸³ A copy of this addenda cannot be found.

May 15th

Time 1 hr back. cool. rainy. rough sea
Europa 673 fr. New York. 689 mi. total 2516.
Did not sleep much after 3 last night, neither
did B.: - "one thought chasing the other. Still the
wakeful hours were blessed in the Lord - may I
learn even better to live to his praise & glory. -
Early at the Barber's, he tells me: there will be
much sea sickness today. He was right; many
did not appear at table, others left in a hurry, so
our table mate Mrs. Krueger- B. , I were spared
again. We learn that this part of sea often
is rough and has swallowed many a
ship: due to breakers off New Foundland. -
Learn also that "temperature" of sea
is measured & recorded every hour.
Today there was a lowering by 10 degrees,
between 3 & 4.
Today B. gave me the letter from
Milo Buestil³⁸⁴ which he received in Ber-
lin, having arrived in Hamburg May 3rd. -
This morning I completed
addendum to official Diary reporting
on church conditions, in Germany as I
observed them during my trip.
Repacked my trunk ready to be
taken out today.
The Europa carries an enormous
amount of mail; no less than 9,000
mailbags this trip; supposed to take
at least two hours to unload . I measure
piles of bags on deck; before nearly all
were out of hall, I stepped off the pile
5 steps deep, higher than I would reach
and fully 60 steps long! -
Tonight at 10:30 The Europa chorus (60 or more)
gives a concert; our table waiter is its director.

³⁸⁴ Probably an acquaintance of Boecler.

May 16th

Time 1 hr. back.

Europa. - N. York. Weather, Sea splendid
Last night on Europa gave me a very restful
sleep. It is almost overwhelming to realize the
the very remarkable & blessed guidance and favor
of our kind loving heavenly Father. May I and
all my dear ones, together with all children of
God ever experience & acknowledge the Lord's
loving care for soul & body on our journey this
life, & after the night of death awake to the bright-
ness of the heavenly morn & eternal day.-
Overheard this remark of one of the sailors guarding
the mailbags: **"Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt, weiss
was ich leide."**³⁸⁵

Skyline of New York appeared 11:45. - Mail boats
appeared outside the harbor; - took from 1:20 to
2:40 to unload mail to 2 boats at same time
from both sides of ship through long chutes.
Mr. Nicholsburg brings 3 reporters on board,
by special launch for press men, to inter-
view us. - (make us wait) Nicholsberg says
James Roosevelt³⁸⁶ was on the launch to meet
some family member on Europa.. Nicholsburg
speaks & complains about WI Syn. Men's opposition
to A.S. Publishing Board.³⁸⁷ (Ex. Of man who asked that
Wis papers also be placed in libraries). - Statue
of Liberty at 3 pm - Mrs. Boecler. Pastor &
Mrs. Kuechle meet us at dock. (they cry
when they see B.s haggard look.) Had
supper at Kuechle's ; took Pa. RR train (.27)
to station of Pa. RR and stay at New York
Hotel (3.00) splendid place; laundry
servidor (put laundry in door cabinet
which is then opened from hall by porter to
receive laundry as telephoned; returned next
morning.)
Our Room steward looked after our
baggage very well at dock & customs place:
untied, tied rope etc.

³⁸⁵ "Only the person who knows yearning, knows what I suffer."

³⁸⁶ Son of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

³⁸⁷ Unable to find a reference to this event or board.

May 17th

(Written on morning Soo train.)

New York, & N.Y. P.R.R.³⁸⁸ - Chicago. Fine weather.
A good night and blessed experience at N. York Hotel.
excellent service! One of finest Hotels I have been.
May the Lord continue his undeserved blessings. -
Went by subway to 57 Broadway (N.S.S. Lloyd); receive
only 24.50 for 100 R.M. checks; we had paid 26.80
subway fare only .05! To N.Y. Central Station,
baggage 3.33 excess baggage. Left 1:05 PM.
up the Hudson with opportunity to spend all
day Sat. at Niagra Falls; no more extra charge than
meals for the day; decide to pass it up; had
sent telegram home that I would be Mnpls. Sun.
5:50 PM.

Scenery up the Hudson most
beautiful, especially also near West Point.
Marred at some places by rubbish &
dirt piles along tracks. Adv. Sign "Aleock's
Plaster!" (Dirt & rubbish in subway stations,
along streets & on sidewalks of N.Y.,
even near Empire State Bldg., deplorably,
shamefully bad!

Land scape scenery w. of Albany, in Mohawk
valley more like Germany, than anything I
have seen in America.

Sign near Udica: Savage Arms Corporation.

³⁸⁸ Pennsylvania Railroad.

May 18th

(Written on moving Pa train)
Chicago. Weather very fine.
Thankful for restful night & blessed
hour of meditation in Train berth. Arrived
Chicago 7:00. Good service by Parmelee Co.
from Central to Grande Central sta.
Good meal at Thompson near S. Clark St.
Suit pressed for .35 while waiting
called up **LeGrand's, Gordon's place**; Gordon
down town expecting to meet me. Paul
Redeck's³⁸⁹, moved to brother Roman. Call
up & speak to Frieda, Friday. Tells me all details
about Boeckers affairs; on account of a cold she
can not be out to meet me. Gordon
came to Sta.; now expected at Le Grand.
Have baggage checked to Mnpls. (no excess
charged; first rope around box torn.)
Out to Le Grands; fine lady; out to
Holtzingen second meal at LeGrande's
feel much at home; meet Neva Roman
Therese - Norma's picture! Letter: see
latest Fairfax Standard. Mr. LeGrande (with
Gerda & Florence) takes me to Grant Park
(off at wrong street); got Roman & Paul
Redeck's Place; only Roman at home; the wives at a
shower; go to R.. Ida Redeck, meet Ewald,
Harold, Gerhard, Paul & Roman; also wives of Paul &
Roman; & baby Roland (8 wks old). Spend
fine evening 12:55 take milk train for Mnpls.
Sleeper only to Leseur Pl.³⁹⁰

³⁸⁹ Acquainances of Im in Chicago.

³⁹⁰ Lesuer MN. RR. Platform.

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