

September 8, 1945

Mr. Wm. M. Ege
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Dear Mr. Ege:

I cannot fully tell you how very much I enjoyed receiving your letter of the 6th. I don't write very often, but I think of you many, many times and always with appreciation and admiration.

One of my very pronounced opinions is in regard to the value of each individual. So many men are prone to think "what can I do", but men like you, no matter where you are--whether it was growing apples on the farm up near Barker or working in the library at K.U., or being a great help to us in the Baptist Church, you will be counted a good deal more than an ordinary man. I am sure that among the hundreds and perhaps thousands of young men and women whom you contacted while in the University library, that all of them are better because of the acquaintance they had with you.

I think it is fine that in your older years you can be with your children and grandchildren. I am getting pretty much into the grandfather class myself. I have three granddaughters and seven grandsons, the last one having been born on the 26th of August. He has been keeping his mamma company at Christ's Hospital at Topeka, but they will come down tonight to spend a week or two in our home. His mother is Dorothea, our youngest and only black-eyed daughter. She has three children--all boys. Her husband has red hair and she has always wanted to have a red-haired boy. Her first two boys had dark hair and black eyes, but the baby is undoubtedly a red head which makes her very happy.

The church is getting along quite well. We have a new pastor--rather young--in his early thirties--who has been with us since April '44. It is the general opinion that he is growing and that he is giving better sermons now than when he first came. Dr. Schwegler had supplied our pulpit for about a year prior to the coming of Dr. Snodgrass and Schwegler is not an easy man to follow because of his fine mind and forceful delivery. During the present summer, the church purchased the residence property with its 50-ft. lot directly south of the church. The rooms will be used for the department of younger children in our Sunday School, and the church looks forward to building a suitable educational department in the not too distant future.