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## AGAINST ALL APPEARANCES

the most distinguished for brilliant and courageous leadership, came out in the end to a simple and definite religious conclusion. He confessed his own personal inability to go on without a living contact with God in Christ, and he told with great simplicity and humility how he had found pasture for his soul in the Psalms.

We were struck with this : that on every hand there seems to be abroad an instinct or an intuition that, for the whole world, some new era of trial and testing is at hand. One heard this conviction in circles and quarters where one might least have expected it. A former diplomatic Minister who has published able books on politics and economics in two languages said that he had come to an end of his own wisdom and self-assurance at last, and that without some anchor of faith and hope in God as Love and Wisdom—against all appearances—he would already have come to despair. One able man complained of the futility of much of the organized ecclesiastical life in South-East Europe, so occupied and absorbed with questions and those, withal, not vital questions. Ought we not to pray that everywhere all who love Christ Jesus as *Lord* may be more and more made known to each other and brought closer together in true open-hearted fellowship, in love and sincere friendship overstepping and obliterating man-made frontiers? If this is our daily prayer surely the Lord Himself will grant us wonderful daily guidance that we may respond to His great purposes for us and really be a light in a dark place. We shall be lost in wonder and surprise at His guidance and its glorious contrast to those old unfertile days of sagacious human calculation. 'Thou art our Father'; how often we have said it! Let us pray that we may all of us more and more act as His trusting children; then indeed shall our 'soiled face' be anointed and cheered by His exhaustless grace.

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## The Hindenburg Line in Burma

We should like to call the attention of our readers to the statement which appears in every number of *WORLD DOMINION*, disclaiming responsibility for the views of our contributors. We call special attention to this because we anticipate quite a few protests from those who, when they read the following article, will see its reference to teams and groups, and who believe, as someone said to us recently, that any one who has sympathy with the Oxford Group Movement 'should be suspected of doctrinal drift.' Let us say at once that we are not associated with the Movement, but we have seen some of

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the miracles of grace which have resulted from it, and we thank God for the consistent lives of relatives and friends ' by whose fruits ' we know them to be converted men and women.

We beg our readers to remember that WORLD DOMINION is true to the basis printed on its title page, but it accepts information from every reliable source, otherwise it could not reflect the world situation and we must know the situation if its challenge is to be met.

In our opinion Mr. Dyer's article truly presents the position in Burma and points the way to improve it. In Burma the Christian forces are faced with the Hindenburg line of Buddhism. God bless anyone who breaks through it !

## Conditions of Success in Burma

V. W. DYER

In Burma to-day great progress has been made among the hill tribes, especially among the Chins, Kachins and Lahus. The missionaries among these converts, by laying greater emphasis upon the deepening of the spiritual life especially of the leaders, desire to strengthen the new Church against sophistication as a result of contact with the trends of present-day thought.

There has likewise been a great ingathering in Lower Burma among the Pwo Karen people. Here too, it is recognized that safety lies only in increasingly deepening the spiritual life of the leaders.

In spite of these evidences of progress, however, the great problem is still unsolved, namely, how to win the 12,348,037 Buddhists (nine million of whom are Burmans).

The Baptist Mission faces this tremendous challenge along with other missions in Burma.

' IF there is anything wrong with the Republican Party or the Episcopal Church, I want to die without knowing it,' is a remark attributed to one of the great religious leaders of to-day. I am sure none of us Baptists are prepared to say, ' If there is anything wrong with our Baptist Churches or Mission, I want to die without knowing it.' Nor would any of us consciously want to take that attitude. Yet, unless we welcome all honest diagnosis and constructive criticism, we are as bad as that. If we seriously intend to win Burma for Christ within a reasonably short period of time, we must face many unpleasant facts both about others and ourselves and also think out and decide whether we will pay the price.