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-- Overlook On Life --
 By WARREN S. REEVE
 The idea of "Overlook" is taken from the Overlooks provided for viewing panoramas along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Today is the eighty-fifth birthday of one of the famous men of our century — Dr. Albert Schweitzer, pioneer in theology, music, medicine, but chiefly in Christian service as a doctor and surgeon among a primitive black people in central Africa. The commemoration of his birth sets off in my mind a train of thoughts about a dozen men whose lives have had a special significance for me. I call them my spiritual mentors, and though some of them belong to generations before my own, they have been, as it were, alive and real to me. When I think of them, time is transcended. There is no distinction in the feelings I have between those who are still alive and those who are dead. For these dead are not really dead. With them, and likewise with the several I mention whom I have known directly, I feel I have entered into mystical, living fellowship.

The first of these spiritual mentors is Dr. John H. Hutton, an English preacher of note, who for the last two or three decades of his life was the editor of the British Weekly until his death in 1954 or 1946. Through reading, week by week, his contributions to this publication, I felt that I came to know him intimately. Often what he wrote stirred me deeply.

Another choice personality was Dr. Richard Watson Dixon, a Church of England clergyman who died in the year of my birth. He was a poet, obscure, but in his time known and much revered by Rosetti and Gerard Manley Hopkins and Robert Bridges. Although his poetry was not all of equal merit, he created some of the finest lines in the whole corpus of English poetical productions. But he was more than a poet. He was a great soul. He was a seer, he was a prophet. He had a profound insight into human nature on the one hand, and into the meaning and destiny of human existence on the other. With exquisite sensitivity he painted incomparably lovely word-pictures both of people and of the natural world in which we live. While not blind to the fearful powers of evil that press upon us all, he had a faith in the final goodness of things. What he saw with his inner eyes as he surveyed the

some eight or ten years ago, and I could not help praying for him from time to time, till it seemed as though he was one of my living acquaintances. Whether he still lives or not, I do not know, and may never know, but that does not matter.

A grand, saintly man of New Hampshire, now in Heaven, a soul of purest gold, was given me for a friend. During the last seven or eight years of his life, after the sight of his eyes was gone, he spent the hours of his day, in almost ceaseless prayer. One may say of him, as has been said of others, "He being dead yet speaketh".

Dr. Karl Barth, a Swiss theologian, has been a profound moulder of thought in the last forty years. He, too, I consider a great soul, and though he has never heard of me, I think I may have had a kind of fellowship with him (even though I may add, I may not agree with all he has written).

The last character I would name, with whom I feel a spiritual, imaginative, esthetic rapport, is Boris Pasternak, author of Dr. Zhivago, to whom the Nobel Prize in Literature was offered in 1958. Pasternak, as I wrote in these columns at the time when Dr. Zhivago was first appearing in our book stores, is, in my interpretation, a gift of God to his country and to the world. He — just in himself and as himself — is a unique phenomenon. I feel I love the man and have a kind of closeness to him. I pray for him.

Eternal life is not something to be entered into only in the future. By faith, by imagination, with longing and with love, it is something that may be entered into even now — any time and always. The spiritual world — Heaven, if you like to call it that — is a peopled world, into the society of which great souls of all ages invite us. God is in the midst of it, and God is its life and light. Also, the "Lamb which was slain" is exalted and given the Name which is above every name. The spirit of God "runneth and returneth" (Ezekiel 1:14) compelling all those upon whom the measureless affection of the Divine Heart is poured to come and "sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:9; Cf. Luke 14:23)

There are many Bible characters (not counting our Lord Jesus Christ) who one could feel are living friends. But one who has seemed especially real to me, who to me is alive and into whose presence I can be brought, is Ezekiel. I think that there was no prophet whose consecration was superior to his. His life was completely at the disposal of the Almighty. I love the man and I love to let myself be saturated with his thinking.

To two musical composers in particular I have felt my inner spirit reach out and come into rapport with — Johann Sebastian Bach and Frederic Francois Chopin.

In Japan there lives still a converted Buddhist priest who is veritably a saint. I have known him personally for twenty five years, and occasionally I get a letter from him. To characterize him, one could say that he is a man who leads a constantly "dying life". He lays down his life, figuratively speaking day by day, for the sake of others and for the sake of the Kingdom of God. My soul communes with him spiritually, and I think his does with me.

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Take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Yancey County, North Carolina, by the plaintiff to secure an absolute divorce from you upon the ground that the plaintiff and you as defendant have lived separate and apart for more than two years next preceding the bringing of this action; and the defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Yancey County, in the Court-house in Burnsville, North Carolina, within twenty days after the 12th day of February, 1960, and answer or demur to the Complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint.

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Bonds, Stocks and Accrued Interest	33,694,322.38
Loans	51,205,901.32
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures— Less Depreciation	511,249.51
Other Assets	7,755.27
Other Real Estate	1,501.00
Customers' Liability under Letter of Credit	58,527.00
	\$96,691,109.72

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock (Common)	\$1,500,000.00
Surplus	4,500,000.00
Undivided Profits	909,468.12
Total Capital Account	\$ 6,909,468.12
RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE LOAN LOSSES	1,521,138.28
Reserve for Dividend due Jan. 4, 1960	52,500.00
Interest Due Depositors and Other Reserves	1,597,094.00
Other Liabilities	2,193,383.10
Bank's Liability under Letter of Credit	58,527.00
DEPOSITS	84,358,999.22
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