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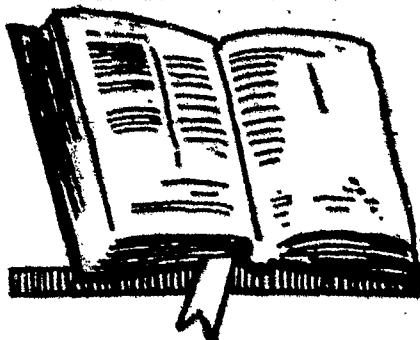
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"HE IS RISEN!"



The three greatest words in the history of mankind. Christ was crucified—and did rise! The prophecy was fulfilled. Christ divine stood revealed. His case was proven for that day and for eternity. "He is risen!"

Through the centuries that utterance of hope and salvation has been the object of many attacks. Agnosticism, liberalism—or by whatever name you may call the spirit of doubt and distrust—how their spears have been sent flying against the armor of Christ only to fall and crumple at His sacred feet.

"He is risen!" Every Eastertide that proclamation is made anew. Every Eastertide thousands of lips repeat that immortal message and thousands of hearts are strengthened and made glad.

Every Eastertide legions of new followers enlist under the banner of Christ. Every Eastertide sees thousands of new temples erected to His glory.

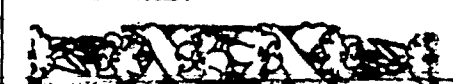
Man-made things change and decay. Governments rise and fall. Systems of philosophy enjoy a short vogue and pass into oblivion. Habits of living change from generation to generation.

The human race has a genius for experimenting. The new things appeal. They are tried out of curiosity.

History is a record of change, change, change!

Yet throughout these years of revolution and evolution, with their flux of human emotions and their thousands of elating currents—above the tumult of doubt and fear and prejudice one voice rises supreme. It is the word of the angel of God as he stands by the tomb of Jesus.

The message is simple, yet eternal: "He is risen!"



Easter Gospel Makes

Christ Living Presence

Companionship is an essential of life. We are made for fellowship. Conversation is more enjoyable than oratory. But companionship is not restricted to speech, for we can enjoy the memory of absent friends. Our greatest society is the company of the unseen. On every bookshelf the finest companionship is offered to us. The great souls of the past will speak their innermost thoughts to us. Such is the democracy of the intellectual world.

The Christian life is a companionship. Two disciples walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus the first Easter day were heavy hearted with disappointment. There came one who spoke to them and their hearts burned within them. Arriving at their home He went in with them and revealed His identity at mealtime. The two men were transformed. Instead of being discouraged they now knew the companionship of the risen Christ. They at once went back the eight miles to Jerusalem to share the news with others. The Easter gospel is that Christ is an abiding presence, a living companion to every true believer.—Montreal Family Herald.

A SOUTHERN EASTER

By L. M. Thornton



I have heard the Easter music:
Through the tall palmetto trees,
Like a song of angels floating
Earthward on the vernal breeze,
And my ears have caught the meaning
As they never did before
Of the nearness and the beauty
Of the mystic Other Shore.

I have seen the Easter lilies
With their largess of perfume
Grown as from a field Elysian
Meet to grace a Saviour's tomb.
And I read in them a story
That delights me more and more,
Of the wonder and the welcome
Of the open Pearly Door.

Oh, the blessed hope of Easter!
How it floods the world with light,
Spanning Death's uncertain river,
Shining through the darkest night,
Pointing up the Path of Crosses
That Another safely trod
To the gladness and the glory
Of the City of Our God.
—Youth's Companion.

Florida Named for Easter

There are not many people who connect the name of Florida with Easter. Jumping to the conclusion that the name has reference to Flora, the goddess of Flowers. Florida is called thus because Ponce de Leon, journeying in search of the fountain of youth, happened to land there on Easter Sunday (1512). The Spanish name for which is Pascua Florida. Natal, in South Africa, obtained its name in similar accidental fashion, only this time it was Vasco da Gama, who, in 1497, landed there on Christmas day (the Nativity, that is, the "Natal" day).

AT THE SEPULCHER



I was a Roman soldier in my prime:
New age is on me and the yoke of time.

I saw your Risen Christ, for I am he
Who reached the brasses to Him on the tree:

And I am one of two who watched beside
The sepulcher of Him we crucified.

All that last night I watched with
Sleepless eyes;
Great stars arose and crept across the
skies.

The world was all too still for mortal
rest,
For restless thoughts were busy in my
breast.

The night was long, so long, it seemed
at last
I had grown old and a long life had
passed.

Far off the hills of Moab, touched with
light,
Were swimming in the hollow of the
night.

I saw Jerusalem all wrapped in cloud,
Stretched like a dead thing folded in
a shroud.

Once in the pauses of our whispered
talk
I heard a something on the garden
walk.

Perhaps it was a crisp leaf lightly
stirred—
Perhaps the dream-note of a waking
bird.

Then suddenly an angel burning white
Came down with earthquake in the
breaking light.

And rolled the great stone from the
sepulcher,
Mixing the morning with a scent of
myrrh.

And lo, the Dead had risen with the
day:
The Man of Mystery had gone His way!
Years have I wandered, carrying my
shame:

Now let the Tooth of Time eat out my
name,
For we, who all the Wonder might
have told,
Kept silence, for our mouths were
stopped with gold.

—EDWIN MARKHAM.

"Coat" Worn by Christ

on Road to Calvary?

In the ancient city of Treves on the Moselle is to be found what is said to be the "Holy Coat," believed by the faithful to be the veritable garment worn by Christ on his way to crucifixion, and for which the soldiers of an earlier day "cast lots." Empress Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, was the donor of this priceless memento—so priceless, indeed, as only to be exhibited once in a century to such of the faithful as had gathered together from all parts of the world to view it. "The coat," says a one-time eye-witness, "is a loose garment, with wide sleeves, very simple in form, of coarse material, dark brown in color, possibly the result of its age, and entirely without seam or decoration. In parts it is tender, or threadbare, and some few stains upon it are reported to be those of the Redeemer's blood. It is reputed to have worked many miracles in the way of cures, and its efficacy has never been doubted in Treves." In the year 1844, when the coat, by order of Archbishop Arnoldi, was exhibited, pilgrims from all quarters of the world journeyed to gaze upon the sacred relic, many arriving before dawn at the cathedral doors; while "sometimes the line (of waiting persons) was more than a mile in length, and few could reach the high altar where the coat was placed in less than three hours." Fortunately, indeed, did they consider themselves who could manage to catch so much as a glimpse of the sacred garment.

RIDING IN STATE



Not all of us, at the beginning of life, can ride in our own chariot with a "fery steed."

WELCOME SPRING

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