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The Resurrection

"He is Risen. He is not Here!"

Language could hardly frame a sentence simpler than this; it has not often framed a sublimer one; it has never framed one richer with gladness to the children of men. This old world has heard a hundred proclamations of victory that fired to ecstasy the souls of men; but none like unto this. We try to imagine the joy of hearing it from angelic lips before Christ's empty tomb, and we fail. What it meant to our Lord's first disciples, what it has meant in all the Christian centuries to all real believers in the real Christ, is an old story now. Familiarity with it has taken away something of its mystic sublimity and its rapturous joyousness; and perhaps we hear it without experiencing anyever one of the greatest messages ever bless the world-

We envy at all times the first disciples of extent of its influence. We have witnessed deduct the loss in the purchasing power of our Lord, but never more than when we remember them as the first recipients of this manage. Surely it was worth Christianity of Christ; and the sooner the Christian world is convinced of this fact, the the joy of His resurrection! Human better will it be for the world, Christian or 1915. During the same period the average malice and ignorance had combined powerfully in a supreme effort to destroy Christ, otherwise. and had failed. Men could summon Him be an Easter anthem that should ring clearly, fore their tribunals of judgment; they could strongly and melodiously, with only joyous courge Him and torture His sweet tender notes. But we should be selfish in our Eassoul with the revilings of their senseless ter gladness, should we not remember in pity hatred, they could sentence Him to an ig and in prayer our brothers that "sit in dark- gradually disappearing. We are rapidly apnominious death and execute the sentence ness and in the shadow of the valley of proaching the time when the teacher will rewith pitiless accuracy; but they could no death." And we should be disloyal to our ceive a professional wage. more annihilate Him and His cause than loving, Risen Christ who loves all men Like everything else that they could topple God from His eternal everywhere, even as He loves us, should we throne, and bring back primordial chaos. not find place somewhere in our Easter cele- or objectives of public education one is for Christ suffered and died not merely because bration for a fervent prayer that the great the wise use of leisure which it is said cle-His enemies wished it, but because He Himworld of men would get back the glorious vates the character of the nation's citizenry, self wished it: and had the exhausted mavision of better times; the vision of Mary, and another is for the training in good charlignity of men been supplemented by the agthe Mother, surely the first to greet the acter. Now we can get some idea of the progression of the frenzy of all hosts of hell, He Risen Lord, with a trembling awe, perhaps, duction value of American education from would still have survived to confound his that she had never known in old Nazareth, the figures published in the same bulletin. enemies and to bless His friends. The jubiations of hate had not yet ceased, the tears faltered for a moment; the vision of the pilers did not intend this deduction, though of love had not yet dried, when both were Apostles, even of that Thomas called forever- it is a valid one. rendered futile-the Saviour had risen from more the doubter, for all that his "My God the dead. "He is Risen," said the angel. "He is not here!" Purposely in this place and at this time known; the vision of Mary Magdalen that cost of public elucation, elementary, secondhave we been writing of the joy of the dis- time she met Him walking in the garden be- ary, college and universities was two billion ciples who first heard the glorious Easter side His abandoned sepulchre, with the sun- dollars. The total cost of private schools, message, and of all true believers in Christ light of beautiful spring all around Him, and embracing the same grades, was four hunwho have heard it since. There are some a sunlight of eternal life beaming from his dred thirty million dollars. Some interestof our friends and brothers upon the earth eyes of beauty; the vision of all true Chris-in our time to whom Easter Sunday is only tian believers throughout the Christian Catholic layman's attitude towards Catholic another day, among them some that deny to centuries to whom the resurrection has been education and the professional preparation Christ's real resurrection, because, forsooth, as real as if they had seen it with their own for the same. Religious teachers do not such a miracle simply could not happen. With mortal eyes; the vision that is ours now, be- work for a salary, but certainly they should them we can have no quarrel on Easter Sun- cause for all the mists of nineteen centuries day morning; but unto them our hearts go of time, we still can see him rising from the we mean such an income as will enable them out in pity and prayer. They believe in the dead, and for all the mists of the twentieth to live, to progress professionally and to premiracle of the resurrection of nature in the century of time we still can see our Risen springtime, filling all the earth with beauty Lord and rejoice! and heneficence; they believe in many mir-action of resurrection in the life of men and dead, save as He had made it the absolute irof nations, miracles less sublime, surely, but refragable proof of His divinity, and therejust as stupendous as the one wherein God, fore of the truth of His teaching. It was for His own divine purposes, should be born just one more miracle; but to us and to all into this world, die upon a cross, be buried the world of men it was everything. in a stranger's grave, and rise again on the third day. It is the darkest tragedy of the Christian centuries that for them there has What Price Education been no one to roll back the stone from the Everyone is a buyer. We all pay good the contract of the contr who do not definitely deny the resurrection, always true that with every purchase we but because the glorious fact has never been receive an equivalent in return. For these brought home to their minds and hearts, do are days of counterfeit, decoys and so-called not linew what to think about it, and in the big business. Like all commodities we purbirhaps, refrain from thinking about it chase education, at least we pay for it. Perthe the transfer a glib distinction between the publication of a Research Bulletin by Christ of history and the Christ of re- the National Education Association on the could be other than "the same yester- the Nation Afford To Educate Its Children? y, way and forever." Unto these also our Here we have presented for our considerarue go out in pity and prayer. tion some interesting figures. They make that unless Christ truly rose us think; they may even make us wonder the christianity is a false really always get what we pay for. wist upon the earth mere- We learn that school attendance in all many religious cults that public elementary and secondary schools was having their origin in was forty-one percent greater in 1926 than a mother great man who, 1915. The idea is to guarantee to every the school guidance characteristic maid last going on record to make this the mini-

Bishop O'Hern Grateful

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Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D.. Bishop of Rochester, wishes to express, through The Catholic Courier and Journal, his sincere thanks-to-all people who were helpful and kindly to him on the occasion of his consecration as Bishop on March 19 last. The Bishop's statement follows:

"I wish to thank through the columns of The Catholic Courier and Journal, the Clergy and laity of the diocese, all the members of the various Religious Sisterhoods, and all my numerous friends, Catholic and non-Catholic, in and outside the diocese, who have made the occasion of my Consecration one of such joy and happiness to me.

"My heart is filled with gratitude to all my friends, to our men, women and children of the parishes of the Diocese who offered up spiritual bouquets of thousands of Holy Communions, Mass intentions, Stations of the Cross, aspirations and other devout practices. for my spiritual and temporal welfare. wish to thank also so many who have been kind enough to send me flowers and gifts of a religious and personal character, which it will be a privilege for me to use in connection with the Episcopal services which I shall now be called upon to perform.

"I would, if I could, make individual acknowledgement to every one who has been so kind and thoughtful as to remember me with felicitations that have touched my heart very deeply, and which have made a lasting impression on my mind and on my soul.

"God bless you all, priests and people, men women and children, members of our Sisterhoods, friends, Catholic and non-Catholic beyond number, and may He keep you all close to His Sacred Heart!

- "Signed
- "---John Francis O'Hern.

"BISHOP OF ROCHESTER."

win men to the cause he championed. It could have no stronger foundation than the shifting sands of subjectivism; it could have thing like the ineffable gladness that fol- no stronger unity than one born of an adlowed its first utterance; but it remains for- miring and even loving devotion to the beauty and beneficence of Christ; it could tongued by man or angel to gladden and have no stronger teaching, governing or perpetuating power than its adherents would

EASTER • SUNDAY

"And When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought sweet spices, that they might come and annoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they come to the monument, the sun being now risen. And they said one to another: 'Who shall roll us back the stone from the door of the monument?' And, looking, they saw the stone rolled back: for it was very great. And entering the monument, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe, and they were affrighted. But He saith to them: Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen: He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He goeth before you into Galilee: there ye will see Him, as He told you."

Gospel of St. Mark, 16th Chap. 1-7.

the Catholic Educator.

Here is an interesting piece of data which, all things being considered, ought to make for better educational results. When our Constitution was adopted the average length of attendance upon school for the individual was sixty days; in 1920 it was 1200 days, the highest average length of school life for a whole population ever attained by any nation. In 1775 the elementary curriculum consisted of the three-R's, with spelling and the Bible added. Fifty years later grammar, geography and bookkeeping had been added. Another twenty-five years and we had added history and begun the use of object lessons. 'By 1875 the "frills" of the previous fifty years had passed to the stage of "essen tials," grammar, geography and history holding secure places in the program, while new "frills" appeared in the form of civics, music, drawing and health education. By 1925, one hundred fifty years after the beginning, the curriculum included not five but twentyhree subjects. (Education; What Program? What Price? Frank D. Boynton.)

Then we have increased the efficiency of our teaching power. At least we are paying more for teachers, and therefore a better quality is to be expected. Between 1915 and concede to it. Necessarily, it would be broad 1926 the teachers' average salary increased in the content of its creed, and narrow in the from \$543.00 to \$1,277.00. Even after you a Christianity like this; but it is not the the dollar, due to economic shrinkage, there is still some real gain. The 1926 salary purhased forty-one percent more than that of therwise. Perhaps these are not notes to strike in Creased from \$861.00 to \$2,010.00. The latter figure represents a gain in purchasing power of thirty-three percent over that for 1915. Teaching is still under an economic disadvantage, but a disadvantage that is Like everything else that you buy, education has a purpose. Of the several purposes The figures are of the year 1926, and we receive a living wage. And by a living wage pare future members to carry on the work. I cese of Rochester. They will be blessed and I their church and their God.

mum of education. It is just this growing Our religious have been burning the candle decision which presents many difficulties to at both ends, certainly with the highest and noblest ideals, but this generation and others

will pay the price in the supreme sacrifice of its man-power. Catholics of the past and present have made a serious mistake by emphasizing the cheapness of Catholic education. Think what you will, and say what will, education costs money. Even vou Catholic education is not justified in demanding human holocausts to carry on its work. By contrast, the report goes on to show that as a nation perhaps we are over-indulging in luxuries. The automobile may be a luxury, or it may be a necessity. But we cannot place it in the same category as food or clothing. In 1927 there were over twenty million passenger automobiles in operation in the United States. We own seventy-eight percent of the automobiles of the world. Prescinding from the consideration of motor trucks in the same year, for the purchase, operation and upkeep of passenger automobiles we expended nearly twelve billion dollars. For tobacco, our bill is two billion; for pop, ice cream, candy and gum, one billion; for jewelry, perfumes and cosmetics, eight hundred six millions; for sporting goods, it s four hundred eighty-seven millions. This makes a round total of over six billion dollars.

Now we raise the question. Since the purose of public education as a productive process is to provide for the sane and sober use of leisure and advance the ethical character of the nation's citizenry, are we getting what we pay for? In presenting this question we are not too proper nor too rigorous. We are just sensible. Are we maching good-ness, knowledge and truth? These are the undamental and essential qualities which must of necessity go into the making of the citizenry of any nation which makes the least pretense at permanency.

beautified by the reflecti light of the golden days of the past—the tys of the diocesan pioneers, lay and clerical the days of Bishop McQuaid, and of BishorHickey.

The great civic interes heart-felt and sincere, shown in the constration of Bishop O'Hearn is splendid evidere of the fertility of the spiritual soil here One thing is of paramount importance in he tilling of that soil-the co-operation of he laity of the tic co-operation. A co-opation that will co-operation; but a whole-farted enthusiasthrough the parishes, jus as the state is make possible great work, teat accomplishments.

Dioceses are built throug the churches, In three years, from 19, to 1928, the built through its counties; a the nation is built through its states. The necessitates superb loyalty to the churche by the laity, if a Diocese is to continue leat, and be progressive and forward-lookin in its work. All of us who wish to encourat our Bishop, therefore, will work zealously ith our pastors; we will give them the concration and support that will help make is parishes successful, spiritually and tempally. Faithfulness in religious duties, sacrie in many ways, interest that never dimishes, enthusiasm that inspires-these re things that help parishes and pastors sceed.

Let us, therefore, looking anel towards the golden days of our Diocese, rmly resolve to do our full share in the matenance and support of our individual chunes. It will be a labor of love; a work the will inspire our Bishop, and a work that 'll surely be blessed by God. And it will ba work that will lighten immeasurably th great burden and the great responsibility ny resting on the shoulders of Bishop O'Hn. All of us naturally want to do it, then the right way, beginning at the fountainead. the parish. Then will the golden ds df Bishop O'Hern merge surely and hpily with the golden days of the past, an the Diocese of Rochester will be rich innew blessings and in new achievements wthy of our Church and pleasing to Almighty od.

Ireland Making Progress

-Ireland is making progress. The w minister of the Free State to Americ Michael MacWhite, tells us that. His figus are impressive. They give the pleasant ne that an Irishman has something in h pockets now besides his hands.

In three yaars, from 1925 to 1928, th trade balance deficit of the Free State ha. been reduced from nineteen million pounds to eleven million, approximately forty milion dollars. Bank deposits increased ten million dollars in one year. Three thousand new employes have gone to work in fortyone woolen mills in the country. Unemployment has dwindled so that no longer is there an army of discontented men and women. The unemployment problem, so terrifying to England, has become a minor one in Ireland.

Twenty-five million dollars, have been spent on good roads in Ireland since 1924. This work will last generations longer th such work would last in America. For Ireland has no frost to upheave the highways. The hearts of its people are too warm, for one thing, and the God of Natur-does the rest. This growing prosperity makes 1 possible at last for the Irish people to livest home. No longer are they flocking by thouands to other lands. The romance of new worlds is not now a romance to them, for o land holds such romance for its own peopleas Ireland does. The people love it, and ae glad to live there. It is fine to know that the Irish peole in America still remember their relative and friends in a practical way. More than trenty million dollars a year is sent from Amrica to the "folks at home." For fifteen ays preceding last Christmas an average of one million dollars a day was received fom America for Christmas gifts to loved obs. For nearly a century of time this amazig generosity has continued unbroken. Decaes ago many thousands of immigrants, mn and women, working for wages as low ; ten dollars per month, saved a generou portion of this pittance and sent it "bac home." The seas, sorrows, or sacrifices never cleft the heart strings of the Irish people. Their story is a story without a parallel in the world. Little wonder is it now that God is blessing them with material prosperity, as long ago He blessed them with spiritual prosperity, perseverance and exalted love for their land and its people, for

and My All!" is the most eloquent expres- give them in round numbers. Our national sion of Christian faith the world has ever income was eighty-four billion. The total

Tribute To Bishop Brent

The sudden death this week in Lausanne, Switzerland, of Rt. Rev. Charles Henry Brent, D. D., Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York, which includes the city of Rochester, has brought sorrow to many hearts. Many prayers have been said for him, many tributes paid to him. One of the most beautiful tributes is that by Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D. D., Bishop of Rochester:

"The news of Bishop Brent's death comes as a great shock to his many friends in Western New York and to those to whom he was internationally known in time of war and peace for his culture and scholarship; his Christian charity and spirit of brotherly love; his fair-mindedness and tolerance; his patriotism and love for his country which he served so well. His passing brings a great sense of loss to his fellow citizens, who mourn the passing of a great man.'

Golden Days Ahead

There are golden days ahead for the Dio-

Sunday's Liturgy March 31 Easter Sunday By, Rev. Joseph L. Lord

March 31: Easter Sunday. By Rev. Joseph L. Lord, (Prepared for the N C. W. C. News In today's Mass the risen Christ

Service by the Liturgical Press, first pays a tribute of gratitude to Collegeville, Minnesota.) Easter Sunday to the Church is the solemnity of solemnities. It is the greatest feast of the whole year, in which the King of Kings and thanks God for having opened up Lord of Lords triumphs over death again for us, by triumph of His

Redemption. To realize the meaning solicits His help for us in the attainof this glorious feast to the full, we must reflect on the intimate union. of all the faithful with the Incarnate God.

In taking upon Himself our human nature Christ made Himself should partake of the Lamb of God, one with us. We were born again not with the old leaven nor with the with Him mystically at Bethlehem. leaven of malice and wickedness but In His crucifizion, our old Adam, with unleavened bread of sincerity the body of sin in us, was crucified with Him, and when He rises from which the Lord Hath made. Let us the dead glorous and triumphant, he glad and rejoice therein for death no longer having power Him, Christ our Pasch is sacrificed."

we also should rise and walk with Him in newness of life.

His Father: "I arose and am still with Thee. Thou hast laid Thy Hands upon me! Thy knowledge is become wonderful." The Church and accomplishes the plan of the Son, the way to Heaven; and she

ment of this goal. In the Epstle St. Paul tells us: "Purge out the old leaven that you

may be a new paste-for Christ our Pasch is unleavened bread so we and truth." "For this is the day

ed in the Paschal mysteries, by thy

The sequence gives the details of (the immolation: "Death and life fought against each other in a wondrous duel. The King of Life was put to death and yet He reigns alive".... "Christ my hope has risen. . . . We know that Christ hath truly risen from the dead. Do thou. O Conquerer and King, have mercy on us."

The Gospel from St. Mark tells how the holy women came to anoin Christ. They find the sepulchre empty but an angel reveals to them the mystery of the Resurrection. Let us join with the angels and arch angels, with the throngs and dominions, in celebrating this day the "Lamb that hath taken away the sins of the world, who by dying hath overcome our death and by rising again hath restored our life." In the Secret of the Mass we pray thus: "We having been initiat-

Operation may they profit us as a remedy for sternity," But the spirit of faith and hope which the Church rejoices in today must be informed by charity, so in the Postcommunion we pray that "by Thy loving kindness Thou mayest make to be of the mind those whom Thou hast ied with the Paschal sacraments."

The' Church desires all her clildren during her time of glory so to unite themselves to Christ through her that they may be one in Hin. and her in the glory which is every lasting.

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