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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.

We envy at all times the first disciples of our Lord, but never more than when we remember them as the first recipients of this message. Surely it was worth the knowledge of Christ's Passion and death to know the joy of His resurrection!

Purposely in this place and at this time have we been writing of the joy of the disciples who first heard the glorious Easter message, and of all true believers in Christ who have heard it since.

Others there are, known as Christians, who do not definitely deny the resurrection, but because the glorious fact has never been brought home to their minds and hearts, do not know what to think about it, and in the end, perhaps, refrain from thinking about it altogether.

Bishop O'Hern Grateful

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.

"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 Communion, Mass intentions, Stations of the Cross, aspirations and other devout practices for my spiritual and temporal welfare.

"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 no stronger unity than one born of an admiring and even loving devotion to the beauty and beneficence of Christ; it could have no stronger teaching, governing or perpetuating power than its adherents would concede to it.

Perhaps these are not notes to strike in an Easter anthem that should ring clearly, strongly and melodiously, with only joyous notes. But we should be selfish in our Easter gladness, should we not remember in pity and in prayer our brothers that "sit in darkness and in the shadow of the valley of death."

It was nothing for Him to rise from the dead, save as He had made it the absolute irrefragable proof of His divinity, and therefore of the truth of His teaching.

What Price Education

Everyone is a buyer. We all pay good money for things. In these days it is not always true that with every purchase we receive an equivalent in return.

We learn that school attendance in all public elementary and secondary schools was forty-one percent greater in 1926 than in 1915.

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 anoint 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?'"

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

mum of education. It is just this growing decision which presents many difficulties to 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.

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 1926 the teachers' average salary increased from \$543.00 to \$1,277.00.

Like everything else that you buy, education has a purpose. Of the several purposes or objectives of public education one is said to elevate the character of the nation's citizenry, and another is for the training in good character.

The figures are of the year 1926, and we give them in round numbers. Our national income was eighty-four billion. The total cost of public education, elementary, secondary, college and universities was two billion dollars.

Our religious have been burning the candle 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.

Now we raise the question. Since the purpose 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?

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.

"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.

Golden Days Ahead

There are golden days ahead for the Diocese of Rochester. They will be blessed and

beautified by the reflected light of the golden days of the past—the days of the diocesan pioneers; lay and clerical; the days of Bishop McQuaid, and of Bishop Hickey.

The great civic interest, heart-felt and sincere, shown in the consecration of Bishop O'Hern is splendid evidence of the fertility of the spiritual soil here. One thing is of paramount importance in the filling of that soil—the co-operation of the laity of the diocese.

Dioceses are built through the churches. In three years, from 1926 to 1928, the built through its states. This necessitates superb loyalty to the church by the laity, if a Diocese is to continue to exist, and be progressive and forward-looking in its work.

Let us, therefore, looking ahead towards the golden days of our Diocese, firmly resolve to do our full share in the maintenance and support of our individual churches. It will be a labor of love; a work that will inspire our Bishop, and a work that will surely be blessed by God.

Ireland Making Progress

Ireland is making progress. The administrator of the Free State to America, Michael MacWhite, tells us that. His figures are impressive. They give the pleasant news that an Irishman has something in his pockets now besides his hands.

In three years, from 1925 to 1928, the trade balance deficit of the Free State has been reduced from nineteen million pounds to eleven million, approximately forty million dollars. Bank deposits increased ten million dollars in one year. Three thousand new employes have gone to work in forty-one woolen mills in the country.

This growing prosperity makes it possible at last for the Irish people to live at home. No longer are they flocking by thousands to other lands. The romance of new worlds is not now a romance to them, for a land holds such romance for its own peoples Ireland does.

It is fine to know that the Irish people in America still remember their relative and friends in a practical way. More than twenty million dollars a year is sent from America to the "folks at home." For fifteen days preceding last Christmas an average of one million dollars a day was received from America for Christmas gifts to loved ones.

Sunday's Liturgy

By Rev. Joseph L. Lord

March 31 Easter Sunday

March 31: Easter Sunday By Rev. Joseph L. Lord. (Prepared for the N. C. W. C. News Service by the Liturgical Press, 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 Lord of Lords triumphs over death and accomplishes the plan of the Redemption.

In taking upon Himself our human nature Christ made Himself one with us. We were born again with Him mystically at Bethlehem. In His crucifixion, our old Adam, the body of sin in us, was crucified with Him, and when He rises from the dead, glorious and triumphant, death no longer having power Him,

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

In today's Mass the risen Christ first pays a tribute of gratitude to His Father: "I arose and am still with Thee. Thou hast laid Thy Hands upon me! Thy knowledge is become wonderful." The Church thanks God for having opened up again for us, by triumph of His Son, the way to Heaven; and she solicits His help for us in the attainment of this goal.

In the Epistle 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 should partake of the Lamb of God, not with the old leaven nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness but with unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." "For this is the day which the Lord hath made. Let us be glad and rejoice therein for Christ our Pasch is sacrificed."

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 Conqueror and King, have mercy on us."

The Gospel from St. Mark tells how the holy women came to anoint Christ. They find the sepulchre empty but an angel reveals to them the mystery of the Resurrection. Let us join with the angels and archangels, with the throngs and dominions, in celebrating this day the "Lamb that hath taken away the sins of the world, who by dying bathed overcame our death and by rising again hath restored our life."

In the Secret of the Mass we pray thus: "We have been initiated in the Paschal mystery, by thy

operation may they profit us as a remedy for eternity." 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 me mind those whom Thou hast redeemed with the Paschal sacraments."

The Church desires all her children during her time of glory so to unite themselves to Christ through her that they may be one in Him and her in the glory which is everlasting.

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