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And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35-8

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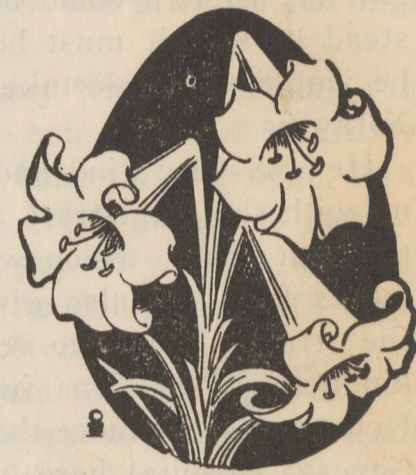
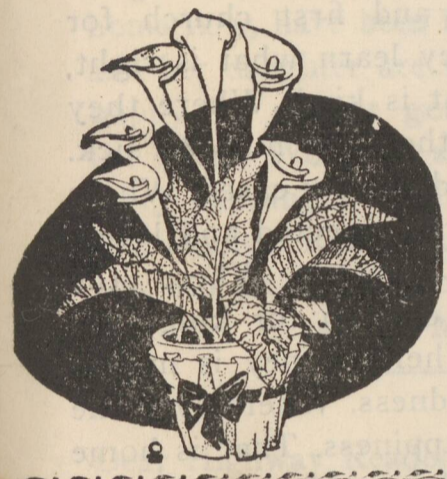
Easter Greetings!

JESUS SAID UNTO HER:

I am the Resurrection and the Life: He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. John 11-25-26.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. I. Cor. 75:20.

My beloved spake and said unto me: Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Song of Solomon 2:10 to 13.



EASTER JOY

Whether the time we celebrate as Easter was the season of the resurrection of our Lord or not it is peculiarly appropriate. Easter is a time of joy and gladness, and the most joyous and gladsome event in the history of the world was the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Even nature partakes in the joy of the occasion. There is everywhere the miracles of resurrected life around us. Particularly is this true in Palestine. The skies are vividly blue there. The sun is warm, the hills and the valleys are decked out in a garment of loveliness, and the whole earth is carpeted with flowers. It is the time of the singing birds and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land. "Everything rejoices in the mellow rays, all earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise."

It is easy to understand how this season of the year would fasten itself upon the mind of the Early Church as the time of the resurrection of the Lord. He had brought life and immortality to light, and had imparted to the world a new and living hope. In nature they could see a radiant testimony to this great truth in the new and abundant life that was everywhere springing forth. Joy is its keynote. Joy, says an old Gaelic proverb is the mother of Spring, and gladness we may add is her offspring. In days of depression Easter comes to us again with a message. Christ is risen. Christ is risen. All nature proclaims it. Christ is risen from the dead. Nothing else matters.—Evangelical Christian.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

Success is not measured by what a man accomplishes but by the opposition he has overcome, and the courage with which he has maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds. Not the distance we have run, but the obstacles we have overcome; the disadvantages under which we have made the race will decide the prizes.

RISEN!

"But now is Christ risen from the dead."

So wrote the great Christian apostle to the church at Corinth. That "now" is a logical conclusion based on a reasoned argument. It is moreover, a triumphant declaration, flung in the teeth of raging demons and defiant men. Christ is risen from the dead. Here is the great fact on which the structure of our faith is made to rest.

Not "Now is Christ dead." The devil gloried in that. It was not Christ's death that he fought. He organized it. Calvary was Satan's masterpiece. He shot his last bolt there. The resurrection was God's counter-stroke, to which the pow-

"IN MY FLESH SHALL I SEE GOD!"
Job 19:36

These very eyes which looked too long
On this world's grief and sin and pain
Shall see the beauty of the Lord,
And seeing, never weep again.

Have patience then, hope on, and trust,
Nor let the eyes of faith grow dim;
Some day these eyes of flesh shall be
Forever blest, beholding Him!

—Martha Snell Nicholson.



ers of hell had no effective reply. The resurrection is God's great Easter-day proclamation that Calvary's Lamb is Judah's Lion, who has prevailed.

Grave issues depend on this fact:

1. The veracity of the Gospel depends on it. "If Christ is not risen then is our preaching vain . . . and we are found false witnesses of God," says Paul. If there is no risen Saviour, the whole gospel story is an issue of lies and its preachers are dupes and deceivers. But it would be difficult to believe that from the apostles downward the members of that time honored ministry were all so badly deceived. 2. The certainty of our Salvation depends on it. "If Christ is not raised, your faith is vain: ye are yet in your sins." A dead Christ would be the devil's laughingstock, but a risen, living Christ is his terror. 3. The safety of our beloved dead depends on it. "If Christ be not raised . . . then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."

Perished? Our loved ones perished? Was the confidence in which they closed their eyes in death just a cruel hoax? Have they now passed into oblivion? Or can it be that they are now writhing in the torments of hell? Is the cold clay which we so reverently laid to rest, the last we shall see of them?

"If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable." 4. The ultimate subjection of all things to God depends on it. "For He must reign until He hath put all enemies under His feet."

He must. He shall. Beneath His once pierced feet every enemy shall be trodden. The whole universe shall come under His sway.

It is inconceivable that the career of Jesus should end at the cross. How could such a life end in such tragic defeat? God Himself is dependent for His fullest glory on the ultimate triumph of His son.

How much does this risen Savior mean to you?
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