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EDITORIAL

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS; THE GREATEST FACT OF HISTORY; AND THE BLESSINGS OF THE EMPTY TOMB

Many great events have taken place in this world since its creation: Events which involved the miraculous power of God. Some of the outstanding which are recorded in sacred history, were wrought by the Almighty in behalf of His people, for their protection and preservation: Among these we think of the death angel passing over Israel, and smiting all the first born of Egypt. Also the parting of the waters of the Red Sea and of the Jordan, to let God's people pass. There were also great miracles wrought by Him in His work of redemption: Miracles which God wrought by virtue of His Sovereign will. Man participated in their benefits but had no part in bringing them to pass. Some of these were the miraculous conception, and virgin birth of our Lord, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, and our Lord's resurrection. Sometimes we hear people say, "we need another Pentecost," we reply, No! We don't for if we did, God would send it, as He did before, for man had nothing to do in bringing that great event to pass two thousand years ago, although He did participate in its benefits. The tarrying of the disciples at Jerusalem ten days had no more to do with the descent of the Holy Spirit than man does now, with the sun rising. God had appointed a day in which the Comforter was to come, that was fifty days after the Passover feast; so, the word says, when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, the Holy Spirit descended, and not when the disciples tarried, or prayed, or fasted. Hence all this talk about tarrying for your Pentecost, or Baptism, is unscriptural; for the Comforter is already here, and all may have Him and enjoy His presence in our hearts, when we meet scriptural conditions.

The Resurrection also was an act of God's sovereign will, and was the greatest fact of history. Not done because it was wrought by the Almighty, independent of man, but because so much that pertains to man's present, and eternal welfare depends upon that great event.

The work of redemption was not complete without the Resurrection of Jesus. The apostle Paul in emphasizing the Resurrection, wrote to the church at Corinth: "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." He also said "If Christ be not risen, then our preaching is vain; ye are yet in your sins". And again,

"they which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." I Cor. 15.

But Paul insists that it is an established fact that Christ did rise. He says "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. He declares that after Christ rose again, He was seen by Peter, then by the twelve apostles, and after that of above five hundred brethren at once; also by James, and last of all by himself. His resurrection was necessary to prove His Deity, and claim to power over death. He told His disciples and the Jews that He had power to lay down His life and to take it again. He told them He would rise again the third day after His death. Hence His enemies sealed His tomb and set a guard to watch lest His friends should come and take His body away in the night. Great multitudes of people saw Him die on Calvary for it was the time of the Jewish Passover feast at Jerusalem. Can you imagine what conditions would have been like if He had not made good His claim and come forth from the tomb on that third appointed day? It was not a new thing for religious leaders to be arrested and put to death as disturbers of the peace, so if our Lord had not risen He would no doubt have been classed with several others who were put to death as fanatics. His disciples and apostles would have gone back to their former avocations, and we would not have heard any more from them; some of them had gone back to their fishing and boats already before He arose.

Then the gospel of Jesus Christ never would have been preached. The New Testament never would have been printed. Millions of souls now happy in Heaven would be suffering in hell, with millions more to follow. So what an unspeakable blessing it has been to multitudes of believers, because Mary and the other women found the tomb where they laid Him, empty that morning after the Sabbath. Of course they were stricken with grief, and shed many tears because they found not the cold dead body of their Lord, whom they loved, and came to embalm.

To die for one's faith was not a new thing; but for one to rise again without any help from others, was, and was the proof of Christ's Deity and Godhead.

Yes, the early comers to the tomb were greatly disappointed at finding it empty; but their disappointment was His appointment and our joy and salvation to all men who believe. And so may we find sometimes, if our faith in God does not fail, that the trials which come to us and are a great disappointment, will prove to be His appointment, and a blessing in disguise.

Then let us rejoice and give honor to Him who died and rose again, and triumphed over death, and the grave and who when He comes again will empty all the graves and the bodies of His saints who sleep in Him shall be raised and made like unto His glorious body. Let us rejoice because He makes us to triumph over sin and the devil and all our foes now, because of His resurrection which is the greatest fact of history. Easter Greetings to all.

H. S. D.

WORLD TRAGEDIES

Two hundred seven million bound by caste, means—Hinduism.

One hundred forty-seven million permeated with atheism—Buddhism.

Two hundred fifty million chained to a dead past—Confucianism.

One hundred seven million under the spell of fatalism—Mohammedanism.

Eight hundred million sitting in darkness—Paganism.—Selected.

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

SOLDIERS AND LIQUOR

No one who rides the trains these days and sees civilians supplying young soldiers with drinks and observes the woozy uniformed kids noisily walking up and down the aisles of trains can deny that there is a soldier-liquor problem.

No one can go to any camp and see the encircling line of vicious resorts where all kinds of dirty bums, male and female, are lined up to swindle and befuddle the young soldiers, and still deny that there is a liquor problem.

No one who realizes what the sudden rise of venereal disease in army camps means can deny that this government is faced with a serious problem. * * * But if we don't stop it, we still have a terrible problem. The war taxes to the limit all the energy, skill, courage and wisdom of this republic. Is there any way we can find wisdom to fight the war and at the same time protect from their own youthful inexperience those who are to fight and die in the war? What would Solomon do?—William Allen White, in *Emporia (Kan) Gazette*.

"ACCORDING TO HIS FOLLY"

After most careful study, I am convinced that only by crushing the liquor traffic can democracy survive. I go further and say that the American people are now fast approaching the time when the liquor traffic will be running the United States government.

As a statistician, I am especially disturbed by the arguments which the liquor interests use in connection with taxation. They claim that because liquor is contributing \$500,000,000 a year to federal and state treasuries, they are entitled to special consideration. Let me tell you, however, that they are telling you only one-half of the story. The other half is that the liquor upon which they pay this tax has so wrecked the character of the American people that our federal and state governments are required to pay out more than \$500,000,000 a year for relief! This relief expense the country never had before the repeal of prohibition.

Actual facts as to the real estate situation show that real estate values have been declining continually since the liquor interests have again been in the saddle.

I could show by actual statistics that the liquor traffic is also a great contributing cause to unemployment. Charts could be made showing the correlation of the growth in the use of liquor and the increase in unemployment. I cannot too strongly condemn the liquor traffic which today is both sending our young people to perdition and is undermining our whole democratic government. Things cannot continue to go on as they are now going with out a financial, social and spiritual collapse.—Roger Babson.

Challenge to Democracy—Communism, Nazism and Fascism represent the system of "mobocracy," as opposed to democracy. These isms have made their appearance everywhere that men have been divested of their faith in Bible Christianity and have been abandoned spiritually to starve. Social scientists have described this subversive process as "the revolt of the masses."—King's Business.

In some churches the aisle is a benediction. It at least keeps the opposing factions on their own side.