

## THE JOY OF EASTER

"And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy."—Matt. 28:8.

## EDITORIAL

## THE BEST AUTHENTICATED EVENT IN HISTORY

Sir William Blackstone, England's eminent jurist, said that the fact of Christ's resurrection was the best authenticated event in history.

Any court of enquiry in the world, basing its judgment on the available evidence, could do no other than declare:

"We, an impartial investigating commission, inquiring into the evidence purporting to substantiate the claim that one, Jesus, returned to life the third day after his death, do hereby find that the said Jesus did actually arise from the dead."

Although it would be impossible to present all the evidence here, what are some of the supporting facts of Christ's resurrection? The first thing that would have to be established is the fact of His death. Undoubtedly, thousands of people witnessed His dying agonies on the cross, including those officially delegated to carry out the execution. The disciples knew that their Master was dead, for they saw Him placed in the tomb. To deny the death of Christ would be to destroy the New Testament at one stroke.

But His resurrection was as certain as His death. Pilate had given the order "that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead." The very fact that Pilate was so anxious to prevent an imposture by putting the governor's seal on the tomb and posting an extra guard is a proof that no deception did occur. Roman efficiency was at stake, but Roman power was thwarted, for on the third morning the body of Jesus disappeared.

Paul gives a noble array of evidence and we quote his own words: "I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures; and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve; after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also."

Under the law it was allowed that "in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established," but here, Paul lists over 525 witnesses including the apostles. The New Testament writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Peter, James, Jude, and Paul all stake their character on the fact of Christ's resurrection.

Two thousand years of Christian influence cannot be explained except on the basis of a risen Christ.

Finally, we add our own shred of evidence to the case—testimony shared by ten thousand times ten thousand followers of Christ: the incontrovertible fact of a vital, living experience of Jesus Christ in the soul "You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart."

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4-12

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## RAISED FROM THE DEAD

Eleven different Bible characters were raised from the dead. They are: Son of the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:22); son of the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:32-35); man touched by Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:21); son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:12-15); daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:53--55); Lazarus (John 11:43, 44); Tabitha (Acts 9:40); Eutychus (Acts 20:9-12); Samuel (2 Sam. 28:14); Moses and Elijah (Luke 9:30). There was also a small resurrection of the dead when Christ arose (Matt. 27:52, 53).

Courage, my soul! while God is near  
What enemy hast thou to fear?  
How canst thou want a sure defense  
Whose refuge is Omnipotence?

—John Hutton

It is not in dead matter that we live, move and have our being, but in God we find the creating and directing Power, in which science compels us to believe.—Lord Kelvin (Scientist).

## WOOING A WIFE

Rev. R. B. Warren

The Bible has the answer to all the problems of life. In Gen. 24, we have the story of Abraham sending to his native land his eldest and most trusted servant to secure a wife for Isaac. Isaac himself must not go lest he fail to return to the inheritance promised to Abraham and his descendants. While there are some details of the experiences here recorded that do not fit into present day customs, there are several principles of abiding value.

The servant made his errand a matter of prayer. And why not? Surely God is interested in this important step, the securing of one's life-companion. After he saw Rebekah there was a period when "the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the Lord had made his journey prosperous or not." If young people would pause to make inquiry as to the Lord's will before they made advances much unhappiness would be avoided. Gifts, also, played a part in the wooing. Their expression of esteem means more than their money value.

Rebekah was a virgin. She had kept herself clean and pure and hence was worthy of a good man like Isaac. She could look forward with confidence to a happy wedded life. She was kind. She not only gave the stranger a drink but ran to draw water for his camels. When she with her family was persuaded that "the thing proceedeth from the Lord," she said, "I will go." She prepared to marry, not as an experiment, but meaning to cling to Isaac as long as they both should live. For her, marriage was a Divine institution and she was entering into a life-contract. When she first saw Isaac she lighted off the camel and took a veil and covered herself. Isaac brought this modest, pure young woman into "his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her."

So Isaac procured his wife. God's favor and blessing enriched their lives. Our lives, too, can be divinely planned. May we prayerfully commit ourselves to the will of God. Amen!

## THE VICTORY OF EASTER

"Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—1 Cor. 15:57.

## SOCIETY LETTER

Saint John, N. B.

Dear Young People:

We feel a report from our group here would be in order at this time.

We are having splendid meetings, and the Lord is richly blessing us as a society this year, for which we are very grateful to Him, unto whom belongs all the praise and glory. Our attendance is excellent, and much of the presence of the Lord is enjoyed.

Several regular and capable members have been added to our group this year, and we enjoy their fellowship very much indeed.

Perhaps you would be interested in the usual order of our services. We open with the singing of a couple of hymns, followed by two or three members chosen to lead in prayer, after which some time is spent in singing old and new choruses. A talk is then given, by a different member each week, and a testimony meeting brings our services to a close.

The time for the rally at Marysville is drawing near, and we are looking forward to meeting all our friends, and having a glorious time at the services.

We intend by His grace to carry on for Him.

ISOBEL OWENS, Reporter

## THE VICTORY SONG

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun.  
Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head  
Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell!  
Alleluia!

Lord! by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,  
That we may live, and sing to Thee  
Alleluia!

—Unknown—Translated by Francis Pott

## QUARTERLY MEETING

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spoke from 1 John 3:18. Following this service Rev. S. G. Hilyard gave us a gracious message from Galatians 5:7.

The afternoon message was delivered by Rev. G. R. Symonds from Matthew 3:11.

The closing service was in charge of Rev. H. E. Mullen who brought the message from 2 Kings 7:3. This service closed with eight seekers at the altar, seven of them testifying to definite victory.

We feel this was a very good Quarterly. God's blessing was upon us and His gracious spirit was ever present throughout the entire meeting.

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