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EDITORIAL

"I LIVE. . . YE ALSO!"

We worship a living Lord. We serve a risen Saviour.

This is the glory of the Christian faith, the power of the Christian message. It is the one great fact which distinguishes the religion of our faith from all others of all time.

Elaborate tombs have been erected to shelter the remains of the prophets and leaders of other sects and creeds and to these houses of death come worshippers with their gifts and prayers. Here in vain they "seek the living among the dead" and endeavour to gain inspiration through the remembrance of the lives of those who "now want strength to move their hands."

An empty tomb—the discovery which filled the heart of the devoted Magdalene with sorrow, is finally found to be the cause of inexpressible joy. The mournful "they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him" gives place to the joyful "the Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Peter". The search for the body of the beloved Master ends in a happy meeting with the resurrected Saviour.

And the practical significance of Christ's victory over death and the grave is that the life-power He possesses is communicative and is imparted to all who will receive Him by faith. Coming into the soul of the surrendered with the promise "because I live ye shall live also" the Lord Jesus invites us to share in the spoils of his remarkable victory.

Power to live, power to serve, power to be, is shed abroad in the heart by the incoming Saviour. The requirements of the Gospel, the demands of the Word, are brought within our reach through the grace which a living Christ imparts. Victory over sin is enjoyed through the transforming influence of His quickening presence. Ability to do and be is enjoyed "through Christ which strengtheneth". Gone is the fear of death, broken is the power of the grave for He hath declared "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."

This is the soul-thrilling music of the Easter message. The triumph of the Christ is not only personal and historic, it is provisional and perpetual. Laying the grave clothes aside, coming forth from the rock-hewn death cell, Jesus makes the

glad announcement to all who will hear and believe "because I live, ye shall live also." And whenever and wherever He finds a yielded and obedient heart the victory of the resurrection is re-enacted and the spoils of that triumph are re-distributed.

"Soar we now, where Christ has led,

Alleluia!

Foll'wing our exalted Head;

Alleluia!

Made like Him, like Him we rise,

Alleluia!

Ours the Cross, the grave, the skies,

Alleluia!

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

NOTED PREACHER IS TRANSLATED

Dr. R. T. Williams, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, went to be with the Lord March 25, 1946. In the passing of Dr. Williams there is not only great loss to the church which he so capably and faithfully served, but to the church of Christ universal. A true man of God and a great preacher, Dr. Williams stood in the front ranks of the exponents of full salvation in this twentieth century, and was held in highest esteem by all who were privileged to come under the influence of his life and ministry.

We join with our Nazarene brethren in mourning the loss of this able minister of the Gospel.

LEGISLATORS MEET TO PRAY

The National Fellowship For Spiritual Awakening (U. S.), issues an interesting and encouraging report, viz:—"Washington Legislators meet to pray every Wednesday and Thursday. On Wednesday a group of Senators meet in the Vandenburg Room at the Capitol and on Thursday a larger group of Representatives meet in the House wing." Some of the nation's greatest Bible teachers and evangelists have been invited to speak before these Government officials. Among recent speakers was Dr. C. I. Armstrong, college pastor of Wesleyan's Houghton College and president of the National Holiness Association.

There is cause for hope when the men who have the responsibility of conducting the nation's business meet to pray.

LOSING TO GAIN

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, warned a gathering of one hundred Rabbis at a recent seminary meeting in New York: "What Hitler could not hope to accomplish is being achieved here. . . Jews are losing their Judaism at such a rapid rate that in a generation or two the American Jewish community will cease to have any significance." Couple with this the report that there are more Jews turning to Christ than at any time since the tragic Calvary rejection, and we have cause to rejoice that the lost sheep of Israel are gradually returning to the true Shepherd. And the day is not far away when this recovery of faith will permeate the entire Jewish nation.

TEMPERED TRUTHS

F. A. Dunlop

SEEING, THROUGH TEARS

"And as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the Sepulchre."

Tears are not always a total loss. Often they have brought good. It is doubtful if we

ever appreciate some things until we see them through tears. Tears have held some to the place of exquisite vision, while others, less sorrowful, have hurried away. Peter and John "went away to their own home," but "Mary stood without at the Sepulchre, weeping." Many have missed the vision by being in too great a hurry to get home. It takes tears, sometimes, to give us the true perspective. Home, precious as it is, is not the greatest good. Even a Sepulchre can be a place more wonderful, if the risen Saviour is to be found nearby. And I know of no place where He is more likely to be.

It takes tears, sometimes, to put the necessary "stoop" in our spirits. We feel so self-sufficient. And yet, how unbecoming is such a spirit to men so frail. Man becomes self-willed and arrogant. They rise up to reign and rule in their little spheres, not realizing that the very breath in their nostrils is God-given. Many times it has taken tears to correct this proud and impudent attitude, and sad indeed is the state of that man who cannot behold through tears his frailties. In joy, in sorrow, there is but one becoming attitude for man—a spirit humble enough to kneel, to stoop.

It takes tears, sometimes, to focus our vision on the proper objects. Mary looked through her tears and saw Angels. She saw Angels where others saw not but things—linen clothes, napkins, etc. It makes a difference how our focus is. Some see nothing but garments—garments that will not be needed more. But near, by those folded things, are Heavenly Messengers, ready to tell a wondrous story of Victory. Victory, over sin, over death, over the grave. This is the story that dries our tears, and sends us forth from our sepulchres to meet Him, whose Name is, Master.

It takes tears, to appreciate another's need, and to provide us with a message of hope and comfort for them. "Go to My brethren and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father and your Father, and unto My God and your God." Better to have a Message, even at the cost of tears, than to have a blurred vision, a barren soul, and an empty heart. Tears or no tears, this is the only Message that offers a ray of hope in this dark world. Eyes that have seen no risen Saviour, and hearts that hold no Resurrection faith, bury everything best in the dark grave. They sorrow "as those that have no hope." Not so the soul that stoops, that looks, that hears. Give me this Faith, and though I hold it in the midst of tears, let me hold it. Other lights may dim and go out, but with this faith I stand and hear Christ say, "My Father and your Father, My God and your God."

If we can have a vision like this, even though it is seen through tears, the glory of the Vision is sufficient compensation.

"Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee,
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to
Thee,
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee."

Alcohol and Physical Tests. When the test is in games or trials of physical strength, running, mountain climbing, marching, or taking dictation, arithmetic, responding to signals of light or sound, the result is always the same, a less good performance when alcohol has depressed the mind and muscle.—Haven Emerson, M. D.