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EDITORIAL

DARKNESS AND DAWN

"It was yet dark," and "it began to dawn," are significant phrases associated with the historical account of our Lord's resurrection.

With heavy hearts the devout Magdalene and her companions made their way toward the garden of Joseph in the drear gloom of the early morning. To anoint the body of Jesus who had been so cruelly crucified were they come. They knew very well that the body of Christ was imprisoned in a rock-hewn tomb, nor had they been able to decide how the great stone at the entrance could be removed, but love impelled them onward while reason sought to turn them back.

What a happy surprise awaited the women! "When they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away . . . and entering the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment . . . and he saith unto them: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen . . . go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him."

A darkness of soul which had hung over their hearts like a heavy cloud since the cruel crucifixion of their beloved Master, was penetrated by the glory light of angelic presence and slowly the wondrous light of resurrection radiance filled and thrilled them. They must see the Lord for themselves in order to grasp the full meaning of the angel announcement, but "it began to dawn" as they stood in the presence of that heavenly visitor.

Our world of today is dark, very dark. Nothing less than blind optimism could make possible an attitude of hopefulness for this generation. The pattern is unmistakably plain. Strong political groups have divided the world and the threat of war hangs over us. Only God can save humanity from ruin, and the United Nations Organization has deliberately chosen to exclude the Almighty from its plans and programmes. Atheism in one form dominates the eastern half of the world while atheism in another form prevails in the western hemisphere. And so we are enshrouded with gloom and an horror of great darkness.

This year's celebration of our Lord's resurrection seems very timely. The triumph of Christ over the forces of death and the grave foreshadows the glorious victory which He

will accomplish over evil men and evil powers which dominate the world. The man of sin will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming, and the god of this world, the satanic adversary of man, who foments war and spreads destruction, will be imprisoned for a thousand years while peace and righteousness cover the earth.

It is yet dark, but the dawn is at hand. The risen Lord will soon appear to still the clash and clamour of sin's conflict. Then shall "the dawn and the shadows flee away." For that hour we patiently and confidently wait.

THE FEAR OF DEATH

"And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage," (Hebrews 2:17).

Ever since that awful tragedy in the Garden of Eden, when man elected to go his own way in defiance of God, and when the sentence of death was passed upon the entire human race, man has lived in fear of this last enemy—Death. The green glades, the leafy bowers, the exotic fruits, the lovely flowers, the rivers that meandered their refreshing, life-giving way through the beautiful garden of God were forsaken, and with fear—grisly, horrible fear in their hearts—our first parents turned their faces from Eden, and there was no way back. And so the stream of human life became poisoned at its source; sin had brought death into the world, and down through the ages fear has literally clawed at the hearts of men and women, as the prospect of dissolution has been forced upon them. There are, of course, philosophies and "religions" in the world that profess to overcome fear of death by the simple process of ignoring it; but for the ordinary thinking man and woman, the hour when he or she shall "shuffle off this mortal coil" has in it a world of horror and dismay.

We were led to thinking along this line because we have been reading the biographies of some famous men. Recently we read the life of Lord Northcliffe, that strange, erratic publishing genius who built one of the greatest fortunes of his day out of the "penny press," and established what is perhaps the greatest publishing institution in the world. But with all his wealth, with all his power, with every avenue of intellectual light open to him, Lord Northcliffe lived in bondage to the fear of death, and so far as one can judge, that fear never left him to the end of his life.

In a recent issue of "The Evangelical Quarterly" there is an excellent article on "The Religion of Dr. Johnson." Johnson was one of the greatest literary lights England ever produced. He was an extraordinary man in many ways, strange, erratic, and uncouth. Yet he was a man with a heart of gold, who would never permit an unclean jest in his presence, or any of his dilettante circle to indulge in a cheap jibe or sneer at the Christian faith. But fear haunted the chambers of Dr. Johnson's mind and heart as he contemplated the prospects of death, and one can see from Boswell how very often his thoughts were turned toward his decease. His "Prayers and Meditations" are the sincere, earnest expression of a heart burdened with a sense of sin, and the greatness of God. But not until the end of his life did he get through to the full assurance of Christ, and get rid of his morbid fears. It must be remembered, however, that he lived in an age in which infidelity abounded and which

was ripe for the evangelical revival that came with the Wesleys. * * *

Death and the fear of it passed upon all men when Adam was expelled from the Garden of Eden, but hope and new life came into the world when Christ rose from the dead! The writer to the Hebrews tells us the purpose of that glorious event was to deliver us from fear. It cannot be that we trust Christ fully, and still fear death. As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as death for the child of God. For him death has been abolished, for did not Christ say, "He that liveth and believeth on Me shall never die. **Believest thou this?**"

—Evangelical Christian.

80TH ANNUAL CONVENTION NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF HOLINESS

DATE—April 26—30, 1948

PLACE—Park Avenue Methodist Church
3400 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota

PROGRAM

PRAYER—Daily at 6.30 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.
Leader: Rev. J. Edgar Walter

BIBLE STUDY—Daily at 8.00 a. m. and 11.45 a. m. with the following speakers:
Dr. G. G. Vallentyne, Rev. W. L. Surbrook,
Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, Rev. J. G. Bringdale
Dr. Harry E. Jessop

MISSIONS—Daily service 1.30 p. m. addressed by Dr. Willis R. Hotchkiss, Rev. Paul E. Haines and other missionaries.

DOCTRINAL TEACHING—Daily at 3.45 p. m. with the following speakers:
Dr. Peter Wiseman, Bishop Leslie R. Marston, Dr. C. I. Armstrong.

EVANGELISM—The 7.45 p. m. messages by the following: Rev. H. M. Couchenour, Rev. L. W. Sturk, Dr. Hugh C. Benner, Dr. Paul S. Rees.

SERVING THE PRESENT AGE—Business sessions daily 8.45 a. m. 2.00 p. m. Wednesday p. m. "The Holiness Schools and the Present World Crisis."

HOLINESS YOUTH CRUSADE—Youth services at 6.30 p. m. Youth leaders, Rev. Ernest Keasling and Rev. H. K. Sheets, speakers.

Thursday—YOUTH DAY, Director Rev. Paul S. Elliott in charge.

MUSIC—Rev. Orval C. Butcher in charge.

SPECIAL NOTICE—For Hotel Reservations please write at once to Mrs. S. H. Davis, Secy., 3400 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Give name and address of each person for whom you make reservation, day of arrival, length of stay, and room-mate if you will share a double room. Rates per day vary from single room without bath at \$2.00 up; with bath \$4.00 up; double room without bath, \$3.00 up; with bath \$4.00 up. Dinner at noon 75c, supper 60c, served at the church.

WEDDINGS

At Earl Grey, Saskatchewan, Iola Victoria Mitton, formerly of Moncton, N. B., was united in marriage to Willard Filmore Carr, of Bulyea, Saskatchewan.

Trust in God, and you will never be confounded in time or in eternity.—Selected.

Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening—Matthew Henry.