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— Editorials —

IS JESUS LIVING TO-DAY?

Very early in the morning the great discovery was made. Devoted disciples of Christ hasten toward the garden tomb to render what post mortem service they can. Reason seeks to turn them back by reminding them of the huge, heavy stone that had been rolled against the door of the sepulchre, but love triumphs over reason and they hurry along.

It is significant that the first to witness the signs and hear the sounds which proclaimed the Saviour's resurrection, came to the sepulchre "at the rising of the sun". Nature and grace unite in announcing to the world a new day of light and hope. As the darkness of night fled before the approach of the sun, so the "Sun of Righteousness, risen with healing in His wings" would banish darkness from the souls of men.

There were the signs of resurrection in full view. They looked, and saw that the stone was rolled away; they looked again, and discovered that Jesus' body was not in the tomb; and once more they looked, and they saw "a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment", one whom they recognized as a messenger from the heavenly country.

And the significance of what they saw was amplified by what they heard. "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him".

Under the terrific impact of this experience "they went out quickly and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled and were amazed, and afraid".

The signs and sounds which verify the resurrection of Christ are still abroad. The tomb is still empty; the Bible continues to proclaim the message "He is risen"; and the sense of the supernatural settles upon us whenever we review the facts contained in the Easter story.

But if the resurrection of Christ is to have a redeeming power in our lives and in our world, we must have more than signs and sounds. Historical evidences, reliable though they may be, are not sufficient to make Christ

a living, dynamic force in the world of to-day.

Something must follow or be added to the discovery of the empty tomb, the angelic announcement, the heavenly atmosphere, there must be something more. And there was!

The most significant statement in the biblical account of the resurrection is "he appeared". First to Mary Magdalene; after that unto two of them" as they walked, and went into the country"; and "afterward unto the eleven as they sat at meat...". And after that to Thomas, to James, to "above five hundred brethren at once", and "last of all...to me also", says the apostle Paul.

It is the personal appearance of Jesus that makes his resurrection a conclusive, thrilling fact of experience. It is his personal appearance to me of to-day that brings the Easter story out of the dead past into the living present.

The historical evidences of Christ's resurrection are essential but they are not sufficient. Men of to-day must see Christ to-day. The vital witness of the Saviour's triumph is born out of the "last of all he appeared unto me also" experience.

May Jesus himself appear to us during this Easter season!

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ERMELO

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Breyton, the latter town being about 19 miles from Ermelo. Because of the moving of the location in which our Native church is located this will make it necessary for us to try to get a new church in the permanent Location or Native Township of Ermelo.

The vast need of this area, the many difficulties and dangers surrounding us and opposing our progress, make us feel that we need your prayers more than ever before. As you pray for others please pray for us too, that the unsaved around us may be convicted and respond to the working of the Holy Spirit, that the Christian may go on to holiness and the perfection of maturity, that our own children will keep true to God, and that we shall keep the vision, have the passion and compassion of Jesus, and that we shall keep on fire for God.

At our Altona "Mhlangano" Native Conference we decided to publish a local denominational paper in the Zulu language. To begin with, it will be printed by duplicator. This answers a long standing need. Our work has expanded to such an extent that we need the unifying effect of a denominational paper. This is a worthy object for prayer.

May this New Year be one of rich blessing to each one of our readers: churches, pastors and each member. May God be pleased with our efforts and attitude during 1960, and may He grant His blessing upon us. While time lasts and the Lord tarries we have a great challenge to go out and meet.

We take this opportunity to say "Thank you" for remembering us so generously again this year at Christmas. The cards were very beautiful and brought joy as we thought of the ones who sent them. The presents were so lovely and practical. Those who sent money may know just how much this is appreciated. May God bless you for remembering us in this way.

Yours in the Master's service,

Charles, Myra, Pamela, Esther and Joy Sanders.

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"Nothing earthly will make me give up my work in despair"—David Livingstone

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