

## - Editorial -

### *He is not here!*

The words were electric. They sent a shock of anxious fear to the hearts of those early seekers at Joseph's tomb. Someone must have come and stolen the body of their Lord. It couldn't be. But wait — the angel still speaks! "—But He is risen: remember how he spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee."

"And they remembered His words, and returned from the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to all the rest" (Luke 24:8-9)

"He is not here, but is risen." Here are the words of Easter, the promise of Jesus fulfilled, the basis of our christian hope. St. Paul said it well, "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain, Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God" (1 Cor. 15:14-15).

These words are unique to the Christian faith, for they have not been said of any other than of Jesus Christ, the son of God. Only Christ was ever buried and lived again to be living proof of his own message—the resurrection of the dead.

Luke, the physician, the careful historian, did not doubt the wondrous message of Easter. To him, the evidence was indisputable. The "infallible proofs" (Acts 1:3) could not be gainsaid.

Let the Easter hope rise again in our hearts this season. Let it burst forth in song as Rev. A. H. Ackley wrote it:

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian;  
Lift up your voice and sing.  
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him,  
The Help of all who find,  
None other is so loving, so good and kind.  
He Lives!

### RECORD MISSIONARY OFFERING

A strong call has gone to our people again for a new record in missionary giving on Easter Sunday, March 29. No further evidence is necessary to justify the call. Commitments have been made which must be honoured. Salaries must be paid. New doors are opening to our African missionaries. New obligations arise almost daily. And we at home have the opportunity of being missionaries by proxy by supporting this call sacrificially.

A few may ask, "Why the special offering?" The answer lies basically in the fact that the regular missionary giving of our churches comes far short of meeting the financial demands of our foreign missionary program. Thus the Easter offering becomes in fact a "survival" offering, for if our present missionary operation is to survive we must give again, and give heavily this year.

No other call quite so well personifies the spirit of Easter as the call to Missions. The story of Missions is one of newness of life, light out of darkness, banishment of fear, hope beyond the tomb. This is also the story of Easter. No further motivation is necessary in order for us to give all that we have than the knowledge that our giving can cause Easter's triumph to be re-lived and re-experienced in the lives of those who have never heard.

### SAYS CHRISTIANITY GONE IN RED CHINA

Serge Lentz, foreign correspondent and one of the editors of Paris Match magazine, told the Southeastern Louisiana College Newman Forum in Hammond, La., that Christianity has disappeared from Red China.

## THE INSIDIOUS EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

Many of the effects of drinking alcoholic beverages are readily discernible. The loosening of the ordinary restraints in carrying on conversation and in laughter, the unsteady and staggering gait, the incoherent speech, the bleary eyes, and the stupor are marks of varying concentration of alcohol in the blood stream, and hence in the brain and nervous system.

Lesser concentration of alcohol may have effects on the personality of the drinker that are less obvious to the observer, perhaps not even noticeable, but which may have far-reaching consequences. In a mimeographed copy of an address delivered by Samuel B. Hadden, M.D., Psychiatrist at the Philadelphia General Hospital, these effects are described in this manner:

"Even with the first drink a personality alteration may be noted. A warning glow usually follows the initial drink; it brings on a false sense of well-being. The personality is affected, becomes less inhibited; the individual is less reserved, and confidence in his ability is increased. He may then enter into the activity of the moment with more confidence in his brilliance. However, performance tests by the score indicate that this first drink diminishes actual ability while it increases the individual's feeling of confidence. Hence, the sense of well-being is a false one and marks the beginning of disturbance of critical judgement. Some people believe that the diminution of tension and anxiety with the production of a sense of well-being justifies the social use of alcohol, but I will state that any person who finds that alcohol produces a desirable effect which he can precipitate through its use is almost certain to become an alcoholic. This marks the beginning of the steady use of this toxic substance to mask harsh realities; it always invites repetition and habituation. Tragedy lurks in lives of those who find that a few drinks help them to meet a given situation with greater confidence. Their continued use of alcohol makes it almost inevitable that as their lives become more complicated and difficult they will turn to alcohol in an attempt to mask the realities with which they are loathe to deal."—(The Advocate - Ont.)

The uplifting power of the inner grace of holiness gives a new interpretation to life, old age, and death.  
—J. B. Chapman

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