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The Gospel of Good Friday.

If Christmas day is the brightest and happiest day of the Church year, Easter the most triumphant and joyous, and Ascension the most resplendent and glorious, Good Friday though the most sorrowful, is the most comforting.

Because it throws light as nothing else does, on the baffling problem of human suffering and misery. True, it does not solve all the mysteries concerning this, for evidently it is such a problem, which is beyond the scope of human intellect, but it does reveal enough to enable us to endure whatever suffering may fall to our lot, with confidence and even elation. Let us see how this is:

The cross stands for the suffering of the whole universe, and He whom Good Friday reveals hanging on that cross becomes thus partaker of this universal suffering. All the sorrow, distress, tribulation of the whole human race, past, present and future, are fastened on Him, when nailed to the cross, so that there is no pang which wrings or will wring the human heart, but vibrates likewise through His heart causing it to throb in sympathy.

Now He who thus suffers, is the God-Man, so God is touched with the sufferings of all men, and can feel for them. In doing this, He shows that suffering is no arbitrary thing which He could do away with by a word, as if that were the case, He would long ago have spoken that word, but something which under the existing circumstances, is unavoidable. To understand how this is, would require knowledge and understanding on our part, of the universe and ourselves, which only a universal mind could comprehend. God then, does not attempt to explain where it is impossible but gives us instead an astounding revelation of Himself as Love, which will inspire us to have confidence in Him, and have patience to await the final outcome.

Good Friday reveals that none

of us suffers alone. If we are abandoned of men we are not by God. The outcast despised and rejected, seeking vainly human sympathy in the misery his sins have brought on him, may know that God understands and sympathizes with him, having been touched with that selfsame feeling, and because of this knowledge God is all the more ready and anxious to save him. So he need not despair, if he earnestly repents and turns away from his sins after that which is lawful and right.

Again, there is no more trying duty confronting a clergyman, than that that of comforting bereaved parents, when the darling or the pride and hope of the family and home, has been snatched away by death. Words seem powerless to afford any balm to their bleeding hearts. God apparently forgot to be gracious as His seemed deaf to the agonizing prayers of the father and mother. What can he say to them to relieve their anguish? Why, he can show them that God spared not His own Son from death, and so their grief has wrung the heart of God Himself, and the Father in heaven sorrows with the father on earth. Thus the situation is relieved for it is no act of a tyrant, which robbed them of their child, but of One Who cannot act but in love, no matter how severe His actions at times may seem. The comfort of Good Friday is inexhaustible and infinite and so becomes "Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,

Hope, when all others die, fadeless and pure. Here speaks the Comforter, in God's name saying— Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot cure."

Co. Development League Elects Officers

The recently organized Clackamas County Development League started to actively function Saturday when it was formed into a permanent organization and adopted by-laws, elected Carl J. Renhard, of Colton, president, O. D. Eby, of Oregon City, secretary - treasurer, and J. W. Reed, Everman Robbins, Adam H. Knight and Dr. L. A. Morris as members of the board of directors. Meetings will be held the second Saturday of each month at a place and hour to be designated, it being the object of the organization to meet in the various localities of the county, and the next meeting will be held in Oregon City on Saturday, April 10, at 1 p. m.

The new organization was formed at the instance of the Oregon City Commercial club,

with the object of assisting in the development of the whole county and to further the better acquaintance and closer association of its members.

The annual dues have been fixed at the nominal sum of \$1, except for commercial organizations and community clubs, who shall pay \$5 per annum for each 100 members or fraction, and shall have one vote for each \$5 paid. Committees on roads, publicity, irrigation and drainage, education, livestock, agri-

culture, horticulture, membership and assessment and taxation will be named, to consist of three members on each committee, except the committee on assessment and taxation and publicity, which shall have five members, and the road committee, which shall have 11 members one from each of the road districts outside of the incorporated towns of the county. The officers elected Saturday will hold until the annual meeting next January.—Oregon City Enterprise.

EASTER SUNDAY DINNER

- Grape Fruit Cocktail
Soup
Cream of Chicken
Stewed Chicken
Maryland style
Cream whipped Potatoes Scalloped Corn
Cottage Pudding
Lemon sauce
Waldorf Salad
Apple or Pumpkin Pie
Tea Coffee Hot Chocolate

Eat your Sunday Dinner at Hauser's Restaurant 50c a Plate.

Why the Electric Cleaner?

There is really no comparison between the ease and thoroughness with which an Electric Cleaner removes dirt and the difficulty of sweeping.

True, one CAN clean rugs and carpets without an electric cleaner. A broom or carpet sweeper will brush up SOME of the dirt; and if you like the exercise and have plenty of time and strength a broom and a carpet beater will do the work after a fashion.

In the same way one can wash without soap. Water alone will remove some dirt if applied with enough "elbow grease."

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For the same reason people use Electric Cleaners because they clean more easily and far better than other methods.

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