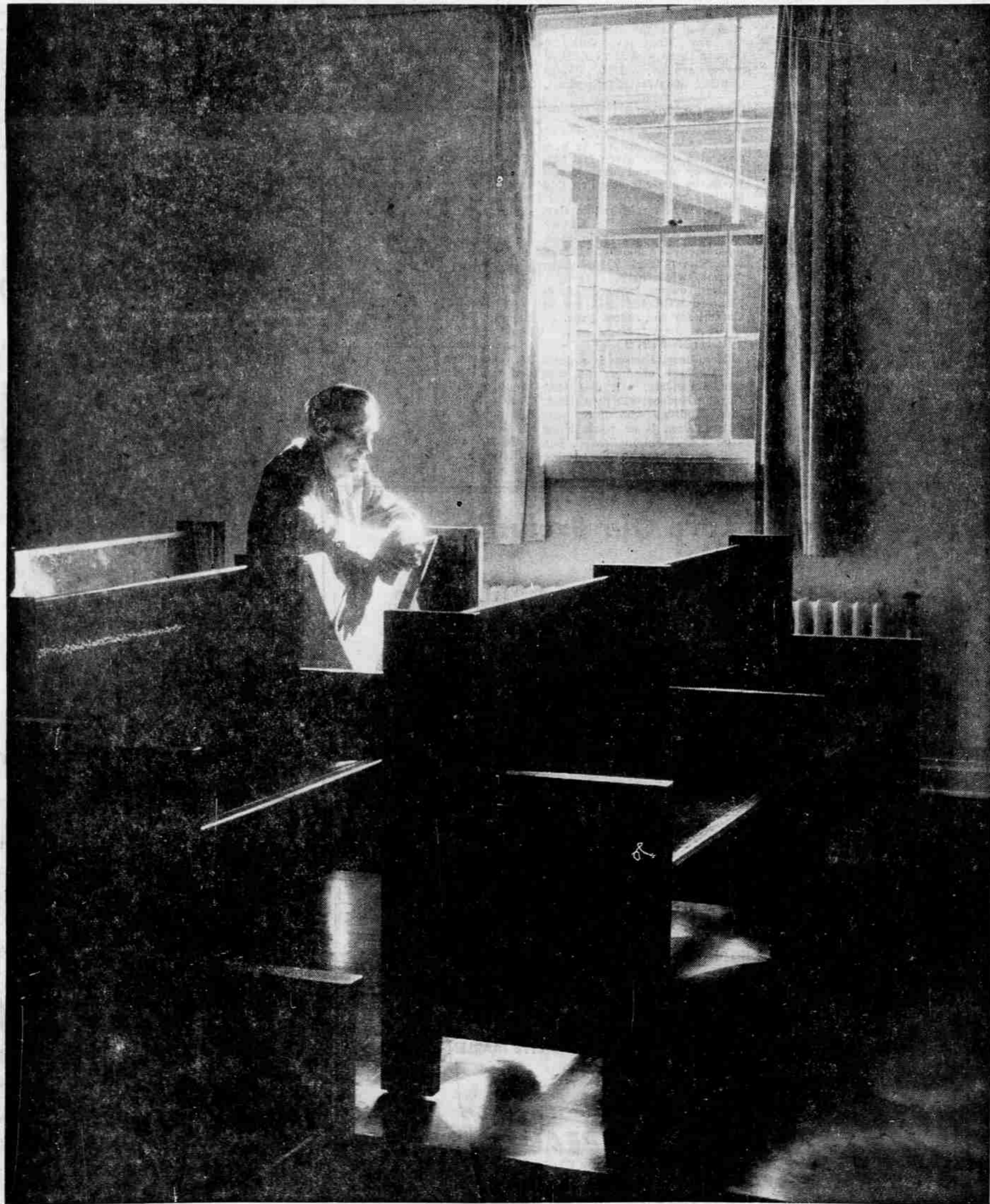
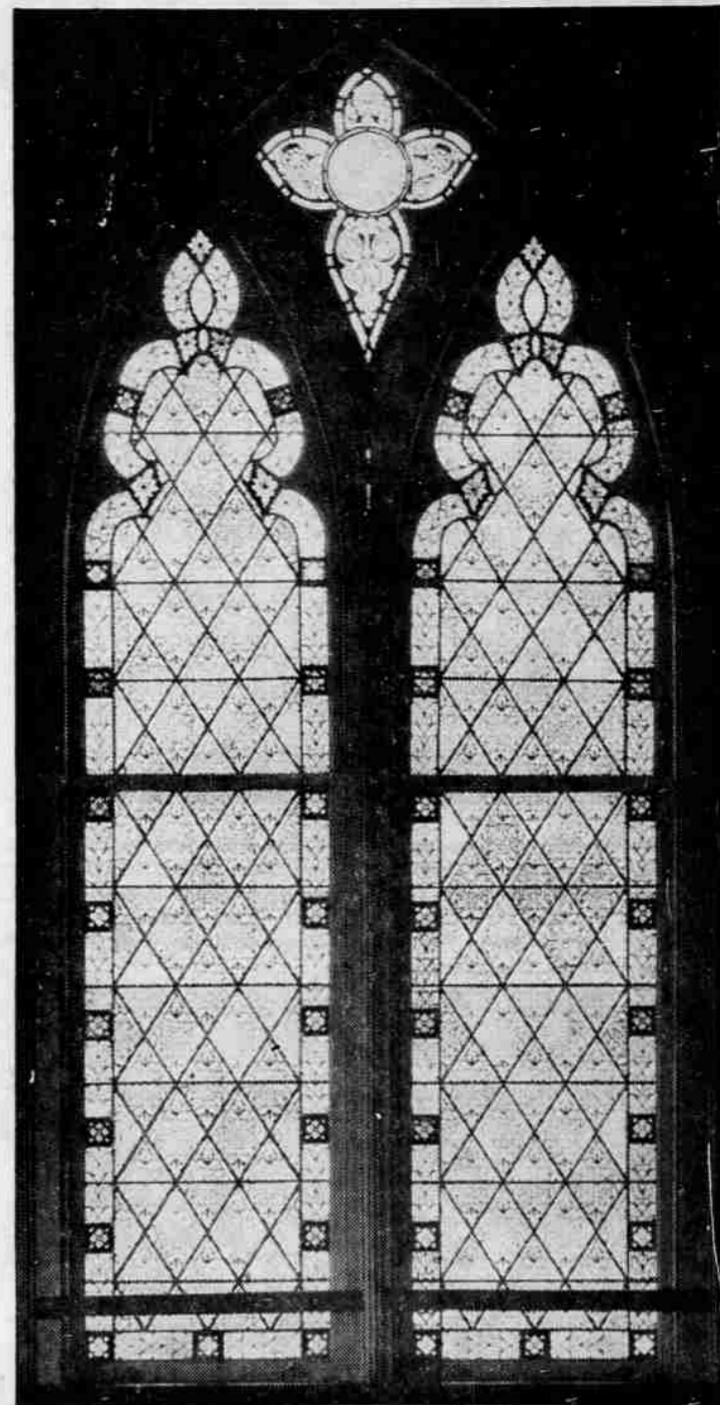




"The Meaning of Easter"



Shortly before he gave up the post of Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill made a speech in the House of Commons. He said that humanity has been placed in a situation of measureless opportunity, yet one freighted with doom, by the technological developments of our time. Then he went on to ask: "What ought we to do? Which way shall we turn to save our lives and the future of the world? It doesn't matter so much for old people. They are going soon away. But I find it poignant to look at youth in all its activities and ardor, and most of all to watch little children playing their merry games, and wonder what would lie before them if God wearied of mankind."

"If God wearied of mankind." The triumphant certainty which Christians celebrate at Easter is the good news that God does not weary of mankind. That is the meaning behind this greatest of all days in the Christian calendar. He who neither slumbers nor sleeps has not wearied of you, nor of me, nor of our fumbling and sinful ways. He who brought life and immortality to light in Jesus Christ is not willing that we should perish, but that we should have eternal life. With Him there is great mercy and plenteous redemption, and He will redeem us from all our iniquities. "Lift up your hearts!" "We lift them up unto the Lord."