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THE FAITH THAT LIFE IS STRONGER THAN DEATH

In a spirit of solemn festival Easter is celebrated, commemorating all Christians the miracle and mystery of Christ's resurrection. His season in the Northern hemisphere is the springtime of nature's rebirth, a personal drama of life arising anew from the death and darkness of winter. The story of Scripture and the visible wonder of the miracle's transformation tell alike of the triumph of life over death, of hope's victory over despair, of the dawn that ends the night of doubt and waiting.

Easter is a Christian festival, but all nations and peoples from ancient times have acknowledged the symbolic significance of the coming of spring. Easter itself is linked to forgotten ceremonies by which the sun was welcomed and the earth rededicated to beauty and fruitfulness. This was always a mystery; it is still a mystery and a marvel, though man has learned a little knowledge and has made the seasons his servants. The flower that springs from the seed, the glory of green that sweeps the hills in springtime are manifest miracles. They fortify and justify the faith of those who believe that on Easter morning a stamp was placed upon the world which in Palestine and death was found vanquished in the Resurrection.

In the simple words that tell of the earliest Easter, there is evident the wonder of its witness and the joy with which they found their hopes come true. From the dark hours of Calvary and Golgotha all seemed lost save an oft-repeated promise of resurrection, and hope alone was left to warm the heart of faith and give it courage. But the promise was kept and hope was justified, and the miracle of Easter morning became the cornerstone of Christian faith and doctrine.

In a more ancient story, written when no legend lacked a meaning, hope was the last gift of the gods to a world infested with evils and sorrows. And hope might have died and left the world desolate were it not for the promise made and kept with every cycle of the seasons. These have nourished in all ages the faith which is the "assurance of things hoped for, the proving of things not seen." They have taught men to work and wait and trust in the future, to keep courage through darkness and doubt, to seek for new life and happiness, even in the presence of suffering and death.

It has been said that the times have taught us again the value of faith and the need for it. If this is so, then this year's Easter will be widely observed in serious and thoughtful spirit. For these are times of doubt and discouragement and hope itself is weary of waiting for light and leading.

The modern man is perplexed with many problems, but those that touch him closest are old as humanity itself. He seeks life's purpose and its destiny. He is aware of his own bewilderment and troubled by the sardonic certainty of death. Life makes him many promises and asks much of his energy and ambition, but grants no guarantees of peace or prosperity or happiness. And he wonders whether this is all a sorry jest, a pointless prank of fate, an incident of the restlessness of life upon a little planet, spinning aimlessly from nowhere into nothingness.

The Christian finds a sufficient answer in the significance of Easter morning. The foundation of his faith is the promise of resurrection and its supreme fulfillment in the risen Christ. But the question is older than Christianity and its answer as old as the everlasting hills and the seasons which visit them. Life is stronger than death and is forever renewed in joy and loveliness. Darkness promises the dawn, winter gives way to spring and summer. The past may be forgotten, the future is worth waiting and working for.

For every flower of spring declares that nature is no pessimist and has kept her promises since the world began. And man, who in birth a child of nature, may learn from this living lesson to deny his own doubts and keep his courage for the work before him.

LINCOLN'S DEATH

(By E. D. Cannady)

April 15th marks the sixty-eighth anniversary of that day when the tired soul of Abraham Lincoln took its flight and an amazed world, as it watched, first realized that never before had there been just such a man as was he; that such another would probably never be seen. Born in a squallor, reared in heart-breaking poverty suffering privations enough to break the courage of other men, the marks which were stamped upon his sad face; denied all graces of person; the world never dreamed that when in his cradle a radiant angel bent and stamped upon his baby lips the signet of immortality. In his nakedness, he went out to meet the world. He fought his way through the world's obstacles which grew more and more difficult to surmount until to the very end.

Then his call came and not until then did the world realize the height and depth and strength of the soul that had been hidden within his unglorious form, but which was strong enough to meet in silence every

Churches Observe Annual Easter Festival



- BAPTISTS—**
MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
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- SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**
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 Rev. G. G. Gardner, Pastor
- EPISCOPALIAN—**
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 Blaine Coles, Lay Reader
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 House of Prayer
 East 10th and Grant Sts.
 Robert Searcis, Pastor
- METHODIST—**
 Bethel A. M. E. Church
 Rev. Daniel G. Hill, Jr., Minister
- First A. M. E. Zion Church
 417 Williams Ave.
 Rev. Lee Roy Kinard, Pastor

BETHEL CHURCH GUEST



Rt. Reverend Wm. Decker Johnson, D. D., Presiding Bishop of the Fourteenth District, who will be the guest of Bethel A. M. E. church of Portland Oregon, on Sunday and Monday, April 23rd and 24th.

The visit of Bishop Johnson marks the first visit in five years of one of the Episcopal leaders of the church to our city.

The Bishop is a most eloquent preacher and his sojourn with us will be a source of inspiration to the church and community.

A family supper and community welcome will be held Monday night, April 24th in the lecture room of the church. Come to Bethel on April 23rd and 24th.

The Rev. Mr. J. D. Wilson, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist church the past week has conducted the "Chapel Chimes" religious services over radio station KALE. The services consisted of 15-minute sermon each morning beginning at 7:45 o'clock. The services which are under the auspices of the Portland Council of Churches were presented by Rev. Wilson beginning on last Monday morning and ending Friday (yesterday). Monday's subject was "The Exaltation of Christ Love"; Tuesday, "Running the Christian Race"; Wednesday, "Our Riches Thru the Poverty of Christ"; Thursday, "The Christian Life"; and Friday, "Christ and the Church".

The people of Mt. Olivet and the colored people in general feel highly honored that Rev. Wilson was chosen from among the ministers who make up the Council, to conduct the services through the week leading up to the glorious Easter Day.

Comments from many who listened in are to the effect that Rev. Wilson's messages were eloquent and illuminating.

ZION A. M. E. CHURCH
 Rev. Lee Roy Kinard, Pastor

Mr. Virgil E. Keene and the members of the Trogan boys club worshiped with us and Mr. Keene and Harold Gaskin, advisor and officer respectively of the club, gave brief talks. The pastor invited them to worship at Zion again.

This Sunday Morning
 A beautiful and inspiring program will be rendered by the Sunday School at 10:30 Easter morning.

At 11 o'clock, Bishop J. W. Martin, of Los Angeles, bishop of the Ninth District, will bring the Easter message. The text of his sermon will be found in Philippians 3: 10-11. "I would know Him in the power of the Resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings with my nature transformed to die as He died; to see if I too, can obtain the resurrection from the dead." — Moffat's translation.

Christian Endeavor service will be held at 6:45 under the leadership of Miss Lillian Bellard, president.

In the evening, Bishop Martin will again preach. The subject of his evening sermon will be "A Thriving Church"; text, Acts 4:33. "And the multitudes of them that believed were of one heart and one mind."

Special music will be rendered by the choir.

Reverend Kinard, pastor of the church urges all members and friends to be at church early and in their pews before Bishop Martin starts to preach so as to get the greatest benefit from the service.

Prayer meeting Wednesday night will be attended.

The Chicken dinner given Thursday by Stewardess Board No. 2 was a success.

MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
 Rev. J. D. Wilson, Pastor

Last Sunday Night

Last Sunday night at the church, the delegates from the colored churches to the Older Girls Conference, held the first of the month at Corvallis, Oregon, gave an interpretation of the past week meeting. The program, said to have been excellent, was as follows: Prelude, piano solo, Miss Nellie Franklin, Bethel; "I am the Conference Spirit", a candle service, participated in by all the delegates; Spiritual, "Steal Away to Jesus", by the delegates; Scripture Reading, First Corinthians, 1:13 verses, Miss Isadore Cortin, Bethel; Prayer, Miss Lillian Bellard, First A. M. E. Zion; "If We Understand", reading, Miss Geraldine Williams, Mt. Olivet; Older Girls Conference History, Miss Christyale Maxwell, senior delegate and secretary of the Conference, Bethel; Song delegates; Report of Friday's Session, Miss Lillian Bellard, Zion; Congregational singing; Report of Saturday morning's program, Miss Nellie Franklin, Bethel; Spiritual, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot", delegates; Report of Saturday evening's session, Miss Isadore Cortin; songs: "Tell Me Why", "We Love Geneva", by the delegates.

Report of Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon programs, Miss Geraldine Williams, Mt. Olivet.

Easter Sunday's Program
 At 9:45 a. m., the Sunday School program will be rendered under the leadership of Mr. George M. Payne, Supt., assisted by the teachers.

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. on "The Immortality of the Soul".

In the Evening
 The Mount Olivet choir will present probably the most impressive Easter Sacred Concert ever rendered by the group here.

In an array of beauty, the choir will open with compositions portraying the pathos and suffering of the agony-hour of Christ. The choir will carry you through the entire Passion and literary expositions of the Seven Last Words of Christ and the meaning of Easter in a practical sense. Singing forth jubilant and triumphant awakening, the choir will end the concert with the famous Inflammatus et Accensus" (When Thou Comest). The theme of this work is the conversation between the Saviour and the Thief who was crucified with Him. Mrs. Mable Henderson very ably sings the obligato in this number and Miss Barbara Hubbard sings the leading role. Misses Geraldine Williams and Geneva Ivey read the interpretative lines.

Easter Monday Night
 On Monday night the Baptist Educational Association of Portland area will meet with the Mt. Olivet Baptist church at the church. The ladies of the church will serve the usual 25c supper at 6:45 and at 7:30, the program will begin promptly. Song service led by Rev. Russell B. Thomas, of Lents; Special music by members of Mt. Olivet choir; "The Church Vacation Bible School" will be discussed by Dr. C. S. Punnell. The inspirational address will be given by Rev. Ralph W. Rowe, Sellwood. The public is cordially invited to all of our services.

A cordial invitation is extended to the pastors and their congregations of all the Portland churches to attend a reception to be given Easter Sunday night at Zion parsonage in honor of Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Martin and Reverend and Mrs. Lee Roy Kinard. The public is also cordially invited.

OBTAINS DIVORCE
 Mrs. Rachael Bellard was granted a divorce in Judge Gilbert's Court recently from her husband, Milton Bellard on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Four minor children all of whom are girls were given into the custody of their mother.

The Goal of a New World Order

(By Shoghi Effendi)

THE FEDERATION OF MANKIND

To take but one instance. How confident were the assertions made in the days preceding the unification of the states of the North American continent regarding the insuperable barriers that stood in the way of their ultimate federation! Was it not widely and emphatically declared that the conflicting interests, the mutual distrust, the differences of government and habit that divided the state—were such as no force, whether spiritual or temporal, could ever hope to harmonize or control? And yet how different were the conditions prevailing a hundred and fifty years ago from those that characterize present-day society! It would indeed be no exaggeration to say that the absence of those facilities which modern scientific progress has placed at the service of humanity in our time made of the problem of welding the American states into a single federation, similar though they were in certain traditions, a task infinitely more complex

than that which confronts a divided humanity in its efforts to achieve the unification of all mankind.

Who knows that for so exalted a conception to take shape a suffering more intense than any it has yet experienced will have to be inflicted upon humanity? Could anything less than the fire of a civil war with all its violence and vicissitudes—a war that nearly rent the great American Republic—have welded the states not only into a Union of independent units, but into a Nation, in spite of all the ethnic differences that characterized its component parts? That so fundamental a revolution, involving such far-reaching changes in the structure of society, can be achieved through the ordinary processes of diplomacy and education seems highly improbable. We have but to turn our gaze to humanity's blood-stained history to realize that nothing short of intense mental as well as physical agony has been able to precipitate those epoch-making changes that constitute the greatest landmarks in the history of human civilization.

"This & That"

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

FIFTEEN PAPERS IN FOUR WEEKS

It was just four weeks ago that I started sending the releases of this strictly personal column to all the papers receiving my other weekly features and from the "exchanges" already seen fifteen of them have used it.

During the week "This and That" was noted in the following six papers for the first time:

Columbus Voice, Columbus Ohio; Mrs. Florence W. Oakfield, editor; Louisville Leader, Louisville, Ky. I. Willis Cole, editor; Detroit Independent, Detroit, Mich. William J. Robinson, editor; Detroit Peoples News, Detroit, Mich. Beulah A. Young, editor; Omaha Guide, Omaha, Neb. Charles C. Galloway, editor; Carolina Tribune, Raleigh, N. C. I. Fontellon-Nanton, editor.

Incidentally, the Amaha Guide was the first paper in the country to use "Digesting the News" as a front page feature. That was two and a half years ago and it has been there every week since. They were the third paper to use my weekly book comments. The second paper to use my "Prisons and Prisoners" releases, and the fifteenth paper seen using this personal column.

Another letter arrives from Senator Roxborough of Detroit. In last week's column I quoted the Senator's letter to Frank D. Fitzgerald, of Lansing. Below will be found the reply made by Michigan's Secretary of State:

"My dear Senator:
 "I have your letter of the 21st instance (March)
 "I have taken quite an interest in Clifford C. Mitchell. It seems to me he has paid the price and that his case now should merit some attention. He has done wonders for himself and has been a good influence in the institution during the past three or four yrs.
 "I feel, as you do, that were he given his liberty now he would be able to make good and support himself.
 "Of course, these things work out slowly and I have been so busy with other things that I have not had a chance to give the case the attention it deserves. However, I am going to follow it up and am in hopes to get some action before long."

On the editorial page of the Washington Tribune, and on the front page of the Colorado (Denver) Statesman, John H. Paynter, author ("Fugitives of the Pearl") of Washington, D. C.

has a letter to the editor in my behalf, and while I haven't space to quote it verbatim, here is one paragraph:

"I do not know Mr. Mitchell nor do I know for what infringement of the law he is now confined, but there breathes through his articles that spirit of altruism, of service, of race loyalty and the spiritual ideals of patriotism that might assuredly be made more effective if he could be freed from the smothering confines of prison walls and enabled freely to devote his God-given talents to the progress and elevation of his race and the enlightenment of justice and equality throughout our well-loved America."

Miscellaneous:
 "Red Fog" by Bruce Harper, a new book to review from the Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho. Magazines recently received and read: The Negro Market for March; and the April issues of; Rosicrucian Digest; Modern Thinker; and the Bronzezeman. Receipt is acknowledged of pertinent communications from the following: Shoghi Effendi, Persian Colony, Haifa, Palestine. Congressman Oscar DePriest. Two letters and a clipping from Muri H. DeFoe, editor Charlotte Republican Tribune. Commissioner John C. Dancy, Detroit. Rosicrucian Brotherhood, San Jose, California. Mrs. Myrtle W. Campbell, writer of Portland, Oregon. Bulletins from James A. Jackson (U.S. Dept. of Com.) Washington. Carter W. Wesley, manager, Hugston Informer, L. H. King, editor world, W. Palm Beach, Fla.

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