

## BISHOP REMINGTON'S EASTER MESSAGE

The Miracle of Easter lies not so much in what happened outside the walls of Jerusalem, when the stone was rolled away, as in the amazing fact of a living Christ today. Death for Him was annihilated, His Risen Life continues. Nearly 2000 years after the first Easter, millions of people all over the earth find the only key to the mystery of life in the Resurrection of Christ and His promise of eternity.

A new book has been much read by modern students of Christianity, entitled "The Great Galilean," written by Robert Keable. The following paragraphs are evidences of a faith such as all honest searchers after truth will find.

"If there is any living man who can say, in the face of the living world around him, that he does not believe in the irresistible, enabling, marvelous certainty of Life, he can be left to his own devices. It does not in the least matter that Life is inexplicable and incomprehensible. The fact is that, the more a man is alive, the more he knows that he's alive. The more he thinks and reads, the more he is struck by the achievements of Life on earth. . . . Life everlasting seems more difficult, but the adjective is one upon which science, however reluctantly, is being more desperately driven. . . .

"Christ himself was not annihilated, whatever happened on the third day after the crucifixion. His life has not merely been continuous—it has been ever-increasing. His thoughts, His message, His spirit, are enormously alive today more than they were when He lived on earth. When He died, a few thousand only had ever heard of Him; today as many million think of Him as a living personality. That He is a living personality I do not doubt. One need not be a spiritualist for that. It is literally true that that insignificant change which we call death has had no dominion over Him. It will have no dominion over any of us, and still less has it had dominion over the finest of the sons of men. . . .

"Such is the known. And the unknown? It is wonderful how the perfect simplicity and matchless rhythm of the old words chime in one's head. Despite the temptations to paraphrase them just that

little which would make them more intelligible to modern minds, I shall not do so. 'Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when we appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.'

"What if Life is God?"

It is just this miracle of certainty wrapped up in the meaning of life itself, which draws so many thousands to the Churches every Easter to sing "The Strife is o'er, the Battle Done, The Victory of Life is Won, The Song of the Triumph has Begun; Alleluia."

It is this which people believe they receive when, in lowly penitence, they stretch forth eager hands to take the Bread of Life at their Easter Communion. Call it mysticism, symbolism, whatever you will; it is the very stuff of which the greatest realities in life are made. Give one the definite experience of the living Christ, and all else follows. We must try by those faculties in us which apprehend even such gifts as beauty, love, virtue, friendliness, and joy, to lay hold on eternity by the very same qualities of creative imagination—in a word, by faith. Creeds are not to be grasped and held intellectually like the facts of science or mathematics; they are rather challenges to trust where we cannot prove. Reality lies half concealed even in the senses. New discoveries and new hypotheses are constantly shifting our knowledge and interpretation of the universe. But those abstract virtues and qualities which we call faith, hope, and love, are man's unchanging and inescapable certainties in life.

As we write this we can see the faces of many strangers, who come to the Church but once or twice a year, Christmas and Easter. They create a feeling of deep sadness because of their pathetic eagerness to try and apprehend a truth, whose following they have neglected and passed by during the rest of the year. What have we to give them? An unfriendly stare because they are sitting in a pew, crowding out those who have been regular worshippers? No, the Risen Christ is there the same for them as for us, making an effort to break through the crust of worldliness, sin, indifference. Easter presents to the Christian an opportunity to prove that we are as eager to have the stranger know the Master, as we are to follow Him ourselves.—Rev. W. P. Remington.

## STATE FUNDS TO ADVERTISE OREGON

Oregon has broken the ice into advertising its varied resources. Its appropriation is small, indeed, when one considers the size of the institution—a great scenic, agricultural and industrial territory—to be advertised. But it is a start and should be welcomed by all forward looking citizens. The following paragraphs are taken from a bulletin sent out by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce:

Governor Patterson has given his endorsement to the State Chamber Expansion program by signing House Bill 411, which authorized the expenditure of \$25,000 of state funds under the direction of the state chamber for publicity and land settlement work during 1930.

This fund, states W. G. Ide, manager of the state chamber, will be used in connection with the amount raised by business interests of Portland and other parts of the state to advertise our agricultural, industrial and recreational resources in the state of California and intermountain states which have produced during 1928 over 80 per cent of our tourist travel and 40 per cent of our new settlers, and can be increased 100 per cent during the next two years.

Oregon's greatest need, states Ide, is a state-wide co-ordinated effort in which the whole state of Oregon will be advertised and sold to those seeking permanent homes to the touring public. In this way each part of the state will receive its full proportionate share. It will augment travel over the John Day highway and over all of the majority highways of the state from east and west, north and south.

## CLEAN UP TIME

There is no "sure sign" of spring, but spring should be a "sure sign" of the arrival of that time for the community to clean up. There is no superstition or prophesying about this clean-up sign.

When warm weather has come to stay (until cold weather returns in the autumn) every owner of property and tenant should instinctively feel it his duty to remove the evidences of winter's ravages and to aid and augment nature in her work of re-beautification.

Every spring clean-up program should include disposal of winter's accumulation of litter and decayed vegetation, repairing and repainting of buildings, and landscape gardening. Landscape gardening is no longer associated with large estates alone.

Cleanliness about the person or the home costs nothing. A community clean-up need involve no expense, except of a moderate amount of labor on the part of the house holders. If there were excuses for uncleanness they were removed long ago.

What is the compensation of a country-wide clean-up campaign? It improves the general health of the community by removing deposits that are breeding places of disease carrying insects. A clean town is a better place in which to live than one unsanitary and unsightly. And the best community advertising is the appearance of being "cleaned-up, painted-up and planted-up."

## ORIGIN OF EASTER

Easter Sunday, universally observed by Christians in commemoration of the resurrection of Jesus, was not originally a Christian festival, but is rather an outgrowth of the Jewish Passover.

The word Easter is a survival of old Teutonic mythology, from Eostre, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring. Among the Romance nations—France, Spain and Italy—the name is derived from the Latin "pascha," this in turn being drawn from the Hebrew name of the Passover.

No trace of the observance of Easter as a Christian festival is found in the New Testament, nor in the writings of the apostolic fathers of the Church.

The celebration of Easter originally took place at the end of the Jewish Paschal fast, regardless of the day of the week, but Gentile Christians early adopted the custom of commemorating the crucifixion on Friday and the resurrection on the following Sunday, as we do now. There were at first several different methods of calculating the date of Easter.

It is recorded that in one year no less than three different dates were observed by various churches—March 21, April 18 and April 25. Controversies over the date of Easter were among the most bitter of any disputes in the history of Christianity, as may be inferred from the fact that in the year 197 Victor, bishop of Rome, excommunicated Polycrates, bishop of Ephesus, with his entire Asiatic following, for non-conformity to the Roman date.

Finally in 325 the Council of Nice decreed that Easter should fall on the first Sunday after the first full moon which occurs on or next after March 21. This does not necessarily refer to the actual full moon, however, but is determined by certain rather complicated calendar rules.

Many interesting popular customs have arisen at various times in connection with the celebration of Easter, of which that of sending Paschal or Easter eggs is the most widespread. This is also a survival of past ages, the egg having been to the ancients a symbol of immortality.

Some neighbors will borrow everything, including trouble. In its farm relief efforts Congress might at least restore the free garden seeds.

Nobody reads editorials, some say. But just bawl somebody out in one and see what happens. Chicago should establish another Loop district, with the loop around a lot of bandit's necks.

Certain cigarettes may be soothing to the throat, but the testimonials give us a pain in the neck. The good-will touring season in Mexico appears to be practically at an end.

## Dr. Mead Says Reclamation Is Asset for West

Reclamation has justified itself by the wealth it has produced, with an average crop return per acre more than two and one-half times that of the country as a whole, says Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation.

His reasons are specific. They bear directly upon many of the objections frequently advanced to the reclamation policy by those who fear the economic effects of Western development.

"In one federal irrigation district, where 25 years ago the only livestock was jackrabbits and coyotes, a single town paid the Burlington railroad last year \$800,000 freight charges.

"More freight was carried over the Union Pacific to and from two government projects on Snake river in Idaho than came from the entire state before the projects were built.

Revolving Fund Turning "The water users' construction payments are now the chief source of money for building new works. The revolving fund is revolving. Last year settlers' payments amounted to more than \$5,000,000.

"On 11 of the projects, 87 to 100 per cent of the construction payments due have been met. On 5 others the percentage runs from 76 to 84, and on only two are less than half the payments due still owing.

"These reclaimed areas are supplying this country with numerous valuable products which cannot be grown elsewhere, and they supply our market with fresh vegetables at seasons of the year when climate suspends production in other sections. Dates can only be grown in the arid irrigated Southwest. Sugar beets, rice and long staple cotton grown on these projects lessen the amount of money we have to spend abroad.

"Automobiles, farm machinery, clothing and other articles manufactured in the East fill the warehouses of Western towns.

Employment Is Provided Providing these things give employment to thousands of workers and creates large local demands for the products of Eastern farms.

"Because so many products of Western reclamation do not compete with those of humid sections, and the support given to Eastern industries, these projects have not injured Eastern agriculture. On the contrary they have helped it.

"In nearly every large river valley of the arid region, the reclamation policy has acted as a life-saver for communities begun by private enterprise."

Dr. Mead's address was in the nature of an explanation of the reclamation policy and what it has accomplished. He gave basic figures showing that the West of today would be a far different West without reclamation, unable to give the orders for Eastern-made machinery and supplies that it furnishes, unable to provide winter feed for livestock on the ranges and unable to furnish traffic to make railroads prosperous.

The federal projects, he said, sustain a population of 600,000, and the

crops produced last year, largely non competitive, brought \$135,000,000.—Courtesy Vale Project Office.

Fashion experts say that the bustle is coming back again. Maybe so, but if so, what is going to become of the rumble seat roadsters?

We know a lot of fellows who would have become millionaires long ago if they had worked as hard at their job as they labored at finding excuses for not working on the job.

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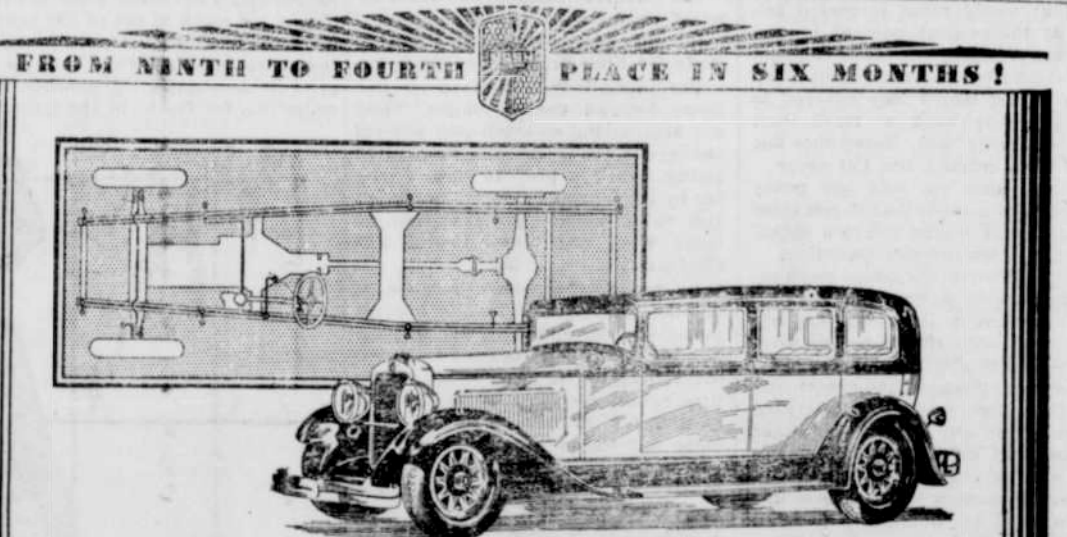
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