

CHAMBERLIN IS STILL ALIVE AND FITTING GLASSES.

OUR EASTER SERMON.

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"He is not here; for He is risen, even as He said, Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell His disciples, He is risen from the dead." Matthew XXVIII 6-7

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; then appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some are fallen asleep, then he appeared to James; then to all the apostles, and last of all, as to the child untimely born, he appeared to me also." I Cor. XV, 3-8.

"Who hath brought life and immortality to light." 2 Timothy 1, 10.

The first Sunday after the first full moon after the 21 of March is always Easter Sunday. With the Jews this day was the 16th of the month Nisan, the second day following the Passover when they marched out of Egypt led by Moses. With our pagan Saxon ancestors it was celebrated with feasts in honor of their imaginary Goddess Easter, whom they honored as the mother of all natural life, vegetable, animal and personal. But as the Christian religion displaced paganism this day came to be observed as a Christian festival, the anniversary of the day when "life and immortality were brought to light" by the resurrection of Jesus, the Christ, from the dead.

THE PHILOSOPIC BASIS OF THE FESTIVAL.

The deepest and most important questions which arise in our minds are these two. What is the origin or source of life? and, Does our personal life continue after our bodies die? Another, less explicit, putting of these questions is "Whence and whither?" According to the answers we accept to these two questions we answer a third question: What should be the character of our present life? All in one sentence, Whence came we, where are we going, what is our business here?

We might easily dismiss these questions if we were nothing more than of a high, perhaps the highest, order of animals. Then, we could eat and drink and make our nests and sleep and die. But the fact that we are persons changes the whole question. For in addition to having animal natures, we reason, and thus discover new realms of knowledge, we have the sense of moral obligation and thus ourselves feel, and regard others blame-worthy for bad, and praiseworthy for good intentions; and above all, we are free to form and choose our own intentions and thus determine our own characters and thus also surround other people with the influence of our good or bad characters and actions. Thus we may corrupt or improve the conditions of others, helping them or ensnaring them, and making their lives more miserable or happy, more difficult or easy, according to the effect we produce upon their circumstances. Thus we become conscious that we can improve so as to be fit to live in a better life than this, or we can by the degree we affect the welfare of others heap up mountains of guilt and ill-deserving. In other words, we form characters, and characters are either the noblest or the vilest forces that exist in the world. Whether a man be a pagan, a Christian or an infidel he is, in his honest hours, if he has any, more concerned about his character than about his wealth, his fame or his intellectual attainments. Thus we come to feel that personal life is immeasurably beyond all vegetable and merely animal life in its importance and far-reaching scope of its powers and possibilities. This makes men fairly cry out, Whence came this life, and whither does it extend?

Greek philosophy speculated much as to the origin of life, but only culminated in an altar inscribed, "To the unknown God." And as to differentiating personal from animal and vegetable life its thinkers scarcely touched the question. The pagan Saxons did better by mixing faith with their reasoning and worshipping a personal deity who in their thought, stood for the origin of life. Their spring time feasts, when seeds and bulbs and buds began to revive and expand into fuller life and beauty under the rays of the sun, now just across the vernal equinox, all told of an inner necessity of reason from which none can get away, ever asking: What is that force which originates life and assigns its laws. But when these Saxon pagans heard and embraced the gospel of the crucified and risen Jesus their belief based upon the demands of reason was corroborated by the affirmation of fact. The light of their pagan deity paled like the moon before the rising Sun of righteousness who had crossed the vernal equinox of history, with heading in his beams." "Their worship was transferred from the Goddess of the imagination to the Lord who had brought life and immortality to light in the gospel;" and the day which had been a pagan holiday became a Christian festival.

In like manner as Israel had kept it as a festive day following the Passover, the Israelite who accepted Christ found in Him the Lamb of the Passover, and in his resurrection the

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GUN BURSTS ON IOWA

Tons of Metal Tear Through Decks of Battleship.

THREE MEN KILLED, FIVE HURT.

Shell Jams and Explodes Before Ejection, Tearing Off Twelve Feet of Cannon Outside of Turret—Gun Weakened by Much Use.

Pensacola, Fla., April 10.—A disastrous explosion occurred on the battleship Iowa while the vessel was at target practice in the gulf. The forward port twelve-inch gun burst from a premature explosion of a shell, twelve feet of the piece outside the turret being demolished. Gunner's Mate Berry and Seaman Kiele and Percell were killed. Seamen Gough, Thursdale, Brown, Measdal and Porkde were seriously injured.

The men killed and injured were on the second deck, at mess. The exploding gun weighed over a ton. The pieces passed through the deck, instantly killing the three men. The heavy missiles passing through the gun deck, continued down through the third deck, where they came in contact with the armored deck, the heavy steel bringing them to a stop, thus saving the engineers and firemen who were at work below. Although the upper decks were covered with men, none was seriously injured.

The explosion occurred just as mess had been sounded. The firing was to have ceased after the shot for dinner hour. The range had been set and the Iowa was steaming along at a speed of twelve knots when the officer in charge of the twelve-inch turret gave orders to fire. Following the report of the gun there was a smothered noise as the shell exploded midway in the gun and pieces of the bursted gun and shell were scattered broadcast. Three great holes were torn through the deck. The Massachusetts, six miles distant, was signalled for aid and one of the cutters put off with the surgeon and assistant surgeons. The injured men were taken to the hospital and their injuries dressed. The dead were brought to Pensacola. Some claim the explosion was caused by a defective shell, and others think that the frequent firing of the pieces at Culebra during the winter, added to the work done by her during the past ten days, so strained the piece that the force bursted the gun.

TORNADO SWEEPS KANSAS.

Great Damage is Reported From Town of Altamont.

Joplin, Mo., April 10.—It is reported here that a tornado passed over southeastern Kansas, from which Altamont, a small town fifty miles west of this city, suffered much damage. A telephone message from Oswego, Kan., seven miles east of Altamont, stated that there was a severe storm in the vicinity of Altamont, but nothing is known as to its extent. Passengers on an eastbound Frisco train stated that it was reported at Altamont as the train passed through there that a tornado had passed over the town and had done much damage.

Hope of Closing Crevasse Abandoned.

New Orleans, April 10.—Hope of closing the Hymelia crevasse was practically abandoned by Senator Brady and those who have been associated with him. All day terrific currents swept around the broken ends of the cribbing and through the great 700 foot gap in the levee, undermining the light piling which it had taken thirteen days and nights to build. Planters are pulling away their hands in order to build protecting levees about their places. The weather bureau expresses the belief that high water will continue in the lower Mississippi for three weeks or longer.

Victims of Tornado.

Morrilton, Ark., April 10.—Van Buren county, which lies to the north of Conway county, will furnish many names to the list of those killed and injured by the tornado. An infant child of George Shipp was killed. Mrs. Shipp and another child are so badly injured that all hope is given up for their recovery. There is small hope for the recovery of Mrs. Pavatt and her baby.

Kelley Fails to Appear.

New York, April 10.—Daniel J. Kelley, who was arrested on a telegraphic dispatch from Attorney General Crow of Jefferson City, Mo., failed to appear at the Tombs police court. When Kelley was brought before Magistrate Pool on Tuesday he was released on his own recognizance.

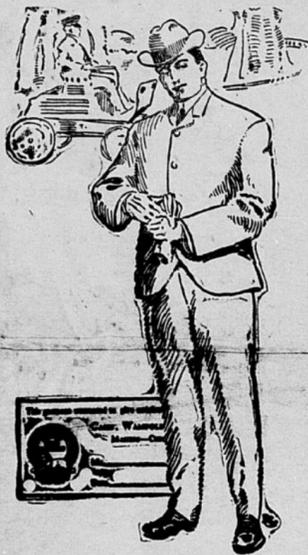
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