The Cross in Art, History and Legend

AT THIS season when all the world over people of many races and tongues are meditating on the Cross of Christ; when long services are being held in memory of the greatest tragedy on Golgotha, and processions are solemnly marching to the stations of the Cross, bearing banners and crucifixes, and bowing reverently before altars and pictures commemorating the sorrowful walk to Calvary; when in the Holy Land thousands of pilgrims from every nation are treading the very "Via Dolorosa" on which he trod as he left the Holy City forever, carrying his cross to the "Accursed Hill" outside the walls; it may be of interest to consider the history and traditions of this wonderful symbol under which we live and in the name of which so much has been wrought of world-wide good to humanity, and, alas! of great harm through Christian fanaticism.

Perhaps there is no other object on earth about which there has been more controversy, more dissensions and more superstitions than about this one great object for reverence on the one side, and for derision on the other.

Ever since the crucifixion it has left a strong impress on the history of the nations and has been revered in the religion of all the sects bearing the name of Christ. It has been surrounded by traditions and mysticism and endowed with supernatural and miraculous attributes. It has been taken as the emblem of a faith under the banner of which great deeds of heroism have been done, as in olden days when pioneer messengers of the Story of the Cross filled with religious zeal entered bravely into uncivilized and barbarian lands, fearlessly ignoring great dangers.

Heralded by Christian banners the procession of civilization has spread to all parts of the world. Romans carried it to the Britons and Saxons. The worship of the sun as observed by the Incas was brought to an end through the ascendancy of Spanish bearers of the cross.

Being the keynote and the "glory" of the Christian religion this emblem soon became prized in other directions besides those ecclesiastic. With the triumph of Christianity the cross at once was recognized as a universal symbol of highest nobility and honor. It was now considered to add dignity to the crowns and scepters of emperors and princes. It became the proudest ensign of knightly rank. The greatest warriors were proud to see the cross on the hilts of their swords as well as on the banners under which they fought. It also became a sign of merit for valor and bravery—a reward for deeds of honor, as the iron cross of Prussia established by William III. for patriotic bravery in war.

It was worn also as a protection in times of trouble. To denote the consecration of those devoted to the aid of the suffering and needy; the Red Cross was the confederation of societies in different countries for the betterment of conditions of the wounded soldiers in campaigns on land and sea. In Crusader days, beginning with Peter the Hermit, in 1094, starting out to deliver the Holy Land from the dominion of the infidel, the brave warriors were thus named because of the red cross they wore as badges on their right shoulders.

The archbishop's crozier—the ensign of his office—is the staff with a cross head, distinguishing it from the "pastoral" staff of bishops and abbots, which have a shepherd's crook.

Thus has been experienced the saying of Justin Martyr so many years ago—that "the sign of the cross was impressed upon the whole of nature. There is hardly a handicraftsman also but uses the figure of it among the implements of his industry. It forms a part of man himself." Man has been created in this form as has been beautifully illustrated by Emily Collier in the painting depicting the Holy Child's expression of his love—"So wide is my love."

In the middle ages and in Crusaders' days the cross was the distinctive symbol of the Christian in contradistinction to the Crescent of the Mohammedan.

The custom of marking one's signature by a cross was first adopted by Christians in the year 110 to distinguish them from the pagans, and it stood for a silent oath.

The early Christians immediately used this sign, which was connected with their religion, as a secret message to one another in their first days of persecution. Mingling with the persecutors of their faith, they could thus make themselves known to each other without calling the attention of those around them. In visiting the catacombs in Rome, where they hid from fear of their persecutors, it is intensely interesting to notice that the sign so sacred to them is carved and engraven all around the walls of their prison cells and above the tombs of their brethren.

Easter Lilies

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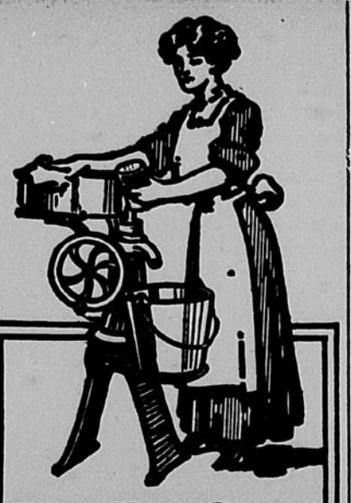

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C. L. Voss and wife to Peter Jepsen—sec 22, Hays township. Con. $64,000.

Tom Hassett to Pat Hassett—se¼ nw¼, sec 13, Denison township. Con. $4,800.

Margaret Houlihan and husband to Tom Hassett—sw¼ nw¼, sec 13, Denison township. Con. $4,000.

Wednesday, March 2.

Henry Reuter and wife to P. H. Killeen—s½ ne¼; se¼, sec 36, Jackson township. Con. $25,350.

D. Benton and wife to C. W. Payne—n½ sw¼, sec 14, Jackson township. Con. $10,000.

C. W. Payne and wife to D. Benton—nw¼, sec 14, w½ ne¼, sec 14, West Side township. Con. $32,400.

C. W. Payne and wife to Thos. Tarpy—e½ ne¼, sec 14, West Side township. Con. $10,800.

C. W. Payne and wife to Fred Rickers—w½ ne¼, sec 21, Jackson township. Con. $8,400.

Hans Mohr and wife to Lorenz Petersen—e½ ne¼, sec 13, Morgan township. Con. $11,200.

Niels Koch, single, to Ed W. Kuehl—n½, sw¼, s½ nw¼ sec 20, Morgan township. Con. $12,120.

Aug Paulsen and wife to Hans Kuehl—e½ ne¼, sec 5, Morgan township. Con. $10,630.

Jurgen Hansen and wife to Carl Fredericksen—n½ ne¼ sec 7, Charter Oak township. Con. $11,200.

Hans F. Mohr and wife to P. J. Broders—n½ ne¼, sec 13, Charter Oak township. Con. $10,640.

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Anton Pflieger and wife to Ella Dunham—w½ se¼, sec 25, Boyer township. Con. $4,800.

Ella Dunham and husband to S. H. Johnson—w½ se¼, sec 25, Boyer township. Con. $5200.

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C. L. Voss and wife to Henry Vogelpohl—ne¼, sec 25, Soldier township. Con. $17,600.

N. R. Wilder and wife to R. W. Chase—e½ nw¼ se¼, sec 10, Union township. Con. $2,500.

Carl Nelson and husband to J. C. Petersen—sw¼, sec 20, Boyer township. Con. $9,280.

L. H. Bassett and wife to Hugh Rock—s½, ne¼, sec 21, Boyer township. Con. $6,600.

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C. H. Lorentzen and wife to M. J. Conway—s½ nw¼, sec 25, se¼ ne¼ sec 26, Denison township. Con. $13,200.

M. Saggau and wife to Ernst Voss—s½ ne¼, se¼, nw¼ s½ ne¼ nw¼, sec 20, Goodrich township. Con. $14,000.

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