The First Easter

By Wilbur D. Nesbit

"In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulcher."—Matthew xxviii, 1.

Spikenard and frankincense and myrrh.
And spices savory and sweet,
They brought unto the sepulcher,
To lay them at the wounded feet.
Their precious gifts their hands between,
They came in that first Easter dawn:
And she who was called Magdalene
Before the other hastened on.

But at the door the spices slipped
From hands upraised in reverence,
And to the ground, unheeded, dripped
Spikenard, and myrrh, and frankincense.
With finger on her lips, she turned
And in a whisper tense with awe,
With eyes that in their rapture burned
She told the glory that she saw.

The tomb aglow with holy light,
A radiant one of gentle voice,
Whose lustrous wings were jewel bright,
Whose lips made music, thus: "Rejoice!
Your hearts no more need shelter fear."
And one sat where had been his head,
Who said to them: "He is not here,
For he is risen, as he said."

Then, turning back upon their way,
They set their feet: and then the sun
Flung from its arms the Easter day,
As bright as was that shining one.
And she that was called Magdalene
Paused, for before the sepulcher
A lily, stately and serene,
New-bloomed, flung back the dawn to her.

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The Easter Festival

Jew and Pagan Celebrated The Advent of Spring

THE festival of Easter is as ancient as the Garden of Eden. The singing of carols and decoration of the churches with flowers celebrate the Resurrection of Christ from the dead, but long before the Christian era both Jew and pagan made a feast at this time.

Among the Anglo-Saxons, the goddess Eostre, the deity of spring, was honored when the green herbage began to stir in the fields and forests, and the northward moving sunrays melted the ice and snow. And the Romans adopting this goddess called her Aurora, the divinity of the dawn and spring. The Fire-worshipers on the uplands of Persia, and northern tribes everywhere, made joyful at the return of the sun, while the Jews kept their Passover on the 14th of Nisan, a festival to spring.

Thus the older religions prepared the human hearts of later generations for a faith in the resurrection of life, and Christians reasoned that if the earth sprang to blossom at the coming of the sun, the dead might arise from the grave in spring eternal with the coming of the Saviour of men.

The pagan and Jewish feasts were observed about the time of the vernal equinox which was foretold by astronomers. The Easter of the Christian church being founded on an historical event, the arguments in the councils resulted in its becoming a moveable feast in order to still controversy. The Gregorian calendar fixed it as the first Sunday after the 21st of March, and if a full moon should happen on that Sunday, Easter day must be the Sunday after. By this arrangement, Easter does not fall on the day of the Jewish Passover, and is yet influenced by the Paschal moon.

The carols of the churches were joyous. They wove nature study and theology wisely together, as in this favorite:

The world itself keeps Easter day,
And Easter larks are singing;
And Easter flowers are blooming gay,
And Easter buds are springing!
Alleluia, Alleluia,
The Lord has risen as all things tell,
Good Christians see ye rise as well,
Alleluia.

In this, as in other carols, follows the story of the Three Marys at the tomb, and of the resurrection, given with some interest. Another favorite in the English church is this, which we know is popular in a land of many belfries:

Let the merry church bells ring, ring, ring,
Let the merry church bells ring
Hence with tears and sighing.
Frost and cold have fled with spring,
Life hath conquered dying;
Flowers are smiling, fields are gay
Sunny is the weather,
With our rising Lord to-day,
All things rise together.

While the English church has given us most of the carols, France and Germany have a rich store of them. Many best known to-day, such as "Let the song be begun," and "Christ hath arisen! Death is no more!" and "The strife is o'er, the battle done," are quite recent in origin. There are several very old Easter songs singing of birds, flowers and joyous sports suggesting the frolics of the spring.

From the first little band of struggling Christians led by St. Paul, the Roman church grew into a powerful political organization and sought to keep all within the fold by utilizing the pagan customs, for the end sanctified the means. Following on Christmas had come a period of dull winter and fasting, now the season was changed and the earth awakened to youth and sunlight. Many curious practices of Persians, Druids, Goths and Vandals were drawn into churchly service.

The most solemn celebration of all is that at the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, while the grandest is at Rome when the city is filled with church dignitaries and visitors.

At Jerusalem the pilgrims ascend the Via Dolorosa. They come from every quarter of the globe chanting prayers, and taking part in the foot-washing ceremony. The throng kneels in the vast rotunda of the church, many remaining in their places from Good Friday until Saturday when the patriarch with unlighted torch enters the gloom of the sepulcher. Suddenly as if flashing from heaven the fire runs along the torch, the multitude shouts with joy and singing a hymn of thanksgiving the name springs from candle to candle, the tapers are passed along, and cherished are carried to the fastnesses of Afghanistan, to the sources of the Nile, and farthest east and farthest west wherever the Christian pilgrims make a home.

The egg, a symbol of life is naturally associated with Easter. The butterfly emerging from the cocoon is sometimes spoken of, but only obscurely. The custom of coloring eggs came from the Persian gods of good and of evil. The good of good Ormuzd and the evil of evil Adriman, created eggs. These being broken together by wise men, good and evil were confused in human life. The distribution of the "pace" or "pasche" eggs was general among pagans as well as Christians. The egg rolling custom began in England where eggs marked with a name were rolled down hill in contests to so handle the egg that the shell should not be cracked.

The church permitted strange things in its efforts to arouse a proper spirit among the people, and to stir lightheartedness among the dull and heavy. The clergy told funny stories from the pulpit to excite "risus paschalis," an Easter face, a smiling countenance. In Auxierre, and Brebanson, both clergy and people danced to the strains of the Easter hymn "Victimae paschali," and a solemn game of ball was played by clergy, canons and bishops for tansy cakes.

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SCHLESWIG ITEMS.

Mrs. Nellie Porter went to Ute Saturday.

Mrs. Girard has returned from her few days trip at Omaha.

Mrs. Dr. Schultz is now taking treatment at an Omaha hospital. She will be there six weeks.

John Schiernbeck and son of near Ida Grove were in town recently.

Caroline Hollander and Loretta Smith spent a few days with Mrs. Schultz at Omaha, returning last week.

On Thursday a little boy babe came to bless the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Wagner.

The wedding of John Glau to Miss Dora Reisser took place at the Church of Peace Wednesday, March 9. Rev. Witchler officiating.

Mrs. Emil Boock and daughter are visiting this week at the Clayton Woohidge home near Ida Grove.

Emma and Freda Schroeder have returned from attending the Kastner-Moeller wedding at Holstein.

Mrs. Dr. Wagner's mother and Dr. Wagner's mother, are here, both arrived this week to visit at the Wagner home.

School closed at district No. 4 Otter Creek Friday, for a three weeks' vacation. Miss Irene Garber, the teacher, went to her home in Denison to spend vacation.

Mrs. Paul Jackson has returned from Omaha where she visited Mrs. Schultz at the hospital.

Our town is still growing, a number of new buildings are being erected. Mr Clausen is building a residence on the east side.

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GOODRICH NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fineran took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Johnson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Snell spent Sunday with her mother Mrs. Lutz.

Mrs. Asa Brown spent a few days visiting her mother Mrs. Curry.

Mrs. Charley Johnson visited at the home of Mrs. D. F. Woodruf Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs Wilkenson visited at home of Mr. and Mrs James McKim.

The friends gave Mrs A. M. Justice a postal card shower on her fifty-seventh birthday.

Miss Nellie McDonald closed her school Friday.

Mr. Perry Brogden was a guest o his cousin Arthur Johnson Sunday.

Mrs. James Fineran visited her mother Mrs. Bauman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Johnson gave a birthday party in honor of their son Hylmer. Those who were guests were Mr. and Mrs Bendixon, Mr. and Mrs. Carsten Christiansen, Mr. and Mrs W. W. Johnson and Mrs Milo Jeys.

Mr. O. Goodrich visited his son Mr. L. C. Goodrich an Kiron.

Albert Winey was in Denison with his wife at the hospital and took her to his sisters Mrs. A. G. Myers, where she will remain until the end of the week Her sister who has been with her returned to her home in Boyer.

Mrs E. R. Snell is visiting in Bloomfield and Ottumwa where she has relatives.

Petersen, Boysen, Jensen, Jessen and Grill Boys got in a car load of oil meal for their own use this week

Sam Anderson and McNeal have finished their corn husking and are shouting over it.

Uncle Dave Winey who is so poorly is down to his daughters in Denison this week. It's very hard on the old gentleman as he is unable to hear any thing at all.

Vernon Myers drove down to Denison and got a load of goods to commence farming on the farm he has rented in the north part of Goodrich township.

Arthur Winey has bought 100 bushels of old corn of the Grill boys from which he will select his corn.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Newton were among those entertained at the parson age lately.

Mrs. Flora Winey attended the Willing Worker's Society Wednesday at Mrs. Hunt's.

Henry Dethman was a county seat visitor recently between afternoon trains.

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