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# Sermons of Yesterday

Last evening Rev. Gustave Rydquist spoke to a large audience on the subject of "Christ's Resurrection" and the proofs therefore. He said in part:

"The proofs of the Resurrection of Christ are so many and conclusive that every unbiased reasoner must except them providing he gives them a serious thought. We can divide the proofs into Biblical, historical and rational.

"No historical event or phenomenon has so many proofs and testimonies as the resurrection of Christ. This is a blessed assurance and a great comfort, as it is of such a great importance in our religion and life.

"Historically also the resurrection is convincingly testified to. We have already spoken of the death of our Lord and on account of its publicity it has never been doubted. There is however one circumstance in connection with his death that has not only been ridiculed by anti-Christians, but used as an argument against veracity of the Gospel narrative. When the soldiers saw that Christ was already dead one of them thrust his spear into his side, piercing his heart, and there gushed out a stream of blood and water. This little sentence has been the bone of contention for ages. But the sentence has stood there in spite of all ridicule. It was not that the sentence was a stroke of ignorance or a falsehood, but it was ridiculed because men, even scientists, did not know any better. This little incident mentioned as if by the way only has become the strongest possible proof not only of the death of Carist, but also of the manner and nature of his death. When that sentence was written the human body was not understood as it is today. Anatomists had not then, as they have now, unveiled the mysteries of the human body, and pathology, one of the greatest sciences of today, was nor then taught or understood in the light of modern times.

"Science today attests to the fact that when anyone dies from violent emotion, mental agony, a crushed spirit, or by what is termed a broken heart in our popular tongue, a watery secretion is always formed in the cavity of the heart. The soldier who thrust his spear into that sacred heart did not know this secret, but that great and loving heart was crushed by mental agony rather than by physical pain, and in breaking it sighed forth the words: 'Eli, Eli, Lama, Sabaktani.'

"The resurrection of Christ has been ridiculed as a myth. But no historical event has such a complete and trustworthy record. Here are the writers of the Gospels and epistles writing independently and at various times. And the beautiful harmony of the records testifies to the truthfulness of the same. Most historical events of the far bygone days are only recorded by one, and if by more we find the records so conflicting that it is difficult to establish the truth concerning them. Some would say that the desciples were vissionaries and it was only an halucination on their part that they saw the Savior after his death and burial. Well, the desciples did really think they saw a vision when Christ appeared to them at the occasion our text describes. The Savior had to prove himself living and real. And the doubting Thomas, the very last one to be convinced, finally burst out in overwhelming emotion, 'My Lord and my God.'

"For a purely rational standpoint the proofs are equally convincing. There can be no result without a cause. Christianity and its progress must have an adequate cause. It is not conceivable that its cause could be a falsehood or a vision. Even the most skeptic will be convinced if they will but seek the truth.

"As Christians we rejoice because we have such a firm foundation for our faith. Christianity as it is taught and preached in its purity solves the problems of this life and makes us hopeful even in death. And looking at the resurrection of Christ we can truly exclaim: 'Thanks be to God who hath given us the victory.' An eternity of glory and blessedness awaits us. Thank God for such an assurance. Who does not long to triumph over nature? Here we are hampered on all sides. Our knowledge is limited. We cannot peer into the mysteries that surround us and come within the sphere of our thought, but we cannot penetrate them. Our highest longings and ambitions cannot be realized here. We feel that we carry eternity within our being. What an extent of knowledge, wisdom, honor, glory, and power shall flash upon us when in the power of Christ's resurrection our souls pure, etherial and holy shall be ushered into the presence of him who said, 'Because I live ye shall live also.' But while here let us be witnesses of Christ's resurrection, attest to his glory and power, that his cause may prosper on earth and that souls may be wone for his kingdom."

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# ASTORIANS ANSWER

## Hour by Hour Pleasant News Reaches the City.

## ABSENTEES ARE REPORTED

### Words of Cheer From the Misses Magee, Harry George, Mrs. Ed. Wallace, Stewart Smith and George A. Wood, Received Yesterday

Hour by hour come the messages of safety and comfort long hoped by hundreds in this city, from kinsmen and friends in, and near, the despoiled metropolis of California, and the Astorian is only too glad to publish the tidings broadcast for the benefit of friends and neighbors who have definite interest in the absent Astorians, beyond the radii of the families directly concerned.

Among the letters and telegrams received here yesterday, is the following from Harry George, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. George of this city, who is attending Stanford University:

"Santa Clara, April 19, 1906.

"Yesterday about 5 a. m., we were literally thrown out of the house by the biggest earthquake on record. In half a minute, half of Stanford University lay in ruins—all wooden structures escaped. All stone ones suffered. Could not wire or telephone and the trains were not running and couldn't get down to see how the folks stood it until about noon, when I managed to catch a train. The folks are well, their only loss being a windmill.

"The damage at Stanford is as follows:

"New Library building utterly demolished down to the ground.

"New Gymn, gutted and ruined.

"Museum, both wings are utter wrecks.

"Chemistry building, front all gone.

"Memorial arch, shattered, partially.

"Big chimney, down and lost.

"M. E. building, partially destroyed.

"Memorial church, an utter wreck; nothing but a shell.

"Back Outer Quad, utterly wiped out by falling chimney.

"Sides af Outer Quad, partially gone.

"Encina Hall, four floors fell, burying all that went with them sleeping in bed; seven were taken out by the students, badly injured, and one was dead. A fireman was also killed by the falling chimney.

"All the buildings were more or less shaken up and every brick on stone building in Palo Alto is down or out of commission. We, however, resume classes on Friday, as the class rooms were spared.

"It was certainly a half minute of utter destruction. It swept the whole valley. Santa Clara and San Jose are sights, as is Stanford. About ten years of labor is lost; millions of dollars it will take to rebuild. There were six or seven shocks after the first one.

"Saw Carl Ross. He is staying with his relatives at Palo Alto for the present.

"Will telegraph you as soon as the lines are up, etc., etc."

Miss Anna Magee, writes from Oakland, under date of Thursday last, in the following feeling terms:

"Thank God, Belle and I are at Mrs. Newhall's, and safe. We are almost worried to death to know how you both are, as we hear such awful reports from up there. They say Portland is buried.

"We arrived here this morning and what we have gone through since yesterday morning, at 5 o'clock, is simply indescribable; the horror of it was awful. We never expected to get here alive, and yet we are safe and not even injured.

"San Francisco is one immense ruin; and what is left of her, is fiercely ablaze. Oh! if we could only see you and be with you!

"I wll try to telegraph you today, if the wires are open. We have lost everything, but have a few dollars left. We paid $2.50 for a ride of a few blocks in an express wagon.

"Oakland is safe; there is no fire here, so we are all right, and our chief anxiety is to know that you are all as safe and well as we are.

"We slept in a cemetery, just outside of San Francisco last night, and the great fire was so close to us we did not expect to get out alive. (Even as I write, my mind keeps running on the bitter fact that all of you people may be lost, too). We are safe now, and did not suffer the terrible hardships that many had to face.

"Do not worry about us; we are in safe hands, and well, but do let us hear from you without delay."

Mrs. Ed. Wallace, formerly of Astoria, writes to her sister, Mrs. R. E. Houghton, from Santa Rosa, on Wednesday last, saying, in part:

"I write you just a few lines to let you know we are all safe and sound. I suppose you know we have had an awful earthquake here this morning at 5:20 o'clock.

"It was dreadful, and now the fire has followed it and all of Third, Fourth and Fifth streets are entirely burned up by this time. You would not know the town if you could see it.

"Lots of people have been burned to death in the big hotels. The court house has fallen in and I think every building in the city is more or less damaged.

"I hope I may never witness anything like it again. The scenes at the taking of the people out of the ruined buildings, bruised and dying and dead was something awful. There is not a chimney left standing in the city.

"Our next door neighbor's house went down in the shock, but none of them were hurt. We had to move our stove out of doors to cook in, and we are thankful to come through it all without being hurt on killed. Our house did not fall, but the plaster was literally stripped off it, and all our dishes and glassware is shatered, including the vase I got at the Astoria Regatta. Things are strewn all over the place and from one side of the house to the other.

"The fire has not yet approached our street and we are hoping it will not."

David Smith is in receipt of a wire from his brother, Stewart Smith, at San Francisco, advising him that he is safe and well and at the Russ House, with friends.

Dr. G. A. Wood has communicated his safety to his father and mother here, Captain and Mrs. G. W. Wood; and thus the good news comes in from time to time.

Later: Dr. Gus Wood telegraphed the second time, announcing that he was with the Red Cross staff; that he was well and sound, and had plenty of food, and everything but fire, which is a prohibited element in San Francisco, these days. The wire reached his mother last night about 9 o'clock.

Charles H. Haddix of this city city last night received a letter from his mother, who is at Point Richmond, Cal., just out of San Francisco. The letter informs him that she is safe and sound, though suffering considerably from the shock. The earthquake at Point Richmond the letter says was "very terrific." The letter is dated the 18th.

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### SAFE, BUT HUNGRY.

Chief Foster of the fire department in this city last night received a letter from his brother Harry Foster of this city, who was visiting in San Francisco, when the earthquake and fire occurred. The letter is dated the 20th, and on the back of a piece of hotel stationery, which had evidently been picked up from the debris, as it was written all over with figures on the reverse side. The letter states that Mr. Foster had had nothing to eat all day Friday, and since Tuesday morning, when the fire started, had had nothing except a few scraps which he picked up. He stated that he would leave San Francisco as soon as he was able to leave. The letter was written and posted on the corner of Van Ness avenue and Geary street.

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